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USA through to quarterfinals

USA made a successful start to the defence of its title when the 2008 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas got underway at the weekend. The 2007 champion scored a 4-1 victory against Austria away in Vienna after building up a winning 3-0 lead over two days.

Argentina, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Russia, Spain and Sweden also scored World Group first round victories to secure their place in the quarterfinals, with four of the eight matches won away from home.

In the quarterfinals, to be held over the weekend of 11-13 April, Russia hosts Czech Republic, Argentina is at home to Sweden, Germany hosts Spain, and USA is at home to France. Nations have until 25 February to confirm their choice of venue.



Bob and Mike Bryan (USA)
(Photo: GEPA)

Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Israel, Korea, Peru, Romania and Serbia will all now have to contest the World Group Play-offs on 19-21 September in a bid to preserve their World Group status. They will be joined by the winners of the Zonal Group I second round ties played on 11-13 April.

USA's dream team came through a potentially tricky tie against Austria on clay. Andy Roddick won a five-set thriller against Jurgen Melzer 64 46 63 67(4) 63, before James Blake defeated Stefan Koubek 57 75 62 62. Bob and Mike Bryan completed victory with a day to spare, overcoming Julian Knowle and Melzer 61 64 62.



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)
(Photo: Antoine Couvercelle)

USA is now at home to France, who managed a 5-0 whitewash away from home against Romania in Sibiu. Australian Open finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga marked his Davis Cup debut with a four-set victory over Andrei Pavel, before a battling five-set doubles victory for Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra over Florin Mergea and Horia Tecau saw France home.

The closest tie of the weekend came in Ramat Hasharon, where Sweden fought off a 2-1 deficit to defeat Israel 3-2. Dudi Sela and the Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram partnership put the home team in front going into the final day, before Thomas Johansson levelled the tie with a 76(6) 61 75 victory over Sela. Jonas Bjorkman then won the deciding rubber against Harel Levy 06 63 64 76(6).

Sweden is on its travels again in the quarterfinals when it faces Argentina, who eased to a 4-1 victory over Great Britain in Buenos Aires. David Nalbandian and Agustin Calleri dropped only 12 games in their two singles matches, before Nalbandian and Jose Acasuso completed victory with a 62 76(11) 60 victory over Ross Hutchins and Jamie Murray.

Last year's beaten finalists Russia came through an extraordinary tie against Serbia, eventually winning 3-2 in Moscow. Serbia's top two players Novak Djokovic and Janko Tipsarevic both had to withdraw from the opening day's singles, though illness and injury respectively. Mikhail Youzhny and Nikolay Davydenko went on to give the hosts a 2-0 lead, before Djokovic returned to partner Nenad Zimonjic to victory in the doubles.

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Djokovic then contested the first reverse singles against Davydenko, but was forced to retire through dizziness when leading 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, handing the Russians victory.

Russia has another home tie in the quarterfinals against Czech Republic, who defeated Belgium 3-2 in Ostrava. Tomas Berdych and Radek Stepanek had straight-sets singles victories on the opening day, before combining for a five-set doubles win over Olivier Rochus and Kristof Vliegen to ensure a winning 3-0 lead.

Philipp Kohlschreiber starred for Germany in its 3-2 victory over Korea in Braunschweig. Hyung-Taik Lee defeated Florian Mayer on the opening day, but Kohlschreiber's singles victories over Jae-Sung An and Lee, and doubles win with Philipp Petzschner, saw the Germans through with a rubber to spare.

Germany will face Spain at home in the quarterfinals, after the Spaniards enjoyed a comfortable 5-0 triumph over Peru in Lima. Despite the late withdrawal by David Ferrer, the visitors had too much strength in depth for a Peru team missing its number one player Luis Horna. Nicolas Almagro and Tommy Robredo achieved straight-sets singles wins, before Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco sealed victory in the doubles.

Russia retains its place at the top of the latest ITF Davis Cup Nations Ranking ahead of 2007 champion USA. The new ranking is published following every Davis Cup World Group weekend.

Full reports, photographs and audio interviews from the weekend's World Group ties can be found on the ITF's official Davis Cup website: www.daviscup.com.

ITF DAVIS CUP NATIONS RANKING

Position	Country	Points	Previous
1st	Russia	32170.00	[1st]
2nd	USA	31190.00	[2nd]
3rd	Argentina	16348.75	[3rd]
4th	Croatia	12198.13	[4th]
5th	Germany	10373.75	[5th]
6th	Spain	10275.00	[6th]
7th	Sweden	10084.38	[7th]
8th	France	7000.00	[9th]
9th	Slovak Republic	6785.00	[8th]
10th	Australia	5500.00	[10th]

Francesco Ricci Bitti meets Israeli President Shimon Peres

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti met with President Shimon Peres of Israel on Thursday 7 February in Jerusalem during the week of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group tie between Israel and Sweden in Ramat Hasharon. Mr Peres was particularly interested in the rise of the Israeli teams in both Davis Cup and Fed Cup, with both teams contesting the World Group in 2008.

