

Players warm up for African Junior Championships



*Mohamed Safwat (EGY),
2007 AJC runner-up*

Africa's leading juniors begin their preparation for the 31st ITF/CAT African Junior Championships (AJC) at the International Junior Championships of Botswana, which take place at the National Tennis Centre in Gaborone on 18-22 March. The tournament offers competition in three age categories - 18 & under, 16 & under and 14 & under - and has attracted entries from 108 boys and 94 girls from 29 different nations.

The 18 & under events have been upgraded to Grade 2 ITF junior world ranking tournaments, giving players the opportunity to gain valuable ranking points in what will be a very competitive week. Players qualified for the 16 & under and 14 & under age categories by playing in one of three zonal championships which took place in January in West & Central Africa, Southern Africa and East Africa.

The competition will allow the African players to adapt to the high-altitude conditions in preparation for the African Junior Championships on 24-29 March. Feed-in consolation events will be organised so that players have the opportunity to play a singles match every day, giving the players vital match-play in anticipation of their continent's most prestigious junior tennis event.

Both events are being hosted for the second consecutive year by the Botswana Tennis Association (BTA) in collaboration with the ITF and the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT). For regular results updates during the International Junior Championships of Botswana, please visit www.itftennis.com/development.

Arevalo and Jovanovski head Gerdau Cup entry

Marcelo Arevalo (ESA) and Bojan Jovanovski (SRB) are the top seeds for the Gerdau Cup Grade A junior event which begins today in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Arevalo is the current Central American & Caribbean champion and won the Grade 2 Inka Bowl in Peru in February. His closest rival could be Argentinian Juan Vazquez-Valenzuela who boasts an impressive clay court win-loss record of 21-3 in 2008, having won titles at the Argentina Cup and last week's Grade 1 Banana Bowl. Alexandre Folie (BEL), who won the Grade 1 Copa Gatorade in Venezuela, leads the European challenge, while American interest is headed by Ty Trombetta, who is aiming to make up for last year's first round loss.

World no. 7 Jovanovski is joined in the girls' event by last year's winner Cindy Chala (FRA). Since losing to Chala in the semifinals in 2007, the Serbian has risen 113 places in the rankings, reaching the quarterfinals of the 2008 Australian Junior Open. Both Jovanovski and Chala will look to improve on last week's early losses at the Banana Bowl.

The South American challenge is headed by Aranza Salut (ARG), who has built an impressive 18-5 record on clay this year, having claimed a title and two runner up finishes in Grade 2 events. Other players in contention include Mallory Burdette (USA), Bianca Botto (PER), a winner at the Asuncion Bowl, and Ana Bogdan (ROU), a back-to-back winner at the Coffee Bowl and last week's Banana Bowl. Daily results and reports are available on www.itftennis.com/juniors.



Seoul hosts Play and Stay course

The Olympic Tennis Court in Seoul, venue for tennis's return as a full-medal Olympic sport in 1988, became a focus for tennis development last week when it hosted Korea's first ITF Play Tennis course on 6-9 March.

Thirty-two coaches from across South Korea attended the course to see how starter players can serve, rally and score from the first lesson and then continue to develop their skills. The course educated coaches in using slower balls and smaller courts to enable players to play the game from the start, and advance technique quicker than they could with a normal ball.

Suresh Menon, ITF Development Officer and course tutor, said: "The coaching approach of many of the participants was very technically focused, working on getting perfect looking strokes, using full balls and full court sizes with all players. This course provided coaches with another approach, focusing initially on using slower balls to get players to rally and enjoy the sport, and then giving relevant tactical and technical instruction to enable players to play the game better. I feel the latter approach is better for working with starter players but the coaches can decide which approach they think is best. Now they have a choice."

The Play Tennis course forms part of 'Tennis...Play and Stay', a campaign that aims to increase tennis participation worldwide by improving the way tennis is introduced to starter players. For further information visit www.tennisplayandstay.com. Click [here](#) to read a daily diary from the event.



Course participants in Seoul

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ricci Bitti visits Azerbaijan

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti was joined by the President of the Russian Tennis Federation, Shamil Tarpishev, during a recent visit to Azerbaijan.

Ricci Bitti and Tarpishev met Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, to discuss the intensive development of sport in the country. Ricci Bitti said that there was a great tradition of tennis, and the necessary conditions for its development. Great attention to the sport would therefore have a positive influence on tennis in Azerbaijan.

Ricci Bitti also joined Tarpishev for further meetings in Kazan, the capital of the Russian Republic of Tatarstan.

