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ITF renews Silver Fund agreement with Johan Cruyff Foundation



The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced today that it has renewed its agreement with the Johan Cruyff Foundation as a programme partner for the Wheelchair Tennis Silver Fund.

The Johan Cruyff Foundation began financing the Silver Fund in 2003. The original agreement covered pilot projects in Bolivia, Romania, South Africa and Sri Lanka, which have all been very successful. The new agreement will extend the relationship between the Cruyff Foundation and the ITF to develop wheelchair tennis Silver Fund projects in Bulgaria, El Salvador, Indonesia and Moldova.

On the signing of the new agreement, ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said: "We are extremely pleased to continue our relationship with the Johan Cruyff Foundation. The Silver Fund has already made a big impact on the lives of many people and with further programmes we are able to get more young people to participate in a sport which they love and which helps them to overcome personal challenges. The Silver Fund is really about more than just tennis."

Johan Cruyff Foundation's communications manager Menno Renes commented: "After the pilot phase in 2003 the Johan Cruyff Foundation is proud to announce the continuation of their partnership with the Silver Fund as a Programme Partner for the coming years. Both the ITF and the Johan Cruyff Foundation aim to offer as many disabled children as possible the chance to play sports."

The Wheelchair Tennis Silver Fund was set-up during the 25th anniversary of wheelchair tennis. Through this fund the ITF is able to fund wheelchair tennis projects with the aim of achieving self-supporting levels in underdeveloped nations. Over a period of two years, the ITF will help each selected country to set up a wheelchair tennis programme. This involves sending an expert coach for a period of six to eight weeks to help form the programme, delivering tennis equipment, donating wheelchairs, organizing clinics or educating coaches.



*A young wheelchair tennis player at a Silver Fund project in South Africa
Photo: ITF*

About the Johan Cruyff Foundation

The Johan Cruyff Foundation supports and stimulates sports and play for children worldwide with special attention placed on children with a handicap. The Cruyff Foundation supports all kinds of sport projects throughout the world from wheelchair tennis and sitting volleyball to swimming and horseback riding.

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activities

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti and Executive Vice President Juan Margets will be in Madrid, Spain, this week for Davis Cup sponsorship engagements, as well as meetings with BNP Paribas.

ATP signs marketing partnership and announces Ambassadors Programme

The ATP has signed a new marketing partnership, licensing agreement and product allocation programme with Luxilon Industries for 2005 and 2006.

The ATP has also unveiled its Ambassador's Programme, an initiative designed to promote the game of tennis at all levels through the active involvement of former ATP players.

Further information on both of these announcements is available on www.atptennis.com.



Dominik Hrbaty moved up to third position in the INDESIT ATP 2004 Race after claiming an ATP-best third title of the year in Marseille. The Slovak Republic star jumped one point above Juan Carlos Ferrero and now lies just 15 points behind Australian Open finalist Marat Safin. Brasil Open winner Gustavo Kuerten also moved onto the Leader Board in eighth position. A player's INDESIT ATP 2004 Race position is based on points received from the four Grand Slams, nine Tennis Masters Series tournaments, and his best five results from International Series events. The top seven players in the Race, plus eligible Grand Slam champions, automatically qualify for the eight-player 2004 Tennis Masters Cup in Houston, which is co-owned by the ITF, Grand Slams and ATP.



LEADER BOARD

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	212
2nd	SAFIN, Marat (RUS)	143
3rd	HRBATY, Dominik (SVK)	128
4th	FERRERO, Juan Carlos (ESP)	127
5th	HEWITT, Lleyton (AUS)	115
6th	AGASSI, Andre (USA)	105
7th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	102
8th	KUERTEN, Gustavo (BRA)	90
9th	MOYA, Carlos (ESP)	84
10th	JOHANSSON, Joachim (SWE)	77



The Porsche Race to the Championships determines the eight players who will contest the WTA Tour's season-ending Championships in Los Angeles. Points earned by players in all WTA Tour events contested during the season (round and quality points) are tallied to produce the separate weekly standings.