Mr Peres is the founder of the Peres Centre for Peace, an independent organisation that aims to further peace in the Middle East region through socio-economic cooperation and development. Following the aims of the centre's mission, sport is used in projects and programmes to encourage solidarity and mutual understanding between Palestinian and Israeli children and youth.

Mr Peres and Mr Ricci Bitti discussed the development of tennis within the Middle East in general and the benefits of using sport as a method to reach youth of all backgrounds.

Following the meeting with Mr Peres, Mr Ricci Bitti went on to meet with Mr Issa Rishmawi, President of the Palestinian Tennis Association, to discuss development of tennis in Palestine and the work needed in the region.



Israeli President Shimon Peres and
ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti
(Photo: Nir Keidar)

Qualifying begins for 2008 ITF Junior Team Competitions

Qualifying events for the World Junior Tennis Finals in August in Prostějov, Czech Republic, and Junior Davis Cup & Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Finals in September in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, are being held in all continents in the first half of the year.

After the successful introduction of the Asia/Oceania pre-qualifying event for the 16 & under age category in 2007, the ITF and ATF are now launching the Asia/Oceania pre-qualifying event for the 14 & under boys' age category, which will be staged in Kuching, Malaysia, the week commencing 25 February.

The first qualifying event for the 2008 ITF Junior Team Competitions takes place this week in La Libertad, El Salvador. Twelve boys' and 11 girls' teams will compete in the North/Central American & Caribbean pre-qualifying event of the World Junior Tennis Competition (14 & under). One boys' and one girls' team will join Canada, Mexico and USA at the final qualifying event to be held in Montreal, Canada in May.

A full list of dates for the 2008 ITF Junior Team Competitions is as follows:

WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION (14 & under)

Africa (number of countries TBA):	24–30 March, Gaborone, Botswana
Asia/Oceania (19 countries):	Pre-qualifying boys: 26 Feb-1 March, Kuching, Malaysia Final qualifying boys: 14-19 April, Shenzhen, China Qualifying girls: 21-26 April, Shenzhen, China
Europe (33 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 29 June-1 July, various venues Final qualifying boys: 4-6 July, TBA, Spain Final qualifying girls: 4-6 July, Loano, Italy
North/Central America & the Caribbean (15 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 15-20 February, El Salvador Final qualifying: 2-4 May, Montreal, Canada
South America (10 countries):	28 April-3 May, Caracas, Venezuela

JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS (16 & under)

Africa (number of countries TBA):	24–30 March, Gaborone, Botswana
Asia/Oceania (21 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 24-28 February, Kuching, Malaysia Final qualifying boys: 28 April-3 May, Delhi, India Final qualifying girls: 5-10 May, Bangkok, Thailand
Europe (33 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 30 July-1 August, various venues Final qualifying boys: 4-6 August, Le Touquet, France Final qualifying girls: 4-6 August, Leysin, Switzerland
North/Central America & the Caribbean (21 countries):	Pre-qualifying: 7-12 April, San Pedro Sula, Honduras Final qualifying: 2-4 May, Montreal, Canada
South America (10 countries)	5-10 May, Santiago, Chile

Tennis players receive Laureus Nominations

Four tennis players are in contention for the next week's 2008 Laureus World Sports Awards after the announcement of the nominations following a ballot by the world's media. The awards ceremony will take place in St. Petersburg, Russia on Monday 18 February.

World No. 1 Roger Federer (SUI) is bidding for a fourth consecutive World Sportsman of the Year award. Last year saw Federer win three Grand Slam titles which put him just two victories away from equalling Pete Sampras' record of 14 wins. Justine Henin (BEL) will be hoping it's fourth time lucky following her nomination for World Sportswoman of the Year. In 2007 Henin became the first female tennis player to win ten titles in a season since Martina Hingis in 1997 and had a success rate of 94 per cent, the best in women's tennis since 1989.

The World Breakthrough of the Year category features Novak Djokovic (SRB). In 2007 Djokovic finished as runner-up at the US Open, reached the semifinals of Wimbledon and Roland Garros, and won five titles. These achievements helped him to a career best world ranking of No. 3. Wheelchair world No. 1 Esther Vergeer (NED), undefeated since 2003, has been shortlisted for World Sportsperson with a Disability for the fourth time, having previously won the award in 2002.

The Laureus World Sports Awards are the premier honours in the international sporting calendar and recognise sporting achievement during the period 1 February - 31 December 2007.

Over a thousand leading sports journalists from 128 countries voted to select the nominees, with the awards decided by the Laureus World Sports Academy. The Academy is comprised of 43 of the greatest sportsmen and sportswomen of all time. For a full list of nominees visit www.laureus.com.

