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Tennis players nominated in Laureus Awards

ITF World Champions Roger Federer and Serena Williams have been nominated once again for top honours in the Laureus World Sports Awards, following a ballot by the world's media. The Laureus Awards, which recognise sporting achievement in 2009, are widely acknowledged as being among the world's premier honours in sport. The ceremony will take place on 10 March in Abu Dhabi.

Federer, a four-time winner of the award, has been shortlisted for Sportsman of the Year after enjoying a record breaking 2009. He won the title at Roland Garros - his first triumph on the Parisian clay - and then clinched his 15th Grand Slam trophy with victory at Wimbledon.

Williams has been nominated for Sportswoman of the Year, an award she has won on two previous occasions. In 2009, she was crowned champion at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, and also won the end-of-year Sony Ericsson Championships.

Other tennis players to be recognised are Juan Martin del Potro (Breakthrough of the Year), Kim Clijsters (Comeback of the Year) and Men's Wheelchair World Champion Shingo Kunieda (Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability). For further information, visit www.laureus.com.



Roger Federer (SUI) and
Serena Williams (USA)
(Photo: Paul Zimmer)

Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Zonal Group events announced

The ITF has announced the venues and list of competing nations for the 2010 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Zonal Group III and IV events. For the first time the Europe/Africa Zone has been divided into separate zones for Europe and Africa to assist nations travelling to these events. For further information, visit www.daviscup.com.

Americas Zone Group III w/c 5 July Salinas, Puerto Rico hard (outdoors)
8 nations: Aruba, Bahamas, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico

Americas Zone Group IV w/c 28 June Panama City, Panama clay (outdoors)
5 nations: Barbados, Honduras, Panama, Trinidad & Tobago, US Virgin Islands


Asia/Oceania Zone Group III w/c 26 April Tehran, Iran clay (outdoors)
8 nations: Bangladesh, Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Vietnam

Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV w/c 19 April Amman, Jordan hard (outdoors)
12 nations: Bahrain, Brunei, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Qatar, Singapore, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, UAE, Yemen

Europe Zone Group III w/c 10 May Athens, Greece clay (outdoors)
11 nations: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, San Marino

Africa Zone Group III w/c 3 May Marrakech, Morocco clay (outdoors)
17 nations: Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

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Kuerten receives Brazilian honour

Former ITF World Champion Gustavo Kuerten has become the first tennis player to receive Brazil's highest sporting honour, the Cruz do Merito Desportivo (Cross of Sporting Merit) on 10 February at the Ministry of Sports in Brasilia.

Brazilian Sports Minister, Orlando Silva Jr., presented the medal to the three-time Roland Garros champion on behalf of President Lula. He said: "Guga is not only a great name in Brazilian sport, but also a great reference in international sport. His example on and off the court will for sure inspire our generation."

Kuerten said: "It's quite amazing to receive a medal from the Brazilian people. This tribute represents the energy of our people and I'd like to share this prize with lots of people. I took for granted Brazilian potential. That's why I will work hard to increase tennis in Brazil."



Gustavo Kuerten (BRA) and Orlando Silva Jr. (Photo: Aldo Dias)

Rotterdam ATP event stages wheelchair tournament



*Stephane Houdet (FRA)
(Photo: Mathilde Dusol)*

Rotterdam has become the second ATP World Tour event this year to stage a wheelchair tennis tournament. Frenchman Stephane Houdet went on to win both the singles and doubles titles at the 2nd World Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, an ITF 1 Series event on the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour.

The world No. 2 dominated the eight-man singles event, dropping only nine games in his three matches. After whitewashing Martin Legner in the opening round, he scored a 61 62 semifinal victory over Sweden's Stefan Olsson, who upset defending champion Robin Ammerlaan of the Netherlands in the first round.

There was better news for another Dutchman with world No. 10 Ronald Vink upsetting compatriot and world No. 2 Maikel Scheffers 61 64 in the other semifinal in front of a crowd of 1500 spectators. However Houdet went on to clinch his first singles title of the season after beating Vink 63 63 in Saturday's final.

The Frenchman collected his second title of the weekend in the men's doubles after he and Ammerlaan came from a set down to beat Scheffers and Vink 36 61 75 in their decisive round-robin match.

