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## Croatia begins title defence in Graz

Croatia will begin the defence of its Davis Cup by BNP Paribas title with a trip to Graz for its World Group first round tie against Austria. Slovak Republic, the 2005 runner-up, also faces an away tie in Rancagua against Chile.

The full list of venues for the first round of the 2006 Davis Cup By BNP Paribas World Group, to be played the weekend of 10-12 February, is as follows (subject to final confirmation by the ITF):

Austria v Croatia	Schwarzl Freizeit Zentrum, Graz, AUT	clay - indoors
Argentina v Sweden	Parque Julio A. Roca, Buenos Aires, ARG	clay - outdoors
Belarus v Spain	Football Manege, Minsk, BLR	carpet - indoors
Switzerland v Australia	SEG Geneva Arena, Geneva, SUI	clay - indoors
Germany v France	Gerry Weber Stadium, Halle, GER	hard - indoors
Netherlands v Russia	Amsterdam RAI, Amsterdam, NED	carpet - indoors
USA v Romania	La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, La Jolla, CA, USA	hard - outdoors
Chile v Slovak Republic	Medialuna de Rancagua, Rancagua, CHI	clay - outdoors

For further information, visit [www.daviscup.com](http://www.daviscup.com).

## Young and Cilic in Mexico decider

Donald Young (USA) and Marin Cilic (CRO) are both still in the running to be named 2005 ITF Junior Boys World Champion. The two players have accepted wild card entries into this week's Grade 1 Yucatan Cup in Mexico in a bid to secure the year-end No. 1 ranking.

Although Cilic was defeated in the third round at last week's Orange Bowl in Key Biscayne, Young's quarterfinal loss to eventual champion Robin Roshardt (SUI) means that the Croatian can still overtake his rival this week.

Roshardt became the third Swiss player to win the Orange Bowl, joining current World No. 1 Roger Federer (1998) and Marc Rosset (1988). The No. 9 seed ended the remarkable run of Greek qualifier Paris Gemouchidis in the final, winning 61 60 in the most lopsided boys' title match in history.

Roshardt, who also defeated Gemouchidis at last week's Eddie Herr International, said: "I am so happy that I won the Orange Bowl. I just played good today. He did, too, the first few games, then he cramped, so it was easy for me."

Fifteen-year-old Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark overpowered Romania's Mihaela Buzarnescu of Romania 61 64 in the girls' final to win her third ITF Junior Circuit event of the year.

Wozniacki said: "I'm so excited. I can't believe I won the tournament. It's one of the biggest tournaments. I proved to myself one more time that I am one of the best players. I'm so happy. I hope to move to the seniors soon."

For further information, visit [www.itfjuniors.com](http://www.itfjuniors.com).



## European Specific Theme Conference

Twenty-eight delegates from 17 countries took part in Tennis Europe's 4th European Specific Theme Conference to discuss issues relating to coaches education in tennis. The conference was hosted by the German Tennis Federation in Cologne on 1-4 December.

In presentations regarding coaches education in Europe, Karen Petry (GER) spoke about the AEHESIS project (Alignment of European High Education Structure in Sport Science); Sebastien Dietz and Robert Keiner (GER) focused on sociological studies relating to the role of the tennis coaches under the EUROSEEN project (European Observatory for Sport Education and Employers Network); and Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, gave a review of the European five-level structure of coaches training.

Miguel Crespo, ITF Research Officer, opened the working part of the conference with a presentation on the future framework for coaches education in tennis. Course participants agreed on the need for the international framework, which should serve as a point of reference for further discussions on coaches education programmes.

Bernard Pestre (FRA) made the main presentation which aimed to map coaches activities and coaches competencies. This should help align various national coaches education systems in the future. Frank Van Fraayenhoven (NED) and Rudiger Bornemman (GER) gave additional information on learning outcomes and curriculum.

Zmajic said: "The ITF, Tennis Europe and National Associations consider coaches education to be one of the most important elements in developing the game. European integration processes help motivate national federations to work together in order to provide better opportunities and higher quality coaches around Europe. Agreements reached during the conference on standard occupations and coaches activities are essential for future work on the international framework for coaches education in tennis."

The conference was the culmination of a full year of activity in coaches education for the ITF and Tennis Europe, following the East European Coaches Workshop in Poland, and three Olympic Solidarity Regional Level 2 Coaches Courses, in Estonia, Bosnia and Georgia.

