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**DAVIS CUP**  
by BNP PARIBAS

## Croatia continues defence in Zagreb

The Croatian Tennis Association confirmed that Dom Sportova in Zagreb will stage the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group quarterfinal between Croatia and Argentina on 7-9 April. The tie will be played indoors on carpet, with a seating capacity of 5000.

The Croatian team returns to the Zagreb arena for the first time since February 2003, when Ivan Ljubicic won all three rubbers in a 4-1 World Group first round victory over USA. The Croats are currently on a seven-tie winning run at home that extends back to September 1999, when the team lost a Zonal Group I relegation play-off to Portugal, also in Zagreb.

This is only the second meeting between the two nations, with Argentina winning 3-2 on clay in Buenos Aires in the 2002 quarterfinals, after Gaston Gaudio defeated Ivo Karlovic in the deciding fifth rubber. Both nations are looking to reach the semifinals for the second successive year, Argentina going out at the stage in 2005 to eventual runner-up Slovak Republic.

The same weekend, 16 nations will bid to qualify for September's World Group Play-offs when they take part in Zonal Group I second round ties. For further information, visit [www.daviscup.com](http://www.daviscup.com).

### Europe/Africa Zone Group 1

Morocco v Czech Republic - Oudja (MAR)  
Italy v Luxembourg - Torre Del Greco (ITA)  
Great Britain v Serbia & Montenegro -  
Glasgow (GBR)  
Ukraine v Belgium - Kiev (UKR)

### Americas Zone Group 1

Ecuador v Brazil - Cuenca (ECU)  
Mexico v Canada - tbc (MEX)

### Asia/Oceania Zone Group 1

Chinese Taipei v Korea Rep - Taipei (TPE)  
Thailand v Japan - Bangkok (THA)

## McNamee leaves Australian Open

Australian Open Chief Executive Paul McNamee announced on Saturday that he has resigned his post after twelve years to pursue other interests. "There is never an easy time to move on but I feel I am doing so on a high after another great Australian Open," said McNamee. "I'd also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the great team who worked with me over the years to make the Australian Open such a success."

Tennis Australia President Geoff Pollard reacted to McNamee's departure, saying "Tennis Australia wishes Paul all the best in his future endeavours and would like to pay tribute to his efforts over the past 12 years which have established the Australian Open as one of the world's marquee sporting events and helped Tennis Australia engage more closely with the neighbouring Asia-Pacific region."

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti added, "Everyone at the ITF, surely everyone in tennis, wishes Paul McNamee the best of luck in his new endeavours. We have enjoyed working with him at the Australian Open and hope that we will remain associated with him, at the very least, through his role as tournament director of the Hopman Cup."



## FEDERATION NEWS

*The ITF, its member associations and affiliated organisations*

### ITF activities

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, and Executive Vice President Juan Margets are attending the ITF Board of Directors meeting in Rome this week.

### Level 3 Officiating School, Hamburg

ITF Officiating held the first Level 3 Officiating School at the DTB Headquarters in Hamburg, Germany on 28 February – 3 March 2006. A total of 30 officials from all over Europe participated in the School, which is the highest level of all Officiating Schools and leads to an International Official certification.

The School was taught by Mike Morrissey (ITF Administrator of Officiating), Stefan Fransson (ITF Rules and Regulations Officer), Gayle Bradshaw (ATP Administrator of Rules and Competition) and Fabrice Chouquet (WTA Tour Supervisor).

Congratulations to those officials that passed the combination of written and oral examinations:

#### New Silver Badge Referees

BEDA Zsolt	HUN
DUBROV Sergei	BLR
DUMITRESCU Mihai	ROM
FINN Peter	GBR
HIMMELMANN Jens	GER
LISOVTSEV Pavel	ISR
PANTALEO Pasquale	ITA
SANTOS Rogerio	POR
SARATZIDIS Dimitrios	GRE

#### New Bronze Badge Chair Umpires

DEMETER Davor	SCG
GAUTIER Frederic	BEL
KEOTHAVONG James	GBR
KNEZEVIC Mila	CRO
LACZO Sarolta	HUN
SOLARINO Giuseppe	ITA
TORRALBA Felix	ESP
WELLAUER Jennifer	SUI