Success for ITF/COTECC team in South America

An ITF team consisting of 16 & under and 14 & under players from Central America and the Caribbean took part in a five-week tour of COSAT events in South America. The tour started with a week-long training camp in Colombia followed by four tournaments in Cali, Colombia; Guayaquil, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; and Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

The best results were achieved in Guayaquil where Darian King (BAR) and Kerrie Cartwright (BAH) reached the quarterfinals of the 16 & under boys' and girls' singles respectively. In the doubles, King partnered Wilfredo Gonzales (GUA) to reach the semifinals.



ITF/COTECC team in South America

King went on to reach the quarterfinals in Santa Cruz before taking the doubles title together with Gonzales. This is the first time that players from Central America & the Caribbean have won a title in the 16 & under category. Cartwright also continued her run of good form by reaching the semifinals in Lima.

The team also experienced victory in the 18 & under boys' age-group when Marcel Arevalo-Gonzalez (ESA) won the Inca Bowl in Peru.

Frank Couraud, ITF Development Projects Administrator, said: "The tour offers a great opportunity for the COTECC players to raise their standard and gain experience at a higher level. This is the first year that we have delegated the project to the regional association COTECC. It has proved to be very successful from the process of selection of the players through the backup of the administration during the tour."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Davis Cup Yearbook available



The Davis Cup by BNP Paribas: The Year in Tennis 2007 is now available for sale from the ITF Store.

The Yearbook is a full-colour 128-page coffee-table book recording the 2007 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas. It is written by the respected tennis journalist Chris Bowers, and includes photos from top tennis photographers around the world.

National Association updates

Papua New Guinea - PNG

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development events

- 8-16 February: ITF/OS Level 1 Coaches Course - Djibouti
- 11-22 February: ITF level 2 Coaches Course - Chile
- 15-18 February: ITF Play Tennis Course - Thailand
- 18-29 February: ITF/OS Regional Level 2 Coaches Course - South Africa
- 7-10 March: ITF Play & Stay Course - Korea



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ATP Race 2008

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	200
2nd	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	155
3rd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	114
4th	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	90
5th	YOUZHNY, Mikhail (RUS)	85
6th	KOHLSCHEIBER, Philipp (GER)	77
7th	NIEMINEN, Jarkko (FIN)	74
8th	FERRER, David (ESP)	58
9th =	FERRERO, Juan Carlos (ESP)	54
9th =	MONACO, Juan (ARG)	54
9th =	TURSUNOV, Dmitry (RUS)	54

ITF Wheelchair Rankings as at 11 February 2008

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	4632
2nd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	3430
3rd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	2847
4th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2368
5th	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	2029
6th	VINK, Ronald (NED)	1780
7th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1778
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1629
9th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1362
10th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	1349

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	4238
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	2538
3rd	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	2462
4th	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	2072
5th	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1983
6th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	1166
7th	YAOSA, Mie (JPN)	1101
8th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1004
9th	HONG, Young-Suk (KOR)	1003
10th	SHUKER, Lucy (GBR)	969

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	WAGNER, David (USA)	3102
2nd	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	2223
3rd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	1618
4th	HUNTER, Sarah (CAN)	1563
5th	DE BEER, Monique (NED)	1076

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Race 2008

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	SHARAPOVA, Maria (RUS)	1000
2nd	IVANOVIC, Ana (SRB)	825
3rd	HANTUCHOVA, Daniela (SVK)	555
4th	HENIN, Justine (BEL)	525
5th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	520
6th=	CHAKVETADZE, Anna (RUS)	366
6th=	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	366
8th	VAIDISOVA, Nicole (CZE)	300
9th	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	280
10th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	266

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BERANKIS, Ricardas (LTU)	1327.50
2nd	IGNATIK, Uladzimir (BLR)	1325.00
3rd	TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)	1135.00
4th	RAMIREZ, Cesar (MEX)	782.50
5th	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	762.50
6th	JANOWICZ, Jerzy (POL)	696.25
7th	HARRISON, Ryan (USA)	681.25
8th	GRIGOROV, Alexei (RUS)	663.75
9th	MINISTRO ELIAS, Gastao (POR)	655.00
10th	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	646.25

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	RADWANSKA, Urszula (POL)	1186.25
2nd	RUS, Arantxa (NED)	1012.50
3rd	LOUDIN, Melanie (USA)	948.75
4th	KUCOVA, Kristina (SVK)	860.00
5th	LYKINA, Ksenia (RUS)	852.50
6th	VOGT, Stephanie (LIE)	848.75
7th	HENDLER, Tamaryn (BEL)	805.00
8th	HOFMANOVA, Nikola (AUT)	770.00
9th	JOVANOVSKI, Bojana (SRB)	756.25
10th	PAVLYUNCHENKOVA, Anastasia (RUS)	740.00



