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Spain raise Hopman Cup trophy for a second time



Credit: Ken Matt

Spain overcame the top seeds USA 2-1 in a thrilling final at the Hyundai Hopman Cup, the ITF's official international mixed team competition, held in Perth's Burswood Dome, Australia last Saturday.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti joined the capacity crowds in Perth for the first time. Named after legendary Davis Cup Captain Harry Hopman, this was the 14th edition of this great season-opening event.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Tommy Robredo's victory (pictured left) meant that Spain join Switzerland and Germany as the only nations to have captured the Hopman Cup twice. After winning the trophy with brother Emilio in 1990, 30-year-old Sanchez-Vicario is also the only player to have claimed the Hopman Cup twice. *(Continued on page 2)*

GRAND SLAMS

14-27 January, Australian Open
27 May – 9 June, Roland Garros
24 June – 7 July, Wimbledon
26 August – 8 September, US Open,
New York, USA

DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

8-10 February, World Group 1st
Round
5-7 April, World Group 2nd Round
20-22 September, World Group
Semifinals
29 November – 1 December, World
Group Final

FED CUP

27-28 April, World Group Week I
20-21 July, World Group Week II
W/c 4 November, World Group Week
III (Finals)

TENNIS MASTERS CUP

11-17 November, Shanghai, China

2002 ITF Calendar

HYUNDAI HOPMAN CUP

December 28-4 January 2003

ITF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10-14 June, Marrakech, Morocco

CESKY TELECOM WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINAL (14&U)

12-17 August, Prostějov, Czech
Republic

WORLD YOUTH CUP (16&U)

W/c 9 September, La Baule,
France

ITF SUNSHINE/CONNOLLY CONTINENTAL CUP (18&U)

December dates and venue tbc

INVACARE WORLD TEAM CUP (WHEELCHAIR TENNIS)

16-23 September, Umag, Croatia

NEC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS MASTERS

29 October – 3 November,
Amersfoort, Netherlands

ITF VETS EVENTS

21-27 April, ITF Vets Team
Competitions (Group A), Florida,
USA
28 April – 5 May, ITF Vets World
Championships (Group A), Florida,
USA
8-14 September, ITF Vets Team
Competitions (Group B), Austria
15-22 September, ITF Vets World
Championships (Group B), Austria

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Hopman Cup /continued

Seeded third, Sanchez-Vicario and Robredo combined experience and youth to great effect. In the final, fortunes seemed to favour their American opponents at first when Monica Seles swept past Sanchez-Vicario 61 76 in a match between two former world No. 1s.

Unbeaten throughout the week, Robredo had the chance to show his mettle by levelling proceedings. Jumping nearly a hundred places in the rankings over the last twelve months to a year-end position of 30, the talented 19-year-old lived up to his billing as one of the teenagers to watch with a gutsy 63 26 76 win over the higher ranked Jan-Michael Gambill. With everything hanging on the mixed rubber, the final match proved a relatively comfortable win for Spain, with Robredo and Sanchez-Vicario coming through against Gambill and Seles 64 62.

Delighted with Spain's victory, Sanchez-Vicario said, "I know Tommy is a big fighter... We were definitely very close to losing the (second) match... but he turned it around and it was great.... I wish him all the best and definitely he can try to get to No. 1."

One of nine Spaniards in the men's top 50, Robredo said that he had benefited from competing with Sanchez-Vicario. "You learn a lot because she is a really good fighter." He added, "I came here to try and do my best, to play a really good Australian Open and Sydney... Today, I played well. It's a really good experience for me to play here and to play my first mixed..."

The Hopman Cup is organised as a round-robin event with eight nations competing in two pools of four nations. The winning team from each pool then goes forward to contest the final. In Group B, Spain advanced to the Hopman Cup final when Australia was forced to withdraw because world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt contracted chicken pox. USA earned their final berth with a 2-1 victory over Belgium to lead Group A.

Full results are on page 3. For more details on the XIV Hopman Cup, please visit www.hopmancup.com.au

Australian Open



The Australian Open takes place from 14-27 January at Melbourne Park. To find out more about the first Grand Slam of the year, visit the official website at: <http://www.ausopen.org>

development events

8 - 12 January Accra, Ghana West Africa 18 & Under circuit

7 - 18 January Siauliai, Lithuania 14 & Under
Development Champs

7 - 17 January Pretoria, South Africa AJC Southern/
East African Qualifying Event

29 Jan - 9 Feb Delhi, India South & Central Asian
14 & U circuit

Hopman Cup XIV results (29 December to 5 January)

Seeds:

1.	USA	Jan-Michael Gambill/Monica Seles
2.	Australia	Lleyton Hewitt/Alicia Molik
3.	Spain	Tommy Robredo/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario
4.	Belgium	Xavier Malisse/Kim Clijsters

