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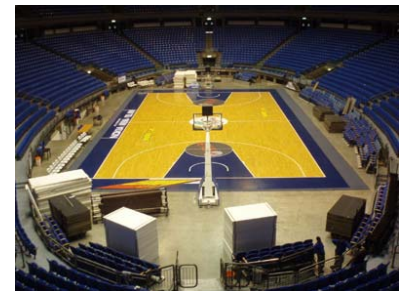


Quarterfinal venues confirmed

The ITF has announced the three remaining venues for the 2009 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group quarterfinals on 10-12 July.

The Israel Tennis Association has confirmed that Israel's tie against Russia will be held at the Nokia Stadium in Tel Aviv. The stadium is the country's largest indoor sports arena and home to Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball club, arguably the most successful Israeli sports team in history.

Israel has played its last 22 home ties at the Canada Stadium in Ramat Hasharon, dating back to 1989. Following the team's dramatic victory over Sweden, which earned only its second-ever Davis Cup quarterfinal appearance, a larger venue was needed to accommodate the growing interest and support.



Nokia Stadium in Tel Aviv

The Plaza de Toros in Marbella has been chosen to host the quarterfinal between Spain and Germany. Marbella was selected ahead of two other candidates, Zaragoza and Puerto de Santa Maria, at a meeting of the Spanish Tennis Federation's Board of Directors on Saturday. A clay court will be laid in the bullring, which has a minimum capacity of 12,000, although this could be increased with temporary structures. This will be the second time that Marbella has staged a Davis Cup tie. In 1989, Spain defeated Mexico 3-2 in a World Group first round tie in the city.

The Croatian Tennis Association has announced that its quarterfinal tie against USA will take place on clay in the Zatika Sports Hall in Porec, the venue for Croatia's first round victory over Chile. The last time the two nations played was in the 2005 first round in Carson, California, when Croatia came out on top 3-2.

For further information, visit www.davis.cup.com.

Nominations announced for ITF Board of Directors

The ITF has announced the following nominations for the ITF Board of Directors for the period 2009-2011. Twelve candidates will be elected to the Board at the ITF's Annual General Meeting in Madrid, Spain on 15-17 July 2009.

Tarak Cherif (TUN)	Juan Margets (ESP) *
Jacques Dupre (FRA)	Roman Murashkovsky (RUS)
Ismail El Shafei (EGY) *	Geoff Pollard (AUS) *
Jean Gachassin (FRA)	Stuart Smith (GBR)
Lucy Garvin (USA)	Rene Stammbach (SUI)
Jack Graham (CAN)	Karin van Bijsterveld (NED)
Franklin Johnson (USA) *	Luc Vandaele (BEL)
Anil Kumar Khanna (IND) *	Georg von Waldenfels (GER) *
Chris Kyriotis (BRA)	

* retiring member nominated for re-election

Wimbledon announces women's wheelchair event

The All England Club announced that this year's Wimbledon Championships will include an inaugural women's wheelchair doubles tournament.

Wheelchair tennis has proved highly popular at The Championships since the first men's doubles exhibition was staged in 2001, and the popularity has further increased since the first Wimbledon men's wheelchair doubles in 2005. The sport is now firmly established at all four Grand Slams.

This year's inaugural women's event will follow the same format as the men's doubles, with four of the world's leading women's doubles partnerships competing for the top tier of world ranking points. The event is sanctioned by the ITF as part of the global NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour.



*The 2008 Wimbledon wheelchair event
(Photo: Paul Zimmer)*

Women's world No. 1 Esther Vergeer said: "The introduction of wheelchair tennis at the Grand Slams over recent years has been an incredible boost, with the added recognition it brings to our sport and to us as players. Like any player, I have always dreamed of adding a Wimbledon title one day."

Players warm up for African Junior Championships

The International Junior Championships of Morocco begin today in Casablanca, Morocco. The tournament offers competition in three age categories - 18 & under, 16 & under and 14 & under - and has attracted entries from 96 boys and 96 girls from 34 nations.

The 18 & under events form part of the ITF Junior Circuit, giving players the opportunity to gain valuable ranking points in what will be a very competitive week. In the 16 & under and 14 & under age categories, players qualified through playing in one of three zonal championships which took place in January in West & Central Africa, Southern Africa and East Africa.

The International Junior Championships of Morocco allow the African players to adapt to Moroccan conditions in preparation for the all-important African Junior Championships. Feed-in consolation events will be organised, so that players have the opportunity to play a singles match every day, giving them vital match-play exposure in anticipation of their continents most prestigious junior tennis event.