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DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

WORLD GROUP FIRST ROUND

Russia defeated Serbia 3-2, Moscow (RUS): Mikhail Youzhny (RUS) d. Nenad Zimonjic (SRB) 26 63 62 64; Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) d. Viktor Troicki (SRB) 61 16 63 16 62; Novak Djokovic/Nenad Zimonjic (SRB) d. Mikhail Youzhny/Dmitry Tursunov (RUS) 63 76(6) 76(5); Nikolay Davydenko (RUS) d. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 46 36 64 ret.; Viktor Troicki (SRB) d. Dmitry Tursunov (RUS) 76(7) 46 63. **Czech Republic defeated Belgium 3-2, Ostrava (CZE):** Tomas Berdych (CZE) d. Kristof Vliegen (BEL) 63 61 64; Radek Stepanek (CZE) d. Steve Darcis (BEL) 64 76(4) 76(5); Tomas Berdych/Radek Stepanek (CZE) d. Olivier Rochus/Kristof Vliegen (BEL) 67(2) 76(6) 75 57 64; Steve Darcis (BEL) d. Lukas Dlouhy (CZE) 76(1) 64; Ruben Bemelmans (BEL) d. Pavel Vizner (CZE) 67(4) 75 22 ret. **Argentina defeated Great Britain 4-1, Buenos Aires (ARG):** David Nalbandian (ARG) d. Jamie Baker (GBR) 61 63 63; Agustin Calleri (ARG) d. Alex Bogdanovic (GBR) 63 61 61; Jose Acasuso/David Nalbandian (ARG) d. Ross Hutchins/Jamie Murray (GBR) 62 76(11) 60; Jose Acasuso (ARG) d. Alex Bogdanovic (GBR) 75 75; Jamie Baker (GBR) d. Agustin Calleri (ARG) 76(4) 64. **Sweden defeated Israel 3-2, Ramat Hasharon (ISR):** Dudi Sela (ISR) d. Jonas Bjorkman (SWE) 76(8) 63 61; Thomas Johansson (SWE) d. Harel Levy (ISR) 61 61 63; Jonathan Erlich/Andy Ram (ISR) d. Simon Aspelin/Robert Lindstedt (SWE) 63 76(3) 75; Thomas Johansson (SWE) d. Dudi Sela (ISR) 76(6) 61 75; Jonas Bjorkman (SWE) d. Harel Levy (ISR) 06 64 63 76(6). **Germany defeated Korea, Rep. 3-2, Braunschweig (GER):** Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) d. Jae-Sung An (KOR) 62 62 62; Hyung-Taik Lee (KOR) d. Florian Mayer (GER) 75 63 16 67(7) 63; Philipp Kohlschreiber/Philipp Petzschner (GER) d. Jae-Sung An/Woong-Sun Jun (KOR) 61 63 63; Philipp Kohlschreiber (GER) d. Hyung-Taik Lee (KOR) 60 46 61 76(1); Woong-Sun Jun (KOR) d. Michael Berrer (GER) 61 36 64. **Spain defeated Peru 5-0, Lima (PER):** Nicolas Almagro (ESP) d. Matias Silva (PER) 63 75 60; Tommy Robredo (ESP) d. Ivan Miranda (PER) 62 63 63; Feliciano Lopez/Fernando Verdasco (ESP) d. Luis Horna/Ivan Miranda (PER) 63 64 76(4); Tommy Robredo (ESP) d. Mauricio Echazu (PER) 64 61; Nicolas Almagro (ESP) d. Ivan Miranda (PER) 62 63. **France defeated Romania 5-0, Sibiu (ROU):** Richard Gasquet (FRA) d. Victor Hanescu (ROU) 76(5) 64 75; Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) d. Andrei Pavel (ROU) 67(2) 64 64 64; Arnaud Clement/Michael Llodra (FRA) d. Florin Mergea/Horia Tecau (ROU) 63 64 67(6) 36 62; Michael Llodra (FRA) d. Andrei Pavel (ROU) 76(5) 76(7); Arnaud Clement (FRA) d. Horia Tecau (ROU) 76(3) 26 64. **USA defeated Austria 4-1, Vienna (AUT):** Andy Roddick (USA) d. Jurgen Melzer (AUT) 64 46 63 67(4) 63; James Blake (USA) d. Stefan Koubek (AUT) 57 75 62 62; Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan (USA) d. Julian Knowle/Jurgen Melzer (AUT) 61 64 62; Stefan Koubek (AUT) d. Mike Bryan (USA) 75 10 ret.; Bob Bryan (USA) d. Werner Eschauer (AUT) 60 36 76(3).

