

COMPASS IC EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHALLENGE ENDED AT ALBINEA TENNIS CLUB

ITALY - SPAIN 4-3. WHAT A SHOW AT ALBINEA!

ITALIANS AT THE 1ST POSITION IN EUROPE WITH A PASS TO WIMBLEDON

DECISIVE BEATRICE TORELLI FOR ITALIAN FINAL VICTORY

Italia did it well. There was a mountain (called Spain) to climb in order to reach the highest step of the podium at Compass European Junior Challenge competition; there was hard obstacle to overcome, like Pedro Martinez and hot team mate Jorge Lopez. Will, determination and some luck was needed to compete until the end with such strongest opponents. Today Italian Team of Coach Tenconi infamed team values and collected every small opportunity Spain offered. Only a final, terrible, match tie break, played by the mixed double decided the victory of Italy. A final match without a second chance, played by the best players of both teams, at a distance of 10 points. The score was 9-7 when the referee got down his highchair and said Spanish drive was out. And the party started everywhere with lengthy applause to coach Tenconi and all the players. Beatrice Torelli, grown at Albinea Tennis, now playing with Sporting Sassuolo, was decisive for the final victory. Entering the semifinals because of Federica Mordegan's injury, Beatrice always won, both in single and double matches. Before the decisive mixed double match, the result was 3 all. Beatrice Torelli e Bianca Turati, the girls, won single and double matches, while Corrado Summaria and Giovanni Fonio, the boys, could do nothing against the strongest Spanish team. One of the nicest thing of European Junior Challenge is the ability of joining boys and girls in order to create a competitive team. This was the final classification of Compass European Junior Challenge: Italy, Spain, Great Britain, Sweden, Ireland, Luxembourg, Austria and Russia. On tennis courts and during collateral activities culture and fairplay of the athletes was a constant of the whole event. The most liked initiatives were the visit to Ferrari Museum at Maranello and the visit to La Razza Cheese Farm, producing Parmigiano Reggiano, Albinea Summer Party and the Wolcome BBQ at Trattoria Marrucci.

On www.tennisalbinea.com, website of Albinea Tennis Club, on line results, pictures and video of the event.

These are the results of today's finals:

1st place ITALY - SPAGNA 4 - 3

Pedro Martinez (SPA) b. Corrado Summaria (ITA) 6/4 6/1

Jorge Lopez (SPA) b. Giovanni Fonio (ITA) 6/3 6/2

Bianca Turati (ITA) b. Ana Roman (SPA) 6/1 6/1

Beatrice Torelli (ITA) b. Maria Gutierrez (SPA) 7/6 6/1

Lopez/Martinez (SPA) b. Summaria/Fonio (ITA) 6/0 6/0

Turati/Torelli (ITA) b. Gutierrez/Roman (SPA) 6/4 6/1

Summaria/Torelli (ITA) b. Martinez/Roman (SPA) 10/7

3rd place GREAT BRITAIN - SWEDEN 4 - 2

Mason Recci (GBR) b. Axel Oljons (SWE) 9/2

Luke Oakley (GBR) b. Markus Vidgren (SWE) 9/1

Wilhelmina Palmer (SWE) b. Eleanor Millard (GBR) 9/5

Emily Arbuthnott (GBR) b. Sofia Ferding (SWE) 9/3

Recci/Oakley (GBR) b. Oljons/Vidgre (SWE) 9/3

Ferding/Palmer (SWE) b. Millard/ Arbuthnott (GBR) 9/4

5th place IRELAND - LUXEMBOURG 4 - 1

Byorn Thomson (IRL) b. Raphael Calzi (LUX) 9/6

Sebastien Morel (LUX) b. Morgan Lohan (IRL) 9/6

Julie Byrne (IRL) b. Sharon Pesch (LUX) 9/5
Lauren Deegan (IRL) b. Laurence Maringer (LUX) 9/1
Thomson/Lohan (IRL) b. Calzi/Morel (LUX) 9/6
Byrne/Deegan (IRL) c. Maringer/Pesh (LUX)

7th place AUSTRIA - RUSSIA 5 - 1

Jakob Aichhorn (AUT) b. Kiril Osaduchuk (RUS) 9/0
Bernhard Schranz (AUT) b. Ivan Bukin (RUS) 9/0
Katarina Sopkova (AUT) b. Natalia Kisileva (RUS) 9/2
Sofya Belyaeva (RUS) b. Franziska Anna Hotter (AUT) 9/3
Aichhorn/Schranz (AUT) b. Bukin/Osaduchuk (RUS) 9/2
Hotter/Sopkova (AUT) b. Kisileva/Belyaeva (RUS) 9/8

Compass European Junior Challenge Referee : Mr. Stefano Sacchi.