

## Overview - Bank Austria Tennis Trophy

Traditionally a good quality event and that was reflected in a generally good turnout this time around as several players looked for some end of season prize-money but also ranking points for the World Tour Finals.

Case in point was wild card Marin Cilic, the top seed starting out with an easy win over the Columbian, Alejandro Falla. He was joined in R2 by all the other seeds bar one as John Isner (No.8) fell to Janko Tipsarevic, who could easily have been seeded ahead of the American in the first place.

Nicolas Almagro (No.5) was the only one to drop a set as all the other seeds breezed through their opening matches with Radek Stepanek (No.2) and Philipp Kohlschreiber (No.4), aside from Cilic, looking the most impressive.

The top players then continued to dominate in R2 as all the remaining seven seeds progressed into the QF's. Marin Cilic led the way again with a straight sets win over Daniel Brands, Stepanek, Kohlschreiber and Almagro also won decisively whilst Gael Monfils (No.3) took three sets to see off Jan Hajek.

Mixed fortunes then for home fans as Feliciano Lopez (No.6) dispatched one Austrian, Daniel Koellerer, but another, Jurgen Melzer (No.7), made amends by making the last eight with a two set victory over Dominik Hrbaty.

Some interesting matches in the QF line-up. Philipp Kohlschreiber recorded a solid win over the Spaniard, Nicolas Almagro, to make the SF's for the second straight year. There he would meet Cilic who kept up his fine form with a 85 minute, straight sets win over Lopez.

Shocks in both other ties, however, as Janko Tipsarevic battled past Monfils in a 2'12" battle which swung one way and then the other before the Serb closed it out 6-3 in the third set. Jurgen Melzer, backed by a good home crowd, put Radek Stepanek to the sword. The No.7 seed lost just four games in wrapping up a very comprehensive win in just 62 minutes.

The first SF saw Cilic edge past Kohlschreiber, one break of serve was all that separated them, then Melzer kept his run going with a battling three set win over Tipsarevic. The Austrian lost the first set but fought back gamely to level the match on a tie-break and then close out a 2'29" win 6-4 in the third.

Melzer duly landed his home title with a fine win over Cilic. The Vienna-born player took his chances well to win in 92 minutes. *'It's always nice winning a tournament, especially winning at home is a great achievement'* - he said of the victory which improved him to 2:6 in finals. Cilic dropped to 3:2 overall.



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<b>R32</b>	<b>wc-Marin Cilic [1]</b>	6 6	<b>R16</b>	Marin Cilic	7 6
<b>R32</b>	q-Alejandro Falla	2 3	<b>R16</b>	Daniel Brands	6 4
<b>R32</b>	Daniel Brands	7 7	<b>R16</b>	Daniel Koellerer	3 3
<b>R32</b>	Robert Kendrick	6 5	<b>R16</b>	Feliciano Lopez	6 6
<b>R32</b>	Daniel Koellerer	6 6	<b>R16</b>	Philipp Kohlschreiber	6 3
<b>R32</b>	Jarkko Nieminen	1 2	<b>R16</b>	Victor Crivoi	retd. 2 0
<b>R32</b>	wc-Andreas Haider-Maurer	4 4	<b>R16</b>	Wayne Odesnik	4 4
<b>R32</b>	<b>Feliciano Lopez [6]</b>	6 6	<b>R16</b>	Nicolas Almagro	6 6
<b>R32</b>	<b>Philipp Kohlschreiber [4]</b>	6 6	<b>R16</b>	Janko Tipsarevic	7 6
<b>R32</b>	q-Dieter Kindlmann	1 3	<b>R16</b>	Michael Berrer	6 1
<b>R32</b>	Jan Hernych	3 3	<b>R16</b>	Jan Hajek	1 6 4
<b>R32</b>	Victor Crivoi	6 6	<b>R16</b>	Gael Monfils	6 2 6
<b>R32</b>	Wayne Odesnik	6 5 7	<b>R16</b>	Jurgen Melzer	6 7
<b>R32</b>	q-Lukas Rosol	2 7 6	<b>R16</b>	Dominik Hrbaty	4 5
<b>R32</b>	Peter Luczak	7 6 1	<b>R16</b>	Frederico Gil	2 3
<b>R32</b>	<b>Nicolas Almagro [5]</b>	5 7 6	<b>R16</b>	Radek Stepanek	6 6
<b>R32</b>	<b>John Isner [8]</b>	6 4	<b>QF</b>	Marin Cilic	6 6
<b>R32</b>	Janko Tipsarevic	7 6	<b>QF</b>	Feliciano Lopez	1 4
<b>R32</b>	Steve Darcis	3 2	<b>QF</b>	Philipp Kohlschreiber	7 6
<b>R32</b>	LL-Michael Berrer	6 6	<b>QF</b>	Nicolas Almagro	5 4
<b>R32</b>	Andreas Seppi	6 7 3	<b>QF</b>	Janko Tipsarevic	6 6 6
<b>R32</b>	Jan Hajek	7 5 6	<b>QF</b>	Gael Monfils	4 7 3
<b>R32</b>	Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	5 4	<b>QF</b>	Jurgen Melzer	6 6
<b>R32</b>	<b>Gael Monfils [3]</b>	7 6	<b>QF</b>	Radek Stepanek	2 2
<b>R32</b>	<b>Jurgen Melzer [7]</b>	7 7			
<b>R32</b>	Marco Chiudinelli	6 6	<b>SF</b>	Marin Cilic	6 7
<b>R32</b>	Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo	3 4	<b>SF</b>	Philipp Kohlschreiber	4 6
<b>R32</b>	q-Dominik Hrbaty	6 6	<b>SF</b>	Janko Tipsarevic	6 6 4
<b>R32</b>	wc-Stefan Koubek	6 4 4	<b>SF</b>	Jurgen Melzer	4 7 6
<b>R32</b>	Frederico Gil	4 6 6			
<b>R32</b>	Lukasz Kubot	4 1	<b>RU</b>	Marin Cilic	4 3
<b>R32</b>	<b>Radek Stepanek [2]</b>	6 6	<b>W</b>	Jurgen Melzer	6 6