EUROPE/AFRICA GROUP I FIRST ROUND

Macedonia, F.Y.R. defeated Latvia 4-1, Skopje (MKD): Lazar Magdincev (MKD) d. Ernests Gulbis (LAT) 26 64 62 16 62; Predrag Rusevski (MKD) d. Andis Juska (LAT) 76(3) 63 75; Lazar Magdincev/Predrag Rusevski (MKD) d. Andis Juska/Deniss Pavlovs (LAT) 61 63 60; Ilija Martinoski (MKD) d. Karlis Lejnieks (LAT) 63 64; Deniss Pavlovs (LAT) d. Tomislav Jotovski (MKD) 62 62. **Switzerland defeated Poland 4-1, Kreuzlingen (SUI):** Stephane Bohli (SUI) d. Dawid Olejniczak (POL) 64 76(3) 64; Stanislas Wawrinka (SUI) d. Blazej Koniusz (POL) 63 76(5) 63; Yves Allegro/Michael Lammer (SUI) d. Mariusz Fyrstenberg/Marcin Matkowski (POL) 64 63 26 63; Dawid Olejniczak (POL) d. Michael Lammer (SUI) 36 22 RET; Stephane Bohli (SUI) d. Blazej Koniusz (POL) 21 ret.

ASIA/OCEANIA GROUP I FIRST ROUND

Australia defeated Chinese Taipei 4-1, Kaohsiung (TPE): Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) d. Ti Chen (TPE) 64 60 63; Chris Guccione (AUS) d. Yen-Hsun Lu (TPE) 76(5) 64 76(9); Paul Hanley/Lleyton Hewitt (AUS) d. Yen-Hsun Lu/Yeu-Tzuoo Wang (TPE) 26 67(4) 64 62 62; Alun Jones (AUS) d. Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE) 46 63 62; Ti Chen (TPE) d. Paul Hanley (AUS) 76(3) 61. **Thailand defeated Kazakhstan 3-2, Almaty (KAZ):** Danai Udomchoke (THA) d. Alexey Kedryuk (KAZ) 76(8) 61 75; Syrym Abdukhalikov (KAZ) d. Weerapat Doakmaiklee (THA) 63 64 76(5); Sanchai Ratiwatana/Sonchat Ratiwatana (THA) d. Syrym Abdukhalikov/Dmitriy Makeyev (KAZ) 64 64 62; Danai Udomchoke (THA) d. Syrym Abdukhalikov (KAZ) 57 64 62 63; Alexey Kedryuk (KAZ) d. Weerapat Doakmaiklee (THA) 63 62. **India defeated Uzbekistan 3-2, New Delhi (IND):** Rohan Bopanna (IND) d. Farrukh Dustov (UZB) 63 63 61; Denis Istomin (UZB) d. Somdev Dev Varman (IND) 63 64 62; Mahesh Bhupathi/Rohan Bopanna (IND) d. Farrukh Dustov/Denis Istomin (UZB) 63 63 64; Denis Istomin (UZB) d. Rohan Bopanna (IND) 46 46 64 76(1) 86; Prakash Amritraj (IND) d. Farrukh Dustov (UZB) 63 36 63 62. **Japan defeated Philippines 5-0, Manila (PHI):** Go Soeda (JPN) d. Patrick-John Tierro (PHI) 61 46 62 26 64; Takao Suzuki (JPN) d. Cecil Mamiit (PHI) 75 76 26 62; Go Soeda/Takao Suzuki (JPN) d. Cecil Mamiit/Eric Taino (PHI) 67(5) 76(8) 76(5) 64; Go Soeda (JPN) d. Johnny Arcilla (PHI) 63 62; Yuichi Sugita (JPN) d. Eric Taino (PHI) 62 63.

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AMERICAS GROUP I FIRST ROUND

Canada defeated Mexico 4-1, Calgary (CAN): Frederic Niemeyer (CAN) d. Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) 64 64 76(1); Peter Polansky (CAN) d. Bruno Echagaray (MEX) 63 75 62; Daniel Nestor/Frederic Niemeyer (CAN) d. Bruno Echagaray/Santiago Gonzalez (MEX) 64 64 64; Bruno Rodriguez (MEX) d. Vasek Pospisil (CAN) 26 61 75; Peter Polansky (CAN) d. Cesar Ramirez (MEX) 76(6) 76(4). **Colombia defeated Uruguay 3-2, Punta del Este (URU):** Alejandro Falla (COL) d. Marcel Felder (URU) 62 75 62; Pablo Cuevas (URU) d. Santiago Giraldo (COL) 64 36 57 76(6) 64; Pablo Cuevas/Marcel Felder (URU) d. Michael Quintero/Carlos Salamanca (COL) 64 67(3) 63 67(4) 86; Alejandro Falla (COL) d. Pablo Cuevas (URU) 62 63 62; Santiago Giraldo (COL) d. Marcel Felder (URU) 62 64 76(5).

