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## USA wins fourth Hopman Cup title

American duo Lisa Raymond and Taylor Dent earned the United States a record fourth Hyundai Hopman Cup title with a 2-1 victory against the Netherlands in the final in Perth on Friday. It marked the third time in the last four years that the United States have won the Hopman Cup, the nation having also done so in 2003-04 after winning the event for the first time in 1997.

In an exciting finale to the ITF's official mixed team competition, the US pair combined to edge out Michaella Krajicek and Peter Wessels in the deciding mixed doubles rubber, winning the third-set match tiebreak 10-7. After losing their first mixed doubles set of the week, Dent and Raymond hit back to take the second set and force the deciding tiebreak, which Dent sealed with a blistering ace to secure victory.

The Americans had earlier also fought back in the singles; Raymond suffered her fourth defeat of the week as she fell 64 76(4) to 2004 ITF Junior World Champion Krajicek before Dent restored US hopes with a 61 64 victory against Wessels, increasing his ace count in the tournament to 33.

It was the first time that Dent and Raymond had been victorious for the United States, and both were delighted: "I agree with Taylor this is definitely one of the best experiences in tennis and what an unbelievable way for us to start the year," said Raymond as she accepted the trophy.

For the Dutch pairing of Krajicek and Wessels, it was the end of a memorable week in which they had scraped past China in the Play-off in the opening session of the tournament to qualify for the main event. The Netherlands then went from strength to strength to become only the third team in the history of the event to come through the Play-off and go on to reach the final, winning all of its matches in the round-robin stages.



USA lifts the trophy (Photo: Ken Matts)

The other nations that competed in Hopman Cup XVIII were Argentina, Australia, Germany, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro and Sweden. For more news from the event, visit [www.hopmancup.com.au](http://www.hopmancup.com.au).



## Countdown to year's first Slam

The 2006 Australian Open starts in less than a week's time, and all but two of the wild cards for the tournament have now been announced.

Joining the men's draw are Michael Llodra (French wild card), Amer Delic (US wild card), Denis Istomin (UZB, Asian wild card), Chris Guccione (AUS, Kia Pro Circuit wild card), Marc Kimmich (AUS, Australian Open Training Camp Playoff wild card), Mark Philippoussis (AUS) and Peter Luczak (AUS).

The women's wild cards are Martina Hingis (SUI), Alize Cornet (French wild card), Akgul Amanmuradov (UZB, Asian wild card), Casey Dellacqua (AUS, Kia Pro Circuit wild card), Jelena Dokic (AUS, Australian Open Training Camp Playoff wild card), Sophie Ferguson (AUS) and Nicole Pratt (AUS).

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## 2006 Australian Open (Cont. from page 1)

The remaining wild cards for the men's and women's draws will be announced later this week. Qualifying takes place Thursday through Saturday, and the draw will be held on Friday.

The 2006 Australian Open runs from 16 to 29 January. For further information, including how to purchase tickets, please visit [www.australianopen.com](http://www.australianopen.com). A full preview will be included in next week's edition of This Week.



## Group III and IV venues confirmed

The ITF has confirmed the following dates and venues for the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Zone Group III and IV events. All events are played on a round-robin basis.

Remaining details will appear as they become available at [www.daviscup.com](http://www.daviscup.com), in the Ties section.

### Europe/Africa Zone Group III

**Venues:** tbc

**Surface:** tbc

**Dates:** tbc

**Total Nations:** Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Estonia, Ghana, Lithuania, Moldova, Monaco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tunisia, Turkey

This event will take place at two venues, with eight nations at each venue.

### Americas Zone Group III

**Venue:** San Salvador, El Salvador

**Surface:** Clay - outdoors

**Dates:** Week commencing 12 June

**Nations:** Bahamas, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago

### Asia/Oceania Zone Group III

**Venue:** Manila, Philippines

**Surface:** Clay - outdoors

**Dates:** Week commencing 17 July

**Nations:** Bahrain, Bangladesh, Iran, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

### Europe/Africa Zone Group IV

**Venue:** Marsa, Malta

**Surface:** Hard - outdoors

**Dates:** Week commencing 17 July

**Nations:** Azerbaijan, Benin, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Iceland, Kenya, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, San Marino, Senegal, Uganda

### Americas Zone Group IV

**Venue:** San Salvador, El Salvador

**Surface:** Clay - outdoors

**Dates:** Week commencing 12 June

**Nations:** Barbados, Bermuda, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Panama, St Lucia, US Virgin Islands

### Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV

**Venue:** Amman, Jordan

**Surface:** Hard - outdoors

**Dates:** tbc

**Nations:** Brunei, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Oman, Qatar, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates

## FEDERATION NEWS

*The ITF, its member associations and affiliated organisations*

### Dr Erik Ballauf is new DTB General Manager

Dr Erik Ballauf has been appointed as the General Manager of the German Tennis Federation (DTB).