### development events

**6-9 March:** Pre-Level 1 Tutors Course, Beijing, China

**6-21 March:** Level 1 Coaches Course, Bogota, Colombia

**10-19 March:** ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships, Estonia

**11-12 March:** East Africa National Association Administrators Course, Nairobi, Kenya

**11-21 March:** ITF/OS Level 1 Coaches Course, Nassau, Bahamas

### National Association updates

#### **Mauritius - MTN**

##### **Federation Mauritanienne de Tennis**

New General Secretary: **Mr Dah Abdi Ould Said**

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#### **Turkmenistan - TKM**

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#### **Portugal - POR**

##### **Federacao Portuguesa de Tenis**

New President: **Mr Jose Correa de Sampaio**

New General Secretary: **Mr Jose Costa**



## INDESIT ATP 2006 Race

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	292
2nd	BAGHDATIS, Marcos (CYP)	154
3rd	HAAS, Tommy (GER)	137
4th	LJUBICIC, Ivan (CRO)	130
5th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	103
6th	KIEFER, Nicolas (GER)	93
7th=	NALBANDIAN, David (ARG)	90
7th=	BLAKE, James (USA)	90
9th	NIEMINEN, Jarkko (FIN)	84
10th	STEPANEK, Radek (CZE)	83

## ITF Wheelchair Rankings

### MEN'S SINGLES RANKING 06.03.06

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2755
2nd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	1896
3rd	HALL, David (AUS)	1781
4th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1618
5th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1464
6th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1224
7th	WELCH, Stephen (AUS)	1196
8th	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	1110
9th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1090
10th	WIKSTROM, Peter (SWE)	1088

### WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING 27.02.06

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	2651
2nd	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1643
3rd	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1602
4th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	1497
5th	SMIT, Maaïke (NED)	1144
6th	SUTER-ERATH, Karin (SUI)	810
7th	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	796
8th	YAOSA, Mie (JPN)	777
9th	CHOKYU, Yuka (CAN)	688
10th	BARTCZAK, Agnieszka (POL)	674

### QUAD SINGLES RANKING 27.02.06

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

## Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Race

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	MAURESMO, Amelie (FRA)	1283
2nd	HENIN-HARDENNE, Justine (BEL)	907
3rd	SHARAPOVA, Maria (RUS)	603
4th	PETROVA, Nadia (RUS)	599
5th	HINGIS, Martina (SUI)	583
6th	CLIJSTERS, Kim (BEL)	500
7th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	439
8th	SCHNYDER, Patty (SUI)	342
9th	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	332
10th	PENNETTA, Flavia (ITA)	319

## ITF Junior Rankings

### JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	CILIC, Marin (CRO)	1342.50
2nd	DE BAKKER, Thiemo (NED)	1062.50
3rd	SIDORENKO, Alexandre (FRA)	848.75
4th	YOUNG, Donald (USA)	777.50
5th	ROSHARDT, Robin (SUI)	733.75
6th	SINGH, Sanam (IND)	690.00
7th	DAMICO, Kellen (USA)	633.75
8th	SERGEYEV, Ivan (UKR)	602.50
9th	LUNCANU, Petre-Alexandru (ROM)	596.25
10th	LOJDA, Dusan (CZE)	595.00

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	PAVLYUCHENKOVA, Anastasia (RUS)	1160.00
2nd	AZARENKA, Viktoria (BLR)	1092.50
3rd	WOZNIACKI, Caroline (DEN)	1075.00
4th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	1026.25
5th	SZAVAY, Agnes (HUN)	987.50
6th	OLARU, Raluca (ROM)	970.00
7th	DULGHERU, Alexandra (ROM)	908.75
8th	BUZARNESCU, Mihaela (ROM)	903.75
9th	GLATCH, Alexa (USA)	895.00
10th	CIBULKOVA, Dominika (SVK)	875.00

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## Results week commencing 27 February

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### CHINA F<sub>3</sub> FUTURES, SHENZHEN (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Jesse Huta-Galung (NED) d. Go Soeda (JPN) 63 62

##### Doubles

Jesse Huta-Galung/Antal Van Der Duim (NED) d. Hsin-Han Lee (TPE)/Hui-Tung Yu (HKG) 75 61

#### ISRAEL F<sub>2</sub> FUTURES, RAANANA (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Andy Ram (ISR) d. Clement Morel (FRA) 63 36 63

##### Doubles

Benjamin Balleret (MON)/Clement Morel (FRA) d. Ishay Hadash (ISR)/Predrag Rusevski (MKD) 62 46 63

