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australian open  
The Grand Slam of Asia/Pacific

## Tomic makes headlines at Australian Open

Sixteen-year-old Bernard Tomic set the Melbourne crowds alight on Monday with a stunning 76(5) 16 76(5) 76(6) victory over Italy's Potito Starace to become the youngest player ever to win a main draw men's match at the Australian Open. The Australian, who won the boys' title here last year, will face Gilles Muller, who knocked out No. 27 seed Feliciano Lopez, in the next round.

"It's a dream come true to win a first round in my first Grand Slam. I'm just thrilled that I could pull off a win today," said Tomic. "With the crowd behind me, it was an unbelievable experience."

The Australians had more to shout about on the first day of the tournament when Jelena Dokic also won her opening match, her best performance here for ten years. The 26-year-old sprung to prominence when she reached the semifinals at Wimbledon in 2000 before enduring several tumultuous years which included a feud with her family and bouts of depression.

"It's really a miracle for me [to be back playing and winning]. It's really emotional to win today. What I had to go through, it's really great to have this win. I don't think a lot of people know what this means to me," said Dokic, who now faces No. 17 seed Anna Chakvetadze in the second round.



Bernard Tomic (AUS)  
(Photo: Paul Zimmer)



Dinara Safina (RUS)  
(Photo: Paul Zimmer)

A record crowd of 42,426 flocked to Melbourne Park to witness the opening day session of the first Grand Slam of 2009. Top seed Jelena Jankovic needed just 80 minutes to dispatch of Austria's Yvonne Meusberger 61 63 while her compatriot, the Roland Garros champion Ana Ivanovic, also won in straight sets, overcoming German debutant Julia Goerges 75 63. Olympic silver medallist and No. 3 seed Dinara Safina joined her brother, Marat Safin, in the second round following a straight-sets victory over Alla Kudryavtseva (RUS).

Defending champion Novak Djokovic rallied back from 4-0 down in the third set to defeat Andrea Stoppini (ITA) 62 63 75 while seventh and eighth seeds Andy Roddick and Juan Martin Del Potro made light work of their opponents to easily progress to the second round. World No. 2 Roger Federer, who is bidding for a record-equalling 14th Grand Slam title, looked less convincing as he battled his way past Andreas Seppi 61 76(4) 75.

It has been 33 years since the home nation won the Australian Open men's singles title and the Australian contingent will be out in force on day two, led by 2005 finalist Lleyton Hewitt. Tuesday also sees top seed Rafael Nadal start his assault on the title against Belgian Christophe Rochus. Britain's Andy Murray, who has been in imperious form of late, 2008 runner-up Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and No. 6 seed Giles Simon also start their campaigns tomorrow.

In the women's draw, world No. 2 Serena Williams will be in action as she takes on Meng Yuan of China. Seeds Elena Dementieva, Venus Williams and Svetlana Kuznetsova will also take to the courts. For the latest results, live scoring, interviews, draws and order of play, visit the official Australian Open website [www.australianopen.com](http://www.australianopen.com).

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## Russia scoops three Tennis Europe awards

Russia dominated the 2008 European Tennis Trophy presented by Lindstrom, winning two of the four categories and retaining the award for Overall Tennis Performance. The trophies will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe in Zurich in March.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Russia has secured three accolades and the second successive time the nation has managed to increase its points total in each of the categories. Alongside the Overall Tennis Performance award they also secured the Professional and Junior Tennis trophies. The Senior Tennis trophy went to Germany for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year while the Netherlands refused to relinquish their grip on the Wheelchair Tennis Trophy, which it has held since its inception in 2001.

## South Africa and Zimbabwe claim titles

The honours were split between South Africa and Zimbabwe at the under 14 and under 16 Southern African Regional Championships which took place in Pretoria, South Africa on 8-13 January. The University of Pretoria hosted the three-day championships which saw 38 boys and 36 girls representing ten countries. Three of the six afternoons of play were cancelled due to inclement weather.

In the under 14 event Valeria Bhunu (ZIM) secured the girls' title defeating Madrie Le Roux (RSA) in the final 76 64 while Matthew Rossouw (RSA) claimed first place in the boys' under 14 competition after his 64 61 victory over Juilen Min Fa (MRI). South Africa also won the girls' under 16 tournament when Janine Erasmus defeated compatriot Sarah Ive 61 75 in the final. In the boys' equivalent, it was Benji Lock (ZIM) who secured the title with a win over Marlu Janse Van Vuuren (RSA) in the final 63 46 61.