This is a new position, which Ballauf will take up on 16 January, and completes the structural reorganisation at the DTB.

Reimund Schneider, who was DTB General Secretary from 2000, will relinquish this position but remain in a consultancy role.

### Regional Association update

#### Oceania Tennis Federation

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### National Association update

#### Dominican Tennis Federation

New contact numbers:

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### Obituary: William H.G. FitzGerald (1909-2006)

The ITF was saddened to learn of the death of the International Tennis Hall of Fame's Honorary Chairman, Ambassador William H.G. FitzGerald, who passed away in his sleep last week.

Bill FitzGerald became a member of the ITHF Board of Directors in 1965, when he was recruited by Hall of Fame Founder Jimmy Van Alen. For 40 years, Bill was actively involved in Hall of Fame activities, holding various leadership positions on the Executive Committee (Sr. Vice President, Vice President and Treasurer). He served on the Development and Finance Committees, and was Co-Chair of the crucial Capital Campaign which raised over 7.5 million dollars to restore the Hall of Fame Museum, completed in 1999. In 2000, Bill was named Honorary Chairman of the ITHF. The North Porch of the Hall of Fame's USTA Wing is known as the William H.G. and Annelise FitzGerald Porch, in recognition of the FitzGerald's commitment and support of the ITHF.

Outside tennis, among many notable achievements, Bill held appointments under Presidents Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford and Reagan. In 1992, he was appointed by George H.W. Bush as the United States Ambassador to Ireland.

### development events

**30 December - 20 January:** Pacific Oceania Junior Team to Australia

Southern/East Africa Qualifying, Tanzania

**6-13 January:** ITF/CAT African Junior Champs - Southern/East Africa Qualifying, Tanzania

**8-19 January:** ITF 14 & Under Asian Champs - Group 2, Yangon, Myanmar

**12-21 January:** OS National Mini Tennis Course, Dominica

**16-25 January:** OS Course, Lima, Peru

**24 January - 1 February:** Regional Level 1 Course, Santiago, Chile



## INDESIT ATP 2006 Race

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	50
2T	SERRA, Florent (FRA)	35
2T	LJUBICIC, Ivan (CRO)	35
2T	MONFILS, Gael (FRA)	35
5T	MALISSE, Xavier (BEL)	24
5T	MOYA, Carlos (ESP)	24
7T	HAAS, Tommy (GER)	22
7T	VOLANDRI, Filippo (ITA)	22
9T	BERDYCH, Tomas (CZE)	15
9T	HRBATY, Dominik (SVK)	15
9T	VLIEGEN, Kristof (BEL)	15
9T	STEPANEK, Radek (CZE)	15

## Porsche Race to the Championships

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	SAFAROVA, Lucie (CZE)	120
2nd	BARTOLI, Marion (FRA)	95
3rd	PENNETTA, Flavia (ITA)	85
4th	ZVONAREVA, Vera (RUS)	67
5T	HINGIS, Martina (SUI)	55
5T	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	55
7T	PETROVA, Nadia (RUS)	43
7T	HANTUCHOVA, Daniela (SVK)	43
9T	GOLOVIN, Tatiana (FRA)	30
9T	MEDINA GARRIGUES, Anabel (ESP)	30
9T	LLAGOSTERA VIVES, Nuria (ESP)	30
9T	OBZILER, Tzipora (ISR)	30
9T	SCHNYDER, Patty (SUI)	30

## ITF Wheelchair Rankings

### MEN'S SINGLES RANKING 09.01.06

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 09.01.06

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, Maaike (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 09.01.06

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

## ITF Junior Rankings

### JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	1361.25
2nd	YOUNG, Donald (USA)	1222.50
3rd	DE BAKKER, Thiemo (NED)	973.75
4th	ROSHARDT, Robin (SUI)	733.75
5th	SINGH, Sanam (IND)	620.00
6th	LOJDA, Dusan (CZE)	617.50
7th	DAMICO, Kellen (USA)	616.25
8th	LUNCANU, Petre-Alexandru (ROM)	582.50
9th	BESTER, Philip (CAN)	576.25
10th	NEDUNCHEZHIAN, Jeevan (IND)	562.50

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	AZARENKA, Viktoria (BLR)	1851.25
2nd	SZAVAY, Agnes (HUN)	1282.50
3rd	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	1128.75
4th	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	975.00
5th	OLARU, Raluca (ROM)	928.75
6th	DULGHERU, Alexandra (ROM)	915.00
7th	BUZARNESCU, Mihaela (ROM)	903.75
8th	GLATCH, Alexa (USA)	895.00
9th	CIBULKOVA, Dominika (SVK)	858.75
10th	KLEYBANOVA, Alisa (RUS)	801.25

