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## Hopman Cup gets underway in Perth

Day three of the 2009 Hyundai Hopman Cup has been completed, with Germany defeating hosts Australia, and Slovak Republic upsetting top seeds and defending champions USA.

Despite Lleyton Hewitt making a winning return to competition after five months out due to hip surgery, his three-set defeat of Nicolas Kiefer could not stop the Germans winning 2-1. Casey Dellacqua, also returning from injury, lost to Sabine Lisicki in the opening match before Kiefer and Lisicki combined to victory in the doubles. In the second session of the day, Meghann Shaughnessy fell to Dominika Cibulkova in straight sets before Dominik Hrbaty defeated James Blake in a third set tiebreak. The doubles was won by the Slovaks to make the final score 3-0.



Marat Safin and Dinara Safina (RUS)  
(photo: Theron Kirkman)

On the first day of play on Saturday, France defeated Asian Hopman Cup winners Chinese Taipei 3-0, as Alize Cornet and Gilles Simon overcame Hsieh Su-Wei and Yen-Hsun Lu. The brother-sister combination of Marat Safin and Dinara Safina ensured that Russia defeated Italy 2-1 on Sunday, although Flavia Pennetta and Simone Bolelli kept things close by winning the doubles.

USA joins Australia, Germany and Slovak Republic in Group A. Second seeds Russia are contesting Group B alongside France, Italy and Chinese Taipei. The primetime final takes place at 18:00 on Friday 9 January.

The Hyundai Hopman Cup XXI announced last week that Members Equity Bank has joined the field as a support sponsor for the 21st anniversary of the event. Members Equity Bank will become the event's Aces Sponsor and as part of the one-year deal will donate \$25 for every ace served to the Hyundai Hopman Cup charity The Kids Tennis Foundation, which helps spread tennis to disadvantaged Western Australia communities.

For all the latest Hopman Cup information, visit [www.hopmancup.com.au](http://www.hopmancup.com.au).

## Junior Tournament planner launched

The ITF has successfully launched Junior TP, a tournament management system that will assist referees on site at events and will greatly improve the administration of the ITF Junior Circuit. The new software is an extension of Pro TP, which was launched in 2007 and is now used by referees at all ITF Pro Circuit tournaments around the world.

Junior TP was used for the first time at the Grade A Casablanca Cup, the first tournament on the 2009 junior calendar, and marks a successful end to stage two of the digitalisation of the ITF Junior Circuit, which began with the launch of Junior IPIN in January 2008 and will see online entries being launched in 2010.

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## Junior Tournament Planner (cont. from page 1)

Notable features of Junior TP include:

- Upload of tournament acceptance list
- Management of player lists and sign-in facility
- Automatic seeding facility for singles and doubles draws
- Automatic draws
- Order of play manager
- Automatic upload of results to the ITF database and websites

Junior TP will be used at every tournament on the ITF Junior Circuit in 2009, reducing the on-site workload of referees and ensuring a greater level of accuracy of information being transferred to the ITF.

## Tomljanovic and Uriguen win Casablanca Cup

The 2009 ITF Juniors Circuit began last week with the first Grade A event of the year, the Casablanca Cup, taking place in Mexico City. The first titles of the year were claimed by Guatemala's Julen Uriguen and Alja Tomljanovic of Croatia.

Uriguen, ranked No. 33 in the world before the tournament and now No. 10, was seeded third in the boys' event and he made steady progress through the early rounds, dropping just two sets en route to his final showdown against Augustin Velotti (ARG). In his first Grade A tournament, the unseeded Velotti dispatched tenth seed Mauricio Astorga (MEX), fifth seed Mikhail Biryukov (RUS), top seed Denis Kudla (USA) and eighth seed Arthur De Greef (BEL) before his form deserted him when losing to Uriguen 62 61 in the final, the Guatemalan's first Grade A career title. American duo Denis Kudla and Nathan Pasha lifted the boys' doubles trophy.