LEADER BOARD

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	HENIN-HARDENNE, Justine (BEL)	1536
2nd	CLIJSTERS, Kim (BEL)	1163
3rd	DAVENPORT, Lindsay (USA)	799
4th	SCHNYDER, Patty (SUI)	525
5th	ZULUAGA, Fabiola (COL)	498
6th	FARINA ELIA, Silvia (ITA)	475
7th	MALEEVA, Magdalena (BUL)	454
8th	MYSKINA, Anastasia (RUS)	453
9th	MAURESMO, Amelie (FRA)	442
10th	RAYMOND, Lisa (USA)	439

ITF Junior Rankings

Boys' Combined Rollover Ranking

1.	Gael Monfils (FRA)	985.00
2.	Sebastian Rieschick (GER)	803.75
3.	Brendan Evans (USA)	722.50
4.	Mihail Zverev (GER)	707.50
5.	Karan Rastogi (IND)	678.75
6.	Andrew Murray (GBR)	660.00
7.	Alex Kuznetsov (USA)	607.50
8.	Scott Oudsema (USA)	592.50
9.	Kamil Capkovic (SVK)	588.75
10.	Jamie Baker (GBR)	586.25

Girls' Combined Rollover Ranking

1.	Kirsten Flipkens (BEL)	1430.00
2.	Michaela Krajicek (NED)	1072.75
3.	Shahar Peer (ISR)	995.00
4.	Nicole Vaidisova (CZE)	852.50
5.	Emma Laine (FIN)	822.50
6.	Alisa Kleybanova (RUS)	792.50
7.	Katerina Bondarenko (UKR)	791.25
8.	Veronika Chvojikova (CZE)	786.25
9.	Andrea Hlavackova (CZE)	775.00
10.	Katerina Bohmova (CZE)	712.50

WTA Tour signs new global sponsor



The WTA Tour has announced Dubai Duty Free as its new major sponsor for their "Rest of World" region (Asia-Pacific and Middle East).

Under the five-year agreement, Dubai Duty Free becomes the presenting sponsor of the Tour's "Rest of the World" region, the official global duty free partner of the Tour, and presenting sponsor of a new Tour magazine-style television show.

Further information is available on the WTA Tour website: www.wtatour.com.

Switzerland v France Davis Cup quarterfinal a sell-out



Tickets for the Switzerland v France Davis Cup by BNP Paribas quarterfinal tie to be played in Prilly, near Lausanne, went on sale on 1 March, and within just two and a half hours all had been sold.

With the tantalising prospect of seeing current world No. 1 Roger Federer and his Swiss teammates take on nine-time champions France, tennis fans were super-fast at securing their place at the tie.

Tickets for the USA v Sweden tie in Delray Beach, Florida, are now on sale and can be purchased by calling +1 888 484 8782.

Ticket information for the other Davis Cup by BNP Paribas quarterfinal ties (in Minsk and Mallorca) will be available in due course on the Davis Cup website www.daviscup.com.

The four quarterfinal ties take place on 9-11 April.



9 February - 21 March

Central American and Caribbean team to
COSAT Circuit

28 February - 8 March

OS Cambodia Level I Coaches Course,
Phnom-Penh

2-13 March

China Level II Coaches Course,
Hangzhou Zhejiang

6-14 March

ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Champs,
Luxembourg

Tennis Masters Cup & ATP Masters Series extend pooling agreement; Masters Cup renews clothing sponsor

Tennis Properties Limited (TPL) - the commercial arm of the Tennis Masters Series tournaments and the Tennis Masters Cup - has announced an extension of its Broadcast Rights Pooling agreement with the nine Masters Series tournaments and the Tennis Masters Cup.

The three-year agreement will see TPL continue to act as host broadcaster at each event from 2005 to 2007. Under the agreement, the nine-tournament series will be renamed as the ATP Masters Series, while the Tennis Masters Cup - jointly owned by the ITF, Grand Slams and ATP - will keep its current name. As a result of this agreement, the ATP Masters Series and the Tennis Masters Cup will be sold to TV broadcasters around the world as a single series-wide package.

"The value of the ATP Masters Series and Tennis Masters Cup as a broadcast product is driven by our ability to offer broadcasters a complete package of rights, production and transmission," commented TPL Managing Director Mark Webster. "It is a formula that has worked successfully since we took over the rights from ISL in 2001 and we are looking forward to building on that success in the next three years."