ITF Development Officer Karl Davies said: "We would like to extend a huge thank you to the South African Tennis Association for all their hard work in making the year's event a success. We would also like to thank all the countries for their attendance and hope all the qualifiers practise hard in preparation for the African Junior Championships."

## North East Regional Training camp

Fifteen players and six coaches from the Baltic region (Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia) as well as from Belarus and Ukraine attended the ITF/Tennis Europe North East Regional Training Camp for players aged 14 & under in Tallinn, Estonia. The camp, which ran from 12-18 January, gave players the opportunity to work on their technical and tactical skills focussing especially on developing their match game in order to prepare for the Narva Cup which starts in the Estonian town of Narva today.

Redt Raimal, Player Development Manager for the Estonian Tennis Association, commented: "This training camp was a great opportunity for our promising players to practise together with up-and-coming players from neighbouring countries. At the same time we were able to share and discuss our coaching experience and knowledge. The main focus of the camp was on offensive all-court game and all players as well as coaches enjoyed it very much and felt that the camp was a great success."

The Estonian Tennis Association thanked the ITF and Tennis Europe for being given the opportunity to organise this important development event in Estonia. For further information and results visit [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Seles inducted into Hall of Fame

Monica Seles headlines the newly elected members to the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The nine-time Grand Slam singles champion is joined by one of Spain's most prominent tennis players of the 1960s, Andres Gimeno. Also elected are Donald L. Dell, an industry pioneer and leader in sports marketing, professional sports management and sports television and founder of ProServ; and the late Dr. Robert "Whirlwind" Johnson, founder and director of the American Tennis Association (ATA) Junior Development Program.

The Hall of Fame's Class of 2009 Induction Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11 July in Newport, Rhode Island.

### USA Davis Cup tickets sell out

Tickets for the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas first round tie between USA and Switzerland sold out in under an hour when they went on sale on Friday. The tie, which is one of the most eagerly anticipated first round clashes, will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on 6-8 March.

## 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)       | 1465   |

### WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

| Position | Player Name (Nationality)  | Points |
|----------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1st      | VERGEER, Esther (NED)      | 3685   |
| 2nd      | HOMAN, Korie (NED)         | 2663   |
| 3rd      | GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)     | 1916   |
| 4th      | GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA) | 1686   |
| 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)    | 1345   |
| 5th      | VAN ERP, Bas (NED)        | 1121   |

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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 |
| 3rd      | DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)    | 1087.50 |
| 4th      | TOMIC, Bernard (AUS)      | 830.00  |
| 5th      | PEREIRA, Jose (BRA)       | 725.00  |
| 6th      | BASIC, Mirza (BIH)        | 670.25  |
| 7th      | KRAJINOVIC, Filip (SRB)   | 635.00  |
| 8th      | BUCHANAN, Chase (USA)     | 630.00  |
| 9th      | URIGUEN, Julien (GUA)     | 600.00  |
| 10th     | KUDLA, Denis (USA)        | 583.75  |

### JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

| Position | Player Name (Nationality)      | Points  |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 1st      | LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA) | 1082.50 |
| 2nd      | BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)              | 995.00  |
| 3rd      | BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)            | 981.25  |
| 4th      | ROBSON, Laura (GBR)            | 980.00  |
| 5th      | HALEP, Simona (ROU)            | 882.50  |
| 6th      | NARA, Kurumi (JPN)             | 790.00  |
| 7th      | TOMLIJANOVIC, Alja (CRO)       | 783.75  |
| 8th      | LOUDIN, Melanie (USA)          | 757.50  |
| 9th      | JOVANOVSKI, Bojana (SRB)       | 741.25  |
| 10th     | MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)     | 707.50  |

### development events

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

10-21 January: ITF 14 & under Asian Championships, Group 2 - Sarawak, Malaysia

19-25 January: ITF/CAT West & Central African Junior Championships - Accra, Ghana

21-23 January: ITF Play Tennis Course - Egypt

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## Results week commencing 12 January

### ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

#### CHINA F2 FUTURES, SHENZHEN (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Shao-Xuan Zeng (CHN) d. Ze Zhang (CHN) 64 20 ret.