The girls' event ran more to form than the boys', with top seed Ana Bogdan (ROU) facing second seed Alja Tomljanovic (CRO) in the final. Bogdan, who was pipped to the post for the 2008 year-end No. 1 ranking, dispatched the seventh, eleventh and fifteenth seeds as she progressed to the final. Her opponent however displayed a higher level of tennis against consistently high quality opposition, conceding just one set before then defeating Bogdan in the final 36 64 76.

Tomljanovic then combined with Britain's Heather Watson to also claim the girls' doubles title. The two victories were Tomljanovic's first Grade A titles and propels the Croatian to a career high No. 6 in the ITF Junior rankings.

## ITF Seniors year-end No. 1s decided

The ITF Seniors year-end rankings have been published and are available to view at [www.itftennis.com/seniors](http://www.itftennis.com/seniors). In 2008 the ITF Senior Circuit comprised 187 tournaments held in 52 countries around the world and it attracted around 10,000 players. Players who ended the year ranked No.1 in their age categories were:

M35 Dinko Gudelj (CRO)  
M40 Luca Vigani (ITA)  
M45 Manfred Hundstorfer (AUT)  
M50 Glenn Busby (AUS)  
M55 Andrew Rae (AUS)  
M60 Jorge Camina-Borda (ESP)  
M65 Peter Pokorny (AUT)  
M70 Klaus Haas (GER)  
M75 Hans Jell (AUT)  
M80 Clem Hopp (USA)  
M85 Cornelis Marre (NED)

W35 Julie Cass (USA)  
W40 Lucie Schwab-Zelinka (AUT)  
W45 Fran Chandler (USA)  
W50 Susan Wright (USA)  
W55 Heidi Eisterlehner (GER)  
W60 Heide Orth (GER)  
W65 Heide Orth (GER)  
W70 Dorothy Matthiessen (USA)  
W75 Mary Boswell (USA)  
W80 Pinuccia Russo (ITA)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Obituary - Premjit Lal

Former Indian Davis Cup player Premjit Lal died on 24 December in Kolkata following a long illness. He was 68.

Lal was a regular member of the Indian Davis Cup team from 1959 to 1973 and along with Jaidip Mukherjea, S.P. Misra and Ramanathan Krishnan he formed one of India's all-time great Davis Cup quartets in the 1960s.

Lal reached the junior final at the 1958 Wimbledon championships, and recorded his best Grand Slam performance in singles by reaching the third round at the 1962 Australian Open. In doubles, he advanced to the quarterfinals at the same event with Mukerjea, and reached the last eight with Mukerjea at Wimbledon in 1973.

### National Association update

**Israel - ISR**

**Israel Tennis Association**

New President:

**Mr Michael Klein**

## ITF Wheelchair Rankings

### 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

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Davis Cup website: [www.daviscup.com](http://www.daviscup.com)  
[www.daviscup.com/es](http://www.daviscup.com/es)

Fed Cup website: [www.fedcup.com](http://www.fedcup.com)

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## ITF Junior Rankings

### JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	1173.75
2nd	BHAMBRI, Yuki (IND)	1110.00
2nd	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	1087.50
4th	TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)	980.00
5th	PEREIRA, Jose (BRA)	725.00
6th	BASIC, Mirza (BIH)	681.25
7th	VAZQUEZ-VALENZUELA, Juan (ARG)	660.00
8th	KRAJINOVIC, Filip (SRB)	635.00
9th	BUCHANAN, Chase (USA)	630.00
10th	URIGUEN, Julien (GUA)	617.50

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA)	1082.50
2nd	BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)	995.00
3rd	HALEP, Simona (ROU)	987.50
4th	BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)	981.25
5th	ROBSON, Laura (GBR)	980.00
6th	TOMLIJANOVIC, Alja (CRO)	803.75
7th	NARA, Kurumi (JPN)	790.00
8th	LOUDIN, Melanie (USA)	757.50
9th	JOVANOVSKI, Bojana (SRB)	741.25
10th	EMBREE, Lauren (USA)	706.25



