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Italy confirms venue for Russia clash

The Italian Tennis Federation (FIT) announced that the 2009 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas World Group Semifinal tie between Italy and Russia on 25-26 April will be held on clay in Castellaneta Marina in Puglia, southern Italy.

Italy has staged two previous ties at this venue, both in 2007, when it defeated China and France en route the final where it lost to Russia 4-0. Overall, Russia has defeated Italy in all four previous meetings.

Italy defeated France 5-0 in the first round of this year's competition in Orleans, while the Russians eliminated China by the same scoreline in Moscow. Russia won its fourth Fed Cup title in five years last year and is looking to become the first nation since Spain in 1995 to win three successive Fed Cup titles.



Castellaneta Marina
(Photo: Corinne Dubreuil)

The other semifinal between Czech Republic and USA will be staged at the Starobrno Rondo Arena in Brno. Venues have also been confirmed for the two remaining World Group Play-off ties. Germany will take on China on clay at Frankfurt Palmengarten, while Argentina versus Ukraine will also be held on clay at the Club Nautico Mar del Plata.

For further information, please visit www.fedcup.com or www.fedcup.com/es.



Record weekend for Davis Cup website

The ITF's official Davis Cup website, www.daviscup.com received its highest-ever number of visits for a World Group weekend, with 927,000 visitors accessing the site over the five-day period from Thursday until Monday. The total number of page views recorded was over four million, a record for a first round weekend.

Daviscup.com had visitors from 204 different countries over the weekend, with the highest visitor numbers coming from USA, Argentina, UK, France, Spain and Sweden respectively. The average user spent nearly five minutes exploring Daviscup.com.

There was a 40 per cent increase in live scoreboard launches in comparison to this stage in 2008, with the most popular tie viewed being Spain versus Serbia.

Other devices apart from computers used to view the site were iPods, Playstation 3 and Wii games consoles, as well as iPhones and numerous other types of mobile phones.

The increased numbers were helped by visitors to the Spanish version of the Davis Cup website, www.daviscup.com/es which was launched at the 2008 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Final between Argentina and Spain in Mar del Plata.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Wimbledon Centre Court sell-out

The All England Club, Wimbledon, confirmed that tickets for its event to test the new Centre Court roof, featuring Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf, Kim Clijsters and Tim Henman, sold out five minutes after going on general sale. The event (*A Centre Court Celebration*) on 17 May will test the roof and air-management system with live play in front of a crowd of 15,000.

Obituary - Denis Dall

The ITF was saddened to learn of the death of Australian **Denis Dall**. Dall was instrumental in the restructure of tennis in South Australia in the early 1990s and was SA President from 1996 until 2005. He served on the Tennis Australia Council for those ten years and received a Tennis Australia Award for Services to the Game in 2005.

National Association update

Nicaragua - NCA

Federacion Nicaraguense de Tenis

New Secretary:

Mr Rene Vivas

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

16 March 2009

MEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	KUNIEDA, Shingo (JPN)	4763
2nd	AMMERLAAN, Robin (NED)	3302
3rd	HOUDET, Stephane (FRA)	2786
4th	OLSSON, Stefan (SWE)	2273
5th	SCHEFFERS, Maikel (NED)	2117
6th	JEREMIASZ, Michael (FRA)	2099
7th	KRUSZELNICKI, Tadeusz (POL)	1904
8th	LEGNER, Martin (AUT)	1623
9th	SAIDA, Satoshi (JPN)	1620
10th	PEIFER, Nicolas (FRA)	1425

WOMEN'S SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	VERGEER, Esther (NED)	4001
2nd	HOMAN, Korie (NED)	2985
3rd	GRIFFIOEN, Jiske (NED)	1909
4th	GRAVELLIER, Florence (FRA)	1735
5th	WALRAVEN, Sharon (NED)	1577
6th	VAN KOOT, Aniek (NED)	1007
7th	SEVENANS, Annick (BEL)	999
8th	DI TORO, Daniela (AUS)	885
9th	YAOSA, Mie (JPN)	879
10th	SHUKER, Lucy (GBR)	878

QUAD SINGLES RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	NORFOLK, Peter (GBR)	3577
2nd	WAGNER, David (USA)	3234
3rd	TAYLOR, Nicholas (USA)	1745
4th	ANDERSSON, Johan (SWE)	1534
5th	VAN ERP, Bas (NED)	1121

