



GREAT INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENTS PLAYED IN PORTO

1. **At the end of the XIX century**, tennis started being played in Porto immediately after its creation (1874). It was brought to the city by the British and was swiftly integrated into the city's sports activities, namely with the organization of tournaments with the participation of players from England and other countries.
2. **During the hectic biginning of the XX century**, tournaments were organized in a sporadic fashion with the participation of foreign players. The City's Clubs that had adopted tennis as one of their sports, promoted these tournaments. Among them were the Futebol Clube do Porto and Académico Futebol Clube that currently do not have tennis any more, as well as the still active and older Clube de Ténis de Portugal, Oporto Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club where "sports" were played since 1855.
3. **From 1947 to 1971**, 11 editions of the Campeonatos Internacionais do Porto were to be played, bringing to the city great international champions. The result of this was the happening of memorable sports moments, with a highlight towards the presence of Rob Layer in 1966. A highlight is also given to the presence of François Jauffret, Andres Jimeno, Henri Cochet, Manolo Santana, Juan Gisbert, Edison Mandarino, Jairo Velasco and many other top notch players that took part in tournaments organized by Lawn Tennis Clube da Foz with the important enthusiast João Sobral Mendes. This tournament passed through the time of the tennis pro circuit organized by Jack Krammer and through the transition into the modern era Open that started in 1968 and gave way to the creation of the ATP in 1972.
4. **The 70s** brought the revolution and with it the popularization of tennis. At the time its symbol was José Vilela, the first national champion to be recognized at an international level. His charisma made it possible to play the Davis Cup in Porto for the first time on September 1974 (Portugal 0 vs. França 5), gathering a gigantic crowd (more than 2 000 people) to support Portugal. This would never have been possible before the 25th of April.
5. **From the 80s onwards** the real, effective and sustained growth of international events in Portugal begins, having the city of Porto a fundamental roll, making it possible that today it is the great city in Portugal having a large annual international tennis event. In





1983 the Clube de Ténis do Porto starts to have its present facilities at its disposal, prepared to host large international tournaments.

6. **In 1997, the city inaugurates the Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino that includes tennis facilities prepared to host large tennis events** and the first Portugal junior international cup is created – the Taça Diogo Nápoles (sub18) that this year will be having its 14th edition – followed by the Parque Nascente Tennis Cup (sub16) in 2008, therefore reinforcing the strong historic link between tennis and these events that help create future international champions from Porto.

Porto's international tournaments in the last 30 years (1980 a 2010)

		Winner	Prize-Money	Event	Organization	Site
1	1980	França	Sub 16 (masc)	Jean Borotra (Cup)	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
	1981	----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2	1982	Portugal 5 vs Tunísia 0	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
	1983	----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	1984	----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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3	1986	F. Bonsignori (Ita)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA)	Vitalis Ladies Open	Soténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
4		Portugal 3 vs Zimbabué 2	---	Davis Cup	FPT	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
5	1987	L. Lapi (Ita)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA)	Oporto Vitalis Ladies Open	Soténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
6		C. Bergstrom (Sue)	USD\$ 25.000 (ATP)	Oporto Cup	CTPorto	Clube de Ténis do Porto
7		Portugal	-----	European Tennis Cup	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
8		Portugal 1 vs Áustria 4	----	Davis Cup	FPT Organiténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
9	1988	P. Langrova (Che)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	Vasp Oporto Ladies Open	Soténis	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz





10		Finlândia	-----	European Tennis Cup	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
11		P. Dogger (Hol)	USD\$ 50.000 (ATP)	Oporto Cup	CTPorto	Clube de Ténis do Porto
12	1989	E. Zardo (Sui)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	Oporto Ladies Open	Soténis	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
13		A Cherkasov (URSS)	USD\$ 50.000 (ATP)	Oporto Cup	CTPorto	Clube de Ténis do Porto
14		Portugal 5 vs Senegal 0	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
12	1990	M. Koevermans (Hol)	USD\$ 100.000 (ATP)	Oporto Cup	CTPorto	Clube de Ténis do Porto
15	1991	M. De Swardt (RAS)	USD\$ 50.000 (WTA)	Chivas Oporto Ladies Open	Soténis	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
16		S. Pescosolido (Ita)	USD\$ 100.000 (ATP)	Mateus Oporto Open	CTPorto Soténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
17		Portugal 5 vs Irlanda 0	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
18	1992	M. Foldeny (Hun)	USD\$ 50.000 (WTA)	Raposeira Oporto Ladies Open	Soténis	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
19		J. F. Altur (Esp)	USD\$ 100.000 (ATP)	Oporto Open	CTPorto Soténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
20		Portugal 2 vs CEI (ex-URSS) 3	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Clube de Ténis do Porto
21	1993	Sabine Appelmans (Bel)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	Raposeira Oporto Ladies Open	Soténis	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
22		Franco Davin	USD\$ 100.000 (ATP)	Oporto Open	CTPorto Soténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
23	1994	Esteban Carril (Esp)	Sub 18	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
24		Portugal 4 vs Grã-Bretanha 1	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
25		Portugal 0 vs Croácia 4	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
26	1995	Ana Gaspar (Por) André Lopes (Por)	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
27	1996	Ana Gaspar (Por) Juan Carlos Ferrero (Esp)	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LICFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
		Richard Fromberg (Aus)	USD\$ 75.000 (ATP)	Aliança UAP Open	CTPorto	Clube de Ténis do Porto