4- 10 Jan: ITF/CAT East African Junior Championships - Tanzania

5- 11 Jan: ITF/CAT West & Central African Junior Championships - Ghana

5-23 Jan: ITF/OTF Pacific Oceania Junior Team in Australia

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## Results weeks commencing 22 and 29 December 2008

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### BRAZIL F34 FUTURES, SAO PAULO (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Eric Gomes (BRA) d. Daniel Danilovic (MNE) 62 75

##### Doubles

Mario Eckardt/Patrick Taubert (GER) d. Vasil Mladenov (BUL)/Nicolas Pastor (ARG) 62 62

#### BRAZIL F35 FUTURES, SAO PAULO (\$15,000+H)

##### Singles

Daniel Silva (BRA) d. Lars Poerschke (GER) 76(2) 57 64

##### Doubles

Vasil Mladenov (BUL)/Lars Poerschke (GER) d. Diego Matos/Eladio Ribeiro Neto (BRA) 61 62

### ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

#### \$50,000 DELHI (IND)

##### Singles

Sandra Zahlavova (CZE) d. Bojana Jovanovski (SRB) 64 63

##### Doubles

I-Hsuan Hwang (TPE)/Ling Zhang (HKG) d. Megan Moulton-Levy (USA)/Emily Webley-Smith (GBR) 63 76(4)

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### TLALNEPANTLA, MEXICO, GRADE A

##### Boys Singles

Julen Uriguen (GUA) d. Agustin Velotti (ARG) 62 61

##### Girls Singles

Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO) d. Ana Bogdan (ROU) 36 64 76(5)

##### Boys Doubles

Denis Kudla/Nathan Pasha (USA) d. Tamas Batyi (HUN)/Gaetan De Lovinfosse (BEL) 76(1) 64

##### Girls Doubles

Ajla Tomljanovic (CRO)/Heather Watson (GBR) d. Ana Bogdan (ROU)/Malou Ejdesgaard (DEN) 46 63 [10-5]

### ITF SENIORS CIRCUIT

#### MARKHAM, CANADA, GRADE 3

##### Men 35 Age Category Singles

Karl Hale (CAN) d. Benjamin Woo (CAN) 67(1) 64 63

##### Men 40 Age Category Singles

Claude Servant (CAN) d. Jeff Steers (CAN) 61 60

## This Week Next Week

### Events - week commencing 5 January

#### MEN/WOMEN HYUNDAI HOPMAN CUP, PERTH, AUSTRALIA

<b>MEN</b>	Germany F1 Futures	Schwieberdingen	\$10,000
	China F1 Futures	Guangzhou	\$15,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Costa Rica	San Jose	Grade 1
	India	Chandigarh	Grade 3
	Japan	Kawaguchi	Grade 4
	Sweden	Vasteras	Grade 4

### Events - week commencing 12 January

#### MEN/WOMEN AUSTRALIAN OPEN QUALIFYING, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

<b>MEN</b>	Germany F2 Futures	Stuttgart	\$10,000
	Spain F1 Futures	Menorca	\$10,000
	USA F1 Futures	Boca Raton, FL	\$10,000
	China F2 Futures	Shenzhen	\$15,000
	Great Britain F1 Futures	Glasgow	\$15,000
<b>WOMEN</b>	Great Britain	Glasgow	\$10,000
	USA	Boca Raton, FL	\$25,000
<b>SENIORS</b>	Austria	Seefeld	Grade 1
<b>JUNIORS</b>	Australia	Traralgon	Grade 1
	Venezuela	Caracas	Grade 1
	India	New Delhi	Grade 2
	Slovak Republic	Bratislava	Grade 2
	Austria	Bergheim	Grade 4
	Poland	Szczecin	Grade 4
<b>WHEELCHAIR</b>	New Zealand	Christchurch	ITF 2 Series
	Chile	Vina del Mar	ITF Futures Series

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