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ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BHAMBRI, Yuki (IND)	1508.75
2nd	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	1087.50
3rd	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	911.25
4th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	692.50
5th	URIGUEN, Julien (GUA)	690.00
6th	COLLARINI, Andrea (ARG)	668.75
7th	BUCHANAN, Chase (USA)	630.00
8th	CARRENO-BUSTA, Pablo (ESP)	628.75
9th	BASIC, Mirza (BIH)	620.00
10th	OBRY, Julien (FRA)	618.75

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA)	1150.00
2nd	ROBSON, Laura (GBR)	1126.25
3rd	BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)	965.00
4th	BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)	900.00
5th	TOMLJANOVIC, Ajla (CRO)	851.25
6th	NARA, Kurumi (JPN)	790.00
7th	BABOS, Tímea (HUN)	768.75
8th	OU DIN, Melanie (USA)	757.50
9th	HALEP, Simona (ROU)	750.00
10th	EMBREE, Lauren (USA)	726.25



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Results week commencing 9 March

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

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

Singles

Milos Raonic (CAN) d. Gregoire Burquier (FRA) 63 64

Doubles

Kaden Hensel/Adam Hubble (AUS) d. Nikita Kryvonos (USA)/Milan Pokrajac (CAN) 63 76(3)

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

Singles

David Guez (FRA) d. Thomas Oger (MON) 64 75

Doubles

Teodor-Dacian Craciun/Victor Ionita (ROU) d. Denis Matsukevitch (RUS)/Thomas Oger (MON) 64 64

GREAT BRITAIN F3 FUTURES, TIPTON (\$15,000)

Singles

Yannick Mertens (BEL) d. Stephane Robert (FRA) 76(4) 76(5)

Doubles

Daniel Evans (GBR)/Henri Kontinen (FIN) d. Scott Oudsema/Phillip Simmonds (USA) 67(5) 76(4) [10-4]

KAZAKHSTAN F2 FUTURES, ALMATY CITY (\$15,000)

Singles

Marek Semjan (SVK) d. Martin Klizan (SVK) 36 76(6) 76(1)

Doubles

Ilya Belyaev/Andrei Plotniy (RUS) d. Ivan Anikanov/Artem Smirnov (UKR) 62 64

NEW ZEALAND F1 FUTURES, NORTH SHORE CITY/AUCKLAND (\$15,000)

Singles

Rameez Junaid (AUS) d. Adam Feeney (AUS) 63 63

Doubles

G.D. Jones/Daniel King-Turner (NZL) d. Mao-Xin Gong/Xin-Yuan Yu (CHN) 63 64

PORTUGAL F2 FUTURES, LAGOS (\$10,000)

Singles

Kamil Capkovic (SVK) d. Armin Sandbichler (AUT) 36 64 60

Doubles

Marcelo Demoliner/Rodrigo Guidolin (BRA) d. Aldin Setkic (BIH)/Aleksander Slovic (SRB) 61 46 [12-10]

SPAIN F9 FUTURES, BADALONA (\$10,000)

Singles

Albert Ramos-Vinolas (ESP) d. Roberto Bautista-Agut (ESP) 64 64

Doubles

John Millman/Mark Verryth (AUS) d. Jordi Marse-Vidri (ESP)/Allen Perel (AUS) 61 76(5)

SWITZERLAND F2 FUTURES, GREIFENSEE 2 (\$10,000)

Singles

Jurgen Zopp (EST) d. Philipp Oswald (AUT) 63 67(5) 63

Doubles

Henri Laaksonen (FIN)/Philipp Oswald (AUT) d. Dustin Brown (JAM)/Alexander Sadecky (SUI) 61 64

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 DIJON (FRA)

Singles

Violette Huck (FRA) d. Laura-Ioana Andrei (ROU) 64 76(2)

Doubles

Danielle Harmsen/Kim Kilsdonk (NED) d. Amanda Elliott (GBR)/Violette Huck (FRA) 76(2) 61

\$10,000 GIZA (EGY)

Singles

Galina Fokina (RUS) d. Oksana Kalashnikova (GEO) 64 62

Doubles

Galina Fokina (RUS)/Alyona Sotnikova (UKR) d. Bibiane Schoofs (NED)/Sandra Zaniewska (POL) 64 36 [10-8]

\$10,000 LAS PALMAS DE GRAN CANARIA (ESP)

Singles

Emily Webley-Smith (GBR) d. Elena Chalova (RUS) 60 76(5)

