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Birmingham to host USA-Russia semifinal

The USA has announced that Birmingham, Alabama will host the 2010 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas World Group semifinal between USA and Russia. The tie will be staged at the Birmingham-Jefferson Arena on 24-25 April. The venue was also the site for the 2009 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas first round tie between USA and Switzerland.

The ITF has granted the Italian Tennis Federation an extension until Friday 26 February to confirm the venue for defending champion Italy's semifinal against Czech Republic.

In 2009, US captain Mary Joe Fernandez led the American team to the final in her first year as captain. She said: "We are very excited to have earned this home tie and are thrilled to choose a community that is rampant in its love for tennis. The city of Birmingham offered the US Davis Cup team tremendous support last year, and we look forward to playing in front of the same enthusiastic and patriotic crowd as we try to reach our second consecutive Fed Cup Final."



*Birmingham-Jefferson Arena
(Photo: Ron Angle)*

William Bell, Mayor of Birmingham, added: "This continues to legitimise our City's reputation as one of the premier hosts of world-class sporting events. The estimated direct economic impact to the City is \$4 million, with an estimated overall impact of up to \$15 million."

USA booked its place in the last four with a 4-1 victory over France in the first round in Lievin, while Russia also won away 3-2 against Serbia in Belgrade. USA and Russia have met on seven previous occasions, with the Americans currently holding a 4-3 head-to-head advantage. The Russians, however, have won the last three fixtures. For further information, visit www.fedcup.com.

Sri Lanka event launches 2010 ITF Junior Team Competitions

Qualifying events for August's World Junior Tennis Finals in Prostějov and September's Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals in San Luis Potosi are being held on all continents in the first half of the year.

The first event is this week's Asia/Oceania pre-qualifying for Junior Davis Cup and boys' World Junior Tennis in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Seven Junior Davis Cup teams will compete for three places in the final qualifying event in Kuching, Malaysia. Five World Junior Tennis boys' teams will compete for the three places in final qualifying in Anqing City, China.

The full list of dates for the 2010 qualifying events of the ITF Junior Team Competitions is as follows:

World Junior Tennis Competition (14 & Under)

Africa (number of countries TBC):

30 March - 3 April, Abuja, Nigeria

Asia/Oceania (18 countries):

Pre-qualifying boys: 22-26 February, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Final qualifying boys: 3-8 May, Anqing City, China

Qualifying girls: 10-15 May, Anqing City, China

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ITF Junior Team Competitions (cont. from page 1)

World Junior Tennis Competition (cont.)

Europe (32 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 27-29 June, various venues Final qualifying boys: 2-4 July, TBC, Spain Final qualifying girls: 2-4 July, Loano, Italy
North/Central America & the Caribbean (21 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 29 March - 3 April, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago Final qualifying: 30 April - 2 May, Boca Raton, FL, USA
South America (10 countries):	10-15 May, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Junior Davis Cup & Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas (16 & Under)	
Africa (number of countries TBC):	30 March - 3 April, Abuja, Nigeria
Asia/Oceania (20 countries):	Pre-qualifying boys: 22-26 February, Colombo, Sri Lanka Final qualifying boys: 19-24 April, Kuching, Malaysia Qualifying girls: 26 April - 1 May, Kuching, Malaysia
Europe (31 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 28-30 July, various venues Final qualifying boys: 2-4 August, Le Touquet, France Final qualifying girls: 2-4 August, Leysin, Switzerland
North/Central America & the Caribbean (19 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 12-18 April, El Salvador Final qualifying: 30 April - 2 May, Boca Raton, FL, USA
South America (10 countries):	17-22 May, Asuncion, Paraguay

NEWS IN BRIEF

ATP announces new sponsor

The ATP announced that it has signed an agreement for Corona Extra to become the new global premier partner of the ATP World Tour. As part of the five-and-a-half-year agreement, which begins later this year, Corona Extra becomes the official beer sponsor of the ATP World Tour and will have significant presence at ATP World Tour events around the world, including net branding and other marketing rights.

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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)	6275
6th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	5290
7th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	3855
8th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	3800
9th	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	2970
10th	VERDASCO, Fernando (ESP)	2860

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

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Rankings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	8645
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	6480
3rd	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	5930
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	5925
5th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	5626
6th	AZARENKA, Victoria (BLR)	5300
7th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	4855
8th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	3880
9th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	3770
10th	LI, Na (CHN)	3665

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, Tímea (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	STEPHENS, Sloane (USA)	702.50



ITF Juniors Top 10 Club

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Results week commencing 15 February

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

AUSTRALIA F1 FUTURES, MILDURA (\$15,000)

Singles

Daniel King-Turner (NZL) d. Colin Ebelthite (AUS) 63 67(4) 64

Doubles

Matthew Ebden/Samuel Groth (AUS) d. Adam Hubble/Sadik Kadir (AUS) 63 46 [10-4]

