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THIS WEEK



Dutch Hat-trick at Invacare World Team Cup

The Netherlands secured a hat-trick at the 2004 Invacare World Team Cup, netting men's, women's and junior titles in Christchurch, New Zealand. Meanwhile, Israel made history by becoming the first nation to win the quad title three times and the Slovak Republic earned a dramatic win in Men's World Group 2.

For the first time, the men's draw comprised two World Groups. In World Group 1, fourth seeds Poland upset second seeds the USA 2-1 to reach their first men's final. Meanwhile, top seeds the Netherlands overcame third seeds Australia 3-0 in their semifinal. In the final, Eric Stuurman and Robin Ammerlaan (NED) gained straight sets wins over Piotr Jaroszewski and Tadeusz Kruszelnicki (POL) respectively to give the Netherlands their third men's title.

World Group 2 produced a thrilling final, Josef Felix and Marek Gergely (SVK) edging past Oscar Diaz and Carlos Loza (ARG) in a final set tiebreak in the deciding doubles to win 64 46 76(13). Both the Slovak Republic and Argentina have now earned promotion to World Group 1 for next year's event, while Italy and Switzerland have been relegated to World Group 2.

In the women's competition, top seeds the Netherlands and fourth seeds Switzerland reached the final. Sonja Peters and Esther Vergeer (NED) won both singles rubbers against Sandra Kalt and Karin Suter-Erath (SUI) in straight sets to land the Netherlands' 17th women's title.

In the quad event, the Netherlands and Israel progressed to the final which again went down to the doubles rubber, with Shraga Weinberg and Haim Lev (ISR) surviving a second set tie-break to break Dutch spirits and go on to a 57 76(4) 61 victory.

A five-way contest for the junior title saw Australia and the Netherlands finish top of the round-robin pool to earn a place in Sunday's final, in which the all-girl team of Korie Homan and Aniek Van Koot defeated the Australian boys, Michael Esler and Heath Davidson, in both singles rubbers. On the eve of the final, the Australian junior team received the Team of the Year Award from ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti during the ITF Official Farewell Dinner.

Mr Ricci Bitti also signed two contracts securing the immediate future of the Invacare World Team Cup. The ITF President joined Peter Van Aanholt of Dutch organisation Eurochamp to sign the contract for the 2005 event in Groningen, the Netherlands, while a three-year contract securing Invacare's title sponsorship until 2007 was also signed.



The winning Israeli Quad Team, with ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti (back, 2nd from left)
Photo: Mark Bullock

Fed Cup Zonal Venues Confirmed

The ITF is pleased to announce the confirmed venues for the Zonal Events of the 2004 Fed Cup due to be played in April. Full details are listed on page 3.

For more information, please contact the ITF Communications Department or logon to the official Fed Cup website at www.fedcup.com.

Davis Cup Nominations to be Announced Tuesday

Nominations for the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas ties taking place over the weekend February 6-8, including the World Group first round ties, will be announced tomorrow (Tuesday).

There will be a Special Edition of This Week, plus of course the nominations will appear on the Official Davis Cup website www.daviscup.com. See page 3 for news of highlights on www.daviscup.tv.



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ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti is in Melbourne for meetings at the Australian Open.

He will be attending meetings of the Grand Slam Committee, Media Commission, Tennis Australia Anti-Doping Review Board, and the Hyundai Hopman Cup Board.

Brain Tobin Enters Australian Tennis Hall of Fame

Lifetime Honorary President of the ITF and former President of Tennis Australia, Brian Tobin AM, has been inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Rod Laver Arena, during the Australian Open. He is the first tennis administrator to be honoured in this way, although he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame last year.

Tobin has been involved in tennis for almost half a century, having been President of the International Tennis Federation from 1991 to 1999. Before that, he was a member of Tennis Australia since 1964 and served as President from 1977 to 1989.



President of Tennis Australia Geoff Pollard said, "Brian has made an immense contribution to the development of our sport both in Australia as President of Tennis Australia, and worldwide in his capacity as President of the International Tennis Federation."

