

FED CUP

Europe/Africa Zone Group I

Date: April 17-22, 2006
Venue: Plovdiv, Bulgaria
Surface: Red Clay (Outdoor)

Nations: 17

Belarus, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Hungary, Israel, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Romania, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine

Format:

Seventeen teams are scheduled to compete and they will be drawn into three Round Robin pools of four teams, and one pool of five teams. The winners of each pool will play-off to decide which two nations will be promoted to the World Group II Play-offs in July 2006. The nations in last position in each pool will play-off to decide which two nations will be relegated to Group II in 2007.

POOL A

(1) Slovak Republic
(8) Netherlands
Luxembourg
Finland

April 17

Slovak Republic defeated Luxembourg 3-0

Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d. Mandy Minella (LUX) 6-3 6-3

Daniela Hantuchova (SVK) d. Anne Kremer (LUX) 6-3 6-3

Daniela Hantuchova/Janette Husarova (SVK) d. Mandy Minella/Claudine Schaul (LUX) 6-2 6-4

Netherlands defeated Finland 3-0

Elise Tamaela (NED) d. Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 6-4 6-3

Michaela Krajicek (NED) d. Emma Laine (FIN) 6-1 6-4

Marrit Boonstra/Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED) d. Piiia Suomalainen/Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 6-1 6-1

April 18

Slovak Republic defeated Netherlands 2-1

Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d. Elise Tamaela (NED) 6-3 6-2

Daniela Hantuchova (SVK) d. Michaela Krajicek (NED) 4-6 7-6(5) 6-2

Marrit Boonstra/Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED) d. Dominika Cibulkova/Janette Husarova (SVK) 1-6 6-0 6-4

Luxembourg defeated Finland 3-0

Claudine Schaul (LUX) d. Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 6-2 6-4

Anne Kremer (LUX) d. Piiia Suomalainen (FIN) 6-7(0) 6-2 6-0

Mandy Minella/Claudine Schaul (LUX) d. Piiia Suomalainen/Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 4-6 6-2 6-2

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Slovak Republic defeated Finland 3-0

Dominika Cibulkova (SVK) d. Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 6-2 6-1

Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d. Piiia Suomalainen (FIN) 6-0 6-0

Dominika Cibulkova/Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d. Piiia Suomalainen/Katarina Tuohimaa (FIN) 6-3 6-2

Netherlands defeated Luxembourg 3-0

Elise Tamaela (NED) d. Claudine Schaul (LUX) 7-5 6-3

Michaella Krajcick (NED) d. Anne Kremer (LUX) 6-1 6-1

Marrit Boonstra/Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (NED) d. Mandy Minella/Lynn Philippe (LUX) 7-5 7-6(4)

Final Positions:

1. Slovak Republic (3-0), 2. Netherlands (2-1), 3. Luxembourg (1-2), 4. Finland (0-3).

Slovak Republic advances to promotion play-offs; Finland into relegation play-offs

POOL B

(2) Slovenia
(7) South Africa
Serbia & Montenegro
Denmark

April 18

Serbia & Montenegro defeated Slovenia 2-1

Polona Rebersak (SLO) d. Ana Timotic (SCG) 6-3 6-2

Ana Ivanovic (SCG) d. Masa Zec-Peskirc (SLO) 6-2 6-2

Ana Ivanovic/Danica Krstajic (SCG) d. Tina Obrez/Masa Zec-Peskirc (SLO) 6-4 5-7 8-6

Denmark defeated South Africa 3-0

Karina Jacobsgaard (DEN) d. Else Potgieter (RSA) 6-2 6-0

Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Alicia Pillay (RSA) 6-2 6-0

Eva Dyrberg/Hanne Skak Jensen (DEN) d. Lizaan Du Plessis/Alicia Pillay (RSA) 6-2 6-0

April 19

Denmark defeated Slovenia 2-0

Karina Jacobsgaard (DEN) d. Polona Rebersak (SLO) 6-3 1-6 6-1

Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) d. Masa Zec-Peskirc (SLO) 6-4 6-7(1) 7-5

Diana Nakic/Tina Obrez (SLO) vs Eva Dyrberg/Hanne Skak Jensen (DEN) Not played

Serbia & Montenegro defeated South Africa 3-0

Danica Krstajic (SCG) d. Lizaan Du Plessis (RSA) 6-0 6-2

Ana Ivanovic (SCG) d. Alicia Pillay (RSA) 6-0 6-1

Danica Krstajic/Ana Timotic (SCG) d. Else Potgieter/Michelle Sammons (RSA) 6-1 6-1

