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Junior contest starts Down Under

The Australian Open Junior Championships got underway on Sunday, with Hungary's Timea Babos the favourite to claim a first junior Grand Slam title in her debut appearance at Melbourne Park. The current world No. 2 is undefeated in 2010 having won the Loy Yang Traralgon tournament in Melbourne last week. Russian No. 1 Daria Gavrilova, part of Russia's 2009 Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas winning team, will also be a contender.

Timea Babos (HUN)
(Photo: Hiromaso Mano)

Last year's runner-up Laura Robson (GBR) could be Babos's closest rival. Having recently competed in the Australian Open women's qualifying event, she has more experience at this level than any of the other challengers. A dark horse for the title is the Czech Karolina Pliskova. Pliskova enters the tournament based on her professional ranking and in the second half of 2009 she claimed the first professional title of her career.

In the boys' event, Australian hopes rest with Jason Kubler. The youngster from Queensland, who was part of Australia's victorious Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas team last year, will look to emulate compatriot and 2008 Australian Open junior champion Bernard Tomic.

Two players with some solid Grand Slam experience will also contend for the title. The formidable talents of 2009 ITF World Champion Daniel Berta (SWE) and current world No. 2 Gianni Mina (FRA) will return to the ITF Junior Circuit at Melbourne Park, as both players look to reassert their authority over their peers as they take their first tilt at title success in 2010. Daily results and reviews are available at www.itftennis.com/juniors.

Homan guns for Aussie title

With world No. 1 Esther Vergeer absent, world No. 2 Korie Homan will be the favourite to win her first Grand Slam title when the Australian Wheelchair Tennis Open gets underway at Melbourne Park on Wednesday.

Korie Homan (NED)
(Photo: Paul Zimmer)

Homan's last loss to anyone other than Vergeer was in February 2008, when she was beaten by world No. 3 Florence Gravellier of France. The Dutchwoman's strongest opposition is likely to come from Gravellier, Daniela di Toro and Jiske Griffioen, in a field featuring seven of the world's top 10 women players.

ITF Wheelchair Men's World Champion Shingo Kunieda only dropped three sets in 37 matches in 2009, two of those sets being against Stephane Houdet and Stefan Olsson. In Melbourne, Kunieda, Houdet and Olsson will be joined by US Open finalist Maikel Scheffers as the world's top four head the men's singles entry.

The world's top four also contest the quad singles, with Britain's Peter Norfolk bidding to retain not only his Australian Open title, but also the world No. 1 ranking he took from American David Wagner in their final tournament of 2009. Reports and photos will be available at www.itftennis.com/wheelchair.

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Egberink heads Junior Masters field

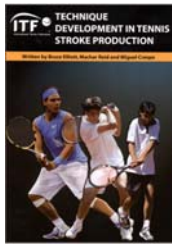
Twelve players from eight nations are contesting the 2010 Cruyff Foundation Wheelchair Tennis Junior Masters, which takes place this week in Tarbes, France, alongside the final stages of the Les Petits As junior tournament.

Runner-up for the past two years, Tom Egberink is one of three Dutch players in the eight-strong field for the boys' singles as he bids to add the Junior Masters title to his world No. 1 junior ranking. Gustavo Fernandez (ARG), Philip Cochrane (GBR), Dylan Levine (USA) and Daniel Caverzaschi (ESP) provide his strongest opposition.

Japan's world No. 2-ranked junior Yui Kamiji tops the girls' singles entry ahead of Maczkenzie Soldan (USA), while Natalia Mayara and Busra Un become the first girls' singles entries from Brazil and Turkey respectively.

Live scores will be available at www.lespetitsas.com, with updates at www.itftennis.com/wheelchair.

New Coaching resources available



The ITF Coaching/Development department is pleased to announce the publication of a new coaching manual. The ITF's *Technique Development in Tennis Stroke Production* (162 pages) aims to outline the mechanical basis of stroke development from a scientific perspective.

