



The Australian Davis Cup Tennis

Foundation Newsletter

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Hewitt, Tomic lead Australia from Davis Cup wilderness, in Poland

Lleyton Hewitt and Bernard Tomic have lead Australia to a long awaited return to the Davis Cup World Group top 16 for the first time since 2007.

After 3 successive play-off losses the 28 times Davis Cup champions have ended their six year hiatus and can now look forward to progressing further into the competition in February 2014.

Australia got off to a perfect start on day 1 singles, opening with a 3 set victory to Lleyton Hewitt against Lukasz Kubot 6/1 6/3 6/2 followed by Bernard Tomic defeating Michal Przysiezny 7/5 7/6(1) 6/4.

Day two doubles saw Captain Pat Rafter swing an interesting tactical change, resting Lleyton and substituting on debut Nick Kyrgios to team up with Chris Guccione and after a 5 set thriller were defeated by a formidable double combination of Mariusz Fyrstenberg and Marcin Matkowski 7/5 4/6 2/6 7/6(5) 4/6.

So it was off to bed on Saturday night with a 2/1 lead, one match from victory and that elusive World Group.

On Sunday Bernard Tomic came out firing and recorded his second singles victory for the tie when he defeated Lukasz Kubot 6/4 7/6(5) 6/3. After controlling the first set with his trade mark laid back performance Bernard surrendered momentum and was broken twice as Kubot lifted with his encouragement of home crowd support. Facing the prospect of dropping the second set Bernard then rallied to win 4 straight games to level at 5 all before winning a tight tiebreaker. The comeback by Bernard broke the Pole's spirit and Bernard closed the match comfortably to the joy of his teammates.

Nick Kyrgios again swung into action and was 4/1 up against Michal Przysiezny when the Pole retired with a stomach upset to give the Australians a 4/1 victory.

A touring party of around 30 Foundation members led by Ian Jane of Benteigh Travel provided strong



Our team, Bernard Tomic, Lleyton Hewitt, Nick Kyrgios, Chris Guccione and Pat Rafter.

vocal support to our team before embarking on a week-long adventure taking in the historical sights of Poland then returning home.

The final of the Davis Cup between Serbia and Czech Republic will be held in Belgrade Serbia on the weekend 15-17 November 2013. The seeded nations qualified for the World Group in February 2014 will be drawn against the remaining unseeded World Group nations:

World Group nations:

Seeded	Unseeded
1. Czech Republic	Australia
2. Serbia	Belgium
3. Spain	Germany
4. Argentina	Great Britain
5. France	Italy
6. USA	Japan
7. Canada	Switzerland
8. Kazakhstan	Netherlands

For the first round in the World Group 2014 Australia is drawn to play France in France, with the tie to be played 31 January to 02 February. The Quarter Finals will be played 04-06 April, the Semi Finals 12-14 September and the Final 21-23 November.

Davis Cup Results World Group Play-Off Poland v Australia

Lleyton Hewitt d L.Kubot 6-1 6-3 6-2

Bernard Tomic d M.Przysiezny 7-5 7-6 (1) 6-4

Chris Guccione /Nick Krygios lost to M.Fyrstenberg/M.Matkowski 7-5 4-6 2-6 7-6 (5) 4-6

Bernard Tomic d L.Kubot 6-4 7-6 (5) 6-3

Nick Krygios d M.Przysiezny 4-1 0-0 retired.



News in Brief

- **Lleyton Hewitt** will return to Kooyong as the defending champion to fine tune his preparation for the Australian Open, committing to play in the new look AAMI Classic, an eight man special event now owned by sports giant IMG. The event will be held centre court at Kooyong 8-11 January 2014.
- **Craig Tiley** will remain Australia Open tournament director next January despite taking on the Chief Executive role at Tennis Australia. But the tennis calendar's opening grand slam is likely to have a new leader in 2015. The early resignation of Steve Wood as TA chief will have a ripple effect on the top executive roles for tennis administration.
- **Nick Kyrgios** has been hailed by Davis Cup Captain Pat Rafter as a star of the future after the teenager made a promising debut in Poland. He teamed with Chris Guccione in the high pressure team environment to fall in five sets to the doubles specialist duo of Marcin Matkowski and Mariusz Fyrstenberg.
- **The Annual General meeting** of the Foundation will be held at the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club at 8.00pm on Thursday 28 November 2013. An important piece of business to resolve is the proposed adoption of a new Constitution.
- Members should be aware of the interesting opportunity for **travel in February** to France for the first round of World Group Davis Cup match. As usual Bentleigh Travel will assist the Foundation by preparing an interesting itinerary and ticketing for the consideration of members. Time to check the expiry date on your Passport.
- **Christmas** is just around the corner and a unique present to a tennis tragic may be a membership to the ADCTF. There is no joining fee and the annual subscription is only \$70 per annum. To obtain a membership application form which sets out all relevant details, rights and benefits go to our website www.adctf.org or contact Judy on 03 9499 6228 and have the form posted out to you.



