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HEADLINE: Maria Dolores Lopez Martinez crowned as 2016 Future Tennis Champion in Paris tournament.

NEWS EDIT

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B-ROLL TOURNAMENT

DAY 1

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START OF FIRST MATCH, SPAIN V AUSTRALIA

MATCH 2 KOREA V INDIA

MATCH 3 UNITED STATES V SINGAPORE

MATCH 4 CHINA V ITALY

MATCH 5 RUSSIA V TAIWAN

MATCH 6 SWITZERLAND V FRANCE

MATCH 7 POLAND V JAPAN

MATCH 8 HONG KONG V MEXICO

DAY 2 / 1/4 FINALS AND SEMI FINALS

PARIS, FRANCE (MAY 27, 2016) (ACTUA PR – ACCESS ALL)

FIRST ¼ FINAL SPAIN V INDIA

SECOND ¼ FINAL UNITED STATES V ITALY

THIRD ¼ FINAL RUSSIA V SWITZERLAND

FOURTH ¼ FINAL JAPAN V MEXICO
SEMI FINAL 1 – SPAIN V UNITED STATES
SEMI-FINAL 2 – RUSSIA V JAPAN

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PARIS, FRANCE (MAY 25, 2016) (ACTUA PR – ACCESS ALL)

(SOUNDBITE) (English) ARANTXA SANCHEZ, PATRON OF THE 2016 LONGINES FUTURE TENNIS ACES TOURNAMENT, SAYING:

“I’m an ambassador for the Longines competition, I think that it’s great that I have the chance to give some advice, some tips to the girls. It’s a great format this event, I wish we would’ve had more tournament like this for the girls to have the experience and also to bring the number one players, the top champions, to have the time to spend with them. So as an ambassador I’m happy and as a role model to help them and give them as much as advise. They have the chance to practice with me and play, I see a good level as well so I’m happy as an ambassador to be participating in a great event.”

(SOUNDBITE) (English) ARANTXA SANCHEZ, PATRON OF THE 2016 LONGINES FUTURE TENNIS ACES TOURNAMENT, SAYING:

“The best advise I would give them is, as I would say, is to give their best. To try to listen and get the experience and you know always give a 100%. Practice hard, have fun and enjoy the moment as well. And also with this kind of tournaments like this, get the experience and an opportunity to enjoy the moment but at the same time practice like they’ve been doing, practice with their coaches for the tournament and also to always try to give their best.”

(SOUNDBITE) (English) ARANTXA SANCHEZ, PATRON OF THE 2016 LONGINES FUTURE TENNIS ACES TOURNAMENT, SAYING:

“I think it’s different generations every year but the beauty of the game is that you have the best of the best and if you want to win you have to win the best tournaments that are the Grand Slams and after to be as many week as you can number one. That is what we are all looking for, I did achieve that and I know many players looking for that as well.”

VARIOUS OF TRAINING WITH ARANTXA SANCHEZ

INTERVIEW KIM CLIJSTERS

(SOUNDBITE) (English) KIM CLIJSTERS, FORMER BELGIAN TENNIS PLAYER, SAYING:

“The winner I think she’s a year older, so a little bit more aggressive in her game style, a little bit more powerful as well. She’s a typical clay court player but yeah her shots were just a little heavier overall.”

(SOUNDBITE) (English) KIM CLIJSTERS, FORMER BELGIAN TENNIS PLAYER, SAYING:

“Theses girls are obviously the future of tennis, if they keep developing well, if they keep working hard and keep enjoying themselves most importantly as well so it will be interesting to see and I’ll definitely remember some of the names I heard here today and see what they will be up to in the next few years.”

INTERVIEW JEAN GACHASSIN, PRESIDENT FFT

(SOUNDBITE) (French) JEAN GACHASSIN, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH TENNIS FEDERATION, SAYING:

“Those younger generations they have a technique that maybe other generations didn’t have before, we can see that they want to win, it’s another state of mind then 30 of 40 years back. And there’s a lot of competition, you know before there was only a dozen of countries where you played tennis, now with the Olympics games and everything, there’s almost every country playing tennis. So the competition is tough and for the players that become champions, there really is a lot competition.”

