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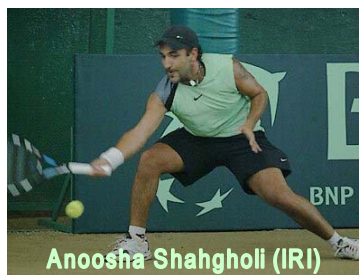
ASIA/OCEANIA ZONE GROUP III

Asia/Oceania Zone Group III ties were held at Manila, Philippines from 19-23 July 2006. 8 nations participated in the event in the round robin format. The results are given below:

Philippines and Iran promoted to Asia/Oceania Zone Group II in 2007



Cecil Mamitt (PHI)



Anoosha Shahgholi (IRI)

Bahrain and Bangladesh relegated to Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV in 2007.

<u>Final standings</u>	
1. Philippines	5. Vietnam
2. Iran	6. Singapore
3. Sri Lanka	7. Bahrain
4. Saudi Arabi.	8. Bangladesh

DRAW FOR THE 2007 DAVIS CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

The ITF has announced the draw for the 2007 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas to be held in Rome on 28th September 2006. Seedings will be based on the ITF Davis Cup nations ranking of 25th September 2006.

The latest rankings of the Asian Nations are as follows:

S.No.	Nation	Ranking
1.	Thailand	18
2.	Korea, Rep.	22
3.	India	25
4.	Japan	27
5.	Pakistan	28
6.	Chinese Taipei	32
7.	Uzbekistan	33
8.	China, P.R.	39
9.	Indonesia	43
10.	Kazakhstan	49=
11.	Kuwait	58
12.	Hong Kong, China	59
13.	Lebanon	68
14.	Philippines	72
15.	Iran	74
16.	Malaysia	80
17.	Vietnam	81
18.	UAE	84
19.	Bahrain	86
20.	Tajikistan	90
21.	Qatar	91
22.	Oman	93
23.	Syria	94
24.	Saudi Arabia	98
25.	Sri Lanka	101
26.	Singapore	102
27.	Bangladesh	108
28.	Myanmar	111
29.	Jordan	119
30.	Iraq	121
31.	Kyrgyzstan	122
32.	Brunie	135=
33.	Turkmenistan	139



WORLD GROUP PLAY OFFS

China and Japan continued on their excellent performance in the World Group Play offs.

CHINA BEATS GERMANY 4-1

The event was held on the courts of International Tennis Centre in Beijing from July 15-16, 2006. The **Chinese girls** created history by reaching the World Group for the first time. Wimbledon quarter finalist Na Li teamed up with two time Grand Slam double champions **Zi Yan / Jie Zheng** to score a convincing 4-1 victory over Germany.



CHINA, P.R. defeated GERMANY 4-1
Venue: Beijing, China (hard - indoors)

Na Li (CHN) d. Kristina Barrois (GER) 63 64
Jie Zheng (CHN) d. Kathrin Woerle (GER) 64 75
Na Li (CHN) d. Kathrin Woerle (GER) 75 75
Tatiana Malek (GER) d. Tian Tian Sun (CHN) 46 63 63
Zi Yan/Jie Zheng (CHN) d. Kristina Barrois/Jasmin Woehr (GER) 63 64



JAPAN DEFEATES AUSTRIA 5-0

In other World Group Play offs Japan wiped out Austria (5-0) in Tokyo.

JAPAN defeated AUSTRIA 5-0
Venue: Tokyo, Japan (hard - indoors)

Akiko Morigami (JPN) d. Barbara Schwartz (AUT) 76(3) 60
Ai Sugiyama (JPN) d. Melanie Klaffner (AUT) 75 61
Aiko Nakamura (JPN) d. Barbara Schwartz (AUT) 62 75
Akiko Morigami (JPN) d. Nikola Hofmanova (AUT) 62 63
Shinobu Asagoe/Ai Sugiyama (JPN) d. Melanie Klaffner/
Barbara Schwartz (AUT) 63 16 61



THAILAND LOSES TO SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Venue Bratislava; Slovak Republic (hard-indoor)

Thailand caved in to the much fancied Slovak Republic at Bratislava, 5-0.