#### ITALY F<sub>3</sub> FUTURES, ROMA CASTELGANDOLFO (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Daniele Giorgini (ITA) d. Giancarlo Petrazzuolo (ITA) 76(1) 64

##### Doubles

Alberto Brizzi/Simone Vagnozzi (ITA) d. Daniele Giorgini/Giancarlo Petrazzuolo (ITA) 67(1) 61 62

#### NEW ZEALAND F<sub>1</sub> FUTURES, BLENHEIM (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Konstantinos Economidis (GRE) d. Scott Lipsky (USA) 60 67(9) 62

##### Doubles

Jasper Smit/Martijn Van Haasteren (NED) d. Scott Lipsky/David Martin (USA) 06 63 63

#### NIGERIA F<sub>2</sub> FUTURES, BENIN CITY (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Nick Monroe (USA) d. Goncalo Nicau (POR) 63 64

##### Doubles

Abdul-Mumin Babalola/Jonathan Igbinovia (NGR) d. Komlavi Loglo (TOG)/Valentin Sanon (CIV) 61 76(4)

#### POLAND F<sub>2</sub> FUTURES, WROCLAW (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Thomas Oger (FRA) d. Lukas Rosol (CZE) 63 26 76(4)

##### Doubles

Vadim Davletshin (RUS)/Mikhail Filima (UKR) d. Tomasz Bednarek/Michal Przysiezny (POL) 63 75

#### SWITZERLAND F<sub>1</sub> FUTURES, WILEN (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Andrea Stoppini (ITA) d. Dieter Kindlmann (GER) 62 62

##### Doubles

Dustin Brown (JAM)/Tobias Klein (GER) d. Lado Chikhladze (GEO)/Deniss Pavlovs (LAT) 64 46 75

#### USA F<sub>5</sub> FUTURES, HARLINGEN, TX (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Jesse Witten (USA) d. Alberto Francis (USA) 76(3) 63

##### Doubles

Brendan Evans/Tim Smyczek (USA) d. Johan Brunstrom (SWE)/Philip Stolt (USA) 76(4) 63

#### INDIA 1 SATELLITE (WEEK 2), NEW DELHI (\$6,250 + H)

##### Singles

Herbert Wiltschnig (AUT) d. Manuel Jorquera (ITA) 57 63 62

##### Doubles

Murad Inoyatov (UZB)/Alexey Kedriouk (KAZ) d. Vijay Kannan/Ashutosh Singh (IND) 64 62

#### SPAIN 1 SATELLITE (WEEK 1), SABADELL (\$6,250)

##### Doubles

Marc Fornell-Mestres (ESP)/Jose Luis Muguruza (ARU) d. Javier Forondabolanos/Daniel Monedero-Gonzalez (ESP) 46 62 64

### ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

#### \$10,000 BENIN CITY 2 (NGR)

##### Singles

Nathalia Rossi (BRA) d. Davinia Lobbingier (BEL) 62 36 63

##### Doubles

Sonal Phadke (IND)/Jessica Weyreuter (ARG) d. Davinia Lobbingier (BEL)/Diana Vranceanu (GER) 76(4) 62

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

##### Singles

Diana Brunel (FRA) d. Veronika Raimrova (CZE) 64 62

##### Doubles

Iveta Gerlova/Veronika Raimrova (CZE) d. Ipek Senoglu (TUR)/Gabriela Velasco-Andreu (ESP) 62 26 63

#### \$25,000 CLEARWATER, FL (USA)

##### Singles

Clarisa Fernandez (ARG) d. Alberta Brianti (ITA) 75 62

##### Doubles

Kelly Liggan (IRL)/Lina Stanciute (LTU) d. Natalie Grandin/Chanelle Scheepers (RSA) 63 61

#### \$25,000 LAS PALMAS, GRAN CANARIA (ESP)

##### Singles

Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) d. Alla Kudryavtseva (RUS) 61 64

##### Doubles

Nina Bratchikova/Alla Kudryavtseva (RUS) d. Karolina Kosinska/Alicja Rosolska (POL) 61 63

#### \$75,000 LAS VEGAS (USA)

##### Singles

Shenay Perry (USA) d. Emma Laine (FIN) 61 64

##### Doubles

Casey Dell'Acqua/Nicole Pratt (AUS) d. Maria-Fernanda Alves (BRA)/Tatiana Perebinyis (UKR) w/o