Both events are being hosted for the first time by the Federation Royale Marocaine de Tennis in collaboration with the ITF and the Confederation of African Tennis (CAT). For regular updates, please visit www.itftennis.com/development.

ITF junior team competitions continue in El Salvador

Action in the ITF Junior team competitions continues this week with the North/Central American & Caribbean pre-qualifying event for World Junior Tennis in El Salvador.

It's the second consecutive year that El Salvador is hosting the 14 & under pre-qualifying event. Guatemala, winner of last year's boys' and girls' events, is among the field of 13 boys' and 13 girls' teams who will be competing this week in La Libertad, El Salvador.

One boys' and one girls' team will join Canada, Mexico and USA at the final qualifying event to be held in Boca Raton, Florida, USA on 1-3 May.

For daily results and pictures of the action visit www.itftennis.com/juniors.

ITF launches Beach Tennis World Championships

The ITF announced that the Foro Italico and the Italian Tennis Federation will host the inaugural ITF Beach Tennis World Championships in Rome on 4-6 May. The event will be held at the Foro Italico, which staged the first ever tournament on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour alongside the 2008 ATP Rome Masters.

In the running to become the first ITF Beach Tennis World Champions are the 2008 Beach Tennis Tour Champions, Marco Garavini and Paolo Tazzari, and Simona Briganti and Rossella Stefanelli, both from Italy, who finished top of the 2008 ITF World Rankings after 15 events last year.

With acceptance for the tournament based on the current rankings, a number of other Italian teams will be strong challengers for the title, but the Italian Tennis Federation and ITF will be able to allocate an increased number of wild cards to international teams from as far afield as Australia, Brazil, Japan or USA, where players are yet to establish themselves on the ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings.

It is hoped that the World Championships will become the showpiece event on a fast-expanding beach tennis calendar. An increasing number of nations are now taking part in beach tennis activities, or submitting applications to hold events on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour.

Munich event opens 2009 Beach Tennis Tour

The 2009 ITF Beach Tennis Tour started with the inaugural German Indoor Championships in Munich on 28-29 March. Over 100 players from Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, San Marino and Germany competed in the men's and women's doubles events which count towards the ITF Beach Tennis World Rankings.

In the men's event, third seeds Nicolo Appiotti and Andrea Bolognesi (ITA) followed up their semifinal victory over the No. 1 seeds with a 75 61 final victory over fourth seeds William Forcellini (SMR) and Michele Morosato (ITA). German players dominated the women's event with sisters Andrea and Tanja Scharpf overcoming compatriots Nicole Kreienborg and Simone Simbeck 61 64 in the final.



German Indoor Championships

The ITF Beach Tennis Tour has welcomed new tournaments on the 2009 calendar with a \$10,000 Grade 1 event in Sopot, Poland on 21-26 July and also three events in Japan in May, June and July.

For further information, visit www.itftennis.com/beachtennis.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ysern appointment

The French Tennis Federation announced that Gilbert Ysern has been appointed Director General of the FFT, taking on the responsibilities previously held by Jean-Francois Vilotte. Ysern will continue in his role of Director of Roland Garros.

ITF Seniors Rankings

The new ITF Seniors rankings were published on 1 April. Players who have changed age category will carry all their ranking points with them. Click [here](#) for further information.

NEWS IN BRIEF cont.

Wimbledon announcement

The All England Lawn Tennis Ground plc, owner of the grounds at which the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships are staged, has announced that it is issuing up to 2,500 Centre Court debentures at a price of £27,750 each for the five years 2011-2015 inclusive. The issue is expected to raise net proceeds of approximately £59.5 million.

National Association updates

Kenya - KEN

Kenya Lawn Tennis Association

New email:

info@kenyalawntennis.org

Mauritius - MRI

Mauritius Tennis Federation

New President:

Mr Akhtar Toorawa

New Secretary:

Mr Denis Lincoln

ITF Wheelchair Rankings

30 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)	1389

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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Davis Cup website: www.daviscup.com
www.daviscup.com/es

Fed Cup website: www.fedcup.com
www.fedcup.com/es

ITF Store: <http://store.itftennis.com>

ITF Junior Rankings

JUNIOR BOYS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	BHAMBRI, Yuki (IND)	1488.75
2nd	DIMITROV, Grigor (BUL)	1087.50
3rd	YANG, Tsung-Hua (TPE)	911.25
4th	HUANG, Liang-Chi (TPE)	762.50
5th	URIGUEN, Julien (GUA)	690.00
6th	OBRY, Julien (FRA)	683.75
7th	COLLARINI, Andrea (ARG)	678.75
8th	HSIEH, Cheng-Peng (TPE)	646.25
9th	CARRENO-BUSTA, Pablo (ESP)	628.75
10th	VELOTTI, Agustin (ARG)	613.75