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Slovenia defeated South Africa 3-0

Polona Rebersak (SLO) d. Else Potgieter (RSA) 6-2 6-3

Masa Zec-Peskirc (SLO) d. Alicia Pillay (RSA) 6-3 6-3

Diana Nakic/Tina Obrez (SLO) d. Alicia Pillay/Else Potgieter (RSA) 6-7(7) 6-1 6-4

Serbia & Montenegro defeated Denmark 3-0

Ana Timotic (SCG) d. Eva Dyrberg (DEN) 2-6 6-4 6-4

Ana Ivanovic (SCG) d. Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 6-3 6-0

Ana Ivanovic/Danica Krstajic (SCG) d. Karina Jacobsgaard/Hanne Skak Jensen (DEN) 6-1 6-3

Final positions:

1. Serbia & Montenegro (3-0), 2. Denmark, (2-1), 3. Slovenia (1-2), 4. South Africa (0-3).

Serbia & Montenegro advances to promotion play-offs; South Africa into relegation play-offs

POOL C

(3) Bulgaria
(6) Ukraine
Hungary
Great Britain

April 18

Hungary defeated Bulgaria 2-1

Kyra Nagy (HUN) d. Dimana Krastevitch (BUL) 3-6 7-6(2) 6-3

Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) d. Melinda Czink (HUN) 6-3 6-4

Kyra Nagy/Virag Nemeth (HUN) d. Maria Penkova/Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) 6-3 6-1

Great Britain defeated Ukraine 3-0

Elena Baltacha (GBR) d. Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) 6-3 6-0

Anne Keothavong (GBR) d. Olena Antypina (UKR) 6-7 6-2 6-0

Elena Baltacha/Claire Curran (GBR) d. Olena Antypina/Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) 6-4 6-4

April 19

Great Britain defeated Bulgaria 2-1

Elena Baltacha (GBR) d. Dimana Krastevitch (BUL) 6-3 6-1

Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) d. Anne Keothavong (GBR) 6-1 6-1

Elena Baltacha/Claire Curran (GBR) d. Dimana Krastevitch/Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) 6-1 1-6 6-2

Ukraine defeated Hungary 2-1

Kyra Nagy (HUN) d. Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) 6-2 6-2

Olena Antypina (UKR) d. Melinda Czink (HUN) 6-4 3-6 6-3

Olena Antypina/Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) d. Kyra Nagy/Virag Nemeth (HUN) 6-4 6-4

April 20

Bulgaria defeated Ukraine 2-1

Dimana Krastevitch (BUL) d. Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) 6-3 ???

Tsvetana Pironkova (BUL) d. Olena Antypina (UKR) 6-0 6-4

Olena Antypina/Valeria Bondarenko (UKR) d. Dimana Krastevitch/Maria Penkova (BUL) 6-2 6-1

Great Britain defeated Hungary 2-1

Elena Baltacha (GBR) d. Kyra Nagy (HUN) 6-1 6-2

Melinda Czink (HUN) d. Anne Keothavong (GBR) 1-6 6-3 6-2

Elena Baltacha/Claire Curran (GBR) d. Kyra Nagy/Virag Nemeth (HUN) 6-1 7-6(5)

Final positions:

1. Great Britain (3-0), 2. Bulgaria (1-2), 3. Hungary (1-2), 4. Ukraine (1-2).

Great Britain advances to promotion play-offs; Ukraine into relegation play-offs

POOL D

(4) Belarus
(5) Israel
Estonia
Sweden
Romania

April 17

Belarus defeated Estonia 2-1

Kaia Kanepi (EST) d. Ekaterina Dzhehalevich (BLR) 6-1 7-6(6)

Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) d. Maret Ani (EST) 4-6 6-2 6-4
Tatiana Poutchek/Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) d. Maret Ani/Kaia Kanepi (EST) 6-2 6-3

Israel defeated Sweden 3-0

Anna Smashnova (ISR) d. Johanna Larsson (SWE) 6-4 6-4
Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Sofia Arvidsson (SWE) 6-4 6-2
Tzipora Obziler/Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Johanna Larsson/Nadja Roma (SWE) 2-6 6-3 8-6

April 18

Israel defeated Romania 2-1

Madalina Gojnea (ROM) d. Anna Smashnova (ISR) 6-1 6-2
Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Monica Niculescu (ROM) 6-4 6-4
Tzipora Obziler/Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Madalina Gojnea/Monica Niculescu (ROM) 6-3 4-6 6-4