National Association update

Burundi - BDI

Federation de Tennis du Burundi

New President:

Mr Liberat Hicintuka

development events

16-30 March: ITF 14 & under Asian Champs - Group 1 - Jakarta, Indonesia

18-22 March: International Junior Champs of Botswana - Gaborone, Botswana

21-30 March: Play Tennis Course - Quito, Ecuador

24-29 March: 31st ITF/CAT African Junior Championships - Gaborone, Botswana

31 Mar-8 Apr: Play Tennis Course - Guayaquil, Ecuador

ATP Race 2008

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	230
2nd	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	155
3rd	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	134
4th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	122
5th	LLODRA, Michael (FRA)	107
6th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	106
7th	ALMAGRO, Nicolas (ESP)	97
8th	YOUZHNY, Mikhail (RUS)	95
9th	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	90
10th	SODERLING, Robin (SWE)	87

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Race 2008

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	SHARAPOVA, Maria (RUS)	1465
2nd	IVANOVIC, Ana (SRB)	965
3rd	HENIN, Justine (BEL)	875
4th	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	845
5th	HANTUCHOVA, Daniela (SVK)	625
6th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	591
7th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	566
8th	LI, Na (CHN)	565
9th	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	560
10th	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	525

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

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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)	1297

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

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	ELIAS, Gastao (POR)	655.00
9th	GRIGOROV, Alexei (RUS)	648.75
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	LYKINA, Ksenia (RUS)	873.75
5th	KUCOVA, Kristina (SVK)	860.00
6th	VOGT, Stephanie (LIE)	848.75
7th	JOVANOVSKI, Bojana (SRB)	756.25
8th	PAVLYUNCHENKOVA, Anastasia (RUS)	740.00
9th	HOFMANOVA, Nikola (AUT)	695.00
10th	RAYKOVA, Tanya (BUL)	692.50



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Results week commencing 10 March

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

AUSTRALIA F3 FUTURES, PERTH (\$15,000)

Singles

Colin Ebelthite (AUS) d. Adam Feeney (AUS) 64 62

Doubles

Adam Feeney/Samuel Groth (AUS) d. Miles Armstrong/Matthew Ebden (AUS) 57 64 [10-7]

CANADA F2 FUTURES, MONTREAL (\$10,000)

Singles

Martin Verkerk (NED) d. Florin Mergea (ROU) 67(8) 76(9) 64

Doubles

Travis Rettenmaier/Rylan Rizza (USA) d. Milan Pokrajac/Milos Raonic (CAN) 76(5) 76(4)

CROATIA F3 FUTURES, POREC (\$10,000)

Singles

Grega Zemlja (SLO) d. Andrea Arnaboldi (ITA) 76(4) 61

Doubles

David Savic (SRB)/Vilim Visak (CRO) d. Charles Roche (FRA)/Martin Vacek (CZE) 61 62

FRANCE F4 FUTURES, LILLE (\$15,000)

Singles

Clement Reix (FRA) d. Adrian Mannarino (FRA) 26 76(3) 75

Doubles

Thomas Oger/Nicolas Tourte (FRA) d. Xavier Audouy/Ludovic Walter (FRA) 62 75

ITALY F4 FUTURES, CALTANISSETTA (\$15,000)

Singles

Gianluca Naso (ITA) d. Enrico Burzi (ITA) 64 62

Doubles

Juan-Martin Aranguren/Juan-Francisco Spina (ARG) d. Nikola Ciric/Miljan Zekic (SRB) w/o.

IVORY COAST F2 FUTURES, ABIDJAN (\$15,000)

Singles

Matwe Middelkoop (NED) d. Jeremy Blandin (FRA) 67(4) 64 61

Doubles

Denys Molchanov (UKR)/Boy Westerhof (NED) d. Ivan Anikanov (UKR)/Alexander Satschko (GER) 76(4) 76(3)

PORTUGAL F6 FUTURES, ALBUFEIRA (\$10,000)

Singles

Rui Machado (POR) d. Carsten Ball (AUS) 62 62

Doubles

Neil Bamford/Joshua Goodall (GBR) d. Chris Eaton (GBR)/Amir Weintraub (ISR) 63 64

SPAIN F10 FUTURES, BADALONA (\$10,000)

Singles

Bartolome Salva-Vidal (ESP) d. Alexander Jakupovic (GRE) 62 60

Doubles

Marcelo Demoliner (BRA)/David Rice (GBR) d. David Canudas-Fernandez/Oscar Sabate-Bretos (ESP) 63 61

SWITZERLAND F3 FUTURES, VADUZ (LIECHTENSTEIN) (\$10,000)

Singles

Jerzy Janowicz (POL) d. Andrea Stoppini (ITA) 76(4) 64

Doubles

Juho Pauku (FIN)/Deniss Pavlovs (LAT) d. Olivier Charroin (FRA)/Ivan Vukovic (CRO) 76(4) 63

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 CAIRO (EGY)

Singles

Elena Chalova (RUS) d. Alexandra Cadantu (ROU) 62 63

Doubles

Galina Fokina (RUS)/Oksana Kalashnikova (GEO) d. Elena Chalova/Inna Sokolova (RUS) 64 62