Brian Tobin (r) with Geoff Pollard at the Induction
Photo: Paul Zimmer

Australian Open Junior Event Underway



Junior competition at the Australian Open got underway today. With many of last year's leading players now too old to play on the Junior Circuit, it is always difficult to predict who will perform well at the first big occasion of the year.

Germany's Sebastian Rieschick, the top seed for the boys' singles, finished last year inside the top 10 but his results so far this year have been unremarkable. In contrast, his younger compatriot Mihail Zverev, seeded two, comes into the tournament on the back of two successive victories, claiming the Grade 2 Victorian Junior Championships and the Grade 1 Australian Hardcourts titles in the last two weeks.

Leading the challengers to the two Germans are Americans Brendan Evans, who reached the semifinals of the Orange Bowl in December and the last eight in Melbourne last year, and Scott Oudsema, ITF Junior World Doubles Champion in 2003. Josselin Ouanna and Gael Monfils will hope to continue the traditional good showing of the French boys at this tournament. Lachlan Ferguson will hope to provide some cheer for the Australian crowd at his home Grand Slam and it is also worth keeping an eye on recent Grade 1 title winner Scoville Jenkins of the USA.



Jarmila Gajdosova (SVK)
Photo: Susan Mullane.

No.1 seed Jarmila Gajdosova will have breathed a sigh of relief after getting through her first match in the girls' singles since she had fallen at the first hurdle in her previous two tilts at the title. The Slovakian, who reached the semifinals of Junior Wimbledon last year, has been steadily progressing through the professional ranks but is keen to bag a big junior title. With the withdrawal of France's Tatiana Golovin, due to her success in the women's singles, the principal opposition will come from the Czech Republic pair of Veronika Chvojkova and Nicole Vaidisova, who between them wrapped up the final Grade A titles of 2003. Chvojkova, who won the Osaka Super Juniors title in Japan, is making her Grand Slam debut while Vaidisova, who captured the Orange Bowl in December is only 14 and has plenty more scope for improvement.

Follow the action on www.itftennis.com/juniors where you can find daily reports and photos.



Venues Announced for Fed Cup Zonal Venues

The venues for the Fed Cup Zonal Events to be played in April were announced by the ITF today. The venue for Europe/Africa Zone Group I will be announced shortly.

Americas Zone Groups I and II, w/c 19th April

Capitania Porto Seguro Hotel
Av. Beira Mar KM 75
Porto Seguro – Bahia, 12700,

Brazil

Tel: +55 73 672 1131
Fax: +55 73 672 1132

Red Clay, Outdoors

Europe/Africa Zone Group I, w/c 19th April

Venue TBC

Asia/Oceania Zone Groups I and II, w/c 19th April

R K Khanna Tennis Stadium
DLTA Complex
Africa Avenue
New Delhi, 110 029

India

Tel: +91 11 261 761 40/261 939 55
Fax: +91 11 261 939 55

Hard Court, Outdoors

Europe/Africa Zone Groups II and III, w/c 26th April

Marsa Sports Club
Aldo Moro Street
Marsa,

Malta

Tel: +356 21 233 851
Fax: +356 21 231 809

Hard Court, Outdoors

More information may be found at www.fedcup.com, the competition's official website.

2004 Davis Cup Highlights to be Available at www.daviscup.tv



It is now less than two weeks until the 2004 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas gets underway, and there are some fascinating match-ups in the World Group first round, to be played over the weekend of February 6-8. Cup holders Australia meet Sweden in a replay of last year's quarterfinal, while the World Group welcomes Morocco for only the third time and serves up some local rivalry with World Group debutants Belarus facing Russia.

By registering at DavisCup.TV you can see concise highlights of every tie from the 2004 World Group for just \$10, with special attention to the feature tie, Czech Republic v Spain (2003 runners up). In addition the whole archive of last year's competition highlights is

available for free. Highlights are available not before 24 hours following the completion of a rubber.

Check out www.daviscup.tv for more details.

ITF Announces Change in Sports Science Activity Responsibilities

With immediate effect, Dr. Stuart Miller will assume responsibility for the ITF's sports science activity, including the Sports Medical Commission. Miller, the ITF's Technical Manager, will take over from Jonathan Harris who will continue his anti-doping and legal activities as Administrator in the Presidential Department.

"There were many factors in this decision," said ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti.