Doubles

Jing-Jing Lu/Sheng-Nan Sun (CHN) d. Yana Buchina (RUS)/Taja Mohorcic (SLO) 63 76(1)

\$10,000 NORTH SHORE CITY (NZL)

Singles

Ling Zhang (HKG) d. I-Hsuan Hwang (TPE) 61 60

Doubles

So-Jung Kim (KOR)/Ayaka Maekawa (JPN) d. Alison Bai/Renee Binnie (AUS) 75 76(4)

\$10,000 ROME-REAL (ITA)

Singles

Karolina Kosinska (POL) d. Dia Evtimova (BUL) 62 36 64

Doubles

Claudia Giovine/Valentina Sulpizio (ITA) d. Jasmina Kajtazovic (SLO)/Lucia Sainz-Pelegri (ESP) 46 60 [10-6]

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

LAMBERE, PARAGUAY, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Jose Pereira (BRA) d. Filip Horansky (SVK) 36 62 75

Girls Singles

Camila Silva (CHI) d. Jana Cepelova (SVK) 75 76(5)

Boys Doubles

Patrik Brydolf (SWE)/Tristan-Samuel Weissborn (AUT) d. Facundo Arguello/Bruno Luciano Mazziotti (ARG) 63 64

Girls Doubles

Jana Cepelova/Vivien Juhaszova (SVK) d. Silvia Njiric (CRO)/Valeria Solovieva (RUS) 75 64

NONTHABURI, THAILAND, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Liang-Chi Huang (TPE) d. John Morrissey (IRL) 62 63

Girls Singles

Maryna Zanevska (UKR) d. Timea Babos (HUN) 76(2) 62

Boys Doubles

Maximilian Neuchrist (AUT)/Dominik Schulz (GER) d. Francis Casey Alcantara (PHI)/Liang-Chi Huang (TPE) 62 63

Girls Doubles

Hannah James (GBR)/Maryna Zanevska (UKR) d. Khunpak Issara/Kanyapat Narattana (THA) 76(4) 62

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BANDER SERI BEGAWAN, BRUNEI, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Nuttorn Tanchainant (THA) d. Michael Tjuatjadarma (INA) 62 62

Girls Singles

Kanami Tsuji (JPN) d. Tanaporn Thongsing (THA) 61 64

Boys Doubles

Yu-Cheng Fu/Cheng-Peng Hsieh (TPE) d. Natasith Luesantia/Tas Suwanasang (THA) 63 62

Girls Doubles

Yoko Nagai/Kanami Tsuji (JPN) d. Jithmie Jayawickrema (SRI)/Adnya Naik (IND) 46 62 [10-5]

KRAMFORS, SWEDEN, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Tobias Blomgren (SWE) d. Christopher Helliär (GBR) 62 62

Girls Singles

Patricia Martins (POR) d. Szabina Szlavikovics (HUN) 61 62

Boys Doubles

Tobias Blomgren/Robin Olin (SWE) d. Kalle Averfalk/Ted Nilsson (SWE) 60 64

Girls Doubles

Matilda Hamlin (SWE)/Patricia Martins (POR) d. Brenda Njuki/Ebba Unden (SWE) 75 57 [10-5]

LLANOS DE CURUNDU, PANAMA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Micke Kontinen (FIN) d. Pablo Nunez (CRC) 64 62

Girls Singles

Marianne Jodoin (CAN) d. Leyla Erkan (USA) 26 62 62

Boys Doubles

Felipe Nino/Jorge Alejandro Suarez-Zuleta (COL) d. Darian King (BAR)/Gino Meeuwssen (NED) 62 46 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Elianne Douglas-Miron/Marianne Jodoin (CAN) d. Melissa Bolivar (COL)/Laurie Gingras (CAN) 46(6) 51 ret.

MALACCA, MALAYSIA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Stephen Hoh (AUS) d. Xin Gao (CHN) 61 61

Girls Singles

Saisai Zheng (CHN) d. Trang Huynh Phuong Dai (VIE) 63 61

Boys Doubles

Xin Gao (CHN)/Stephen Hoh (AUS) d. Ega Uneputty/Indra Wijaya (INA) 62 62

Girls Doubles

Bella Destriana (INA)/Saisai Zheng (CHN) d. Aldila Sutjiadi/Nadya Syarifah (INA) 62 63

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

NEW ZEALAND, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Yoshinobu Fujimoto (JPN) d. Ben Weekes (AUS) 62 57 64