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28					João Lagos Sports	
29	1997	Mariana Mesa (Esp) Juan Carlos Ferrero (Esp)	Sub 18 TF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
		Yannick Noah, Anna Kournikova, Sofia Prazeres, Mansour Bahrami	-----	Exibição de ténis Inauguração do CD Mte Aventino	Norténis ATPorto	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
30	1998	Anna Smashnova (Isr)	USD\$ 75.000 (WTA)	Oporto Toyota Ladies Open	Norténis ATPorto	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
31		Sandra Trancoso ... Pedro Rico (Esp)	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
32	1999	Dessislava Topalova (Bul)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	PORTO Ladies OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
33		Alissa Velts Israel Matos Gil	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
34	2000	M^a Antónia Sanchez-Lorenzo (Esp)	USD\$ 75.000 (WTA)	PORTO Ladies OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
35		Marianna Yuferova Alberto Brizzi	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
36	2001	Arantxa Sanchez-Vicário (Esp)	USD\$ 140.000 (WTA)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
37		Emanuel Couto (Por)	USD\$ 6.250 (ATP)	Subaru Open (Circuito Satélite USD\$ 25.000)	CTPorto João Lagos Sport	Clube de Ténis do Porto





38		Marianna Yuferova Martin VillaRubi	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
39	2002	Angeles Montolio (Esp)	USD\$ 140.000 (WTA)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
40		Astrid Wenders Tiago Godinho (Por)	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
41	2003	Severine Beltrame-Bremond (Fr)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
42		Quan Gao (Chi) João Ferreira (Por)	Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
43	2004	Nathalie Vierin (Ita)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
44			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
45	2005	Tina Schiechl (Aut)	USD\$ 25.000 (WTA)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
46			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
47	2006		Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
48	2007	Katerina Vankov (Cze) Leonardo Tavares (Por)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA) USD\$ 15.000 (ATP)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino



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					Norténis	
49			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
50	2008	Appollonia Melzani (Ita) Jan Hajek (Cze)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA) USD\$ 15.000 (ATP)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
51		Portugal 5 vs Chipre 0	----	Davis Cup	FPT	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
52			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
53			Sub 16 Tennis Europe Jr Tour	Parque Nascente Tennis Cup	CTPorto SmashEvents	Clube de Ténis do Porto
54	2009	Irene Santos-Bravo (Esp) Daniel Smerthurst (GBr)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA) USD\$ 15.000 (ATP)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Complexo Desportivo do Monte Aventino
55			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
56			Sub 16 Tennis Europe Jr Tour	Parque Nascente Tennis Cup	CTPorto SmashEvents	Clube de Ténis do Porto
57	2010	Gail Brodsky (USA) Laurent Rochett (Fr)	USD\$ 10.000 (WTA) USD\$ 15.000 (ATP)	PORTO OPEN Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal	CMPorto ATPorto Norténis	Clube de Ténis do Porto
58			Sub 18 ITF Junior Circuit	Taça Diogo Nápoles	LTCFoz SmashEvents	Lawn Ténis Clube da Foz
59			Sub 16 Tennis Europe Jr Tour	Parque Nascente Tennis Cup	CTPorto SmashEvent	Clube de Ténis do Porto





DATA (1980-2010)*:

- 59 international events:
 - o sub16 (Tennis Europe): 4
 - o sub18 (ITF Junior Circuit): 14
 - o Sénior:
 - ATP: 12
 - WTA: 19
 - Davis Cup: 9
 - European Tennis Cup: 2
- CTPorto: 22
- CDMte Aventino: 12
- LTCFoz: 25

* Non-identified tournaments: Stages of the Circuitos Satélites ATP in the Clube de Ténis do Porto and the Lawn Tennis Clube da Foz between 1980 and 1990; and some rounds of the Saab Kings Cup / European Tennis Cup.

