



PORTO OPEN 2011

Portuguese International Championships

33 Portuguese in the 12th edition

The Clube de Ténis do Porto will once again be the host of the **12.th edicion of the PORTO OPEN**, that will take bplace between the **24th of September and the 2nd of October**. It is ranked by the male world circuit (ATP) and has prize money of 15 thousand dollars. This tournament will have the usual tribute of the champions of the Campeonatos Internacionais de Portugal, a title that has been attributed since 1902, making it one of the oldest in the history of international tennis.

Throughout its 11 editions, **PORTO OPEN counts on its hall of champtions filled with world renown tennis players**, highlighting one of the greatest female players, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicário, winner of 2001´s edition. However, **PORTO OPEN also has as a goal, the promotion of Portuguese players**. Rui Machado, João Sousa and Leonardo Tavares (2007 singles champion and 2008 doubles champion) have already been in this tournament.

In this year's edition a special highlight is given to the young players that come to insert themselves in the tennis pro circuit: the Brazilian; Fernando Romboli, number 244.º in the ATP's ranking and number three player in the junior global ranking; the French Gianni Mina former leader of the junior global ranking in 2010; or the hope of Spanish tennis, Carlos Boluda, best European player in the sub14 (2006) and the sub16 (2007).

This year Portuguese players have the strongest ever repersentation (33 players). One of the favourites is **Leonardo Tavares**, best ranked of the Portuguese players, 533.º on the ATP ranking. We also have players trying to join the international ranking:



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the Campeões Nacionais Absolutos of 2010, **Martim Trueva**, and of 2009, **Gonçalo Pereira**, **Gonçalo Falcão** and **Vítor Silva**. And finally a new and promising **generation of new players**, that already showed what they had in the junior circuit and are now joining the pro circuit, which is the case of the Campeões Nacionais Juniores of 2010, **João Monteiro**, and 2009, **Francisco Ramos**, and the players inserted in the CAR-FPT: **Frederico Silva**, **João Domingues**, **Henrique Sousa**, **André Murta** and **Rodolfo Pereira**.

PORTO OPEN is an city international event organized since its genesis by the **Associação de Ténis do Porto** with special support from the **Câmara Municipal do Porto** through the collaboration of PortoLazer, EEM, and **will take place in the superb facilities of the Clube de Ténis do Porto**. Its 13 courts are hosts to International Tournaments and National Championships every year. The Club was founded in 1968; it is one of the large clubs of national tennis and has a tennis school that is responsible for the forming of the best players in Portugal, having currently more than 350 students.

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