The Tennis Masters Cup has also successfully concluded negotiations with Lacoste to extend its partnership with the clothing company through to 2006. The international sportswear leader has confirmed its commitment as the Official Clothing Sponsor of the Tennis Masters Cup for a three-year term. "We are very proud to be the partner of the Tennis Masters Cup," commented Bernard Lacoste, Chairman and CEO of La Chemise Lacoste. "This closing event of the 2004 tour will be taking place in the USA, the country so much liked by the founder of La Chemise Lacoste, Mr René Lacoste."

The 2004 Tennis Masters Cup will take place at the Westside Tennis Club, Houston, on 13-21 November.

Further information on the ATP Masters Series and Tennis Masters Cup is available at: www.masters-series.com and www.masters-cup.com.



IOC Executive Board concludes meeting in Athens

The Executive Board (EB) of the International Olympic Committee met with National Olympic Committees in the Greek capital Athens for two days at the end of last week. Among the topics under discussion was the EB's decision to allow Iraqi athletes to compete in the 2004 Games under their national flag, thus bringing the total number of National Olympic Committees involved in the 2004 Olympic Games to 202 - the highest number ever recorded in the Olympic Movement.

President of the Athens Organising Committee (ATHOC) Mrs. Angelopolous-Daskalaki also presented the transport plan for the Games, which was approved, and EB members were given the opportunity to view on-site developments with a venue tour.

The Olympic Tennis Event will take place at the Athens Olympic Sports Complex on 15-22 August. Further information is available at www.itftennis.com/olympics.

Results w/c 23 February 2004

ITF Mens Circuit

CANADA F2 FUTURES, EDMONTON (CAN) (\$15,000)

Singles

Rajeev Ram (USA) d. Juan-Pablo Brzezicki (ARG) 36 75 61

Doubles

Ryan Haviland/K.J. Hippensteel (USA) d. Paul Logtens/Matwe Middelkoop (NED) 63 46 76(5)

CROATIA F2 FUTURES, ZAGREB (CRO) (\$15,000)

Singles

Jean-Christophe Faurel (FRA) d. Francesco Aldi (ITA) 76(8) 63

Doubles

Lukas Dlouhy (CZE)/Branislav Sekac (SVK) d. Pavel Snobel/Martin Stepanek (CZE) 75 61

INDIA F1A FUTURES, NEW DELHI (IND) (\$10,000 + H)

Singles

Aisam Qureshi (PAK) d. Todor Enev (BUL) 63 64

Doubles

Mustafa Ghouse/Vishal Uppal (IND) d. Alexey Kedriouk (KAZ)/Orest Tereshchuk (UKR) 76(4) 64

NIGERIA F1 FUTURES, BENIN CITY (NGR) (\$15,000)

Singles

Valentin Sanon (CIV) d. Guillaume Couillard (MON) 16 76(4) 76(4)

Doubles

Diego Alvarez/Leonardo Azzaro (ITA) d. Jean-Kome "Komi" Loglo/Komlavi Loglo (TOG) 64 63

SPAIN F4 FUTURES, CARTAGENA (MURCIA) (ESP) (\$10,000)

Singles

Didac Perez-Minarro (ESP) d. Jaroslav Pospisil (CZE) 63 76(0)

Doubles

Ivan Navarro-Pastor/Santiago Ventura-Bertomeu (ESP) d. Marc Fornell-Mestres/Salvador Navarro-Gutierrez (ESP) 64 61

USA F5 FUTURES, HARLINGEN, TX (USA) (\$15,000)

Singles

Nicolas Todero (ARG) d. Kepler Orellana (VEN) 62 63

Doubles

Scott Lipsky/David Martin (USA) d. Daniel Lustig (CZE)/Michal Przysiezny (POL) 63 62

ISRAEL 1 (WEEK 1), RAMAT HASHARON (ISR) (\$25,000)

Singles

Julien Cassaigne (FRA) d. Evgueni Smirnov (RUS) 63 63

Doubles

Julien Cassaigne (FRA)/Levar Harper-Griffith (USA) d. Alessandro Da Col/Massimo Ocera (ITA) 64 64