This ITF publication is one of many resources which form part of the ITF Coaches Education Programme, which is currently being used in more than 80 of its member nations. Complete with practical examples and theoretical information, it reflects the ITF's ongoing role in making the most up-to-date tennis-specific training information available to players and coaches worldwide.

The book is available for sale at the ITF Store. A cd, 'Developing Competencies for Elite Players and Coaches', is also available. It contains the Proceedings of the 16th ITF Worldwide Coaches Conference held in Valencia, Spain, last October, and includes the contributions of over 55 speakers who presented at the event. Many of the speakers were former world class players, top professional touring coaches, past or current Davis Cup or Fed Cup captains, leading tennis sport scientists and national coaches.

Hosts enjoy success at ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships

The Malaysian girls dominated the ITF 14 & Under Asian Championships (Group 2), which finished in Sarawak, Malaysia last week.

The event was organised by the Sarawak Lawn Tennis Association (SLTA), an affiliate of Lawn Tennis Association of Malaysia (LTAM), and attracted 59 participants from 13 nations who played in two four-day tournaments.

The same two girls reached the singles finals of both events, and Malaysia's Lyn Yuen Choo defeated Joy Ming Ming Chia (SIN) each time, 62 60 in the first event and 60 61 in the second. Yuen Choo then partnered fellow Malaysian Arcnaah Rajan in the girls' doubles final, but they lost to another home pair, Jia Wei Ti and Alyssa Boey, 14 41 [10-4]. Due to incessant rain in the second week, short sets were played in the singles and the doubles events could not be played.

On the boys' side, Sharmal Dissanayake did Sri Lanka proud by defeating Colin Wong of Malaysia 61 63 in the final of the first tournament. Wong received some consolation when he partnered Rohan Kamdar (SIN) to beat Dissanayake and Nishangan Nadaraja (SRI) in the boys' doubles final 41 14 [12-10]. The second tournament saw Seif Adas (JOR), a member of the ITF team, take the boys' singles crown with victory over Dissanayake 61 ret.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ricci Bitti appointed to Rio 2016 Coordination Commission

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti has been appointed by IOC President Jacques Rogge to be part of the Rio 2016 Coordination Commission.

The Commission will be chaired by Ms Nawal El Moutawakel of Morocco and she will lead a 17-strong multinational team which will be responsible for assisting the Rio 2016 Organising Committee in the time leading up to the Olympic Games, as well as monitoring the progress of preparations.

The members of the Commission represent the many stakeholders of the Olympic Movement, including the athletes, National Olympic Committees, and International Sports Federations. The Commission acts as a link between these, the Organising Committee and other Olympic Family stakeholders, thereby ensuring the coordination necessary to help deliver a successful Olympic Games.

11 Jan - 5 Apr: COSAT Junior Circuit U14 & U16

29 Jan - 7 Feb: ITF/OS Level 1 Coaches Course - Nouakchott, Mauritania

South African Airways ATP Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	10550
2nd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	9310
3rd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	8310
4th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	6780
5th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6580
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	4930
7th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	4510
8th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3410
9th	VERDASCO, Fernando (ESP)	3300
10th	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	2875

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	6160
2nd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	4408
3rd	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	3854
4th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2826
5th	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	2770
6th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2147
7th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	2005
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1999
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1741
10th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1594

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	5667
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	3815
3rd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	2985
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2488
5th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	2002
6th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1537
7th	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1285
8th	PARK, Ju-Yeon (KOR)	1205
9th	KRUGER, Katharina (GER)	1204
10th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	1083

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	4610
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	4128
3rd	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	2087
4th	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	2044
5th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	1339

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	9195
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	7600
3rd	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	6081
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5875
5th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	5505
6th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5126
7th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)J	4740
8th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3965
9th	ZVONAREVA, Vera (RUS)	3560
10th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3450

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERTA, Daniel (SWE)	10250
2nd	MINA, Gianni (FRA)	957.50
3rd	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	780.00
4th	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	780.00
5th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	748.75
6th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	745.00
7th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	713.75
8th	TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)	670.00
9th	KRAWIETZ, Kevin (GER)	665.00
10th	ARGUELLO, Facundo (ARG)	661.25