**This  
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## Results week commencing 2 January

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### GERMANY F1 FUTURES, NUSSLOCH (\$15,000+H)

##### Singles

Andreas Beck (GER) d. Tobias Summerer (GER) 76(6) 76(5)

##### Doubles

Frederik Nielsen/Rasmus Norby (DEN) d. Philipp Marx/Thorsten Popp (GER) 63 76(3)

#### GREAT BRITAIN F1 FUTURES, EXMOUTH (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Andis Juska (LAT) d. Stephane Robert (FRA) 63 16 64

##### Doubles

Colin Fleming/Jamie Murray (GBR) d. Joshua Goodall/Ross Hutchins (GBR) 63 36 63

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA, GRADE 1

##### Boys Singles

Thiemo De Bakker (NED) d. Petre-Alexandru Lunceanu (ROM) 63 26 62

##### Girls Singles

Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROM) d. Andrea Remyse (USA) 62 62

##### Boys Doubles

Martin Klizan/Andrei Martin (SVK) d. Michal Konecny (CZE)/Alejandro Moreno (MEX) 75 61

##### Girls Doubles

Marrit Boonstra/Renee Reinhard (NED) d. Julia Cohen (USA)/Bibiane Schoofs (NED) 64 16 75

#### CHANDIGARH, INDIA, GRADE 3

##### Boys Singles

Rupesh Roy (IND) d. Ivan Anikanov (UKR) 62 64

##### Girls Singles

Sanaa Bhambri (IND) d. Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) 60 60

##### Boys Doubles

Sumit Prakash Gupta/Rupesh Roy (IND) d. Jie Li/Chen-Yu Wu (CHN) 62 61

##### Girls Doubles

Sanaa Bhambri (IND)/Ksenia Palkina (KGZ) d. Xuan-Yu Guo/Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) 63 46 62

#### STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, GRADE 3

##### Boys Singles

Sebastian Carlsson (SWE) d. Soren Wedege (DEN) 63 62

##### Girls Singles

Katarzyna Piter (POL) d. Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 63 64

##### Boys Doubles

Christoffer Konigsfeldt/Soren Wedege (DEN) d. Rasmus Jonasson/Otto Sauer (SWE) 64 57 61

##### Girls Doubles

Lynn Philippe (LUX)/Janina Toljan (AUT) d. Marlot Meddens/Arantxa Rus (NED) 76 36 63

#### LAGOS, NIGERIA, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Henry Atseye (NGR) d. Menford Owusu (GHA) 63 64

##### Girls Singles

Jeaninne Prentner (AUT) d. Ronke Akingbade (NGR) 60 62

##### Boys Doubles

Emmanuel Dickson/Sunday Emmanuel (NGR) d. Karin Hindolo (SLE)/Lukas Litzlfellner (AUT) 61 16 64

##### Girls Doubles

Anahita Jagtiani (IND)/Jeaninne Prentner (AUT) d. Olusola "Deborah" Gbadamosi/Blessing Samuel (NGR) 63 62

## This Week Next Week

### Events - week commencing 9 January 2006

<b>MEN</b>	El Salvador F1 Futures	Nueva San Salvador	\$10,000
	Germany F2 Futures	Stuttgart	\$10,000
	Spain F1 Futures	Menorca	\$10,000
	USA F1 Futures	Tampa, FL	\$10,000
	China F1 Futures	Jiangmen	\$15,000
	Great Britain F2 Futures	Barnstaple	\$15,000
<b>WOMEN</b>	Germany	Stuttgart	\$10,000
	USA	Tampa, FL	\$25,000
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Venezuela	Caracas	Grade 1
	India	New Delhi	Grade 2
	Austria	Bergheim	Grade 4
	Japan	Kawaguchi	Grade 5

### Events - week commencing 16 January 2006

#### **MEN / WOMEN AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA**

<b>MEN</b>	Germany F3 Futures	Oberhaching	\$10,000
	Guatemala F1 Futures	Guatemala	\$10,000
	Spain F2 Futures	Calvia	\$10,000
	USA F2 Futures	Kissimmee, FL	\$10,000
	Austria F1 Futures	Bergheim by Salzburg	\$15,000
	China F2 Futures	Jiangmen	\$15,000
<b>WOMEN</b>	Germany	Oberhaching	\$10,000
	Great Britain	Tipton	\$10,000
	USA	Fort Walton Beach, FL	\$25,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
	USA	Naples, FL	Grade 3
	USA	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Grade 4
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Colombia	Barranquilla	Grade 1
	Slovak Republic	Bratislava	Grade 2
	India	Kolkata	Grade 3
	Germany	Hamburg	Grade 4
	Poland	Szczecin	Grade 4
	Hong Kong, China	Shatin	Grade 5

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