ASIA/OCEANIA GROUP II FIRST ROUND

China, P.R. defeated Lebanon 5-0, Beijing (CHN): Xin-Yuan Yu (CHN) d. Karim Alayli (LIB) 62 64 36 75; Peng Sun (CHN) d. Jicham Zaatini (LIB) 61 61 60; Xin-Yuan Yu/Shao-Xuan Zeng (CHN) d. Patrick Chucri/Jicham Zaatini (LIB) 62 76(4) 62; Zhe Li (CHN) d. Karim Alayli (LIB) 63 64; Xin-Yuan Yu (CHN) d. Rami Osman (LIB) 62 60. **Indonesia defeated Hong Kong, China 3-2, Jakarta (INA):** Martin Sayer (HKG) d. Elbert Sie (INA) 60 64 76(4); Christopher Rungkat (INA) d. Goran Bosalevski (HKG) 62 62 61; Christopher Rungkat/Andery Styawanto (INA) d. Michael Lai/Martin Sayer (HKG) 63 64 36 75; Elbert Sie (INA) d. Hiu-Tung Yu (HKG) 64 26 63 36 63; Michael Lai (HKG) d. Ayrton Wibowo (INA) 62 36 63. **New Zealand defeated Oman 5-0, Muscat (OMA):** G.D. Jones (NZL) d. Khalid Al Nabhani (OMA) 63 62 60; Daniel King-Turner (NZL) d. Mohammed Al Nabhani (OMA) 63 64 62; Daniel King-Turner/Jose Statham (NZL) d. Khalid Al Nabhani/Mohammed Al Nabhani (OMA) 36 67(2) 63 62 61; Daniel King-Turner (NZL) d. Khalid Al Nabhani (OMA) 60 61; G.D. Jones (NZL) d. Mohammed Al Nabhani (OMA) 61 75. **Kuwait defeated Pacific Oceania 4-1, Mishref (KUW):** Mohammad Ghareeb (KUW) d. Juan Sebastien Langton (POC) 61 61 62; Abdullah Magdas (KUW) d. Michael Leong (POC) 61 61 64; Mohammad Ghareeb/Mohammad-Khaliq Siddiq (KUW) d. Cyril Jacobe/Michael Leong (POC) 62 62 62; Michael Leong (POC) d. Ali Al Ghareeb (KUW) 64 75; Abdullah Magdas (KUW) d. Juan Sebastien Langton (POC) 76(2) 64.

AMERICAS GROUP II FIRST ROUND

Ecuador defeated Netherlands Antilles 4-1, Curacao (AHO): Romano Tatuhey (AHO) d. Julio-Cesar Campozano (ECU) 62 46 76(7) 76(4); Carlos Avellan (ECU) d. Alexander Blom (AHO) 63 62 62; Carlos Avellan/Ivan Endara (ECU) d. Alexander Blom/Romano Tatuhey (AHO) 67(4) 76(4) 61 76(4); Julio-Cesar Campozano (ECU) d. Nick Van Rosberg (AHO) 62 61 63; Ivan Endara (ECU) d. Jason Engelhardt (AHO) 62 60. **Dominican Republic defeated Bolivia 5-0, Santa Cruz de la Sierra (BOL):** Jhonson Garcia (DOM) d. Mauricio Estivariz (BOL) 64 64 36 46 62; Victor Estrella (DOM) d. Jose-Roberto Velasco (BOL) 62 46 62 64; Victor Estrella/Jhonson Garcia (DOM) d. Diego Camacho/Jose-Roberto Velasco (BOL) 36 63 64 60; Victor Estrella (DOM) d. Mauricio Doria-Medina (BOL) 62 63; Henry Estrella (DOM) d. Diego Camacho (BOL) 36 64 75. **Bahamas defeated Venezuela 4-1, Nassau (BAH):** Yohny Romero (VEN) d. Timothy Neilly (BAH) 64 60 76(10); Devin Mullings (BAH) d. Jose De Armas (VEN) 62 75 60; Mark Knowles/Marvin Rolle (BAH) d. Jose De Armas/Piero Luisi (VEN) 61 64 46 76(4); Devin Mullings (BAH) d. Yohny Romero (VEN) 26 64 76(7) 63; Timothy Neilly (BAH) d. Piero Luisi (VEN) 61 64.

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ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

AUSTRALIA F1 FUTURES, MILDURA (\$15,000)

Singles

Brydan Klein (AUS) d. Nathan Healey (AUS) 61 ret.