Estonia defeated Sweden 3-0

Kaia Kanepi (EST) d. Johanna Larsson (SWE) 6-2 6-0
Maret Ani (EST) d. Sofia Arvidsson (SWE) 6-2 6-1
Maret Ani/Kaia Kanepi (EST) d. Johanna Larsson/Nadja Roma (SWE) 6-3 6-4

April 19

Romania defeated Belarus 2-1

Madalina Gojnea (ROM) d. Ekaterina Dzehalevich (BLR) 6-4 6-2
Monica Niculescu (ROM) d. Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) 6-4 6-2
Ekaterina Dzehalevich/Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) d. Madalina Gojnea/Monica Niculescu (ROM) 6-4 6-3

Israel defeated Estonia 2-1

Kaia Kanepi (EST) d. Anna Smashnova (ISR) 6-2 6-4
Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Maret Ani (EST) 6-0 6-1
Tzipora Obziler/Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Maret Ani/Kaia Kanepi (EST) 4-6 6-2 6-1

April 20

Belarus defeated Sweden 2-1

Nadja Roma (SWE) d. Ekaterina Dzehalevich (BLR) 6-4 5-7 7-5
Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) d. Johanna Larsson (SWE) 6-2 6-2
Ekaterina Dzehalevich/Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) d. Johanna Larsson/Nadja Roma (SWE) 7-5 6-2

Romania defeated Estonia 2-1

Madalina Gojnea (ROM) d. Kaia Kanepi (EST) 6-3 6-7(3) 6-4
Monica Niculescu (ROM) d. Maret Ani (EST) 2-6 6-4 6-4
Kaia Kanepi/Margit Rüütel (EST) d. Mihaela Buzarnescu/Sorana Cirstea (ROM) 7-5 7-5

April 21

Israel defeated Belarus 2-0

Tzipora Obziler (ISR) d. Ekaterina Dzehalevich (BLR) 6-7 7-5 6-4
Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Anastasiya Yakimova (BLR) 6-2 6-1
Doubles not played

Sweden defeated Romania 2-1

Madalina Gojnea (ROM) d. Nadja Roma (SWE) 6-3 6-3
Johanna Larsson (SWE) d. Monica Niculescu (ROM) 3-6 7-6(3) 6-1
Mari Andersson/Nadja Roma (SWE) d. Mihaela Buzarnescu/Sorana Cirstea (ROM) 7-5 6-4

Final positions:

1. Israel (4-0), 2. Romania (2-2), 3. Belarus (2-2), 4. Estonia (1-3), 5. Sweden (1-3).

Israel advances to promotion play-offs; Sweden into relegation play-offs

PLAY-OFF

April 22

Promotion Play-offs

Slovak Republic defeated Great Britain 2-1

Magdalena Rybarikova (SVK) d. Elena Baltacha (GBR) 7-5 6-3

Daniela Hantuchova (SVK) d. Anne Keothavong (GBR) 6-2 6-1

Elena Baltacha/Claire Curran (GBR) d. Dominika Cibulkova/Janette Husarova (SVK) 6-4 6-3

Israel defeated Serbia & Montenegro 2-1

Ana Timotic (SCG) d. Anna Smashnova (ISR) 5-7 4-5 Retired

Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Ana Ivanovic (SCG) 6-2 4-6 6-4

Tzipora Obziler/Shahar Peer (ISR) d. Ana Ivanovic/Danica Krstajic (SCG) 6-1 4-6 10-8

Slovak Republic and Israel advance to World Group II Play-offs in July 2006

Relegation Play-offs

Ukraine defeated Finland 2-0

Olena Antypina (UKR) d. Piia Suomalainen (FIN) 6-7(6) 6-1 6-2

Kateryna Bondarenko (UKR) d. Emma Laine (FIN) 6-3 6-7(9) 9-7

Doubles not played

Sweden defeated South Africa 3-0

Johanna Larsson (SWE) d. Else Potgieter (RSA) 6-1 6-0

Sofia Arvidsson (SWE) d. Alicia Pillay (RSA) 6-1 6-1

Sofia Arvidsson/Johanna Larsson (SWE) d. Alicia Pillay/Else Potgieter (RSA) 6-2 6-0

Finland and South Africa relegated to Europe/Africa Zone Group II in 2007.