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1541.25
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	1007.50
3rd	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	865.00
4th	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS)	806.25
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	790.00
6th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	753.75
7th	ISHIZU, Sachie (JPN)	730.00
8th	KHROMACHEVA, Irina (RUS)	716.25
9th	STEPHENS, Sloane (USA)	702.50
10th	KOLAR, Nastja (SLO)	702.50

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Results week commencing 18 January

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

EL SALVADOR F1 FUTURES, SANTA TECLA ($10,000)

Singles
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Doubles
Julio-Cesar Campozano/Emilio Gomez (ECU) d. Conor Pollock/Maciek Sykut (USA) 64 76(4)

GERMANY F2 FUTURES, STUTTGART ($10,000)

Singles
Bastian Knittel (GER) d. Grzegorz Panfil (POL) 76(5) 61

Doubles
Kevin Deden/Bastian Knittel (GER) d. Dennis Bloemke/Marc Meigel (GER) 64 67(3) [10-4]

GREAT BRITAIN F2 FUTURES, SHEFFIELD ($15,000)

Singles
Stefano Galvani (ITA) d. Uladzimir Ignatik (BLR) 64 46 60

Doubles
Olivier Charroin (FRA)/Andis Juska (LAT) d. Chris Eaton/Dominic Inglot (GBR) 62 64

SPAIN F2 FUTURES, CALA MILLOR (MALLORCA) ($10,000)

Singles
Attila Balazs (HUN) d. Francesco Aldi (ITA) 67(3) 64 61

Doubles
Ignacio Coll-Riudavets/Jose-Antonio Sanchez-De Luna (ESP) d. Cesar Ferrer-Victoria/Marcelo Palacios-Siegenthale (ESP) 64 61

USA F2 FUTURES, HOLLYWOOD, FL ($10,000)

Singles
Eric Prodon (FRA) d. Stefano Ianni (ITA) 64 76(2)

Doubles
Stefano Ianni/Matteo Viola (ITA) d. Arnau Brugues-Davi (ESP)/Victor Estrella (DOM) 67(1) 61 [10-7]

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

$10,000 WREXHAM, GREAT BRITAIN

Singles
Mona Barthel (GER) d. Anne Kremer (LUX) 61 61

Doubles
Mallory Cecil/Megan Moulton-Levy (USA) d. Iveta Gerlova/Lucie Kriegsmannova (CZE) 46 60 [11-9]

$25,000 LUTZ, FL, USA

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ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA, GRADE 1

Boys Singles
Dominic Thiem (AUT) d. Diego Galeano (PAR) 76(1) 62

Girls Singles
An-Sophie Mestach (BEL) d. Veronica Cepede Royg (PAR) 75 64

Boys Doubles
Thiago Augusto Bitencourt Pinheiro/Vitor Galvao (BRA) d. Federico Coria/Facundo Mena (ARG) 62 63

Girls Doubles
An-Sophie Mestach (BEL)/Demi Schuurs (NED) d. Andrea Gamiz/Adriana Perez (VEN) 75 63

PREROV, CZECH REPUBLIC, GRADE 1

Boys Singles
Denys Mylokostov (UKR) d. Evgeny Karlovskiy (RUS) 76(5) 46 63

Girls Singles
Irina Khromacheva (RUS) d. Magda Linette (POL) 76(1) 61

Boys Doubles
Peter Heller/Marko Krickovic (GER) d. Richard Gabb/Ashley Hewitt (GBR) 64 62

Girls Doubles
Klara Fabikova/Pernilla Mendesova (CZE) d. Sophia Kovalets (UKR)/Ilona Kremen (BLR) 16 63 [11-9]