For the second year, women's world No. 1 Esther Vergeer was tournament director for the Rotterdam wheelchair event, having earlier in the week partnered Richard Krajicek, the ATP tournament director, in an exhibition match against Ammerlaan and world No. 2 Novak Djokovic.

Qualification criteria released for 2012 Paralympic Tennis Event

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) and the ITF have released the qualification criteria for the Wheelchair Tennis Event at the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

A maximum of 112 athletes will contest men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, quad singles and quad doubles events. The selection is likely to be based on the ITF Wheelchair Rankings as at 21 May 2012. For further details visit www.itftennis.com/paralympics.

NEWS IN BRIEF

National Association updates

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16 - 27 Feb: ITF/OS Level 2 Coaches Course - Nairobi, Kenya

22 Feb - 5 Mar: ITF/OS Level 2 Coaches Course - Abuja, Nigeria

9 - 18 Mar: ITF/OS Level 1 Coaches Course - Djibouti

14 - 28 Mar: ITF 14&U Asian Championships, Group 1 - Shenzhen, China

19 - 29 Mar: Development Championships 14&U - Antalya, Turkey

South African Airways ATP Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	11350
2nd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	8310
3rd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	7370
4th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	7300
5th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	6355
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	5290
7th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	4210
8th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3855
9th	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	2985
10th	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	2970

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	8995
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	6480
3rd	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5995
4th	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	5861
5th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5526
6th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)	4960
7th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	4855
8th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3765
9th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3605
10th	LI, Na (CHN)	3441

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	5758
2nd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	4408
3rd	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	3696
4th	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	2950
5th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2835
6th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	2240
7th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	1848
8th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1828
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1820
10th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	1697

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	4757
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	4150
3rd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	3160
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2488
5th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1826
6th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	1823
7th	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1724
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)	4660
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	4053
3rd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	2040
4th	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	2025
5th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	1339

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERTA, Daniel (SWE)	1017.50
2nd	MINA, Gianni (FRA)	977.50
3rd	FERNANDES, Tiago (BRA)	977.50
4th	KUBLER, Jason (AUS)	830.00
5th	KUDLA, Denis (USA)	780.00
6th	FUCSOVICS, Marton (HUN)	758.75
7th	FRANK, Mitchell (USA)	748.75
8th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	745.00
9th	ZSIGA, Mate (HUN)	690.00
10th	KRAWIETZ, Kevin (GER)	682.50

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	1541.25
2nd	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	1018.75
3rd	GAVRILOVA, Daria (RUS)	843.75
4th	WATSON, Heather (GBR)	815.00
5th	DABROWSKI, Gabriela (CAN)	807.50
6th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	773.75
7th	ISHIZU, Sachie (JPN)	735.00
8th	CEPELOVA, Jana (SVK)	730.00
9th	KHROMACHEVA, Irina (RUS)	716.25
10th	SILVA, Camila (CHI)	707.50



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Results week commencing 8 February

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

ARGENTINA F3 FUTURES, MAR DEL PLATA (\$10,000)

Singles

Martin Alund (ARG) d. Alejandro Fabbri (ARG) 75 63

Doubles

Diego Cristin/Andres Molteni (ARG) d. Alejandro Fabbri/Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (ARG) 63 64

EGYPT F2 FUTURES, GIZA (\$10,000)

Singles

Eric Prodon (FRA) d. Axel Michon (FRA) 64 63

Doubles

Karim Maamoun/Sherif Sabry (EGY) d. Gerard Granollers-Pujol (ESP)/Matteo Marrai (ITA) 57 64 [10-8]

FRANCE F3 FUTURES, BRESSUIRE (\$10,000+H)

Singles

Andis Juska (LAT) d. Lukas Dlouhy (CZE) 64 64

Doubles

Jeremy Blandin/Fabrice Martin (FRA) d. Marc Auradou/Antoine Tassart (FRA) 46 62 [10-3]

ISRAEL F3 FUTURES, EILAT (\$10,000)

Singles

Miloslav Mecir (SVK) d. Thomas Fabbiano (ITA) 64 76(6)