Women's Singles

Jacqueline Courtier (NZL) d. Janel Manns (AUS) 63 60

Quad Singles

James McLeod (NZL) d. Chris Harvey (NZL) 60 61

Men's Doubles

Michael Dobbie/Ben Weekes (AUS) d. Richard Engles (AUS)/Yoshinobu Fujimoto (JPN) 63 61

Quad Doubles

Daniel Buckingham (NZL)/Mark Rushton (AUS) d. James McLeod/Curtis Palmer (NZL) 63 63

FUKUOKA, JAPAN, ITF FUTURES SERIES

Men's Singles

Masahiro Honma (JPN) d. Yoshinobu Tanaka (JPN) 62 75

Women's Singles

Yui Kamiji (JPN) d. Chiyoko Ohmae (JPN) 62 62

Quad Singles

Shota Kawano (JPN) d. Takashi Nagaoka (JPN) 63 62

Men's Doubles

Kazunari Takehira/Ryoichi To (JPN) d. Hiroyuki Takeda/Masato Yoneda (JPN) 64 16 [10-7]

Women's Doubles

Yui Kamiji/Chiyoko Ohmae (JPN) d. Yumi Sugiyama/Naoko Tsukamoto (JPN) 62 60

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 16 March 2009

MEN	Brazil F3 Futures	CANCELLED	\$10,000	
	Canada F3 Futures	Sherbrooke	\$10,000	
	Italy F3 Futures	Roma Real	\$10,000	
	Japan F1 Futures	Tokyo	\$10,000	
	Portugal F3 Futures	Albufeira	\$10,000	
	Spain F10 Futures	Barcelona	\$10,000	
	Switzerland F3 Futures	Vaduz (Liechtenstein)	\$10,000	
	Turkey F1 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000	
	Great Britain F4 Futures	Bath	\$15,000	
	India F1 Futures	Chandigarh	\$15,000	
	New Zealand F2 Futures	Hamilton	\$15,000	
	France F5 Futures	Poitiers	\$15,000+H	
	WOMEN	France	Amiens	\$10,000
		Great Britain	Bath	\$10,000
Italy		Rome	\$10,000	
New Zealand		Hamilton	\$10,000	
Peru		Lima	\$10,000	
Egypt		Cairo	\$25,000	
Japan		CANCELLED	\$25,000	
Mexico		Irapuato	\$25,000	
Russia		CANCELLED	\$25,000	
Spain		Tenerife	\$25,000	
USA		Redding, CA	\$25,000	
SENIORS	Argentina	Buenos Aires	Grade 1	
	Portugal	Estoril	Grade 4	
JUNIORS	Brazil	Florianapolis	Grade 1	
	Malaysia	Kuching	Grade 1	
	Guadeloupe	Gosier	Grade 5	
	Pakistan	Karachi	Grade 5	
	Slovak Republic	Trnava	Grade 5	
WHEELCHAIR	Italy	Cuneo	ITF 3 Series	
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This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 23 March 2009

MEN	Brazil F4 Futures	CANCELLED	\$10,000
	Croatia F3 Futures	Porec	\$10,000
	Egypt F4 Futures	6th of October City	\$10,000
	Italy F4 Futures	Roma	\$10,000
	Japan F2 Futures	Tokyo	\$10,000
	Spain F11 Futures	Zaragoza	\$10,000
	Turkey F2 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
	India F2 Futures	Kolkata	\$15,000
	New Zealand F3 Futures	Wellington	\$15,000
WOMEN	France	Gonesse	\$10,000
	Italy	Latina-Nascosa	\$10,000
	Japan	Kofu	\$10,000
	Mexico	Metepec	\$10,000
	New Zealand	Wellington	\$10,000
	Peru	Lima	\$10,000
	Great Britain	Jersey	\$25,000
	Russia	Moscow	\$25,000
	Spain	La Palma	\$25,000
	USA	Hammond, LA	\$25,000
	SENIORS	Italy	Alassio
USA		Boise, ID	Grade 1
USA		Houston, TX	Grade 1
Argentina		Buenos Aires	Grade 2
Canada		Markham	Grade 3
Czech Republic		Pribram	Grade 4
Morocco		Agadir	Grade 4
Portugal		Estoril	Grade 4
Tunisia		Nabeul	Grade 4
JUNIORS	JUNIOR DAVIS CUP/FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, PRE-QUALIFYING, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
	Philippines	Manila	Grade 1
	Chinese Taipei	Xinying City	Grade 4
	Brazil	Porto Alegre	Grade A
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