\$10,000 DIJON (FRA)

Singles

Olga Brozda (POL) d. Sarah Borwell (GBR) 75 46 64

Doubles

Martina Babakova (SVK)/Iveta Gerlova (CZE) d. Danielle Brown/Natasha Khan (GBR) 57 75 [10-4]

\$10,000 RAMAT HASHARON (ISR)

Singles

Lenka Jurikova (SVK) d. Irini Georgatou (GRE) 64 63

Doubles

Nicole Clerico (ITA)/Lena Litvak (USA) d. Katie Ruckert (USA)/Aude Vermoezen (BEL) 63 61

\$10,000 ROME (ITA)

Singles

Astrid Besser (ITA) d. Anna Korzeniak (POL) 62 63

Doubles

Ioana Ivan (ROU)/Ksenia Milevskaya (BLR) d. Stefania Chieppa/Valentina Sulpizio (ITA) 63 76(5)

\$25,000 KALGOORLIE (AUS)

Singles

Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d. Ellen Barry (NZL) 75 62

Doubles

Ting Li/Yi-Miao Zhou (CHN) d. Natsumi Hamamura/Remi Tezuka (JPN) 61 46 [10-8]

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

Singles

Chayenne Ewijk (NED) d. Kirsten Flipkens (BEL) 46 76(4) 76(4)

Doubles

Marta Marrero/Maria-Jose Martinez Sanchez (ESP) d. Anna Gerasimov (GRE)/Anna Hawkins (GBR) 62 76(1)

\$50,000 NEW DELHI (IND)

Singles

Ekaterina Dzehalevich (BLR) d. Yanina Wickmayer (BEL) 26 63 62

Doubles

Chun-Mei Ji/Sheng-Nan Sun (CHN) d. Sunitha Rao (IND)/Aurelie Vedy (FRA) 26 62 [10-4]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

NONTHABURI, THAILAND, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Alexander Lobkov (RUS) d. Henri Kontinen (FIN) 63 63

Girls Singles

Jessy Rompies (INA) d. Lyudmyla Kichenok (UKR) 76(5) 36 64

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Results (cont. from page 4)

Boys Doubles

Niki Moser (AUT)/Ilija Vucic (SRB) d. Peerakit Siributwong/Kittiphong Wachiramanowong (THA) 46 63 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Lyudmyla Kichenok/Nadiya Kichenok (UKR) d. Timea Babos/Reka-Luca Jani (HUN) 61 46 [11-9]

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Juan Vazquez-Valenzuela (ARG) d. Filip Krajinovic (SRB) 75 63

Girls Singles

Ana Bogdan (ROU) d. Paula Ormaechea (ARG) 62 64

Boys Doubles

Gilad Ben Zvi (ISR)/Cedrik-Marcel Stebe (GER) d. David Goffin (BEL)/Pierre-Hugues Herbert (FRA) 75 62

Girls Doubles

Elena Bogdan (ROU)/Nastassja Burnett (ITA) d. Nadejda Guskova/Valeria Savinykh (RUS) 76(4) 61

KRAMFORS, SWEDEN, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Gianni Mina (FRA) d. Sandro Ehrat (SUI) 46 60 62

Girls Singles

Silvia Njiric (CRO) d. Alexandra Kronic (SRB) 63 31 ret.

Boys Doubles

Ahmed El Menshawy/Jordan McCulloch (GBR) d. Jack Carpenter/Scott Sears (GBR) 64 62

Girls Doubles

Alexandra Kronic (SRB)/Silvia Njiric (CRO) d. Sian Bayliss/Aimee Gibson (GBR) 36 75 64

LLANOS DE CURUNDU, PANAMA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Jesus Bandres (VEN) d. Juan Pablo Ramirez (COL) 60 75

Girls Singles

Gina Suarez (USA) d. Shelby Rogers (USA) 46 75 41 ret.

Boys Doubles

Matteo Civarolo (ITA)/David Sofaer (AUS) d. Santiago Centeno (GUA)/Rodrigo Rappaccioli (NCA) 75 26 63

Girls Doubles

Shelby Rogers/Sabrina Santamaria (USA) d. Barbara Luz (POR)/Francesca Segarelli (DOM) 75 61

TRNAVA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Ivan Kosec (SVK) d. Filip Horansky (SVK) 57 63 75

Girls Singles

Dana Machalkova (CZE) d. Chantal Skamlova (SVK) 63 62

Boys Doubles

Tomas Hanzlik/Tomas Hrabec (CZE) d. Martin Brunner/Lucas Hejhal (AUT) 26 64 76(6)

Girls Doubles

Tereza Vancurova (CZE)/Lucia Vrskova (SVK) d. Tereza Bartova/Anezka Makovickova (CZE) w/o