"Jonathan Harris has done an excellent job in his work with the Sports Medical Commission but faced a significant increase in the amount of his workload from matters arising from the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme and the ITF's legal activities.

"The ITF is fortunate to have an ideal choice to take over from Jonathan in Dr. Stuart Miller whose scientific expertise and knowledge are exceptional qualifications to manage the activities of the Commission. Stuart will work well with the Commission's chairman, Dr. Brian Hainline, and we expect to see the same consistently high level of activity from the Sports Medical Commission over the next years."

Henin-Hardenne Helps Promote Belgian Olympic Squad



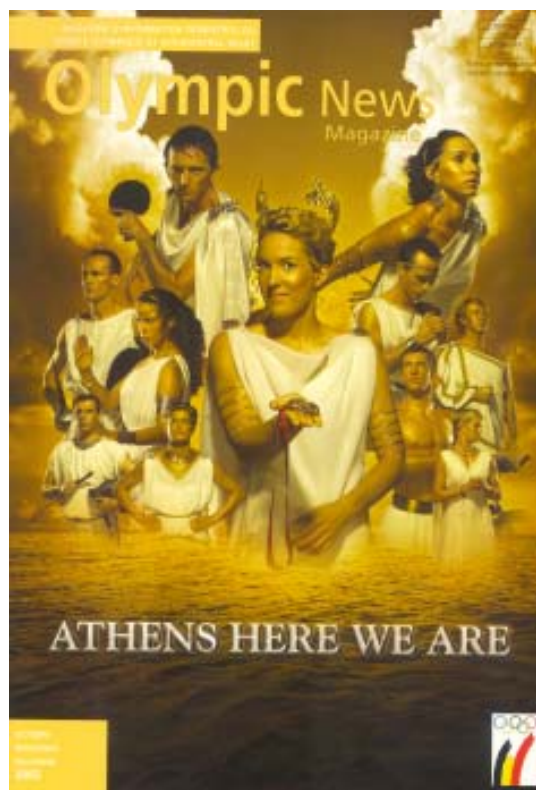
The latest issue of the Belgian Olympics Committee's Olympics News Magazine features World No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne as its cover star. Various Belgian Olympians are pictured on the cover dressed in traditional Athenian costume, but it is Henin-Hardenne who takes centre stage.

The Olympic Tennis Event in Athens takes place August 15-22 2004; please visit the ITF's Olympic Tennis Website at

www.itftennis.com/olympics.

The Paralympic Tennis Event takes place September 19 - 26, also in Athens. Visit the ITF's Paralympic Tennis Website at www.itftennis.com/paralympics.

Both of these website will be relaunched in the coming weeks. Information on the Olympic and Paralympic Events may also be found on the [main ITF website](http://www.itftennis.com).



France Wins European Tennis Trophy

France has won the European Tennis Trophy for the second time in three years. The title was decided by the outcome of the international team competitions, with the French Fed Cup team securing enough points during their victory in Russia to wrestle the title from their Spanish rivals, who were unable to score a repeat of their Davis Cup triumph over Australia of 2000.

The European Tennis Trophy is a year-long, European-wide competition, running from January to December. All European Nations are automatically entered in the event and their best results in various tennis events throughout the year are converted into European Tennis Trophy points.

Christian Bîmes, President of the French Tennis Federation commented: "It is with great pleasure that we receive this award, which recognises the efforts of the FFT in every department. This motivates us to continue our efforts and maintain the same policy within our thirty six regions and eighty four departmental committees, continuing to further the interests of our sport."

The Professional Tennis Trophy also went to France, who prevented Spain from winning a record fifth consecutive professional trophy. The biggest surprise was Romania's first Trophy title with a win in the Junior Category, while Germany and the Netherlands retained the Vets and Wheelchair Trophies respectively.

For more details please see the dedicated page on the [Tennis Europe](#) website.

Fendick-McCain Replaces Garrison On USTA Board

Patty Fendick-McCain, the head women's tennis coach at the University of Washington who reached a career-high rank of No. 19 on the WTA Tour, will replace first-year United States Fed Cup captain Zina Garrison as an elite athlete representative on the USTA Board of Directors.