ITF Womens Circuit

\$10,000 BENIN CITY (NGR)

Singles

Chanelle Scheepers (RSA) d. Megha Vakharia (IND) 61 63

Doubles

Zuzana Cerna (CZE)/Franziska Etzel (GER) d. Chanelle Scheepers (RSA)/Jennifer Schmidt (AUT) 60 57 63

\$10,000 GRAN CANARIA (ESP)

Singles

Laura Pous-Tio (ESP) d. Nuria Roig-Tost (ESP) 57 62 76(3)

Doubles

Maria-Jose Argeri (ARG)/Leticia Sobral (BRA) d. Eszter Molnar (HUN)/Maria Wolfbrandt (SWE) 63 63

\$25,000 BENDIGO (AUS)

Singles

Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Suchanun Viratprasert (THA) 64 75

Doubles

Casey Dell'Acqua/Nicole Sewell (AUS) d. Shahar Peer (ISR)/Wynne Prakusya (INA) 62 16 62

\$50,000 ST PAUL, MN (USA)

Singles

Abigail Spears (USA) d. Jill Craybas (USA) 63 64

Doubles

Leanne Baker (NZL)/Francesca Lubiani (ITA) d. Jessica Lehnhoff (USA)/Trudi Musgrave (AUS) 67(3) 23 ret

ITF Junior Circuit

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Pablo Cuevas (URU) d. Bryan Koniecko (USA) 60 63

Girls Singles

Florencia Molinero (ARG) d. Evgeniya Rodina (RUS) 75 60

Boys Doubles

Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA)/Michael Johnson (USA) d. Pablo Cuevas/Diego Ksiazienicki (URU) 76(6) 26 64

Girls Doubles

Maria Irigoyen/Betina Jozami (ARG) d. Teliana Pereira (BRA)/Barbara Pinterova (SVK) 63 62

NURNBERG, GERMANY, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Daniel Brands (GER) d. Juho Paukku (FIN) 64 62

Girls Singles

Michaella Krajicek (NED) d. Agnes Szavay (HUN) 63 63

Boys Doubles

Robin Haase/Igor Sijtsling (NED) d. Jan Marek/Jiri Pechr (CZE) 64 64

Girls Doubles

Tatjana Malek/Andrea Petkovic (GER) d. Jana Juricova/Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) 64 46 63

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Chris Eaton (GBR) d. Kento Takeuchi (JPN) 76(4) 46 64

Girls Singles

Ayumi Morita (JPN) d. Shayna Mc Dowell (AUS) 63 61

Boys Doubles

Ryan Biancardi/Stefan Sorani (AUS) d. Adam Hubble/Ryan Thomas (AUS) 63 36 62

Girls Doubles

Emiko Ito/Ayumi Morita (JPN) d. Shayna Mc Dowell/Tammi Patterson (AUS) 60 75

OSLO, NORWAY, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Jamie Murray (GBR) d. Fredrik Sletting Johnsen (NOR) 63 62

Girls Singles

Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Gluay Kampookaew (DEN) 63 63

Boys Doubles

Martin Kildahl/Carl Sundberg (NOR) d. Graham Dyce/Jamie Murray (GBR) 64 64

Girls Doubles

Yanina Wickmayer (BEL)/Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Sabrina Allaut/Antonia Föhse (GER) 16 63 64

ITF Wheelchair Circuit

SION, SWITZERLAND, CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES4

Men Singles

Jozef Felix (SVK) d. Lahcen Majdi (FRA) 64 76

Women Singles

Britta Siegers (GER) d. Agnieszka Bartczak (POL) 61 60

Men Doubles

Miroslav Brychta (CZE)/Piotr Jaroszewski (POL) d. Laurent Fischer/Lahcen Majdi (FRA) 61 61

Women Doubles

Armelle Fabre (FRA)/Britta Siegers (GER) d. Anna Alenas (SWE)/Eveline Hegi (SUI) w/o