Daniela Hanutuchova(SVK) d. Montinee Tangphong(THA) 61-61

Magdalena Rybarikova(SVK) d Suchanun Viratprasert (THA) 63-63

Daniela Hanutuchova(SVK) d. Suchanun Viratprasert (THA) 61-63

Dominika Cibulkova (SVK) d Montinee Tangphong (THA) 63-61

Janette Husarova/Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d Nudnida Luangnam/Thassha Vitayaviroj (THA) 62-63



INDONESIA GIVES A WALKOVER TO ISRAEL

Indonesia was forced to withdraw from the tie against Israel in Ramat Hasharon, handing the Israelis a walkover and a place in 2007 World Group II

DRAW FOR THE 2007 FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS

The ITF has announced that the draw for the 2007 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas will be held at the 2006 Fed Cup Finals between Italy and Belgium in Belgium on 16 – 17 September 2006.

In the 2007 World Group, the seeded nations are Belgium (No.1), Italy (No.2), Russia (No.3) and France (No.4). They will be drawn against USA, Spain, **China PR and Japan.**

The list of the other seedings will be based on the latest ITF Fed Cup Nations Rankings in September

In Fed Cup team rankings China, whose Play off victory over Germany saw it qualify for the World Group for the first time, rises six places to No. 7.

The full list of Asian Nations Rankings is as follows.

S.No.	Nation	Ranking
1.	China, P.R.	7
2.	Japan	8
3.	Indonesia	19
4.	Thailand	20
5.	India	22
6.	Korea, Rep.	31
7.	Chinese Taipei	34
8.	Uzbekistan	45

S.No.	Nation	Ranking
9.	Kazakhstan	46
10.	Hong Kong, China	53
11.	Singapore	62
12.	Philippines	65
13.	Syria	74
14.	Malaysia	81
15.	Kyrgyzstan	85 =
16.	Turkmenistan	91 =



The most prestigious Grand Slam of the year, Wimbledon with the prize of more than 10.3 million pounds on offer was held from 26th June 2006 to 9th July 2006 at London.

This year 5 men, 13 women 8 boys and 9 girls from Asia participated in the singles main draws event. Their performance is commendable.

Men Singles: Y. Wang (TPE) and H.Lee (KOR) lost in second round to J. Blake (8) USA and L. Hewitt (6) AUS respectively.

Men Doubles: L Paes (IND) along with Damm (CZE) reached the finals and lost to Bob and Mike Bryan (USA) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. S Ratiwatna & S Ratwatna (THA) lost in second round to Aspelin (SWE) and Perry (8) AUS



Women Singles: - Li Na CHN (27) reached the quarter finals and lost to K Clijsters BEL (2) 6-4, 7-5.

A Sugiyama JPN (18) lost in the Pre Quarter Finals to S Bremond (ITA) 7-6 (11), 6-3

S Peng (CHN), T. Tanasugarn (THA) and J Zheng (CHN) reached the third round while Sun Tian Tian (CHN), A Morigami (JPN) and S. Asagoe (JPN) reached the second round.

Women Doubles: Yan Zi and Zheng Jie (CHN) won the title defeating R Pascual (ESP) / Suarez (ARG) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.



Li / Peng (CHN) reached second round. Sania Mirza (IND) along with Krajicek (NED) lost in second round to Dementiva (RUS) / Pennetta (ITA).



Mixed Doubles: Zheng (CHN) / Mirnyi (BLR) reached the semi finals and lost to Bryan / Williams (USA) who had also beaten Mahesh Bhupathi (IND) and Yan (CHN) seeded 11 in second round and L Paes and Stosur (4) in the quarter finals. Sania Mirza (IND) Vizner (CHZ)lost in third round to Nestor ((CAN) / Likhovtseva (RUS) seeded 5.

Boys Singles: S. Singh (8) IND lost to A. Chernov RUS (12) and H. Lee (TPE) lost to L. Belic (6) in pre quarters while J.Xu (CHN) reached second round.

Boys Doubles: H. Lee (TPE) and R. Roy (IND) lost in semi finals to Klizan / Martin (2) SVK 6-3, 6-4 (4), 6-3

Girls Singles: A Morita (JPN) lost in quarter finals while S. Dilyara (UZB), D Dy (PHI) lost in second round.

