

MAKEOVER

The European Tennis Association will be undergoing a major makeover when it takes on a new name, Tennis Europe, and logo, from January 1st, 2002 which in turn, will be officially adopted at the association's Annual General Meeting in March.

SPORTS NEWS

Eurosport has launched a new 24-hour sports news channel, Eurosportnews. The channel beamed via Sky Digital, is providing UK viewers with an international sports news service updated every 15-minutes.

FINAL ON TAPE

The complete Wimbledon final between Goran Ivanisevic and Pat Rafter is available on video from October at £14.99 from Green Umbrella on 02028938 7007

R A H ENTRIES

This year's Honda Challenge at the Royal Albert Hall will include the debut of three times Wimbledon champion Boris Becker who joins defending champion Pat Cash, John McEnroe, Guy Forget, Peter Korda, John Lloyd, Henri Leconte and Jeremy Bates.

In addition, Martina Navratilova and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario will be playing an exhibition match on Thursday 6 December to raise funds for two wildlife charities, Save the Rhino International and WildlifeLine.

NEW SURFACE

A new patented clay tennis court system is being marketed by PSA Sport. A proven product in France, Softb Tennis has been developed in conjunction with the French Tennis Federation and allegedly replicates the positive characteristics associated with a conventional clay court while eliminating many of the inconveniences allowing the court to be used all year round. The manufacturers stress that the system does not require extensive maintenance and is resistant to frost.

Wigmore LTC first on Millennium Cup Kent Stalwart

THE INAUGURAL Millennium Cup was won by Wigmore LTC when they overcame Telford Park LTC 5-4 in a closely fought final. The Millennium Cup is a new friendly inter-club competition between the tennis clubs in the general area of Streatham in which Wigmore, Telford and Woodfield Grove took part. It involves players of all ages in nine different categories and it is hoped the event will attract more clubs to compete next year.

The winning team, pictured right, consisted of Josh Dawson, Kerry Bortherwood, Trevor Dunton, Nana Aldrin Quaye, Ann Dunin, Jane O'Mahoney, Graham Sparks, Stephen Reeve-Tucker, Sue Goligher, Wendy Fidoa and David Gray.

"We are absolutely thrilled, said captain Kerry Brotherwood. "It has been a really enjoyable competition that has brought three clubs closer together and for us to display the trophy in our new clubhouse for a year is a great pleasure for all our membership."



AUSTIN SMITH, bottom left, President of Kent LTA, makes his address at the North Kent Finals during his presentation of a special shield to North Kent President, Jim Kiddell, who is celebrating 50 years of sterling service to county tennis during which time he served as Publicity Officer, Competition Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman and finally, President. His wife, Robin, was presented with a bouquet of flowers.



America remains a strong attraction

THE EXODUS TO the States by talented British youngsters, continues with both College Prospects of America and College Wise releasing their latest list of players who have opted for American scholarships. All are going on tennis scholarships.

Marva Hall of College Prospects of America announced 24 such players amongst them David Robinson, 19, from Taunton, Somerset, who is enrolling at Purdue University in Indiana to study for a psychology degree. He completed his A-levels at Kingsmead School and has been playing some senior events and last year reached the last eight at the 18&U Nationals.



Also going is 18 year-old Ellie Shearman from Bristol, pictured left, who has accepted a scholarship to study sports psychology at the University of Tennessee @ Martin following her completion of A-levels at Cotham School. Coached by Martin Bray she won the Bristol Hardcourt Championships last year.

Georgia Tech is 18 year-old Cath Gunn's destination. She leaves her Romsey, Hampshire home where she has been coached by Chris Wilkinson having completed her A-levels at Peter Symmonds College. Amongst her tennis achievements she lists her Cork junior doubles title and a senior win at Winchester.

Also going out is Ben Archer-Clowes, a Coventry 18 year-old who will be studying economics at New Mexico State University. Coached by

Gary Naughton, he has also now completed his A-levels at Finham Park School and last year reached the last 16 at Telford and won the doubles at Winchester.

Others travelling this autumn include: Carla Arguelles (California @ Berkeley), Tim Bainton (George Mason, Virginia), Charles Bartlett (Cumberland, Tennessee), Richard Booth (Southern Illinois), Stephanie Chu (Cal State @ Northridge), Vicky Cockman (North Alabama), Lindsay Cox (Richmond, Virginia), Will Edmonds (Cumberland), Danielle Hock (Marshall, West Virginia), Abbie Hodge (Ball State, Indiana), Majen Immink (Tennessee), Emma Kennaugh (High Point, North Carolina), Sam Lyons (Pratt, Kansas), Adam Maskill (Louisville, Kentucky), Alistair Morgan (Presbyterian, South Carolina), Wes Pancho (Austin Peay, Tennessee), Harriet Piercy (New Mexico State), Julia Searle (Arkansas State) and James Young (Texas @ Arlington).

Nine other teenagers are travelling across the water courtesy of College Wise, as revealed by Helen Crook. They are Alissa Ayling (Boise State), Andrea Cooper (Kansas State), Jenny Batty (Ball State), Melanie Hall (Southwest Texas State), Jane Lewis (Barton), Dale White (Armstrong Atlantic), Tom Murray (University of Tulsa), Andrew Davies (Valdosta State), and finally Graham Halton (Foothill College) who is also on a soccer scholarship.

Two players who have decided to stay at home are James Thomas and James May who have qualified for both LTA and Loughborough scholarships and will be studying at Loughborough, an LTA Regional Centre, for degrees in the PE, Sports Science and Recreation Management department.



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