AZERBAIJAN F1 FUTURES, BAKU (\$15,000)

Singles

Ervin Eleskovic (SWE) d. Siarhei Betau (BLR) 63 62

Doubles

Petru-Alexandru Luncanu (ROU)/Matwe Middelkoop (NED) d. Mao-Xin Gong/Zhe Li (CHN) 67(7) 63 [12-10]

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA F1 FUTURES, SARAJEVO (\$15,000)

Singles

Dawid Olejniczak (POL) d. Aldin Setkic (BIH) 64 75

Doubles

Philipp Oswald/Alexander Peya (AUT) d. Martin Emmrich (GER)/Andreas Siljestrom (SWE) 63 76(2)

EGYPT F3 FUTURES, GIZA (\$10,000)

Singles

Karim Maamoun (EGY) d. Guillermo Alcaide (ESP) 75 63

Doubles

Guillermo Alcaide/Gerard Granollers-Pujol (ESP) d. Karim Maamoun/Sherif Sabry (EGY) 36 63 [11-9]

SPAIN F6 FUTURES, CARTAGENA (\$10,000)

Singles

Gabriel Trujillo-Soler (ESP) d. Daniel Smethurst (GBR) 46 76(2) 62

Doubles

Conor Pollock (USA)/David Savic (SRB) d. Pablo Santos-Gonzalez/Gabriel Trujillo-Soler (ESP) 76(6) 64

USA F5 FUTURES, BROWNSVILLE, TX (\$15,000)

Singles

Victor Estrella (DOM) d. Vasek Pospisil (CAN) 64 63

Doubles

Arnau Brugues-Davi (ESP)/Victor Estrella (DOM) d. Brett Joelson/Christopher Klingemann (USA) 76(2) 63

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 ALBUFEIRA, PORTUGAL

Singles

Evelyn Mayr (ITA) d. Elitsa Kostova (BUL) 64 64

Doubles

Event cancelled

\$25,000 MILDURA, AUSTRALIA

Singles

Casey Dellacqua (AUS) d. Sally Peers (AUS) 75 60

Doubles

Casey Dellacqua/Jessica Moore (AUS) d. Jarmila Groth/Jade Hopper (AUS) 62 76(3)

\$25,000 SURPRISE, AZ, USA

Singles

Abigail Spears (USA) d. Kurumi Nara (JPN) 61 62

Doubles

Chun-Mei Ji/Yi-Fan Xu (CHN) d. Christina Fusano/Courtney Nagle (USA) 57 62 [10-5]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

SANTIAGO, CHILE, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Facundo Mena (ARG) d. Diego Galeano (PAR) 76(4) 64

Girls Singles

Grace Min (USA) d. Agustina Sol Eskenazi (ARG) 62 61

Boys Doubles

Rafael Aita (PER)/Eduardo Bencke (BRA) d. Dimitar Kuzmanov (BUL)/George Tsivadze (GEO) 76(5) 61

Girls Doubles

Agustina Sol Eskenazi (ARG)/Carla Forte (BRA) d. Fernanda Brito/Daniela Seguel (CHI) 63 62

CHISINAU, MOLDOVA, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Denys Mylokostov (UKR) d. Vladyslav Manafov (UKR) 76(4) 64

Girls Singles

Ekaterina Yashina (RUS) d. Alena Tarasova (RUS) 75 67(5) 64

Boys Doubles

Maksim Malyshev (UKR)/Andrey Yakovlev (RUS) d. Vladyslav Manafov/Denys Mylokostov (UKR) 63 61

Girls Doubles

Viktoriya Kisialeva (BLR)/Anastasia Vdovenco (MDA) d. Daniela Ciobanu (MDA)/Victoria Kan (RUS) 57 64 [10-4]

ALMERE, NETHERLANDS, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Andres Artunedo Martinavarr (ESP) d. Jonas Merckx (BEL) 64 61

Girls Singles

Tereza Jankovska (CZE) d. Tessa Breve (NED) 60 ret.

Boys Doubles

Robin Cambier/Jonas Merckx (BEL) d. Laurent Lokoli/Enzo Py (FRA) 63 67(3) [10-3]

Girls Doubles

Evelyne Dom/India Maggen (BEL) d. Marlou Kluiving/Elke Tiel (NED) 67(6) 62 [10-5]

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Robin Kern (GER) d. Mads Engsted (DEN) 67(7) 76(4) 62

Girls Singles

Rebecca Poikajarvi (SWE) d. Malin Ulvefeldt (SWE) 63 20 ret.