JUNIOR GIRLS RANKING

Position	Player Name (Nationality)	Points
1st	ROBSON, Laura (GBR)	1126.25
2nd	LERTCHEEWAKARN, Noppawan (THA)	970.00
3rd	BOGDAN, Ana (ROU)	925.00
4th	BABOS, Timea (HUN)	895.00
5th	TOMLIJANOVIC, Ajla (CRO)	838.75
6th	HALEP, Simona (ROU)	750.00
7th	MLADENOVIC, Kristina (FRA)	738.75
8th	NJIRIC, Silvia (CRO)	733.75
9th	BOGDAN, Elena (ROU)	730.00
10th	EMBREE, Lauren (USA)	715.00



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Results week commencing 30 March

DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

EUROPE/AFRICA ZONE GROUP III (B), TUNIS, TUNISIA

Final Standings:

1. Norway, 2. Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3. Morocco, 4. Tunisia, 5. Andorra, 6. Nigeria, 7. Namibia, 8. San Marino.

ASIA/OCEANIA ZONE GROUP IV, DHAKA, BANGLADESH

Final Standings:

Group A: 1. Vietnam, 2. UAE, 3. Bahrain, 4. Yemen.

Group B: 1. Bangladesh, 2. Jordan, 3. Qatar, 4. Myanmar, 5. Turkmenistan.

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT

CROATIA F4 FUTURES, ROVINJ (\$10,000)

Singles

Antonio Veic (CRO) d. Gabriel Moraru (ROU) 76(7) 63

Doubles

Marin Bradaric (CRO)/Aleksander Slovic (SRB) d. Kristijan Mesaros (CRO)/Jiri Skoloudik (CZE) 63 75

EGYPT F5 FUTURES, SUIZ (\$10,000)

Singles

Karim Maamoun (EGY) d. Carlos Calderon-Rodriguez (ESP) 64 64

Doubles

Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS)/Robert Varga (HUN) d. Radu Albot (MDA)/Teodor-Dacian Craciun (ROU) 62 64

ITALY F5 FUTURES, VITERBO (\$10,000)

Singles

Guillermo Olaso (ESP) d. Daniele Bracciali (ITA) 61 63

Doubles

Thomas Fabbiano/Stefano Valenti (ITA) d. Diego Alvarez (ARG)/Guillermo Olaso (ESP) 63 62

JAPAN F3 FUTURES, KOFU (\$10,000)

Singles

Jae-Sung An (KOR) d. Yuichi Sugita (JPN) 57 64 76(5)

Doubles

Tsung-Hua Yang/Chu-Huan Yi (TPE) d. Yuuya Kibi/Tomohiro Shinokawa (JPN) 61 60

TURKEY F3 FUTURES, ANTALYA (\$10,000)

Singles

Ivan Sergejev (UKR) d. Robin Roshardt (SUI) 60 ret.

Doubles

Florin Mergea/Costin Paval (ROU) d. Ivan Anikanov/Artem Smirnov (UKR) 76(4) 63

USA F7 FUTURES, MOBILE, AL (\$15,000)

Singles

Sam Groth (AUS) d. Jesse Witten (USA) 62 30 ret.

Doubles

Philip Bester/Milos Raonic (CAN) d. Lester Cook (USA)/Treat Conrad Huey (PHI) 63 16 [10-5]

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT

\$10,000 ANTALYA (TUR)

Singles

Samantha Schoeffel (FRA) d. Julia Babilon (GER) 67(8) 01 ret.

Doubles

Sofia Kvatsabaia (GEO)/Avgusta Tsybysheva (RUS) d. Ima Bohush (BLR)/Maria Zharkova (RUS) 64 46 [10-8]

\$10,000 LIMA (PER)

Singles

Bianca Botto (PER) d. Veronica Spiegel (ARG) 63 76(3)

Doubles

Carla Beltrami/Maria Irigoyen (ARG) d. Bianca Botto (PER)/Natalia Guitler (BRA) 46 63 [10-5]

\$25,000 PELHAM, AL (USA)

Singles

See www.itftennis.com/womens

Doubles

Danielle Harmsen/Kim Kilsdonk (NED) d. Marie-Eve Pelletier (CAN)/Frederica Piedade (POR) 64 57 [11-9]