Doubles: Rakhim (KAZ) along with Milevskaya (BLR) lost in quarter finals to Cirstea (ROM) / Panova (RUS) 6-4, 6-4.



WIMBLEDON ROLL OF HONOUR

Men's singles: Roger Federer (SUI)
Women's singles: Amelie Mauresmo (FRA)
Men's doubles: Bob Bryan/Mike Bryan (USA)
Women's doubles: Zi Yan/Jie Zheng (CHN)
Mixed doubles: Andy Ram (ISR)/Vera Zvonareva (RUS)

Boys' singles: Thiemo de Bakker (NED)
Girls' singles: Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)
Boys' doubles: Kellen Damico/Nathaniel Schnugg (USA)
Girls' doubles: Alisa Kleybanova/Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)

JAPANESE ENJOY WIMBLEDON WHEELCHAIR SUCCESS

Shingo Kunieda and Satoshi Saida (JPN) defeated defending champions Jayant Mistry (GBR) and Michael Jeremiasz (FRA) 75 62 in the final of the second Wimbledon Wheelchair Doubles Masters Series event, part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour.





CHINESE OFFICIALS IN LONDON

As part of the Olympic Line Umpire Programme for Beijing 2008 more than 20 Chinese tennis officials gain invaluable experience in the qualifying competition for Wimbledon, London.

The programme was organized by ITF Officiating in close co-operation with the Chinese Tennis Association and **BOCOG** (Beijing Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games).

The aim of the programme was to select 50 Chinese Line Umpires for the Beijing Games in two years' time. Six of the officials selected for Wimbledon qualifying were also chosen to work as Line Umpires for the main draw of Wimbledon.



The visiting Chinese officials

CHEN SHU APPOINTMENT FOR BEIJING OLYMPICS

Chen Shu has been appointed as Competition Manager for the 2008 Olympic Tennis Event in Beijing. Chen will be responsible for the sports aspect of the event, working closely with BOCOG and the ITF. He took up his post on 11 July 2006.

Chen is also involved in the Olympic Line Umpire Programme, organized by ITF Officiating in cooperation with the Chinese Tennis Association and BOCOG.

An International Referee and Chair Umpire, Chen is the only International Official in China having graduated for the Level 3 Officiating School in Singapore in 1997. Chen has officiated at many ITF events, including Davis Cup and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, and at all four Grand Slam competitions.



ITF/ ATF OFFICIATING SCHOOL

Mike Morrissey (ITF Administrator of Officiating) and Wayne McKewen (ITF/Grand Slam Supervisor and Australian Open Referee) taught a series of officiating schools at Hotel Rama Garden, Thailand from 23 – 27 July 2006. A Level 2 School for Referees was held for former players and coaches in Asia to become tennis officials; and a Level 3 School was held for current International Referees and Chair Umpires to become certified Chief Umpires. On behalf of the Asian Tennis Federation, McKewen also spent two days preparing 19 Asian White Badge Officials for the forthcoming Level 3 School in Doha, Qatar. The following officials passed the Level 3 Chief Umpire School and Level 2 Referee School:

LEVEL 3 SCHOOL

Date : 26-27 July 2006.

Venue : Bangkok, Thailand

Conducted by : Mike Morrissey.

The School was designed for INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS who were interested in getting a CHIEF BADGE Certification. The following officials passed :

New Silver Badge Chief Umpires

CHEN, Shu (CHN)	JAIN, Payal (IND)
DE HARO, Rogelio (ESP)	KANNAMWAR, Nitin (IND)
EVANS, Philip (GBR)	KAWATEI, Nao (JPN)
GUPTA, Puneet (IND)	THOMAS, Chris (AUS)
IYER, Sheetal (IND)	WILSON, Adrian (GBR)



LEVEL 2 SCHOOL

Date : 28-31 July 2006

Venue : Jakarta, Indonesia

Conducted by : Wayne McKewen, Enric Molina

The following officials successfully passed the school.