Boys Doubles

Robin Kern (GER)/Andrea Patracchini (ITA) d. Lloyd Glasspool/Connor Glennon (GBR) 67(5) 64 [10-5]

Girls Doubles

Rebecca Poikajarvi (SWE)/Heini Salonen (FIN) d. Irina Glimakova (RUS)/Lina Padegimaite (LTU) 61 62

DHAKA, BANGLADESH, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Chi-Shan Jao (TPE) d. Qun Gao (CHN) 64 60

Girls Singles

Meng Ning Deng (CHN) d. Xianghong Yin (CHN) 63 64

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Results (cont. from page 4)

Boys Doubles

Arjun Kadhe (IND)/Wen-Yao Liang (TPE) d. Boris Greco/Tim Srkala (SUI) 46 62 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Meng Ning Deng/Xuanshuo Ou (CHN) d. Bhuvana Kalva (IND)/Mandy Wagemaker (NED) 63 36 [10-8]

JALISCO, MEXICO, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Cristobal Ramos Salazar (MEX) d. Marco Aurei Nunez (MEX) 75 61

Girls Singles

Giovanna Manifacio (MEX) d. Julia Elbaba (USA) 61 63

Boys Doubles

John Harrison Richmond (USA)/Joseph Van Dooren (BEL) d. Marco Aurei Nunez/Diego Omar Nunez Felix (MEX) 63 64

Girls Doubles

Barbora Lazarova (SVK)/Emma Onila (CAN) d. Giovanna Manifacio (MEX)/Xue Zhang (CHN) 26 60 [10-8]

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Yu-Jin Juong (KOR) d. Niranjana Ram (IND) 67(2) 61 61

Girls Singles

Amreetha Muttiah (SRI) d. Ankita Bhatia (IND) 61 61

Boys Doubles

Vimuktha De Alwis/Amresh Jayawickrema (SRI) d. Manav Kumar Chakma/Maninder Singh (IND) 61 76(6)

Girls Doubles

Na Li/Qing Yi Lia (CHN) d. Ekaterina Klyueva (RUS)/Amreetha Muttiah (SRI) 75 46 [10-8]

DOHA, QATAR, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Jens Hauser (SUI) d. Seif Eldin El Sherbini (EGY) 61 26 61

Girls Singles

Rana Sherif Ahmed (EGY) d. Nerma Caluk (BIH) 75 64

Boys Doubles

Jens Hauser (SUI)/Joel Schreier (GER) d. Chun Hun Wong/Pak Long Yeung (HKG) 26 63 [10-6]

Girls Doubles

Mayar Sherif/Rana Sherif Ahmed (EGY) d. Kamila Abdulkadirova (AZE)/Ekin Bahitli (TUR) 63 62

EL MENZAH, TUNISIA, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Karim Hossam (EGY) d. Samuel Ribeiro Navarrete (ESP) 62 64

Girls Singles

Sonia Daggou (TUN) d. Marine Partaud (FRA) 61 63

Boys Doubles

Christian Hirschmuller/Jan Porteset (GER) d. Ugo Nastasi/Thomas Ramos (FRA) 57 62 [15-13]

Girls Doubles

Kristina Chasovskikh/Anastasia Tokareva (RUS) d. Lena Lutzeier (GER)/Natalia Siedliska (POL) 63 63

NAIROBI, KENYA, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Alejandro Andino Vallverdu (ESP) d. Dennis Ochieng (KEN) 60 62

Girls Singles

Laura Deigman (GBR) d. Julia Grabher (AUT) 62 62

Boys Doubles

Filipp Smalyanyy (RUS)/Karim Tourmous (BEL) d. Alexander Thomas Grabher/Johannes Muehlberger (AUT) w/o.

Girls Doubles

Dina El Harazi/Nour Tohamy (EGY) d. Salma Ragie/Sara Sherif (EGY) 64 61

This Week Next Week

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
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JUNIORS ITF JUNIOR TEAM COMPETITIONS, PRE-QUALIFYING, COLOMBIA, SRI LANKA

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

Events week commencing 1 March 2010

MEN DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, WORLD GROUP FIRST ROUND AND ZONAL TIES

Canada F1 Futures	Gatineau	\$10,000
Portugal F1 Futures	Faro	\$10,000
Spain F7 Futures	Terrasa	\$10,000
Turkey F1 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
USA F7 Futures	McAllen, TX	\$15,000

WOMEN	France	Lyon	\$10,000
	Spain	Madrid	\$10,000
	Turkey	Antalya	\$10,000
	Australia	Sydney	\$25,000
	Belarus	Minsk	\$25,000
	USA	Hammond, LA	\$25,000

SENIORS	USA	Houston, TX	Grade 1
	USA	Park City, UT	Grade 1
	France	Menton	Grade 2
	Sweden	Stockholm	Grade 4

JUNIORS	Paraguay	Lambare	Grade 1
	Indonesia	CANCELLED	Grade 2
	Luxembourg	Esch/Alzette	Grade 2
	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Grade 3
	Russia	Izhevsk	Grade 3
	Malaysia	Malacca	Grade 4
	Guatemala	Guatemala City	Grade 5
	Morocco	Casablanca	Grade 5

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