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## Level 2 Officiating School, Delhi

Eight White Badge officials were certified at a Level 2 Officiating School hosted by the All India Tennis Association in Delhi on 8-11 December. The school was taught by Nao Kawatei (ITF Regional Executive for Asia) and Norbert Peick (ITF/Grand Slam Supervisor), with 11 officials from India, Iran, Sri Lanka and Uzbekistan undertaking a combination of written examinations and practical officiating assignments.

Anton D'Souza (IND)  
Shreeram Gokhale (IND)  
Shiva Kumar Jakki Reddy (IND)  
Erkin Khabibov (UZB)  
Sherzhod Khasanov (UZB)  
Somnath Manna (IND)  
Hazari Mufaddal (SRI)  
Dharmendra Singh (IND)

## FEDERATION NEWS

*The ITF, its member associations and affiliated organisations*

### National Association update

#### **Libya - LBA**

#### **Libyan Tennis Federation**

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## INDESIT ATP 2005 Race

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	1345
2nd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	953
3rd	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	617
4th	HEWITT, Lleyton (AUS)	498
5th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	478
6th	NALBANDIAN, David (ARG)	474
7th	AGASSI, Andre (USA)	455
8th	CORIA, Guillermo (ARG)	438
9th	LJUBICIC, Ivan (CRO)	436
10th	GAUDIO, Gaston (ARG)	410

## ITF Wheelchair Rankings

### MEN'S SINGLES RANKING 05.12.05

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2095
2nd	HALL, David (AUS)	1950
3rd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	1821
4th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1301
5th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1227
6th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1227
7th	WELCH, Stephen (AUS)	1196
8th	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	1077
9th	WIKSTROM, Peter (SWE)	1036
10th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1019

### WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING 05.12.05

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	2009
2nd	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	1576
3rd	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1468
4th	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1347
5th	SMIT, Maaïke (NED)	1144
6th	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	949
7th	YAOSA, Mie (JPN)	818
8th	SUTER-ERATH, Karin (SUI)	782
9th	BARTCZAK, Agnieszka (POL)	634
10th	CHOKYU, Yuka (CAN)	634

### QUAD SINGLES RANKING 05.12.05

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WAGNER, David (USA)	1224
2nd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	1002
3rd	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	938
4th	JORDAN, David (USA)	763
5th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	745

## Porsche Race to the Championships

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	DAVENPORT, Lindsay (USA)	4910
2nd	CLIJSTERS, Kim (BEL)	4829
3rd	MAURESMO, Amelie (FRA)	4032
4th	SHARAPOVA, Maria (RUS)	3958
5th	PIERCE, Mary (FRA)	3797
6th	SCHNYDER, Patty (SUI)	3069
7th	HENIN-HARDENNE, Justine (BEL)	2936
8th	PETROVA, Nadia (RUS)	2902
9th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	2751
10th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	2628

## ITF Junior Rankings

### JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	YOUNG, Donald (USA)	1377.50
2nd	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	1343.75
3rd	SWEETING, Ryan (BAH)	1176.25
4th	CHARDY, Jeremy (FRA)	1077.50
5th	MAYER, Leonardo (ARG)	1060.00
6th	HAASE, Robin (NED)	745.00
7th	DESEIN, Niels (BEL)	732.50
8th	ROSHARDT, Robin (SUI)	716.25
9th	DE BAKKER, Thiemo (NED)	691.25
10th	MIELE, Andre (BRA)	690.00

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	AZARENKA, Viktoria (BLR)	2146.25
2nd	SZAVAY, Agnes (HUN)	1282.50
3rd	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	1096.25
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	1013.75
5th	CIBULKOVA, Dominika (SVK)	958.75
6th	OLARU, Raluca (ROM)	936.25
7th	DULGHERU, Alexandra (ROM)	922.50
8th	GLATCH, Alexa (USA)	895.00
9th	CHAN, Yung-Jan (TPE)	833.75
10th	KLEYBANOVA, Alisa (RUS)	801.25

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## Results week commencing 5 December

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### INDIA F7 FUTURES, CHANDIGARH (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Aisam Qureshi (PAK) d. Frank Moser (GER) 76(6) 67(5) 64

##### Doubles

Karan Rastogi/Ashutosh Singh (IND) d. Frank Moser (GER)/Vishal Uppal (IND) 76(5) 63

#### ISRAEL F3 FUTURES, RAANANA (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Sebastian Rieschick (GER) d. Amir Hadad (ISR) 64 67(1) 63

##### Doubles

Nick Monroe/Sam Warburg (USA) d. Ivan Cerovic (CRO)/Lazar Magdincev (MKD) 63 76(4)

### ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

#### \$10,000 RAANANA (ISR)

##### Singles

Margalita Chakhnashvili (GEO) d. Tzipi Obziler (ISR) 63 75

##### Doubles

Marrit Boonstra/Nicole Thyssen (NED) d. Aleksandra Kulikova/Natalia Orlova (RUS) 75 63

#### \$25,000 PREROV (CZE)

##### Singles

Joanna Sakowicz (POL) d. Lucie Hradecka (CZE) 64 64

##### Doubles

Lucie Hradecka/Gabriela Navratilova (CZE) d. Greta Arn (GER)/Margit Ruutel (EST) 36 64 64

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### KEY BISCAYNE, FL, USA, GRADE A

##### Boys Singles

Robin Roshardt (SUI) d. Paris Gemouchidis (GRE) 61 60

##### Girls Singles

Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROM) 61 64

##### Boys Doubles

Emiliano Massa/Leonardo Mayer (ARG) d. Marin Cilic/Nikola Mektic (CRO) 64 76(3)

### Girls Doubles

Jennifer-Lee Heinser/Elizabeth Plotkin (USA) d. Anna Tatishvili (GEO)/Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 62 26 64

#### KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, GRADE 3

##### Boys Singles

Dylan Sessagesimi (SUI) d. Fumiaki Kita (JPN) 62 61

##### Girls Singles

Anastasia Revzina (RUS) d. Stefanie Vogele (SUI) 64 61

##### Boys Doubles

Jason Lee/John-Patrick Smith (AUS) d. Ivan Anikanov (UKR)/Sumit Prakash Gupta (IND) 62 46 76(5)

##### Girls Doubles

Shiho Otake/Ai Yamamoto (JPN) d. Stefanie Vogele (SUI)/Stephanie Vogt (LIE) 64 64

#### GURGAON, INDIA, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Rohan Gide (IND) d. Tejesvi Rao (IND) 75 36 64

##### Girls Singles

Poojashree Venkatesh (IND) d. Shweta Solanki (IND) 60 61

##### Boys Doubles

Vikram Reddy/Ashwin Vijayragavan (IND) d. Arnav Jain/Christopher Marquis (IND) 64 63

##### Girls Doubles

Parija Maloo/Poojashree Venkatesh (IND) d. Julia Goloborodko/Anastasiya Vasylieva (UKR) 76(8) 61

#### KAMPALA, UGANDA, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Lofo Ramiaramanan (MAD) d. Emmanuel Mensah (GHA) 76(4) 76(4)

##### Girls Singles

Veronika Studena (CZE) d. Nicole Sr. Smith (RSA) 63 60

##### Boys Doubles

Emmanuel Mensah (GHA)/Gelawdios Mesfin (ETH) d. Tomer Hodorov/Guy Michelevitz (ISR) 61 64

##### Girls Doubles

Anahita Jagtiani (IND)/Veronika Studena (CZE) d. Suzelle Davin (NAM)/Nicole Smith (RSA) 64 64

### BURSWOOD, AUSTRALIA, GRADE 5

#### Boys Singles

James Rigg (AUS) d. Jared Easton (AUS) 64 16 76(7)

#### Girls Singles

Bridget Healy (AUS) d. Anna Wishink (AUS) 64 63

#### Boys Doubles

Marcus Daniell (NZL)/Jared Easton (AUS) d. Justin Astri/Edward Bourchier (AUS) 63 26 63

#### Girls Doubles

Janelle Cuthbertson/Rachel Houppapa (AUS) d. Tiarne Ettingshausen/Bridget Healy (AUS) 61 63

### ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

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## This Week Next Week

### Events - week commencing 12 December 2005

<b>MEN</b>	India F8 Futures	Delhi	\$10,000+H
	Thailand F5 Futures	CANCELLED	<del>\$15,000</del>
<b>WOMEN</b>	Indonesia	CANCELLED	<del>\$10,000</del>
	Czech Republic	Valasske Mezirici	\$25,000
	Italy	Bergamo	\$50,000
	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	\$75,000+H
<b>SENIORS</b>	Spain	Cartagena	Grade 4
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Mexico	Merida	Grade 1
	USA	Miami, FL	Grade 4
	Singapore	Singapore	Grade 5
	South Africa	Port Elizabeth	Grade 5
<b>WHEELCHAIR</b>	Australia	Burswood	ITF Futures Series

### Events - week commencing 19 December 2005

<b>JUNIORS</b>	Brunei	CANCELLED	Grade 3
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