

Bhambri and Boserup take Orange Bowl titles



Yuki Bhambri (IND) and Julia Boserup (USA)
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India's Yuki Bhambri and America's Julia Boserup ended 2008 in style by picking up the singles titles at the Orange Bowl, the last Grade A event of the year on the ITF Junior Circuit. It was Bhambri's second Grade A win in a row after his victory at the Osaka Mayor's Cup, while for wild card Boserup it was the first title at any level on the ITF Junior Circuit.

The year-end No. 1 ranking was at stake in both boys' and girls' events, which created an extra layer of drama to the tournament. Bhambri had to win both singles and doubles and hope rival Tsung-Hua Yang (TPE) fell at the first hurdle, which ultimately proved too much to ask. However, top seeded Yang was beaten in the last 16 by American Alex Domijan, who was in turn knocked out by compatriot Jarmere Jenkins. Jenkins faced Bhambri in the first Grade A final of his career, but never troubled the second seed, who eased to a 61 63 win.

The girls' singles looked set to be a straight fight for the year-end No. 1 spot between Ana Bogdan (ROU) and Laura Robson (GBR), the top two seeds. When Robson was forced to withdraw from her third round match due to injury, Bogdan's path seemed to have been cleared. However, the American contingent in the draw had other ideas: five of them made the last eight, including Sloane Stephens, who destroyed the top seed without losing a game. Stephens was joined in the last four by three other Americans, Christina McHale, Lauren Embree and Julia Boserup. McHale defeated Stephens in a three-set marathon to reach her first major final against fellow wild card Boserup. Another three-set battle ensued, but this time Boserup came out on top 64 26 63 to win her first ITF Junior Circuit title.

The earlier than expected defeats of Bogdan and Robson leave Thailand's Noppawan Lertcheewakarn in top spot in the year-end rankings. Americans also dominated the doubles, providing seven of the eight finalists and both winning teams. The boys' title was won by Jenkins and Devin Britton, while Asia Muhammad and Embree took the girls' crown.

ITF Officiating School in Paris

ITF Officiating held an ITF Level 3 School this month at Roland Garros, which was attended by 36 selected candidates, and taught by Gerry Armstrong, Andi Egli, Stefan Fransson, Andrew Jarrett, Yan Kuzak and Anders Wennberg. Of these, 26 were welcomed to the ranks of International Officials as either Chair Umpire, Chief Umpire or Referee. They are:

Bronze Badge Chair Umpires

ADAMOVSKY, Jiri (CZE)
ANDERSON, Ben (GBR)
BARA, Tomasz (POL)
FERREIRA, Ana (ESP)
HAIGH, Richard (GBR)
KALOMBO, Dany (FRA)
KOSHELEVA, Anastasia (RUS)
KRANZUSCH, Timo (GER)
KUREK, Anna (POL)
LAMQUET, Eric (BEL)

LEIFMAN, Dimitri (ISR)
LICHTENSTEIN, Renaud (FRA)
SCHROEDER, Jan (GER)
STANCIULESCU, Lucian (ROU)
ZANON, Emiliano (ITA)
PETERDI, Tamas (HUN)

Silver Badge Chief Umpires

LE CAMUS, Sosthene (FRA)

MACKENSTEIN, Patrick (GER)
PETERDI, Tamas (HUN)
RAISON, Gael (FRA)
YANG, Yong (CHN)

Silver Badge Referees

JESIONEK, Rafal (POL)
KNEZEVIC, Mila (CRO)
NAEVE, Nico (GER)
NICOLAE, Dan (ROU)
NIKOLIC, Vuk (SRB)

Africans dominate 18 and under circuit



Participants in the East Africa circuit

Africans dominated the three tournaments on the East African 18 and under circuit, which attracted participants from Europe, Canada, India, Iran, and North, West, East and Southern Africa.

The opening event in Bujumbura, Burundi saw Samuel Omoile (NGR) defeat the home favourite Hassan Murisho in straight sets 63 76(2). In the girls' section, the final was an all-Madagascan affair between Zarah Razafimahatratra and Niriantsa Rasolomalala. Although Rasolomalala was expected to win, Razafimahatratra raced to a 3-0 lead before Rasolomalala fought back to take the title 63 61.

In the second leg in Uganda, Duncan Mugabe (UGA) avoided a repeat of last year's final, when he choked in the final set after leading 5-1 against Zeyad Montasser (EGY), by overcoming Admire Mushonga (ZIM) in a closely contested match. Both players exchanged some blistering groundstrokes that kept the spectators at the edge of their seats. Eventually it was Mugabe who prevailed 76(8) 64. The girls' final was a contest between Kaylea Sher (RSA) and Menna El Nagdy (EGY), the South African claiming victory in straight sets 62 63.

The final leg in Nairobi was more eventful. Mugabe, the No. 1 seed, pulled out after being struck down by malaria and then Alp Golcuklu (TUR) reached the final before he had to pull out due to flight problems. This handed the title to Mushonga, who finished runner-up in Uganda. The girls' final was a repeat of the Burundi final, with Rasolomalala emerging victorious for a second time.