##### Doubles

Rylan Rizza/Kaes Van't Hof (USA) d. Shao-Xuan Zeng/Ze Zhang (CHN) 63 62

#### GERMANY F2 FUTURES, STUTTGART (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Jan Mertl (CZE) d. Ricardas Berankis (LTU) 64 36 63

##### Doubles

Bastian Knittel (GER)/Konstantin Kravchuk (RUS) d. David Klier/Philipp Marx (GER) 16 76(1) [10-4]

#### GREAT BRITAIN F1 FUTURES, GLASGOW (\$15,000)

##### Singles

Stephane Robert (FRA) d. Colin Fleming (GBR) 26 64 64

##### Doubles

Jamie Baker/Chris Eaton (GBR) d. Romain Jouan/Pierrick Ysern (FRA) 75 60

#### SPAIN F1 FUTURES, MENORCA (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Inigo Cervantes-Huegun (ESP) d. Javier Genaro-Martinez (ESP) 62 63

##### Doubles

Inigo Cervantes-Huegun/Gerard Granollers-Pujol (ESP) d. Dustin Brown (JAM)/Peter Steinberger (GER) 63 75

#### USA F1 FUTURES, BOCA RATON, FL (\$10,000)

##### Singles

Jose De Armas (VEN) d. Gabriel Moraru (ROU) 75 63

##### Doubles

Uladimir Ignatik (BLR)/Tigran Martirosyan (ARM) d. Milan Pokrajac (CAN)/Aleksander Slovic (SRB) 64 67(4) [10-7]

### ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

#### \$10,000 GLASGOW (GBR)

##### Singles

Emma Laine (FIN) d. Stephanie Vongsouthi (FRA) 46 62 76(2)

##### Doubles

Sandra Klemenschits (AUT)/Claudine Schaul (LUX) d. Nicolette Van Uiter (NED)/Viktoria Yemialyanava (BLR) 63 46 [10-7]

#### \$25,000 BOCA RATON, FL (USA)

##### Singles

Gabriela Paz (VEN) d. Sharon Fichman (CAN) 64 76(4)

##### Doubles

Alina Jidkova (RUS)/Darya Kustova (BLR) d. Kimberly Coutts (USA)/Sharon Fichman (CAN) 64 62

### ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

#### CARACAS, VENEZUELA, GRADE 1

##### Boys Singles

David Souto (VEN) d. Agustin Velotti (ARG) 76(5) 62

##### Girls Singles

Timea Babos (HUN) d. Zsofia Susanyi (HUN) 64 67(4) 76(9)

##### Girls Doubles

Timea Babos (HUN)/Amandine Hesse (FRA) d. Ulrikke Eikeri (NOR)/Ekaterina Nikitina (RUS) 64 63

#### BRATISLAVA, SLOVAK REPUBLIC, GRADE 2

##### Boys Singles

Radim Urbanek (CZE) d. Antonio Lupieri (CRO) 76(5) 36 76(6)

##### Girls Singles

Valeria Savinykh (RUS) d. Magda Linette (POL) 64 62

##### Boys Doubles

Robert Rumler/Radim Urbanek (CZE) d. Filip Havaj/Ivan Kosec (SVK) 62 64

##### Girls Doubles

Paula Kania/Magda Linette (POL) d. Dana Machalkova (CZE)/Simonka Parajova (SVK) 62 62

#### NEW DELHI, INDIA, GRADE 2

##### Boys Singles

Sumeet Shinde (IND) d. Saurabh Singh (IND) 64 63

##### Girls Singles

Sachie Ishizu (JPN) d. Rashmi Teltumbde (IND) 46 63 75

### Boys Doubles

Christopher Marquis/Saurabh Singh (IND) d. Jeroen Benard (NED)/Jeroen Claeys (BEL) 63 63

### Girls Doubles

Natela Dzalamidze/Anna Rapoport (RUS) d. Sachie Ishizu (JPN)/Melis Sezer (TUR) 63 64

### BERGHEIM, AUSTRIA, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Jeffrey Mira Svensson (SWE) d. Dimitrije Tasic (SRB) 62 64

#### Girls Singles

Mateja Kraljevic (SUI) d. Ilinca Stoica (ROU) 62 75

#### Boys Doubles

Krzysztof Bartosiewicz/Patryk Janik (POL) d. Jonas Merckx/Jeroen Vanneste (BEL) 64 62

#### Girls Doubles

Steffi Distelmans (BEL)/Demi Schuurs (NED) d. Dragana Bozovic/Milena Rmus (SLO) 63 61

### SZCZECIN, POLAND, GRADE 4

#### Boys Singles

Tom Farquharson (GBR) d. Michal Kozelski (CZE) 63 75

#### Girls Singles

Agata Baranska (POL) d. Anezka Makovickova (CZE) 64 75

#### Boys Doubles

Adam Laakel/Tomasz Olfans (POL) d. Yannis Baltogiannis (BEL)/Maciej Romanowicz (POL) 61 63