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## Results (cont. from page 5)

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### IZHEVSK, RUSSIA, GRADE 3

##### Boys Singles

Vladimir Karusevich (RUS) d. Eugeni Slesarev (RUS) 76(4) 62

##### Girls Singles

Yulia Solonitskaya (RUS) d. Arina Rodionova (RUS) 62 62

##### Boys Doubles

Vladimir Karusevich/Victor Kozin (RUS) d. Mikhail Bril (RUS)/Achim Ceban (MDA) 61 67(6) 63

##### Girls Doubles

Eugeniya Pashkova/Arina Rodionova (RUS) d. Maria Mosolova/Anastasia Petukhova (RUS) 67(3) 75 63

#### SARAWAK, MALAYSIA, GRADE 3

##### Boys Singles

Christopher Rungkat (INA) d. Carl Sundberg (NOR) 75 64

##### Girls Singles

Nadiya Kichenok (UKR) d. Shiho Otake (JPN) 75 61

##### Boys Doubles

Jean Andersen/Brad Brinkhouse Williams (RSA) d. Rasmus Moller (DEN)/Carl Sundberg (NOR) 62 36 64

##### Girls Doubles

Mu-Ying Chen (TPE)/Ashmitha Easwaramurthi (IND) d. Shiho Otake/Mayumi Seki (JPN) 61 62

#### ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Bernard Tomic (AUS) d. Hiroki Moriya (JPN) 63 63

##### Girls Singles

Brittany Sheed (AUS) d. Tammi Patterson (AUS) 63 60

##### Boys Doubles

Mark Verryth (AUS)/Scott Winnard (NZL) d. Edward Bourchier/Jonathon Dixon (AUS) 46 64 64

##### Girls Doubles

Kate Antosik/Stephanie Jeanes (AUS) d. Bridget Healy/Tammi Patterson (AUS) w/o

#### LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Cesar Ramirez (MEX) d. Viju George (USA) 62 76(5)

##### Girls Singles

Kirsten-Andrea Weedon (GUA) d. Vivian Peng (USA) 67(4) 62 62

##### Boys Doubles

Uriel Oquendo (COL)/Ty Trombetta (USA) d. Christian Saravia/Sebastian Vidal (GUA) 46 75 76(3)

##### Girls Doubles

Analy Guzman/Kirsten-Andrea Weedon (GUA) d. Adela Aprodu (CAN)/Jade Frampton (USA) w/o

#### NURNBERG, GERMANY, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) d. Yannick Maden (GER) 61 63

##### Girls Singles

Petra Sunic (CRO) d. Aude Vermoezen (BEL) 67(2) 62 63

##### Boys Doubles

Ruben Bemelmans/Korneel Sanders (BEL) d. Julian Dehn/Peter Frank (GER) 64 63

##### Girls Doubles

Stefania Boffa (SUI)/Goele Lemmens (BEL) d. Julie Lamont/Aude Vermoezen (BEL) 46 64 63

#### OSLO, NORWAY, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Harri Heliovaara (FIN) d. Christoffer Konigsfeldt (DEN) 63 60

##### Girls Singles

Sandra Roma (SWE) d. Idunn Hertzberg (NOR) 60 61

##### Boys Doubles

Hagen Henny/Richard Waite (GER) d. Harri Heliovaara/Roope Kailaheimo (FIN) 75 75

##### Girls Doubles

Caroline Magnusson/Sandra Roma (SWE) d. Margarita Edinarova (RUS)/Ariane Masschelein (BEL) w/o

#### SIAULIAI, LITHUANIA, GRADE 4

##### Boys Singles

Oleksiy Zhornyak (UKR) d. Dzmitry Zhyrmynt (BLR) 16 76(3) 64

##### Girls Singles

Mariya Meliuk (BLR) d. Trina Slapeka (LAT) 26 63 62

##### Boys Doubles

Bartosz Jozwiak/Marcin Omiecinski (POL) d. Matisz Libietis/Ricards Opmanis (LAT) 62 63

##### Girls Doubles

Yuliya Kiriienko/Alina Shazhko (UKR) d. Anna Mydlowska/Sandra Podolak (POL) 64 16 63

### ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

#### HOBART, AUSTRALIA, ITF FUTURES SERIES

##### Men's Singles

Lee Hinson (USA) d. Michael Dobbie (AUS) 60 61

##### Women's Singles

Nicole Harrison (AUS) d. Alana Duncombe (AUS) 06 64 86

##### Men's Doubles

Michael Dobbie (AUS)/Lee Hinson (USA) d. David Latham/Danny Oneil (AUS) 67 75 75

##### Women's Doubles

Alana Duncombe/Rosalie Turnbull (AUS) d. Nicole Harrison/Janel Manns (AUS) 63 63

## This Week Next Week

### Events - week commencing 6 March 2006

<b>MEN</b>	Canada F1 Futures	Laval	\$10,000
	China F4 Futures	Jiangmen	\$10,000
	Egypt F1 Futures	Cairo	\$10,000
	Israel F3 Futures	Haifa	\$10,000
	Italy F4 Futures	Siracuse	\$10,000
	Mexico F3 Futures	Chetumal	\$10,000
	Morocco F1 Futures	Agadir	\$10,000
	Poland F3 Futures	Zabrze	\$10,000
	Switzerland F2 Futures	Leuggern	\$10,000
	Great Britain F3 Futures	Sunderland	\$15,000
	New Zealand F2 Futures	Hamilton	\$15,000
	USA F6 Futures	McAllen, TX	\$15,000
	Spain 1 (Week 2)	Terrassa	\$6,250
	Venezuela 1 (Week 1)	Caracas	\$6,250
	India 1 (Week 3)	New Delhi	\$6,250+H
	<b>WOMEN</b>	Belarus	Minsk
Egypt		POSTPONED TO 27 MAR 2006	<del>\$10,000</del>
Great Britain		Sunderland	\$10,000
Israel		Haifa	\$10,000
Spain		Gran Canaria	\$25,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	South Africa	Pretoria	Grade 2
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Paraguay	Ascuncion	Grade 1
	Indonesia	Jakarta	Grade 2
	Luxembourg	Esch/Alzette	Grade 2
	Costa Rica	San Jose	Grade 3
	Moldova	Chisinau	Grade 3
	Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 3
	Algeria	Oran	Grade 4
	Australia	Gosford	Grade 4
	Brunei	Jalan Berakas	Grade 4
	Latvia	Riga	Grade 5
<b>WHEELCHAIR</b>	Chinese Taipei	Taipei	ITF 3 Series
	Switzerland	Biel-Bienne	ITF 3 Series
	Canada	Beaconsfield	ITF Futures Series
	USA	Tucson, AZ	ITF Futures Series

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### Events - week commencing 13 March 2006

<b>MEN</b>	Argentina F1 Futures	Buenos Aires	\$10,000
	<del>Bangladesh F1 Futures</del>	CANCELLED	<del>\$10,000</del>
	Canada F2 Futures	Rock-Forest	\$10,000
	China F5 Futures	Guangzhou	\$10,000
	Egypt F2 Futures	Port Said	\$10,000
	Mexico F4 Futures	Cancun	\$10,000
	Morocco F2 Futures	Marrakech	\$10,000
	Portugal F1 Futures	Faro	\$10,000
	Switzerland F3 Futures	Oberentfelden	\$10,000+H
	Australia F3 Futures	Lyneham	\$15,000
	Great Britain F4 Futures	Manchester	\$15,000
	Italy F5 Futures	Caltanissetta	\$15,000
	Korea Rep. F1 Futures	Andong	\$15,000
	France F4 Futures	Lille	\$15,000+H
	Croatia 1 (Week 1)	Porec	\$6,250
	Spain 1 (Week 3)	Manresa	\$6,250
	Venezuela 1 (Week 2)	Caracas	\$6,250
India 1 (Week 4)	New Delhi	\$6,250+H	
<b>WOMEN</b>	Egypt	Cairo	\$10,000
	Great Britain	Sheffield	\$10,000
	Italy	Rome	\$10,000
	Australia	Canberra	\$25,000
	Spain	Fuerteventura	\$25,000
	USA	Orange, CA	\$50,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	Portugal	Estoril	Grade 4
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Grade 1
	Panama	Llanos de Curundu	Grade 4
	Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 4
	Algeria	Mansourah	Grade 5
	Brazil	Sao Paulo	Grade A
<b>WHEELCHAIR</b>	Italy	Cuneo	ITF 3 Series
	New Zealand	Hamilton	ITF Futures Series

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