\$50,000 KHANTI-MANSIYSK (RUS)

Singles

Evgeniya Rodina (RUS) d. Anna Lapushchenkova (RUS) 63 62

Doubles

Ksenia Milevskaia (BLR)/Lesya Tsurenko (UKR) d. Oksana Kalashnikova (GEO)/Valeria Savinykh (RUS) 62 63

\$50,000 LATINA (ITA)

Singles

Julia Schruff (GER) d. Andrea Petkovic (GER) 75 76(0)

Doubles

Alberta Brianti (ITA)/Julia Schruff (GER) d. Marina Shamayko (RUS)/Emily Stellato (ITA) 61 64

ITF JUNIOR CIRCUIT

NAGOYA, JAPAN, GRADE 1

Boys Singles

Cheng-Peng Hsieh (TPE) d. Liang-Chi Huang (TPE) 46 76(6) 63

Girls Singles

Timea Babos (HUN) d. Miyabi Inoue (JPN) 46 63 63

Boys Doubles

Takeshi Endo/Shota Tagawa (JPN) d. Alastair Barnes/Ahmed El Menshawy (GBR) 61 64

Girls Doubles

Miyabi Inoue/Sachie Ishizu (JPN) d. Timea Babos (HUN)/Hannah James (GBR) 64 75

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN, GRADE 3

Boys Singles

Yaraslau Shyla (BLR) d. Arturs Kazijevs (LAT) 36 63 63

Girls Singles

Albina Khabibulina (UZB) d. Sabina Sharipova (UZB) 61 36 64

Boys Doubles

Jakhongir Jalalov/Sergey Shipilov (UZB) d. Vladislav Dubinsky/Timur Neymatov (RUS) 16 63 [10-8]

Girls Doubles

Albina Khabibulina (UZB)/Anastasiya Prenko (TKM) d. Alexandra Artamonova (RUS)/Polina Pekhova (BLR) 61 75

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CASTELLON, SPAIN, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Marc Giner (ESP) d. Antonio Lupieri (CRO) 61 63

Girls Singles

Alix Collombon (FRA) d. Garbine Muguruza Blanco (ESP) 75 63

Boys Doubles

Antonio Lupieri/Mate Pavic (CRO) d. Luca Margaroli (SUI)/Andrea Patracchini (ITA) 75 63

Girls Doubles

Caroline Garcia/Charlene Seateun (FRA) d. Ilona Kremen (BLR)/Patricia Martins (POR) 62 63

ST MICHAEL, BARBADOS, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Darian King (BAR) d. Brandon Burke (JAM) 75 63

Girls Singles

Nadia Echeverria Alam (USA) d. Denise Starr (USA) 62 61

Boys Doubles

Yuta Hirokawa (JPN)/Kamil Khalil (LIB) d. Rodney Carey (BAH)/Nevy Jogi-Singh (USA) 63 75

Girls Doubles

Adel Arshavskaya/Renata Arshavskaya (RUS) d. Nadia Echeverria Alam (USA)/Olga Gastruk (UKR) 60 62

BRYAN, TX, USA, GRADE 4

Boys Singles

Jeremy Efferding (USA) d. Shane Vinsant (USA) 64 60

Girls Singles

Nicole Melichar (USA) d. Hideko Tachibana (USA) 36 63 63

Boys Doubles

Jeremy Efferding/Andrew Korinek (USA) d. Spencer F. Newman/Shane Vinsant (USA) 46 60 [10-7]

Girls Doubles

Cierra Gaytan-Leach/Millie Nichols (USA) d. Brynn Boren/Alexandra Leatu (USA) 76(6) 62

MENDOZA, ARGENTINA, GRADE 5

Boys Singles

Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (ARG) d. Alejo Apud (ARG) 62 61

Girls Singles

Mikele Irazusta (ARG) d. Emiliana Spinardi (ARG) 63 75

Boys Doubles

Nicolas Alejandro De Gregorio/Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (ARG) d. Alejo Apud/Tomas Buchhass (ARG) 76(3) 64

Girls Doubles

Maria Daniela Frascini/Mikele Irazusta (ARG) d. Laura Pigossi Herrmann De Andrade (BRA)/Sofia Luini (ARG) 63 76 [10-7]

ITF WHEELCHAIR CIRCUIT

GERMANY, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Maikel Scheffers (NED) d. Joachim Gerard (BEL) 64 62

Women's Singles

Katharina Kruger (GER) d. Marjolein Buis (NED) 61 60

Men's Doubles

Jelle Oosterwijk/Maikel Scheffers (NED) d. Piotr Jaroszewski (POL)/Michal Stefanu (CZE) 64 64