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

BIEN, SWITZERLAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Ronald Vink (NED) d. Joachim Gerard (BEL) 61 61

Women's Singles

Ilanit Fridman (ISR) d. Katharina Kruger (GER) 62 61

Men's Doubles

Laszlo Farkas (HUN)/Gordon Reid (GBR) d. Joachim Gerard/Gert Vos (BEL) 64 61

Women's Doubles

Parmila Grangier/Karin Suter-Erath (SUI) d. Agnieszka Bartczak (POL)/Katharina Kruger (GER) 76(3) 64

CUNEO, ITALY, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Peter Wikstrom (SWE) d. Maikel Scheffers (NED) 64 75

Women's Singles

Ilanit Fridman (ISR) d. Marianna Lauro (ITA) 36 63 64

Men's Doubles

Stefan Olsson/Peter Wikstrom (SWE) d. Nicolas Peifer (FRA)/Gert Vos (BEL) 63 61

Women's Doubles

Karin Korb (USA)/Katharina Kruger (GER) d. Lola Ochoa (ESP)/Arlette Racineux (FRA) 26 63 [6-4]

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Frederic Cazeaudumec (FRA) d. Ben Weekes (AUS) 61 61

Women's Singles

Daniela Di Toro (AUS) d. Jacqueline Courtier (NZL) 61 63

Quad Singles

Sadahiro Kimura (JPN) d. James McLeod (NZL) 26 75 61

Men's Doubles

Frederic Cazeaudumec (FRA)/Lee Hinson (USA) d. Michael Dobbie/Ben Weekes (AUS) 62 46 [6-4]

Women's Doubles

Daniela Di Toro (AUS)/Chiyoko Ohmae (JPN) d. Kanako Domori/Yuko Okabe (JPN) 76(3) 62

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 17 March 2008

MEN	Canada F3 Futures	Sherbrooke	\$10,000	
	Croatia F4 Futures	Rovinj	\$10,000	
	Great Britain F4 Futures	Bath	\$10,000	
	India F3 Futures	Mumbai	\$10,000	
	Italy F5 Futures	CANCELLED	\$10,000	
	Japan F1 Futures	Nishi-Tama	\$10,000	
	Spain F11 Futures	Castelldefels	\$10,000	
	Turkey F1 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000	
	Australia F4 Futures	Sorrento	\$15,000	
	Egypt F1 Futures	Cairo	\$15,000	
	France F5 Futures	Poitiers	\$15,000+H	
	WOMEN	Egypt	Ain Alsoukhna	\$10,000
		France	Amiens	\$10,000
Great Britain		Bath	\$10,000	
Greece		Porto Rafti	\$10,000	
Italy		Rome	\$10,000	
Australia		Sorrento	\$25,000	
India		Noida	\$25,000	
Russia		St. Petersburg	\$25,000	
Spain		Tenerife	\$25,000	
USA		Redding, CA	\$25,000	
SENIORS		Brazil	Curitiba	Grade 2
	Australia	Canberra	Grade 3	
JUNIORS	Brazil	Porto Alegre	Grade A	
	Malaysia	Kuching	Grade 1	
	Botswana	Gaborone	Grade 2	
	Italy	Florence	Grade 2	
	Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	Grade 4	
	Guadeloupe	CANCELLED	Grade 5	
	Paraguay	Asuncion	Grade 5	
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Events - week commencing 24 March 2008

MEN	Croatia F5 Futures	Vrsar	\$10,000
	Great Britain F5 Futures	Jersey	\$10,000
	India F4 Futures	Gurgaon	\$10,000
	Italy F6 Futures	Monterotondo	\$10,000
	Japan F2 Futures	Nishi-Tokyo City	\$10,000
	Spain F12 Futures	Zaragoza	\$10,000
	Turkey F2 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
	Egypt F2 Futures	Giza	\$15,000
	Sweden F1 Futures	CANCELLED	\$15,000
	WOMEN	Egypt	Cairo
Greece		Athens	\$10,000
Mexico		POSTPONED TO 21 APR 2008	\$10,000
Belgium		Tessenderlo	\$25,000
Great Britain		Jersey	\$25,000
Russia		Moscow	\$25,000
Spain		La Palma	\$25,000
USA		Hammond, LA	\$25,000
Italy		Latina	\$50,000
SENIORS		Argentina	Buenos Aires
	USA	Houston, TX	Grade 1
	Canada	Markham	Grade 3
	Czech Republic	Pribram	Grade 4
	Morocco	Agadir	Grade 4
	Spain	Palafrugell	Grade 4
	JUNIORS	Philippines	Manila
Great Britain		Nottingham	Grade 4
Malta		Marsa	Grade 4
Trinidad & Tobago		Port of Spain	Grade 4
USA		Bryan, TX	Grade 4
Botswana		Gaborone	Grade B2
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