Doubles

Samuel Groth/Nathan Healey (AUS) d. Andrew Coelho/Brydan Klein (AUS) 63 64

FRANCE F3 FUTURES, BRESSUIRE (\$10,000+H)

Singles

Mathieu Rodrigues (FRA) d. Thomas Oger (FRA) 75 60

Doubles

Olivier Charroin/Clement Reix (FRA) d. Neil Bamford/Joshua Goodall (GBR) 64 76(4)

GERMANY F5 FUTURES, SCHWIEBERDINGEN (\$10,000)

Singles

Simon Greul (GER) d. Jeroen Masson (BEL) 64 64

Doubles

Dustin Brown (JAM)/Alexander Sadecky (SUI) d. Dusan Karol (CZE)/Jeroen Masson (BEL) 76(1) 75

MEXICO F3 FUTURES, TUXTLA GUTIERREZ (\$10,000)

Singles

Ricardo Hocevar (BRA) d. Miguel Gallardo-Valles (MEX) 67(4) 64 64

Doubles

Christopher Klingemann/Ross Wilson (USA) d. Nima Roshan/Peter Shults (USA) 64 63

SPAIN F5 FUTURES, MURCIA (\$10,000)

Singles

Nicolas Coutelot (FRA) d. Miguel-Angel Lopez-Jaen (ESP) 64 62

Doubles

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL)/Carlos Poch-Gradin (ESP) d. Carlos Gonzalez-De Cueto (ESP)/Rhyne Williams (USA) 76(4) 63

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 MALLORCA (ESP)

Singles

Polona Hercog (SLO) d. Ines Ferrer-Suarez (ESP) 63 61

Doubles

Lisa Sabino/Valentina Sulpizio (ITA) d. Leticia Costas-Moreira/Maite Gabarrus-Alonso (ESP) 63 76(0)

\$10,000 VALE DO LOBO (POR)

Singles

Dominika Nociarova (SVK) d. Elena Chalova (RUS) 62 60

Doubles

Katerina Avdiyenko (UKR)/Nina Bratchikova (RUS) d. Danielle Harmsen (NED)/Neuza Silva (POR) 64 63

\$25,000 CALI (COL)

Singles

Mathilde Johansson (FRA) d. Ekaterina Shulaeva (CAN) 36 60 61

Doubles

Mailen Auroux (ARG)/Estefania Craciun (URU) d. Melanie Klaffner (AUT)/Ksenia Milevskaya (BLR) 61 64

\$25,000 MILDURA (AUS)

Singles

Marina Erakovic (NZL) d. Kai-Chen Chang (TPE) 63 61

Doubles

Marina Erakovic (NZL)/Nicole Kriz (AUS) d. Monique Adamczak/Christina Wheeler (AUS) 64 64

\$25,000 SUTTON (GBR)

Singles

Johanna Larsson (SWE) d. Andrea Hlavackova (CZE) 75 60

Doubles

Andrea Hlavackova/Lucie Hradecka (CZE) d. Johanna Larsson (SWE)/Anna Smith (GBR) 63 63

\$75,000 MIDLAND, MI (USA)

Singles

Laura Granville (USA) d. Ashley Harkleroad (USA) 61 61

Doubles

Ashley Harkleroad/Shenay Perry (USA) d. Surina De Beer (RSA)/Rika Fujiwara (JPN) 36 64 [10-6]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, GRADE 2

Boys Singles

Jose Pereira (BRA) d. Idio Escobar (BRA) 64 64

Girls Singles

Flavia Borges (BRA) d. Daniela Trigo (BOL) 64 26 60

Boys Doubles

Mauricio Garcia/Alejandro Mendoza (BOL) d. Idio Escobar/Lucas Gobbi (BRA) 76(3) 06 62

Girls Doubles

Claudia Razzeto (PER)/Paulina Schippers (GUA) d. Gally De Wael (BEL)/Aki Yamasoto (JPN) 76(3) 61

DHAKA, BANGLADESH, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

I-Ta Chen (TPE) d. Kelsey Stevenson (CAN) 62 63

Girls Singles

Jawairiah Noordin (MAS) d. Lisa Whybourn (GBR) 61 60

Boys Doubles

Young-Hwan Ju/Ho-Min Kang (KOR) d. Tito Parulian Hutaaruk/Sonny Purnomo (INA) 63 63

Girls Doubles

Sonya Dayal/Poojashree Venkatesha (IND) d. Ya-Ping Huang/Yi-Bei Jang (TPE) 63 36 75

SFAX, TUNISIA, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Pablo Carreno-Busta (ESP) d. Mohamed Safwat (EGY) 64 16 62

Girls Singles

Oksana Pavlova (UKR) d. Sachie Ishizu (JPN) 63 46 63

Boys Doubles

Marco Bortolotti/Davide Della Tommasina (ITA) d. Carlos Boluda-Purkiss/Pablo Carreno-Busta (ESP) 63 62

Girls Doubles

Mariya Malkhasyan/Oksana Pavlova (UKR) d. Dina El Farouk (EGY)/Irina Ramialison (FRA) 61 62