Doubles

James Cluskey (IRL)/Michael Venus (USA) d. Alexander Bury/Pavel Katliarov (BLR) 67(3) 63 [15-13]

MEXICO F1 FUTURES, MEXICO CITY (\$15,000)

Singles

Arnau Brugues-Davi (ESP) d. Miguel Gallardo-Valles (MEX) 62 64

Doubles

Daniel Garza/Bruno Rodriguez (MEX) d. Luis Diaz-Barriga/Miguel-Angel Reyes-Varela (MEX) 64 75

SPAIN F5 FUTURES, MURCIA (\$10,000)

Singles

Pedro Clar-Rossello (ESP) d. Pablo Santos-Gonzalez (ESP) 64 62

Doubles

Daniele Giorgini/Walter Trusendi (ITA) d. Pablo Santos-Gonzalez/Gabriel Trujillo-Soler (ESP) 62 63

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 EILAT, ISRAEL

Singles

Janina Toljan (AUT) d. Jana Cepelova (SVK) 61 62

Doubles

Martina Caciotti/Nicole Clerico (ITA) d. Renata Bakieva/Yanina Darishina (RUS) 61 63

\$10,000 MALLORCA, SPAIN

Singles

Garbine Muguruza Blanco (ESP) d. Katarzyna Kawa (POL) 36 62 60

Doubles

Sofia Kvatsabaia (GEO)/Avgusta Tsybysheva (RUS) d. Benedetta Davato (ITA)/Ines Ferrer-Suarez (ESP) 76(6) 64

\$10,000 VALE DO LOBO, PORTUGAL

Singles

Julia Mayr (ITA) d. Maria Joao Koehler (POR) 61 61

Doubles

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\$25,000 LAGUNA NIGEL, CA, USA

Singles

Olivia Sanchez (FRA) d. Mandy Minella (LUX) 63 64

Doubles

Anastasia Pivovarova (RUS)/Laura Siegemund (GER) d. Amanda Fink/Elizabeth Lumpkin (USA) 62 63

\$25,000 STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

Singles

Oxana Lyubtsova (UKR) d. Lesya Tsurenko (UKR) 64 75

Doubles

Ksenia Milevskaya (BLR)/Lesya Tsurenko (UKR) d. Nikola Hofmanova/Yvonne Meusburger (AUT) 64 75

\$75,000 CALI, COLOMBIA

Singles

Polona Hercog (SLO) d. Mariana Duque-Marino (COL) 64 57 62

Doubles

Edina Gallovits (ROU)/Polona Hercog (SLO) d. Estrella Cabeza-Candela/Laura Pous-Tio (ESP) 36 63 [10-8]

\$100,000 MIDLAND, MI, USA

Singles

Elena Baltacha (GBR) d. Lucie Hradecka (CZE) 57 62 63

Doubles

Laura Granville (USA)/Lucie Hradecka (CZE) d. Lilia Osterloh (USA)/Anna Tatishvili (GEO) 76(3) 36 [12-10]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Hugo Dellien (BOL) d. Felipe Nino (COL) 61 63

Girls Singles

Gaia Sanesi (ITA) d. Caitlyn Williams (USA) 63 75

Boys Doubles

Juan Sebastian Gomez/Sebastian Lopez (COL) d. Darian King (BAR)/Filip Peliwo (CAN) w/o.

Girls Doubles

Annie Mulholland/Caitlyn Williams (USA) d. Patricia Haas (AUT)/Gaia Sanesi (ITA) 16 62 [10-4]

MONASTIR, TUNISIA, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Jiri Vesely (CZE) d. Mate Zsiga (HUN) 62 63

Girls Singles

Lou Brouleau (FRA) d. Ons Jabeur (TUN) 75 62

Boys Doubles

Robert Rumler/Jiri Vesely (CZE) d. Liam Broady/Tom Farquharson (GBR) w/o.

Girls Doubles

Ons Jabeur (TUN)/Charlene Seateun (FRA) d. Doroteja Eric (SRB)/Sabine Van Der Sar (NED) w/o.

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MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Patrik Fabian (SVK) d. Juan Pablo Murra (MEX) 36 61 75

Girls Singles

Ashley Dai (USA) d. Julia Elbaba (USA) 16 42 ret.