INTERVIEW JUAN CARLOS CAPELLI, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF LONGINES

(SOUNDBITE) (English) JUAN CARLOS CAPELLI, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF LONGINES, SAYING:

“The federations from each country sent the best athletes of the federations and the quality of the players, the spirit of the players, but also the good spirit of the team did of this edition a good success.”

(SOUNDBITE) (English) JUAN CARLOS CAPELLI, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF LONGINES, SAYING:

“We start with the French tennis federation to put in place red clay court in some counties, as china, korea, india, brazil and for the first time last year, the Chinese guy won the tournament. We can see that new countries are coming to play on red clay.”

B-ROLL TRAINING CAMP

PARIS, FRANCE (MAY 24-25, 2016) (ACTUA PR – ACCESS ALL)

BUS ARRIVING

KIDS ENTERING TRAINING CAMP

VARIOUS FROM TRAINING

LARA WALKER FROM AUSTRALIA

LEYI LIU FROM CHINA

EMMA AUCAGNE FROM FRANCE

YEE CHING WAI FROM HONG KONG

SARAH DEV FROM INDIA

LISA PIGATO FROM ITALY

TOMOKO KATO FROM JAPAN

MIN SEO PARK FROM KOREA

ANA PAULA MARTINEZ FROM MEXICO

ADA PIESTRZYNSKA FROM POLAND

KRISTINA VOLGAPKINA FROM RUSSIA

ALEXIS TAN FROM SINGAPORE

MARIA DOLORES LOPEZ MARTINEZ FROM SPAIN

KIARA CVETKOVIC FROM SWITZERLAND
CHIA-YI TSAO FROM TAIWAN
NIKKI YANEZ FROM THE UNITED STATES

B-ROLL OFFICIAL DRAW

PARIS, FRANCE (MAY 25, 2016) (ACTUA PR – ACCESS ALL)

VARIOUS FROM DRAW CEREMONY

(SOUNDBITE) (English) JUAN CARLOS CAPELLI, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF LONGINES, SAYING:

“We asked the local federation, the national federation to give us the best athletes less than 13 years old and it’s a very good example for all children of the world to see how you can find some sport high level, to give fair play, to give performance but also to enjoy what you are doing.”

(SOUNDBITE) (English) JUAN CARLOS CAPELLI, VICE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF LONGINES, SAYING:

“We can see every year they improve how they play tennis, they are more and more performing and I think we are following the former tennis players and one day we will have the future Roland Garros winner.”

STORY: Spanish tennis player Maria Dolores Lopez Martinez was crowned the winner of the Longines Future Tennis Aces Tournament 2016 on Saturday (May 28) held in La Defense, Europe’s largest purpose-built business district, in Paris. 13-year-old Lopez Martinez beat Kristina Volgapkina from Russia 4:1, 4:2.

“I’m very happy, and thrilled and I’ll enjoy it with the family tomorrow”, said Lopez Martinez. “I was very nervous at the beginning, but at the end I managed to do it.” she added.

“I’m very happy I went this far in the tournament, to the final, even if I wanted to win but I didn’t make it because the other girl was stronger.” Volgapkina said of her opponent.

Swiss watchmaker Longines has organized the tournament that sees 16 promising young tennis players under the age of 13 showcasing their talent for the seventh consecutive year. This year the players came from Australia, China, France, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan and the U.S.A., all have been selected by their respective national tennis federations to participate in this lucrative tournament.

Before the tournament started on Thursday (May 26), the young talents started the week with the “Longines Academy”, a training camp where they could receive advice from the tournament’s patron, Spanish former World No. 1 tennis player Arantxa Sanchez.

“The best advise I would give them is, as I would say, is to give their best. To try to listen and get the experience and you know always give a 100%. Practice hard, have fun and enjoy the moment as well,” Sanchez told.

Sanchez also played an exhibition match together with another ex-Belgian player Kim Clijsters after the final.

“Theses girls are obviously the future of tennis, if they keep developing well, if they keep working hard and keep enjoying themselves most importantly,” Clijsters added.

Maria Dolores Lopez Martinez was awarded with a Longines watch, the tournament cup and an annual scholarship until her 16th birthday.

“Those younger generations they have a technique that maybe other generations didn’t have before, we can see that they want to win, it’s another state of mind then 30 of 40 years back,” said Jean Gachassin, president of the French Tennis Federation.