Unseeded:

Argentina	Mariano Zabaleta/Paola Suarez
France	Arnaud Clement/Virginie Razzano
Italy	Davide Sanguinetti/Francesca Schiavone
Switzerland	Roger Federer/Miroslava Vavrinec

Alternate:

Greece	Vasilis Mazarakis/Eleni Daniilidou
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Playoff

Italy defeated Greece 2-1: Francesca Schiavone defeated Eleni Daniilidou 61 62; Davide Sanguinetti defeated Vasilis Mazarakis 62 76(6/0); Vasilis Mazarakis/Eleni Daniilidou defeated Davide Sanguinetti/Francesca Schiavone 46 63 76 (10/7)

Group A

USA defeated France 3-0: Monica Seles defeated Virginie Razzano 63 64; Jan-Michael Gambill defeated Arnaud Clement 64 64; Jan-Michael Gambill/Monica Seles defeated Arnaud Clement/Virginie Razzano 61 64.

Belgium defeated Italy 2-1: Francesca Schiavone defeated Kim Clijsters 64 64; Xavier Malisse defeated Davide Sanguinetti 64 75; Xavier Malisse/Kim Clijsters defeated Davide Sanguinetti/Francesca Schiavone 63 64.

Italy defeated USA 2-1: Francesca Schiavone defeated Monica Seles 64 26 64; Davide Sanguinetti defeated Jan-Michael Gambill 76 63; Jan-Michael Gambill/Monica Seles defeated Davide Sanguinetti/Francesca Schiavone 61 63.

Belgium defeated France 2-1: Kim Clijsters defeated Virginie Razzano 63 62; Xavier Malisse defeated Arnaud Clement 36 63 63; Arnaud Clement/Virginie Razzano defeated Xavier Malisse/Kim Clijsters 16 63 76(10/6).

USA defeated Belgium 2-1: Monica Seles defeated Kim Clijsters 46 64 62; Jan-Michael Gambill defeated Xavier Malisse 76 76; Xavier Malisse/Kim Clijsters defeated Jan-Michael Gambill/Monica Seles 76 62.

Italy defeated France 2-1: Francesca Schiavone defeated Virginie Razzano 11Ret. Arnaud Clement defeated Davide Sanguinetti 63 75; Davide Sanguinetti/Francesca Schiavone defeated Arnaud Clement/Virginie Razzano w/o.

Group B

Australia defeated Switzerland 3-0: Alicia Molik defeated Miroslava Vavrinec 63 64; Lleyton Hewitt defeated Roger Federer 63 06 64; Lleyton Hewitt/Alicia Molik defeated Roger Federer/Miroslava Vavrinec 63 61.

Spain defeated Argentina 3-0: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Paola Suarez 62 63; Tommy Robredo defeated Mariano Zabaleta 46 62 63; Tommy Robredo/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Mariano Zabaleta/Paola Suarez 46 75 76 (10/5);

Spain defeated Switzerland 3-0: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Miroslava Vavrinec 62 60; Tommy Robredo defeated Roger Federer 76(7) 62; Tommy Robredo/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario defeated Roger Federer/Miroslava Vavrinec 62 63.

Australia defeated Argentina 2-1: Paola Suarez defeated Alicia Molik 76(1) 36 64; Lleyton Hewitt defeated Mariano Zabaleta 63 64; Lleyton Hewitt/Alicia Molik defeated Mariano Zabaleta/Paola Suarez 57 63 76(10/7).

Spain defeated Australia w/o.

Switzerland defeated Argentina 2-1: Paola Suarez defeated Miroslava Vavrinec 62 36 61; Roger Federer defeated Mariano Zabaleta 62 63; Roger Federer/Miroslava Vavrinec defeated Mariano Zabaleta/Paola Suarez 63 67(3) 76(10/4).

Final

Spain defeated USA 2-1: Monica Seles defeated Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 61 76; Tommy Robredo defeated Jan-Michael Gambill 63 26 76(2); Tommy Robredo/Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario defeated Jan-Michael Gambill/Monica Seles 64 62.

Please note that a Super Tiebreak was used in round robin play.