Garrison resigned from the USTA Board of Directors following her appointment as Fed Cup captain. In accordance with USTA bylaws, the two remaining elite athletes on the board - David Wheaton and Martin Blackman - selected Fendick-McCain to replace Garrison.

The USTA also announced this week that it would be funding 87 communities across USA to support the growth of the game in 2004. Many of the markets will hold tennis events during USA Tennis Month in May to provide people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to experience the fun and health benefits of tennis.

ITF Junior Rankings

Boys' Combined Rollover Ranking

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Sebastian Rieschick (GER) | 810.00 |
| 2. Phillip Simmonds (USA) | 712.50 |
| 3. Mihail Zverev (GER) | 687.50 |
| 4. Andrew Murray (GBR) | 670 |
| 5. Brendan Evans (USA) | 652.50 |
| 6. Alex Kuznetsov (USA) | 630.00 |
| 7. Jamie Baker (GBR) | 601.25 |
| 8. Karan Rastogi (IND) | 596.25 |
| 9. Scott Oudsema (USA) | 592.50 |
| 10. Guillermo Alcaide-Justell (ESP) | 586.250 |

Girls' Combined Rollover Ranking

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) | 1437.50 |
| 2. Michaella Krajicek (NED) | 1078.75 |
| 3. Alisa Kleybanova (RUS) | 972.50 |
| 4. Emma Laine (FIN) | 862.50 |
| 5. Katerina Bondarenko (UKR) | 791.25 |
| 6. Julia Cohen (USA) | 777.50 |
| 7. Andrea Hlavackova (CZE) | 775 |
| 8. Veronika Chvojkova (CZE) | 768.75 |
| 9. Katerina Bohmova (CZE) | 712.50 |
| 10. Nicole Vaidisova (CZE) | 707.50 |

development events

21 January-1 February

OS National Level I Coaches & Tutors Course,
Colombo, Sri Lanka

4-15 February

OS China Hong Kong Level II Coaches Course,
China Hong Kong

9 February-21 March

Central American and Caribbean Team to COSAT

9-21 February

OS Senegal Level II Coaches Course, Dakar

Results w/c 19 January 2004

ITF Mens Circuit

DEAUVILLE (FRA) (\$10,000) 19-25 JANUARY

Singles

Jean-Christophe Faurel (FRA) d. Marc Gicquel (FRA) 75 26 76(5)

Doubles

Marc Gicquel/Jean-Baptiste Perlant (FRA) d. Eleferios Alexiou/Alexander Jakupovic (GRE) 6116 63.

DOHA (QAT) (\$15,000) 19-25 JANUARY

Singles

Marco Chiudinelli (SUI) d. Uros Vico (ITA) 62 64.

Doubles

Philipp Petzschner/Lars Uebel (GER) d. Karim Maamoun/Mohamed Maamoun (EGY) 46 63 64.

GUATEMALA (GUA) (\$10,000) 19-25 JANUARY

Singles

Herbert Wiltschnig (AUT) d. Jean-Julien Rojer (AHO) 63 64

Doubles

Carlos Berlocq (ARG)/Miguel Gallardo-valles (MEX) d. Brian Dabul/Ignacio Gonzalez-king (ARG) 67(2) 76(3) 76(5).

KISSIMMEE, FL (USA) (\$10,000) 19-25 JANUARY

Singles

Federico Luzzi (ITA) d. Andres Pedroso (USA) 63 64.

Doubles

Tripp Phillips/Ryan Sachire (USA) d. Scott Lipsky/David Martin (USA) 64 16 63.

OBERHACHING (GER) (\$10,000) 19-25 JANUARY

Singles

Lukasz Kubot (POL) d. Mounir El aarej (MAR) 76(8) 61

Doubles

Frederik Nielsen/Rasmus Norby (DEN) d. Lukasz Kubot (POL)/Igor Zelenay (SVK) 64 67(6) 60.

ITF Womens Circuit

\$10,000 BOCA RATON, FL (USA) Singles

Kelly McCain (USA) d. Nan-Nan Liu (CHN) 61 36 60.

Doubles

Shuai Peng/Yan-Ze Xie (CHN) d. Allison Bradshaw/Julie Ditty (USA) 61 62.