ADHI NUGROHO, Dedy (INA)	OGASAWARA, Naomi (JPN)
BASHAR, Radin (IRI)	RAHMAT MULYANA, Eka (INA)
BORGHEI, Adel (IRI)	RYU, Cheong-Soo (KOR)
HWANG, Ki-Sik (KOR)	TAKATSU, Yukiko (JPN)
LEE, Rim-Jae (KOR)	TRIFUNOVSKI, Dimitar (NZL)
NAKASHIMA, Shinji (JPN)	WIBISONO, Dewi Fortunasari (INA)
NAKATSUJI, Mayumi (JPN)	ZEIN, M.Maimum Masri (INA)

LEVEL 2 SCHOOL (REFEREE)

Date : 23-25 July 2006

Venue : BANGKOK, THAILAND

Conducted by Mike Morrissey and Wayne McKewen.

The School was designed for Former Professional Players, Coaches and National Referee who were interested to get a WHITE BADGE Certification.

The following officials passed the school successfully.

LING, Derek (HKG)	RAMA RAO, Uttara (IND)
MUKHERJEE, Joy (IND)	TAO, Jun (CHN)
PONG, Jeremy (HKG)	

ATF PRESIDENT ATTENDED THE OFFICIATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Mr. Anil Khanna attended the ATF officiating committee meeting held at Bangkok, Thailand on 27 July 2006. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Koji Watanabe, the Regional Officiating representative and ATF Executive Director. Mr. Nao Kawatei, gave a presentation on the state of officials in Asia and steps being taken for improvement. President mentioned that the idea of involving the National Associations for the selection of Line Umpires for Doha Asian Games 2006 is a step in the right direction and would bring transparency and credibility to the selection process. Mr. Anil Khanna also appreciated the steps being taken to improve the official situation in Asia. He thanked the officials for doing a wonderful job.





BOYS EXCEL IN ITF TOURING TEAM TO NORTH AFRICA

The 6 members of the ITF Touring Team to North Africa captured 12 titles between them on their five-week tour of ITF 18 & under circuit events in Morocco and Tunisia.

Christopher Rungkat (INA) won the singles at Rabat including all the three doubles titles, defeating teammates Emmanuel Mensah (GHA) and Ramiaramananana in each final. Mensah and Ramiaramananana went on to win last week's Carthage Cup doubles title in Tunis.

The girls' successes were confined to doubles, with Ima Bohush (BLR) winning the first two titles, and Jessy Rompies (INA) the Casablanca title. The two players then teamed up to win both doubles events in Tunis.

ITF 14 & UNDER TEAMS START EUROPEAN TOUR

46 players from 24 countries are participating in a five-week European tour as part of five ITF 14 & Under Touring Teams. The following teams, who are accompanied by 11 coaches

The tour consists of five weeks of the following category 1 and 2 European tournaments:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT</u>
10-15 July	BNP Paribas Cup, Paris, France (www.stade-francais-tennis.com)
17-22 July	Windmill Cup Carl Gantois, Leeuwarden, Netherlands (www.windmillcup.com)
24-29 July	Le 13/14 des Hauts-de-Seine, France (www.ligue.fft.fr/hds)
31 July-5 Aug	29 Rheinenergie Cup, Germany (www.gew-tennis-juengsten-cup.de)
7-12 Aug	Lapperre Young Champions Cup, Hasselt, Belgium (www.excelsiortc.be/ycc)

Prior to the tour, a three-day training camp will take place in Paris, allowing the ITF players and coaches to get to know each other and practice on clay prior to the first tournament.

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, who will attend the training camp, said: "The European 14 & under tour has become an integral part of the players' development. With the best 14 & under players from so many different countries taking part, the tour provides an excellent chance to assess the quality and game style of the next generation."

REGIONAL COACHES CONFERENCES

13th ITF Asian Regional Coaches Conference 2006

Date: 15 -21 October 2006

Host nation: Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand, in conjunction with ITF, ATF and OS

Venue: Tennis Academy of Asia and Eastin Lakeside Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

Keynote speakers: Paul Roetert (USA) & Craig Tiley (AUS)

Entry deadline: 1 September 2006 to Lawn Tennis Association of Thailand