Nick Who?

Nick Kyrgios player profile



- Age 18 years
- Born 27 April 1995
- Birth Place Canberra, ACT
- Lives Watson, ACT
- Height 189 cm
- Plays Right-handed
- Coach Simon Rea
- Australian ranking # 9
- Davis Cup debut September 2013 – Poland tie
- Won the Wimbledon 2013 boys' doubles title with Thanasi Kokkinakis
- Won the Australian Open 2013 boys' junior title by defeating compatriot Thanasi Kokkinakis in the final
- Reached ITF world No.1 junior ranking in January 2013
- Partnered up with fellow AIS scholarship holder Andrew Harris to win two doubles Junior Grand Slam in 2012 - Junior Wimbledon Championships and Roland Garros Junior Championships
- Prior to this Nicholas and Andrew were doubles semi finalists at the Junior Australian Open in 2012
- In 2011 Nicholas and Andrew were doubles semi finalists at the Optus 18's Australian Championships
- Nicholas started playing tennis at the age of seven and one day hopes to be the number one player in the world

Source: compiled courtesy Tennis Australia website.

ATP Rankings

- 50 B.Tomic
- 55 M.Matosevic
- 57 L.Hewitt
- 135 M.Ebden
- 154 J.Duckworth



Next Davis Cup Tie Venue

World Group Round 1

France v Australia

Venue: France has choice of venue

Dates: Friday 31 January to Sunday 2 February 2014

AUSTRALIA – Land of Tennis Opportunity

In no other country can a youngster take up tennis as easily as in Australia.

There are many more courts per head of population here than any other country and our climate is so mild that it is an all-the-year-round game. It is easy to understand the tremendous start Australia has in producing champions when such conditions are compared to those of most European countries.

For instance, the tennis season of countries like Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Russia and many another northern European countries is, at the most, six months long. For the other six months, play must be indoors. In these countries there are comparatively few outdoor courts and because of the high cost of building indoor courts, few players are able to afford the expense of playing during the winter.

In such countries it is a game for families of wealth, and a youngster without wealth must be very fortunate, firstly to be able to play, and secondly to attract attention if he has potential ability.

How different it is in Australia. Tennis is a game for those in all walks of life. There are courts in cities, towns and settlements and everywhere in private homes and private clubs. There are also public courts.

In addition, for those who cannot play in daylight hours, there are thousands of courts electrically lit for



Neale Fraser, like most Australian tennis players, had an early introduction to the game.

night play. It is not an expensive game because club fees, especially for young people, are cheap. There is abundant opportunity for youngsters to show both their talent and potential ability, but this, of course, applies especially in the large cities and suburbs.



From left: Mal Anderson, bare-footed at five years and next at the start of his tennis career at 12; Daphne Emerson (now Mrs. Malcolm Anderson) and brother Roy Emerson in their early playing days; and Roy Emerson after winning a broad jump in school sports in 1952 with a leap of 20 ft. 6 ins.

For the Diary in 2013 - 2014

Thursday 28 November 2013, **ADCTF Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 8 - Saturday 11 January 2014, **AAMI Kooyong Classic**

Monday 13 January - Sunday 27 January 2014, **Aust Open Championships**

Friday 24 January 2014 - **ADCTF AO Luncheon**

Friday 31 January - Sunday 2 February 2014, **France v Australia tie**



The AO Luncheon 2014

The Australian Open Championships semi final twilight matches will again allow the scheduling of the Foundation's annual Australian Open Luncheon on Friday 24 January 2014 when members and guests will gather at 12 noon in the Olympic Room, Melbourne Cricket Club to celebrate the 57th^h anniversary of the 1957 Davis Cup victory, played on centre court Kooyong, when Australia defeated the United States 3/2.

Our President Neale Fraser, who was a member of the 1957 Davis Cup team has again invited Fred Stolle, 1965 French open singles and 1966 US open singles champion, winner of 10 grand slam doubles and 7 grand slam mixed doubles titles, with a world ranking of 2 and now a noted Media personality, to be the M.C.

Neale has also extended a special invitation to the other players, Mal Anderson, Ashley Cooper and Mervyn Rose to join him as our special guests for this exciting occasion. It is expected a number of other notable tennis players and dignitaries from Tennis Australia and the All England Club Wimbledon will also be in attendance.

There will be a silent auction of some unique significant sports memorabilia. Following the luncheon members and guests will be offered a guided tour of the MCC Museum, with an opportunity to view the extensive memorabilia display.

The cost for members is \$130, guests \$140 per person inclusive of premium beverages. For bookings please complete the Booking Form and forward as detailed to the Foundation with your remittance. If you encounter any difficulties or wish to make an enquiry please contact Judy Pullyblank in the Office on 03 9499 6228.

Alternatively, you can download the booking form by visiting the Publication section of the Foundation's web site www.adctf.org



The AO Luncheon celebrating the

1957 Davis Cup Victory



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