Women's Doubles

Marjolein Buis (NED)/Katharina Kruger (GER) d. Anna Alenas (SWE)/Linda Wagemann (GER) 61 60

MINAS GERIAS, BRAZIL, ITF 3 SERIES

Men's Singles

Carlos Santos (BRA) d. Gustavo Fernandez (ARG) 76(8) 64

Women's Singles

Maria-Antonieta Ortiz (CHI) d. Johana Martinez (COL) 60 64

Men's Doubles

Rafael Medeiros/Daniel Rodrigues (BRA) d. Mauricio Pomme/Carlos Santos (BRA) 46 64 64

MONTREAL, CANADA, ITF FUTURES SERIES

Men's Singles

Yann Mathieu (CAN) d. Corey Blatchford (CAN) 16 63 64

Men's Doubles

Marcus Causton (USA)/Yann Mathieu (CAN) d. Corey Blatchford/Joel Dembe (CAN) 61 64

This Week Next Week

Events - week commencing 6 April 2009

MEN	Croatia F5 Futures	Vrsar	\$10,000	
	Egypt F6 Futures	Cairo	\$10,000	
	Turkey F4 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000	
	Italy F6 Futures	Vercelli	\$10,000+H	
	Korean Rep. F1 Futures	Daegu	\$15,000	
	USA F8 Futures	Little Rock, AR	\$15,000	
	Russia F1 Futures	Moscow	\$15,000+H	
	WOMEN	Croatia	Sibenik	\$10,000
	Italy	Foggia	\$10,000	
	Turkey	Antalya	\$10,000	
	USA	Jackson, MS	\$25,000	
	Spain	Monzon	\$75,000	
	Belgium	Torhout	\$100,000+H	
SENIORS	Spain	Barcelona	Grade 2	
	Australia	Canberra	Grade 3	
	Israel	Tel Aviv	Grade 4	
JUNIORS	WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION, PRE-QUALIFYING, EL SALVADOR			
	USA	Carson, CA	Grade 1	
	France	Cap D'Ail	Grade 2	
	Italy	Florence	Grade 2	
	Morocco	Casablanca	Grade 2	
	Uzbekistan	Namangan	Grade 3	
	Korea, Rep.	Jeju	Grade 4	
	Malta	Marsa	Grade 4	
	Spain	Valencia	Grade 4	
	Trinidad & Tobago	Port of Spain	Grade 4	
	Paraguay	Asuncion	Grade 5	
	Turkey	Antalya	Grade 5	
	India	Madhya Pradesh	Grade B1	
	WHEELCHAIR	USA	Boca Raton, FL	ITF 1 Series
		Argentina	Buenos Aires	ITF 3 Series
		South Africa	Pretoria	ITF 3 Series

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MEN

DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, ASIA/OCEANIA ZONE GROUP III, ALEPPO, SYRIA		
DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, EUROPE/AFRICA ZONE GROUP IV, ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE		
Argentina F1 Futures	Jujuy	\$10,000
Turkey F5 Futures	Antalya	\$10,000
Korean Rep. F2 Futures	Seogwipo	\$15,000
Uzbekistan F1 Futures	Andijan	\$15,000
France F6 Futures	Angers	\$15,000+H
Russia F2 FutureS	Tyumen	\$15,000+H

WOMEN

Argentina	Buenos Aires	\$10,000
Croatia	Hvar	\$10,000
Kazakhstan	Shymkent	\$10,000
Turkey	Antalya	\$10,000
Belgium	Tessengerlo	\$25,000
Italy	Civitavecchia	\$25,000
USA	Osprey, FL	\$25,000

SENIORS

USA	Park City, UT	Grade 1
USA	Huntsville, AL	Grade 1
USA	Scottsdale, AZ	Grade 1
Chile	Santiago	Grade 4
Estonia	Tallinn	Grade 4
Spain	Palafrugell	Grade 4

JUNIORS

JUNIOR DAVIS CUP/FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS, FINAL QUALIFYING, AUSTRALIA		
WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS, JUNIOR DAVIS CUP/FED CUP, QUALIFYING, MOROCCO		
France	Istres	Grade 2
Korea, Rep.	Joong-gu	Grade 3
Spain	Pilar de la Horadada	Grade 3
Great Britain	Nottingham	Grade 4
Canada	Burlington	Grade 5
USA	Rancho Mirage, CA	Grade B1
Morocco	Casablanca	Grade B2

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