HAMBURG, GERMANY, GRADE 4

Boys Singles
Stefan Lindmark (SWE) d. Thomas Le Boulch (FRA) 64 61

Girls Singles
Indy De Vroome (NED) d. Katharina Lehnert (GER) 41 ret

Boys Doubles
Patryk Janik/Marcel Stach (POL) d. Delf Gohlke/David Rennhak (GER) 64 61

Girls Doubles
Mayya Katsitadze (RUS)/Anna Shkudun (UKR) d. Lisa Krohnen-Dauser/Ann-kathrin Wind (GER) 62 46 [10-2]

ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, GRADE 5

Boys Singles
Antonio Marcarelli (ITA) d. Gianmarco Cacace (ITA) 62 62

Girls Singles
Barbara Haas (AUT) d. OKSANA Koshman (UKR) 75 61

Boys Doubles
Vladimir Polyakov (RUS)/Nigmat Shofayziev (UZB) d. Antonio Marcarelli/Stefano Napolitano (ITA) 31 ret

Girls Doubles
Parminder Kaur/Kanika Vaidya (IND) d. Oksana Koshman/Vladyslava Zanosiyenko (UKR) 64 62

JIANGMEN, CHINA, P.R., GRADE 5

Boys Singles
Yi-Chen Li (CHN) d. Joo-Ho Maeng (KOR) 76(4) 63

Girls Singles
Yihong Li (CHN) d. Jia-Bei Mei (CHN) 61 16 63

Boys Doubles
Zhao Cai/Junjie Wei (CHN) d. Yuan-Tao Pan/Si Ming Tang (CHN) 62 16 [10-3]

Girls Doubles
Katherine Ip (HKG)/Anna Clarice Patrimonio (PHI) d. Ziqi Hou/Qianqian Zhao (CHN) 06 75 [10-3]

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 25 January 2010

GRAND SLAM AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

MEN	Argentina F1 Futures	Dolores	$10,000
	Guatemala F1 Futures	Guatemala City	$10,000
	Israel F1 Futures	Eilat	$10,000
	Spain F3 Futures	Murcia	$10,000
	USA F3 Futures	Tamarac, FL	$10,000
	France F1 Futures	Bagnoles De L'Orne	$10,000+H
	Germany F3 Futures	Kaarst	$15,000
	Morocco F1 Futures	Casablanca	$15,000
WOMEN	France	Grenoble	$10,000
	Germany	Kaarst	$10,000
SENIORS	USA	Naples, FL	Grade 2
JUNIORS	AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA		
	Ecuador	Cuenca	Grade 2
	Czech Republic	Frydlant nad Ostravici	Grade 4
	New Zealand	Christchurch	Grade 4
	Switzerland	Oberentfelden	Grade 4
	China, P.R.	Guangzhou	Grade 5
	United Arab Emirates	Fujairah	Grade 5
WHEELCHAIR	AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA		
	Australia	Melbourne	ITF 3 Series

Events - week commencing 1 February 2010

MEN	Argentina F2 Futures	Tandil	$10,000
	Egypt F1 Futures	Giza	$10,000
	Israel F2 Futures	Eilat	$10,000
	Panama F1 Futures	Panama City	$10,000
	Spain F4 Futures	Murcia	$10,000
	USA F4 Futures	Palm Coast, FL	$10,000
	France F2 Futures	Feucherolles	$10,000+H
	Germany F4 Futures	Nussloch	$15,000
	Morocco F2 Futures	Rabat	$15,000
WOMEN	Spain	Mallorca	$10,000
	Australia	Burnie	$25,000
	France	Belfort	$25,000
	Great Britain	Sutton	$25,000
	USA	Rancho Mirage, CA	$25,000
SENIORS	USA	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Grade 2
	Hungary	Budapest	Grade 3
JUNIORS	Peru	Arequipa	Grade 2
	Tunisia	Sfax	Grade 2
	New Zealand	Auckland	Grade 3
	Slovenia	Radenci	Grade 4
	Oman	Muscat	Grade 5
WHEELCHAIR	Australia	Sydney	ITF 1 Series
	Mexico	Puerto Vallarta	ITF Futures Series

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