Prince Madema, ITF Development Officer for East Africa, said: "The circuit was a great success and produced some great tennis of a high standard."

Australians on form in Perth

Australian fourth seed Andrew Coelho claimed his third singles title of the year when he defeated compatriot Brendan McKenzie 76(5) 64 in the final of the second consecutive Futures competition to take place in Perth. The previous week's competition saw another all Australian final with No. 5 seed Marinko Matosevic defeating No. 8 seed Adam Feeney 63 76(4). The doubles saw the unseeded Australian pair of Kaden Hensel and Adam Hubble triumph in both events, overcoming Feeney & Mikal Statham (NZL), and Dane Propoggia and Matt Reid (AUS) respectively.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Fed Cup captain for France

The FFT has announced that Nicolas Escude will become captain of the French Fed Cup team in 2009. Escude, who was a member of the winning French Davis Cup team in 2001, will first captain the team at France's first round tie against Italy in Orleans on 7-8 February.

National Association updates

Ethiopia - ETH

Ethiopian Tennis Federation

New President:

Abdurahman Mohamed

New General Secretary:

Meseret Tadege

Great Britain - GBR

The Lawn Tennis Association

New President:

Derek Howorth

ATP Race 2008 Final Standings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NADAL, Rafael (ESP)	1335
2nd	FEDERER, Roger (SUI)	1061
3rd	DJOKOVIC, Novak (SRB)	1059
4th	MURRAY, Andy (GBR)	744
5th	DAVYDENKO, Nikolay (RUS)	543
6th	TSONGA, Jo-Wilfried (FRA)	410
7th	SIMON, Gilles (FRA)	396
8th	RODDICK, Andy (USA)	394
9th	DEL POTRO, Juan Martin (ARG)	389
10th	BLAKE, James (USA)	355

ITF Wheelchair Rankings 15 December 2008

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	4341
2nd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	3229
3rd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	2358
4th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2256
5th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2240
6th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1904
7th	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	1847
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1623
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1622
10th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	1574

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	3685
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	2663
3rd	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1933
4th	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1766
5th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	1577
6th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1007
7th	YAOSA, Mie (JPN)	998
8th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	971
9th	FRIDMAN, Ilanit (ISR)	962
10th	HONG, Young-Suk (KOR)	875

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	3112
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	2888
3rd	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	1496
4th	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	1348
5th	VAN ERP, Bas (NED)	1121

Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Race 2008 Final Standings

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	JANKOVIC, Jelena (SRB)	4786
2nd	SAFINA, Dinara (RUS)	3823
3rd	WILLIAMS, Serena (USA)	3681
4th	DEMENTIEVA, Elena (RUS)	3400
5th	IVANOVIC, Ana (SRB)	3353
6th	ZVONAREVA, Vera (RUS)	2626
7th	KUZNETSOVA, Svetlana (RUS)	2623
8th	WILLIAMS, Venus (USA)	2522
9th	SHARAPOVA, Maria (RUS)	2515
10th	RADWANSKA, Agnieszka (POL)	2256

ITF Junior Rankings 8 December 2008

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	1116.25
2nd	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	1087.50
3rd	TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)	980.00
4th	BHAMBRI, Yuki (IND)	917.50
5th	KONTINEN, Henri (FIN)	875.00
6th	RUFIN, Guillaume (FRA)	817.50
7th	RAMIREZ, Cesar (MEX)	790.00
8th	STEBE, Cedric-Marcel (GER)	747.50
9th	PEREIRA, Jose (BRA)	725.00
10th	GOFFIN, David (BEL)	718.75

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA)	1082.50
2nd	HALEP, Simona (ROU)	1025.00
3rd	RUS, Arantxa (NED)	1010.00
4th	BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)	981.25
5th	ROBSON, Laura (GBR)	960.00
6th	BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)	952.50
7th	NARA, Kurumi (JPN)	790.00
8th	ODUDIN, Melanie (USA)	757.50
9th	JOVANOVSKI, Bojana (SRB)	747.50
10th	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	687.50



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ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

ARGENTINA F18 FUTURES, SALTA (\$10,000)

Singles

Leandro Migani (ARG) d. Alejandro Fabbri (ARG) 36 63 63

Doubles

Facundo Bagnis/Leandro Migani (ARG) d. Patricio Heras/Roberto Eduardo Ramirez (ARG) 75 75

BRAZIL F32 FUTURES, FOZ DO IGUACU (\$10,000)

Singles

Julio Silva (BRA) d. Juan-Pablo Villar (ARG) 76(5) 62

Doubles

Gaston Giussani/Joaquin-Jesus Monteferrario (ARG) d. Marlon Oliveira/Julio Silva (BRA) 76(4) 64

CZECH REP. F5 FUTURES, FRYDLAND NAD OSTRAVICI (\$15,000)