	No. Matches	2 sets-3 sets	Ave. Sets/Match	Ave. Games/Match
<b>R32</b>	16 matches	12-4	2.25	22.75
<b>R16</b>	8 matches	7-1	2.12	19.50
<b>QF</b>	4 matches	3-1	2.25	21.75
<b>SF</b>	2 matches	1-1	2.50	28.00
<b>F</b>	1 match	1-0	2.00	19.00

## Bank Austria Tennis Trophy - Facts & Figures

Market Leaders	Odds
Marin Cilic [1]	9/4
Gael Monfils [3]	9/4
Radek Stepanek [2]	9/2
Philipp Kohlschreiber [4]	12/1
Jurgen Melzer [7]	14/1
Feliciano Lopez [6]	16/1
Janko Tipsarevic	16/1
Nicolas Almagro [5]	18/1
John Isner [8]	25/1
Philipp Petzschner	40/1
Jarkko Nieminen	40/1
Andreas Seppi	50/1
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez	66/1
Jan Hernych	80/1
Wayne Odesnik	80/1

### Performance Of The Seeded Players

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>2009</b>	RU	QF	QF	SF	QF	QF	<b>W</b>	R1
<b>2008</b>	R1	QF	R2	R1	QF	-	R1	RU
<b>2007</b>	<b>W</b>	QF	QF	-	R1	R1	QF	R1
<b>2006</b>	<b>W</b>	QF	SF	R2	RU	R2	R1	R2
<b>2005</b>	QF	R1	SF	<b>W</b>	SF	QF	RU	QF
<b>2004</b>	QF	QF	QF	R1	R2	RU	-	<b>W</b>

### Recent Winners/Leading Performers

	Winner	Runner-Up	Losing SF's
<b>2009</b>	Jurgen Melzer (12/1)	Marin Cilic (9/4)	Tipsarevic-Cilic
<b>2008</b>	Philipp Petzschner (100/1)	Gael Monfils (20/1)	Lopez-Kohlschreiber
<b>2007</b>	Novak Djokovic (5/2)	Stanislas Wawrinka (40/1)	Seppi-Ferrero
<b>2006</b>	Ivan Ljubicic (11/2)	Fernando Gonzalez (12/1)	Hrbaty-Roddick
<b>2005</b>	Ivan Ljubicic (6/1)	Juan Carlos Ferrero(11/1)	Robredo-Stepanek
<b>2004</b>	Feliciano Lopez (14/1)	Guillermo Canas (8/1)	Sanguinetti-Haas

## **Betting - Bank Austria Tennis Trophy**

### **Pre-Tournament Briefing :**

Playing as a wild card you knew that Cilic (9/4) meant business this week. He had the recent form, a winning profile and an acceptable draw through to the QF's, even the SF's, so he had to be high on the list.

In his quarter Feliciano Lopez (16/1) may have won here before but he hadn't done so since, in nearly six years, which said it all. More viable alternatives were Kohlschreiber (12/1) and possibly Almagro (18/1) - with the German shading it on account of his much better form on hard courts.

The bottom section was much more competitive. Monfils (9/4) had a very similar profile to Cilic, Stepanek (9/2) is a better player than most give him credit for, Melzer (14/1) had to be respected and Isner (25/1) was capable of anything with his all-power game. Add in Tipsarevic (16/1) and that was five players who could easily go a long way in the section.

this was another event where Cilic picked himself, the only decision that had to be made was whether he was a straight win bet or would act as a saver for a more speculative each-way bet in the tricky bottom half.

### **Post-Tournament Review :-**

Hats off to Melzer, a first home winner in 21 years. Wins over Chiudinelli, Hrbaty, Stepanek and Tipsarevic read well and on the day he was simply better than Cilic in the final. Maybe it was meant to be.

Cilic did nothing wrong until that final where he simply failed to take his chances. A shade unlucky in defeat, as were both Kohlschreiber and Tipsarevic - the title could have easily gone to any one of the four players in the QF's.

With the form being strong here few players really under-achieved but maybe Monfils and Stepanek were the two biggest surprises in their QF defeats.

### **Pointers for 2010 :-**

This event draws a good field each year. The last 20 winners include few genuine shock winners, Petzschner aside it has been quality names all the way down (Sampras, Federer, Haas, Henman, Agassi etc). So look to proven quality to come through what will be a quality field for an event of this stature. Also, with half an eye on the World Tour Finals spot any big names out for last minute ranking points. Guys like Gael Monfils, Radek Stepanek, Philipp Kohlschreiber and Stanislas Wawrinka are names to consider.