\$10,000 GRENOBLE (FRA) Singles

Martina Muller (GER) d. Aravane Rezai (FRA) 75 61.

Doubles

Martina Muller/Stefanie Weis (GER) d. Antonia Matic (GER)/Lenka Tvaroskova (SVK) 62 61.

\$10,000 HULL (GBR) Singles

Amanda Janes (GBR) d. Anna Bastrikova (RUS) 63 61.

Doubles

Claire Curran (IRL)/Surina De Beer (RSA) d. Anna Bastrikova/Vasilisa Davydova (RUS) 60 64.

\$10,000 MANAMA (BRN) Singles

Jennifer Schmidt (AUT) d. Frederica Piedade (POR) 64 63.

Doubles

Raissa Gourevitch/Ekaterina Kozhokina (RUS) d. Frederica Piedade (POR)/Christina Zachariadou (GRE) 64 64.

\$10,000 NEW DELHI (IND) Singles

Montinee Tangphong (THA) d. Isha Lakhani (IND) 26 62 63.

Doubles

Montinee Tangphong/Thassha Vitayaviroj (THA) d. Satomi Kinjo/Tomoyo Takagishi (JPN) 36 60 63.

ITF Vets Circuit

Gold Coast, Australia, Grade 1 Men's 35 Singles

S. Karam (AUS) d G. Foster (AUS) 63 75

Men's 40 Singles

M. Stevens (AUS) d G.Hamilton (AUS) 62 64

Men's 45 Singles

W. Pascoe (AUS) d M. Ford (AUS) 76 64

Men's 50 Singles

W. Cowley (AUS) d A. Rae (AUS) 64 61

Men's 55 Singles

T. Payton (AUS) d G. Penberthy (AUS) 67 76 ret

Men's 60 Singles

M. French (AUS) d P. Higgs (AUS) 63 26 64

Men's 65 Singles

B. Howes (AUS) d O. Smith (AUS) 61 62

Men's 70 Singles

J. Powless (USA) d A. Hocking (AUS) 60 62

Men's 75 Singles

A. Bailey (AUS) d B. Stuart (AUS) 46 76 62

Men's 80 Singles

N. Halligan (AUS) d F. Pitt (AUS) 64 62

Seefeld, Austria, Grade 1

Men's 40 Singles

G. Kaiser (AUT) d M. Hundstorfer (AUT) 61 61

Men's 45 Singles

P. Godfroid (BEL) d M. Eurenus (SWE) 64 64

Men's 50 Singles

R. Cizek (CZE) d S. Francini (ITA) 63 64

Men's 55 Singles

M. Lilja (SWE) d P. Marklstorfer(AUT) 62 62

Men's 60 Singles

P. Pokorny (AUT) d P. Adrigan (GER) 62 62

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Women's 40 Singles

I. Resch (AUT) d. N. Faschingbauer (GER) 64 61

Women's 45 Singles

G. Preissing (GER) d. C. Thomalla-Adam (GER) 62 64

Women's 50 Singles

H. Eisterlehner (GER) d. G. Leinen (GER) 63 64

ITF Junior Circuit

Victoria, Australia, Grade 1

Boys' Singles

M. Zverev (GER) d. G. Monfils (FRA) 75 26 63

Girls' Singles

A. Ivanovic (SCG) d. S. Peer (ISR) 61 62

Boys' Doubles

B. Evans/S. Oudsema (USA) d. M. Kasiri (GBR)/A. Thron (GER) 76(4) 63

Girls' Doubles

V. Chvojikova/N. Vaidisova (CZE) d. A. Ivanovic (SCG)/A. Kudryavtseva (RUS) 6264

Barranquilla, Colombia, Grade 1

Boys' Singles

E. Schwank (ARG) d. G. Alcaide-Justell (ESP) 67(4) 62 64

Girls' Singles

E. Balda (ECU) d. J. Cohen (USA) 62 63

Boys' Doubles

K. Meisner/J. Murray (GBR) d. M. Saconi/E. Schwank (ARG) 63 62

Girls' Doubles

M. Cossou (FRA)/A. Jerman (SLO) d. B. Costa/A. Duarte (BRA)

Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Boys' Singles

K. Capkovic (SVK) d. Z. Katsigiannakis (GRE) 76(4) 61

Girls' Singles

E. Grebeniuk (RUS) d. E. Rodina (RUS) 62 46 75

Boys' Doubles

K. Capkovic/P. Miklusicak (SVK) d. N. Cavaday/D. Inglot (GBR) 76(4) 64

Girls' Doubles

L. Broosova (SVK)/A. Szavay (HUN) d. N. Frankova/K. Kramperova (CZE) 62 46 64

Dhaka, Bangladesh, Grade 3

Boys' Singles

R. Roy (IND) d. F. Khatib (GBR) 63 63

Girls' Singles

S. Seo (KOR) d. M. Ranganathan (IND) 16 61 61

Boys' Doubles

A. Dutta/R. Roy (IND) d. J. Nedunchezhiya/S. Singh (IND) 62 ret.

Girls' Doubles

Y. Lee/Y. Lin (TPE) d. E. Arutyunova (UZB)/J-Y. Shin (KOR) 60 60

Hamburg, Germany, Grade 4

Boys' Singles

D. Muller (GER) d. O. Lenhart (GER) 64 60

Girls' Singles

J. Bennekom (NED) d. S. Lisicki (GER) 76(4) 64

Boys' Doubles

A. Eichenberger (SUI)/R. Herold (GER) d. A. Kennaugh/A. Scragg (GBR) 62 76(5)

Girls' Doubles

S. Lisicki (GER)/C. Smolder (BEL) d. N. Fehse (GER)/M. Klaffner (AUT) 64 61

This Week Next Week

Events week commencing 26 January 2004

MEN	Bahrain F1	Manama	\$15,000	+973 17 687 236
	Costa Rica F1	San Jose	\$10,000	+506 221 7882
	France F2	Feucherolles	\$10,000 + H	+33 1 47 43 49 58
	USA F3	Key Biscayne, FL	\$10,000	+1 914 696 7277
WOMEN	Italy	Bergamo	\$25,000	+390 636 858 210
	France	Belfort	\$25,000	+33 1 4743 4958
	USA	Waikoloa, HI	\$50,000	+1 914 696 7000
	Great Britain	Tipton	\$10,000	+ 44 207 381 7027
JUNIORS	USA	Boca Raton, FL	\$10,000	+ 1 914 696 7000
	Czech Republic	Prerov	Grade 1	+420-581 20 24 42
	India	Kolkata	Grade 3	+91-33 2464 4933
	Australia	Australian Open Juniors	Grade A	+61 3 9286 1177
	Ecuador	Cuenca	Grade 2	+593 7 894 394
	Switzerland	Leuggem	Grade 5	+41 56 269 1040
	UAE	Abu Dhabi	Grade 5	+971 4 269 0393
VETS	Switzerland	Zurich	Grade 4	+41 13815554
	Canada	Markhay	Grade 4	+1 905 475 8833
WHEELCHAIR	New Zealand	Christchurch	CS3	+ 643 389 6484
	Australia	Caloundra, Queensland	CS3	+ 617 5491 8487
	Australia	Classic 8s, Australian Open	CS2	+ 613 9286 1177

Events week commencing 2 February 2004

MEN	Spain F1	Murcia	\$10,000	+34 93 201 0844
	France F3	Bressuire	\$10,000+H	+33 1 47434800
	Australia 1	Wollongong	\$25,000+H	+61 3 9286 1177
WOMEN	Italy	Ortisei	\$75,000+H	+390 636 858 210
	USA	Rockford, IL	\$25,000	+1 914 696 7000
	New Zealand	Wellington	\$10,000	+64 9 528 5428
	Portugal	Vale do Lobo	\$10,000	+351 1415 1356
JUNIORS	Great Britain	Wrexham	Grade 4	+447802345808
	India	New Delhi	Grade 2	+91 11 26193955
	Ecuador	Quito	Grade 2	+539 2 239 3000
	Slovenia	Kungota	Grade 5	+386 2 655 6000
VETS	Egypt	Luxor	Grade 4	+202 576 3522
	Hungary	Budapest	Grade 4	+36 14120434
WHEELCHAIR	Australia	Sydney	CS1	+61 2 9763 7644