Singles

Robin Vik (CZE) d. Daniel Lustig (CZE) 64 62

Doubles

Colin Fleming/Jonathan Marray (GBR) d. Andis Juska (LAT)/Konstantin Kravchuk (RUS) 63 32 ret.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC F4 FUTURES, SANTO DOMINGO (\$10,000)

Singles

Victor Estrella (DOM) d. Andrey Kumantsov (RUS) 76(4) 64

Doubles

Antal Van Der Duim/Tim Van Terheijden (NED) d. Ivan Anikanov (UKR)/Philipp Oswald (AUT) 63 57 [10-8]

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 BENICARLO (ESP)

Singles

Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor (ESP) d. Ashley Weinhold (USA) 64 16 75

Doubles

Neda Kozic (SRB)/Biljana Pavlova (BUL) d. Simona-Iulia Matei/Cristina-Andreea Mitu (ROU) 64 76(3)

\$10,000 LA HABANA (CUB)

Singles

Melisa Miranda-Otarola (CHI) d. Ana-Clara Duarte (BRA) 60 64

Doubles

Josymar Escalona (VEN)/Francesca Segarelli (DOM) d. Ana-Clara Duarte (BRA)/Davinia Lobbingier (BEL) 75 64

\$25,000 PREROV (CZE)

Singles

Tereza Hladikova (CZE) d. Ana Savic (CRO) 64 75

Doubles

Tereza Hladikova/Renata Voracova (CZE) d. Ksenia Lykina (RUS)/Katerina Vankova (CZE) 60 36 [10-3]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

KEY BISCAYNE, FL, USA, GRADE A

Boys Singles

Yuki Bhambri (IND) d. Jarmere Jenkins (USA) 61 63

Girls Singles

Julia Boserup (USA) d. Christina Mchale (USA) 64 26 63

Boys Doubles

Devin Britton/Jarmere Jenkins (USA) d. Yuki Bhambri (IND)/Chase Buchanan (USA) 76(7) 62

Girls Doubles

Lauren Embree/Asia Muhammed (USA) d. Brooke Bolender/Beatrice Capra (USA) 63 62

MUMBAI, INDIA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Kaza Vinayak Sharma (IND) d. Muddappa Appanervanda (IND) 63 63

Girls Singles

Melis Sezer (TUR) d. Valentina Starkova (KAZ) 64 63

Boys Doubles

Ronak Manuja/Kaza Vinayak Sharma (IND) d. Sai Kartik Nakireddi/Naveen Saai (IND) 64 36 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Rishika Sunkara/Rashmi Teltumbde (IND) d. Ashvarya Shrivastava/Kumari-Sweta Solanki (IND) 63 63

NAIROBI, KENYA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Admire Mushonga (ZIM) d. Alp Golcuklu (TUR) w/o.

Girls Singles

Niriantsa Rasolomalala (MAD) d. Zarah Razafimahatratra (MAD) 64 64

Boys Doubles

Arsalan Mohammadi/Kiarash Soury (IRI) d. Seif Eldin El Sherbini/Shady Khalaf (EGY) w/o.

Girls Doubles

Niriantsa Rasolomalala (MAD)/Kaylea Chana Sher (RSA) d. Valeria Bhunu (RSA)/Zarah Razafimahatratra (MAD) 63 57 63

GOMEL, BELARUS, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Egor Gerasimov (BLR) d. Vladyslav Manafov (UKR) 62 64

Girls Singles

Daria Kuchmina (RUS) d. Ekaterina Yashina (RUS) 63 62

Boys Doubles

Vladyslav Manafov/Denys Mylokostov (UKR) d. Yan Khursan/Yauheni Yakaulev (BLR) 64 76(7)

Girls Doubles

Daria Kuchmina/Mukhabbat Saidova (RUS) d. Ekaterina Yashina (RUS)/Marina Zhurba (UKR) 62 75

RONDESBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Hernus Pieters (RSA) d. Jarryd Botha (RSA) 62 36 61

Girls Singles

Chanel Simmonds (RSA) d. Veronique Luksich (RSA) 60 60

Boys Doubles

Pieter Becker/Jason Blakey-Milner (RSA) d. Renier Moolman/Hernus Pieters (RSA) 46 76 [11-9]

Girls Doubles

Este Potgieter/Chanel Simmonds (RSA) d. Dane Joubert/Adri Lochner (RSA) 63 61

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 15 December 2008

MEN	Brazil F33 Futures	Sao Paulo	\$10,000
	Dominican Republic F5 Futures	Santo Domingo	\$10,000
	Czech Rep. F6 Futures	Opava	\$15,000
WOMEN	Ecuador	CANCELLED	\$10,000
	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	\$75,000
SENIORS	India	New Dehli	Grade 4
	Switzerland	Arosa	Grade 4
	USA	Waipahu, HI	Grade 4
JUNIORS	USA	Miami, FL	Grade 4
WHEELCHAIR	South Africa	East London	ITF 3 Series
	USA	Waipahu, HI	ITF Futures Series

Events - week commencing 22 December 2008

MEN	Brazil F34 Futures	Sao Paulo	\$10,000
WOMEN	India	Delhi	\$50,000

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