ITF Junior Circuit results

Results w/c 17th December – 2001 Circuit

Yucatan, Mexico, Grade 1

Boys' Singles

B Dabul (ARG) d. M Montcourt (FRA) 76(8) 63

Girls' Singles

V Zvonareva (RUS) d. B Strycova (CZE) 63 57 62

Boys' Doubles

B Echagaray/S Gonzalez (MEX) d. M Felder (URU)/P Petzschnher (GER) 62 61

Girls' Doubles

M Argeri (ARG)/S Devidze (GEO) d. M Lopez Herrera/M Torres (MEX) 61 36 76(5)

Results w/c 24th December – 2002 Circuit

Tlalnepantla, Mexico, Grade 1

Boys' Singles

M Baghdatis (CYP) d. L Ouahab (ALG) 63 61

Girls' Singles

M Mezak (CRO) d. S Bauer (NED) 61 62

Boys' Doubles

S Amritraj (USA)/C Evans (GBR) d. H Akhavan (CAN)/F Dancevic (CAN) 64 46 62

Girls' Doubles

P Cetkovska/L Safarova (CZE) d. A Groenefeld (GER)/N Pitts (USA) 64 76(5)

Cotonou, Benin, Grade 4

Boys' Singles

S Jegede (NGR) d. C Irie (CIV) 67(2) 63 62

Girls' Singles

C Vanneste (FRA) d. T Djenguenane (TOG) 61 62

Boys' Doubles

C Irie/M Konan (CIV) d. S Jegede/I Candy (NIG) 76(8) 36 62

Girls' Doubles

J Fischer (LUX)/C Grotz (BEL) d. H Eke (NGR)/A Izomopr (NGR) 64 64

Results w/c 31st December – 2002 Circuit

San Jose, Costa Rica, Grade A

Boys' Singles

M Felder (URU) d. m Montcourt (FRA) 76(5) 57 62

Girls' Singles

M Mezak (CRO) d. S Bauer (NED) 63 61

Boys' Doubles

R Abreu (VEN)/S Amritraj (USA) d. L Flores/A Ruiz (MEX) 76(2) 75

Girls' Doubles

S Bauer/E Tamaela (NED) d. A Klepac/B Kovac (SLO) 67(4) 76(5) 75

Lome, Togo, Grade 4

Results to be confirmed

Bromma, Sweden, Grade 4

Boys' Singles

M Kartachov (RUS) d. K Jarpmyr (SWE) 60 62

Girls' Singles

A Tchakvetadze (RUS) d. E Laine (FIN) 62 62

Boys' Doubles

M Kartachov/A Babitch (RUS) d. A Weber/A Beck (GER) W/O

Girls' Doubles

M Nieminen/Psuomalainen (FIN) d. K Siwosz/A Rosolska (POL) 64 16 64



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<http://www.daviscup.com> - follow the progress of the largest annual men's international team competition in sport with live scoring and daily reports from every World Group tie

<http://www.itfjuniors.com> - for the latest news on the junior game, including daily reports from the major events in 2002

<http://www.wheelchairtennis.com> for updates on the latest in the wheelchair tennis world



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Events week commencing 7 January 2002

MEN	Germany 1	Munich-Oberschleibheim Biberach Weiden Munich-Oberhaching	\$25,000	(49) 40 411 78 232	
	Spain 1	Cala Ratjada (Mallorca) Cala Ratjada (Mallorca) Cala Ratjada (Mallorca) Cala Ratjada (Mallorca)	\$25,000	(34) 93 201 0844	
	Central America	San Salvador, ESA Tegucigalpa, HON San Salvador, ESA Guatemala	\$25,000	(503) 278 7832	
	France F1	Grasse	\$10,000	(33) 1 47 43 49 58	
WOMEN JUNIORS	USA F1	Aventura, FL	\$15,000	(1) 914 696 7000	
	USA	Tallahassee, FL	\$10,000	(1) 914 696 7178	
	Venezuela	Int Junior Champs of Venezuela, Caracas	Grade 1	(58-212) 979 8011	
	Ghana	9th International Champs of Ghana, Winneba	Grade 4	(44-20) 8392 4704	
	Sweden	Vasteras Int Junior Champs	Grade 4	(46-21) 131866	
	Australia	Australian Hardcourt Junior Champs, Melbourne	Grade 1	(61-3) 9286 1177	
	Colombia	Pony Malta Cup, Barranquilla	Grade 1	(57-53) 571712	
	VETS	USA	USTA National Men's 70 & 75 Indoor Champs, Texas	Grade 2	(1-713) 772 9955
		Austria	26th European Vets Indoor Champs, Seefeld	Grade 1	(43) 5212 3536

Events week commencing 14 January 2002

GRAND SLAM

AUSTRALIAN OPEN, Melbourne, Australia, 14-27 January

MEN	France F2 Futures	Angers	\$10,000
	USA F2 Futures	Delray Beach, FL	\$15,000 (1) 914 696 7000
WOMEN JUNIORS	USA	Gainesville, FL	\$10,000 (1) 914 696 7178
	Austria	ITF Junior Classic presented by Wustenrot, Bergheim	Grade 4 (43-6219) 7477
	Sri Lanka	19th Int Junior Champs of Sri Lanka, Colombo	Grade 4 (94-75) 334062