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

James Meredith (NZL) d. Josh Nelson (AUS) 61 60

Girls Singles

Amy Askew (GBR) d. Mia Vriens (AUS) 64 61

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Boys Doubles

Nat Maraga (AUS)/James Meredith (NZL) d.
Nick Jones/George Morgan (GBR) 60 76(3)

Girls Doubles

Abigail Guthrie/Amelia Harris (NZL) d.
Mana Ayukawa/Miho Kowase (JPN) 64 64

FRYDLANT NAD OSTRAVICI, CZECH REPUBLIC, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Marco Krickovic (GER) d. Jakub Cymorek
(CZE) 62 57 63

Girls Singles

Teresa Malikova (CZE) d. Dana
Machalkova (CZE) 76(2) 36 60

Boys Doubles

Jakub Cymorek/David Sodek (CZE) d.
Michal Kozelski/Dominik Matousek
(CZE) 64 36 76(3)

Girls Doubles

Anezka Makovickova/Martina Pradova
(CZE) d. Teresa Malikova/Dominika
Schlehoferova (CZE) 75 46 75

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

CALOUNDRA, AUSTRALIA, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Lahcen Majdi (FRA) d. Lee Hinson (USA)
62 61

Women's Singles

Fu-Li Dong (CHN) d. Yuko Okabe (JPN)
62 61

Quad Singles

Jamie Burdekin (GBR) d. Antonio
Raffaele (ITA) 36 63 61

Men's Doubles

Frederic Cazeaudumec/Lahcen Majdi
(FRA) d. Stefane Goudou (FRA)/Travis
Moffat (NZL) 64 61

Women's Doubles

Fu-Li Dong/Dan Dan Hu (CHN) d. Beth
Ann Arnoult-Ritthaler (USA)/Katharina
Kruger (GER) 61 60

Quad Doubles

Giuseppe Polidori/Antonio Raffaele (ITA)
d. Ryuji Kakinokihara/Sadahiro Kimura
(JPN) 16 75 62

TUCSON, AZ, USA, ITF FUTURES SERIES

Men's Singles

Lee Carter (CAN) d. Paul Moran (USA) 61
60

Women's Singles

Karin Korb (USA) d. Claudia Taboada
(MEX) 61 64

Quad Singles

Bryan Barten (USA) d. Rafael Zamarripa
(USA) 63 60

Men's Doubles

Corey Blatchford/Lee Carter (CAN) d.
Anthony E. Anderson/Tony Lara (USA) 63 75

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 11 Feb 2008

MEN			
	Cuba F1 Futures	La Habana	\$10,000
	Italy F1 Futures	Bari	\$10,000
	Spain F6 Futures	Torre Pacheco	\$10,000
	Thailand F1 Futures	Nonthaburi	\$10,000
	Australia F2 Futures	Berri	\$15,000
	Croatia F1 Futures	Zagreb	\$15,000

WOMEN			
	Italy	Arezzo	\$10,000
	Portugal	Albufeira - Montechoro	\$10,000
	Spain	Mallorca	\$10,000
	Australia	Berri	\$25,000
	Sweden	Stockholm	\$25,000

SENIORS			
	Mexico	Mexico City	Grade 4

JUNIORS	WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION, PRE-QUALIFYING, KUCHING, MALAYSIA		
	WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION, PRE-QUALIFYING, LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR		
	Chile	Santiago	Grade 2
	Tunisia	Monastir	Grade 2
	Bangladesh	Dhaka	Grade 3
	Denmark	Copenhagen	Grade 4
	Mexico	Mexico City	Grade 4
	New Zealand	Wellington	Grade 4
	Sri Lanka	Colombo	Grade 5

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This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 18 Feb 2008

MEN	Cuba F2 Futures	La Habana	\$10,000
	Spain F7 Futures	Cartagena	\$10,000
	Thailand F2 Futures	Laksi	\$10,000
	Croatia F2 Futures	Zagreb	\$15,000
	India F1 Futures	Kolkata	\$15,000
	Italy F2 Futures	Trento	\$15,000
	Nigeria F1 Futures	Benin City	\$15,000
	USA F4 Futures	Brownsville, TX	\$15,000
WOMEN	Nigeria	Benin City	\$10,000
	Portugal	Portimao	\$10,000
	Spain	Melilla	\$10,000
	Italy	Capriolo	\$25,000
	USA	Clearwater, FL	\$25,000
SENIORS	Canada	Markham	Grade 2
	Sweden	Bromma	Grade 4
JUNIORS	WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION, PRE-QUALIFYING, KUCHING, MALAYSIA		
	WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION, PRE-QUALIFYING, LA LIBERTAD, EL SALVADOR		
	Argentina	Mar del Plata	Grade 2
	Benin	Cotonou	Grade 4
	Finland	Oulu	Grade 4
	Mexico	Zapopan	Grade 4
	Netherlands	Almere	Grade 4
	Algeria	Tlemcen	Grade 5

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