Boys Doubles

Juan Pablo Murra/Cristobal Ramos Salazar (MEX) d. John Harrison Richmond/Trey Strobel (USA) 64 46 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Wan-Yi Sweeting (AUS)/Solomiya Zinko (CAN) d. Alejandra Cisneros/Regina Rodriguez (MEX) 76(4) 64

OULU, FINLAND, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Connor Glennon (GBR) d. Max De Vroome (NED) 63 64

Girls Singles

Heini Salonen (FIN) d. Daria Afanasyeva (RUS) 60 06 64

Boys Doubles

Fedor Baev/Mons Knudtzon (NOR) d. Leevi Leivo/Herikko Pollanen (FIN) 62 60

Girls Doubles

Natalia Lysova (FIN)/Rebecca Poikajarvi (SWE) d. Anett Kontaveit (EST)/Annika Sillanpaa (FIN) 64 46 [10-8]

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Anton Bettink (NZL) d. Marco Comuzzo (NZL) 64 46 63

Girls Singles

So-Ra Lee (KOR) d. Miho Kowase (JPN) 76(3) 61

Boys Doubles

Jay Andrijic/Jack Schipanski (AUS) d. James Frawley/Nathan Lemke (AUS) 75 63

Girls Doubles

Miho Kowase/Riko Sawayanagi (JPN) d. Cassandra Dunser/Brooke Rischbieth (AUS) 61 64

DOHA, QATAR, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Alexander Wilton (GBR) d. Thien Nguyen Hoang (VIE) 63 62

Girls Singles

Mai El Kamash (EGY) d. Caroline Kallberg (SWE) 61 76(3)

Boys Doubles

Chun Hun Wong/Pak Long Yeung (HKG) d. Sam Hutt/Joshua Page (GBR) 61 61

Girls Doubles

Tracy Dong (CAN)/Verena Jane Scott (GBR) d. Alexandra Hietaniemi (FIN)/Manya Nagpal Nagpal (IND) 62 16 [10-6]

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

AHOY, ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, ITF 1 SERIES

Men's Singles

Stephane Houdet (FRA) d. Ronald Vink (NED) 63 63

Men's Doubles round-robin

Robin Ammerlaan (NED)/Stephan Houdet (FRA)

This Week Next Week

Events week commencing 15 February 2010

MEN	Egypt F3 Futures	Giza	\$10,000
	Spain F6 Futures	Cartagena	\$10,000
	Australia F1 Futures	Mildura	\$15,000
	Azerbaijan F1 Futures	Baku	\$15,000
	Bosnia & Herzegovina F1 Futures	Sarajevo	\$15,000
	USA F5 Futures	Brownsville, TX	\$15,000
WOMEN	Portugal	Albufeira	\$10,000
	Australia	Mildura	\$25,000
	USA	Surprise, AZ	\$25,000
SENIORS	USA	Boise, ID	Grade 1
JUNIORS	Chile	Santiago	Grade 2
	Moldova	Chisinau	Grade 3
	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Grade 4
	Denmark	Copenhagen	Grade 4
	Mexico	Jalisco	Grade 4
	Netherlands	Almere	Grade 4
	Kenya	Nairobi	Grade 5
	Qatar	Doha	Grade 5
	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Grade 5
	Tunisia	EL Menzah	Grade 5
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Events week commencing 22 February 2010

MEN	Australia F2 Futures	Berri	\$15,000
	Azerbaijan F2 Futures	Baku	\$15,000
	Bosnia & Herzegovina F2 Futures	Sarajevo	\$15,000
	USA F6 Futures	Harlingen, TX	\$15,000
WOMEN	Portugal	Portimao	\$10,000
	Spain	Madrid	\$10,000
	Germany	Biberach	\$50,000+H
SENIORS	Great Britain	Glasgow	Grade 4
JUNIORS	Argentina	Mar Del Plata	Grade 2
	Bangladesh	Rajshahi	Grade 3
	Lithuania	Siauliai	Grade 3
	El Salvador	La Libertad	Grade 4
	Germany	Nurnberg	Grade 4
	Norway	Oslo	Grade 4
	Algeria	Tlemcen	Grade 5

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