This Week Next Week

Events week commencing 1 March 2004

MENS	India F1 Futures	Chennai	\$10,000	+91 44 281 703 81	
	New Zealand F1 Futures	Blenheim	\$10,000	+64 3 578 6431	
	Portugal F1 Futures	Faro	\$10,000	+35 1 289 817 877	
	Great Britain 1 (Week 4)	Sheffield	\$12,500	+44 114 28 39 900	
	Brazil F1 Futures	Florianopolis	\$15,000	+55 48 228 9539	
	Nigeria F2 Futures	Benin City	\$15,000	+234 803 309 1982	
	USA F6 Futures	McAllen, TX	\$15,000	+1 956 682 3459	
	Israel 1 (Week 2)	Tel Aviv / Jaffa	\$6,250	+972 3 683 0038	
	Italy 1 (Week 1)	Messina	\$6,250	+39 095 330 594	
	Spain 2 (Week 1)	Sabadell (Barcelona)	\$6,250	+34 93 721 51 54	
	Switzerland 1 (Week 4)	Oberentfelden	\$6,250	+41 62 724 14 00	
	WOMENS	Australia	Warrnambool	\$10,000	+61 3 5561 1588
		Germany	Buchen	\$10,000	tbc
		Nigeria	\$10,000 Benin City	\$10,000	+234 52252228
Spain		Melilla	\$10,000	tbc	
VETS	USA	Salt Lake City, UT	Category 1	+1 801 947 8200	
	Canada	Markhay	Category 4	+1 905 475 8833	
JUNIORS	Argentina	Mar del Plata	Grade 2	+54 223 44803 553	
	Russia	Izhevsk	Grade 3	+7 3412 500 338	
	Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 3	+46 612 10630	
	Australia	Wollonong	Grade 4	+61 3 9286 1177	
	Brunei	Jalan Berakas	Grade 4	+673 2 381205	
	Lithuania	Siauliai	Grade 4	+370 41 552 899	
	Algeria	Annaba	Grade 5	+213 38 841296	
	WHEELCHAIR	France	Buc	Champ. Series 3	+33 1 3066 3467
Canada		Quebec	Champ. Series 5	+1 418 627 3343	

Events week commencing 8 March 2004

MENS	India F2 Futures	Kolkata	\$10,000	+91 33 2240 5962	
	New Zealand F2 Futures	Hamilton	\$10,000	+ 64 7 856 8186	
	Portugal F2 Futures	Albufeira	\$10,000	+35 1 289 580 560	
	Australia F1 Futures	Burnie, Tasmania	\$15,000	+61 3 6431 3402	
	Brazil F2 Futures	Caldas Novas	\$15,000	+55 62 452 8000	
	Mexico F1 Futures	Chetumal	\$15,000	52 983 83 23 745	
	France F4 Futures	Lille	\$15,000+H	33 3 20 38 47 00	
	Chile 1 (Week 1)	Santiago	\$6,250	+56 2 212 94 51	
	Croatia 1 (Week 1)	Icici-Opatija	\$6,250	+385 52 431 430	
	Israel 1 (Week 3)	Tel Aviv	\$6,250	+972 3 683 0038	
	Italy 1 (Week 2)	Messina	\$6,250	+39 093 169 875	
	Spain 2 (Week 2)	Manresa (Barcelona)	\$6,250	+34 93 877 24 07	
	WOMENS	Australia	Benalla	\$10,000	+61 3 5762 2434
		Italy	Roma Eur	\$10,000	tbc
VETS		USA	Houston, TX	Category 1	+1 713 464 4811
		Australia	Category 2		+61 3 9807 7755
JUNIORS	USA	Houston, TX	Category 2	+1 713 464 4811	
	Chile	Santiago	Category 4	tbc	
	Paraguay	Asuncion	Grade 1	+595 21 671 912	
	Indonesia	Jakarta	Grade 2	+62 21 654 0227	
	Sweden	Kramfors	Grade 4	+46 612 10630	
	Algeria	Oran	Grade 5	+213 41 348196	
	Mexico	Jalisco	Grade 5	+52 33 3628 09 09	
	WHEELCHAIR	Switzerland	Biel-Bienne	Champ. Series 3	+41 32 344 0720
Australia		Hobart	Champ. Series 5	+61 3 6231 2579	
Canada		Quebec	Champ. Series 5	+1 418 627 3343	