#### Girls Doubles

Tereza Bartova/Anezka Makovickova (CZE) d. Kateryna Kozlova/Elina Svitolina (UKR) 46 75 [11-9]

### ITF WHEELCHAIR

#### VINA DEL MAR, CHILE, ITF FUTURES SERIES

##### Men's Singles

Eliecer Oquendo (COL) d. Robinson Mendez (CHI) 61 61

##### Women's Singles

Francisca Mardones (CHI) d. Maria-Antonieta Ortiz (CHI) 62 62

##### Men's Doubles

Francisco Cayulef/Robinson Mendez (CHI) d. Eliecer Oquendo (COL)/Diego Perez (CHI) 63 64

## This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 19 January 2009

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

|                |                          |                        |              |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>MEN</b>     | Austria F1 Futures       | Bergheim               | \$10,000     |
|                | El Salvador F1 Futures   | Santa Tecla            | \$10,000     |
|                | Germany F3 Futures       | Kaarst                 | \$10,000     |
|                | Israel F1 Futures        | Eilat                  | \$10,000     |
|                | Spain F2 Futures         | Magaluf                | \$10,000     |
|                | USA F2 Futures           | Hollywood, FL          | \$10,000     |
|                | Great Britain F2 Futures | Sheffield              | \$15,000     |
| <b>WOMEN</b>   | Germany                  | Kaarst                 | \$10,000     |
|                | Great Britain            | Wrexham                | \$10,000     |
|                | USA                      | Lutz, FL               | \$25,000     |
| <b>SENIORS</b> | Australia                | Unley                  | Grade 1      |
|                | Great Britain            | Dudley                 | Grade 2      |
|                | USA                      | Rancho Mirage, CA      | Grade 2      |
|                | USA                      | Palm Beach Gardens, FL | Grade 3      |
| <b>JUNIORS</b> | Australia                | Nottingham             | Grade 1      |
|                | Colombia                 | Barranquilla           | Grade 1      |
|                | Czech Republic           | Prerov                 | Grade 1      |
|                | India                    | Kolkata                | Grade 3      |
|                | Germany                  | Hamburg                | Grade 4      |
|                | China                    | Hong Kong              | Grade 5      |
|                | United Arab Emirates     | Fujairah               | Grade 5      |
|                | <b>WHEELCHAIR</b>        | New Zealand            | Christchurch |

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## This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 26 January 2009

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

|                   |  |                        |              |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|
| <b>MEN</b>        | Austria F2 Futures                           | Bergheim by Salzburg   | \$10,000     |
|                   | Egypt F1 Futures                             | Giza                   | \$10,000     |
|                   | France F1 Futures                            | Bagnoles-de-l'Orne     | \$10,000     |
|                   | Guatemala F1 Futures                         | Guatemala              | \$10,000     |
|                   | Israel F2 Futures                            | Eilat                  | \$10,000     |
|                   | Spain F3 Futures                             | Murcia                 | \$10,000     |
|                   | USA F3 Futures                               | Plantation, FL         | \$10,000     |
|                   | Mexico F1 Futures                            | Tuxtla Gutierrez       | \$15,000     |
|                   | Morocco F1 Futures                           | Casablanca             | \$15,000     |
|                   | Germany F4 Futures                           | Mettmann               | \$15,000+H   |
| <b>WOMEN</b>      | France                                       | Grenoble               | \$10,000     |
|                   | India  | Hyderabad              | \$10,000     |
|                   | USA  | Laguna Nigel, CA       | \$25,000     |
| <b>SENIORS</b>    | USA  | Naples FL              | Grade 2      |
|                   | Canada                                       | Markham                | Grade 3      |
|                   | New Zealand                                  | Blenheim               | Grade 4      |
| <b>JUNIORS</b>    | <b>AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA</b> |                        |              |
|                   | Ecuador                                      | Cuenca                 | Grade 2      |
|                   | Czech Republic                               | Frydlant nad Ostravici | Grade 4      |
|                   | New Zealand                                  | Christchurch           | Grade 4      |
|                   | Switzerland                                  | Leuggern               | Grade 4      |
|                   | United Arab Emirates                         | Fujairah               | Grade 5      |
| <b>WHEELCHAIR</b> | <b>AUSTRALIAN OPEN, MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA</b> |                        |              |
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