**Block 1. Lawn tennis history in Russia**

**Booth No. 1**

**Principal points of Russian tennis history**

In Russia tennis is known since the third quarter of the 19th century. The great Russian writer Lev Tolstoy was one of the first enthusiasts of lawn tennis — four years later after the invention of lawn tennis (in 1874) he described this game in his novel "Anna Karenina". The first tennis-courts appeared in St. Petersburg and then in Moscow.

**1860** — establishing the first cricket club in St. Petersburg which by the end of the 80th years of the 19th century began to popularize lawn tennis as well.

**1882** — the St.Petersburg magazine "Niva" published the article "English Ball Game on a Meadow (Lawn Tennis)", the first considerable publication about lawn tennis in Russia.

1888 — Lakhtinsky lawn-tennis club, the first laun-tennis club in Russia was based.

**1907** – the first All-russian competitions on lawn tennis which had been participated by 65 tennis players took place in Saint Petersburg on the courts of Krestovsky Lawn tennis club.

**1903** – Russian tennis players took part in an international tournament in Stockholm. It was the first attendance of fatherland masters of a racket abroad.

**1908** – a prototype of the current Russian tennis Federation, the All-russian union of lawn tennis clubs was founded. Eight Russian lawn tennis clubs were the founders.

**1912** – the first Russian Open championship was held in which for the first time the best Europe and US tennis players took part. The same year Russian tennis players participated in the Olympic Games in Stockholm for the first time.

**1913** – The All-russian club lawn tennis conjunction became a co-founder of the International Lawn Tennis Federation ( Now The International Tennis Federation).

**Booth No. 2**

**Lev Nikolaevich Tolstoy** is considered a pioneer of Russian tennis. His novel "Anna Karenina" with description of a lawn tennis game in the estate of Count Vronsky was partly printed in one russian magazine "Russky Vestnik" in the middle of 1870s and in 1878 came out into the world as a separate book.

It is confirmed once again that Tolstoy has been already familiar with Wingfield tennis during work over a novel and even begun to play it himself, but there is no historical information on this point remained. Today it can be confidently said that Tolstoy was one of the pioneers of Russian tennis, but among the figures of fatherland culture, admirers of this kind of sports, he was undoubtedly the first.

**Booth No.3**

**Alexander III** is the emperor of All Rus. The son of Emperor Alexander II and the grandchild of Nikolay I, the father of last Russian monarch Nikolay II.

He followed to conservatively-defensive views and pursued reforms, as well as state outskirts russification. He formed a French-Russian alliance. In official pre revolution historiography he was named the Peacemaker because during his administration Russia did not fight great wars for the first time for a long while.

In his young years he played Jeu de paume (french. Jeu *de* *paume* - *jeu* - a game, *paume* - a palm) - a popular in that time game, which brought to Russia in 1772 by Corbin de Plesse, Professor of ball-game as he was called in St. Petersburg, and played from time to time even lawn tennis. Alexander and his brothers were pioneers of fatherland tennis. It were they from them an official story of tennis in Russia began.

**Booth No.4**

**Nikolay II** was the last Russian emperor (1894‒1917), the older son of emperor Aleksandr III and Empress Maria Fedorovna, the honorary member of Petersburg Academy of Sciences (1876).

While Nikolay's reign Russia turned into an agrarian-industrial country, cities grew, railways, industrial enterprises were built. Nikolay II supported solutions aimed at economic and social modernization of the country: introduction of gold circulation of a ruble, Stolypin agrarian reform, laws on insurance of workers, universal elementary education, tolerance.

In the time of Nikolay II tennis acquired the greatest popularity in the Russian imperial family. He could get acquainted with this popular game both thanks to his uncles and during the trip to England in 1893 where he met his cousin – the Prince of Wales (future king George V) who liked tennis.

**Booth No.5**

In Russia at the beginning of the 20th century lawn tennis acquired colossal popularity. Everyone liked tennis – old and young. The best known and the most mass tennis club was Krestovsky lawn tennis club which included over 200 people.

N. Panin-Kolomenkin once said: "To get to the club, one needed to receive recommendations of its two members and complete run at the general meeting. They did not ask about a candidate's political beliefs, but he had to belong to a circle of so-called moral people".

**Booth No.6**

Development of tennis in Russia urgently required creation a single governing body in the country which could coordinate the activity of various clubs and conduct an all-russian competition. The All-russian lawn tennis union (ARLTU), instituted in 1908, became such a body. Well known sport figure, Arthur Makferson, was elected the chairman of that body. He was the chairman and owner of the Krestovsky lawn tennis club (1896‒1918), the president of the Saint Petersburg football league, the founder, and the chairman of the rowing society "Strela" (1906‒1914) and All-russian union of rowing societies (1908‒1917), a member of the Russian Olympic committee (1911).

Arthur Makferson in 1903 organized the first Saint Petersburg championship on the club courts, in 1907 — the first All-russian lawn tennis championship. He actively participated in creation of Saint Petersburg Lown – a tennis league (1913), published "Yearbook of ARLTU " (1909‒1916), the "Lawn tennis" magazine (1912‒1914). In 1913 he promoted accession ARLTU to International Lawn Tennis Union (now — International Tennis Federation).

For the contributions in development of Russian sports and lawn tennis he is awarded a Holy Stanislav order of the 3rd degree

*The chairman of lawn tennis club. A. Makferson with his children. Standing: Robert Makferson III and Arthur Makferson II* (By the way, at the photo Arthur Makferson is only 45. It can't be said he looks very «fit».)

Undoubtedly, Arthur Makferson was the most serious threat for the Soviet authority. So that he was arrested by bolsheviks in 1918. (The Bolsheviks, on the insistent urging of Lenin, moved with caution in relation to nationalisation during this period. The consistently revolutionary wing of Social Democracy, the Bolsheviks, became the authentic vanguard of the proletariat. Until the late summer the Bolsheviks were outnumbered by moderate socialists in most popular forums.) He was beaten up and tortured, accused of espionage in favour of England and the world imperialism. He was held in prisons for several months and finally launched. Price of a freedom was family jewels, the wife's stock bijoux.

But the bolsheviks would not be bolsheviks unless they brought an initiated case to the end. Makferson was arrested again. Several months after Arthur Makferson, father of Russian tennis, died from typhus in a prison hospital.

**Booth No.7**

Makferson's sons, Robert and Arthur, were considered as the some of the best Russian tennis players. Arthur-junior and his brother Robert won Russian championships doubles titles, they were playing also football for the "Neva" football club.

When the First World War began, the brothers left to England and entered the army as the British subjects. Robert became a naval officer and died on the ship torpedoed by the Germans.

*Arthur Makferson's son - Robert Makferson with III with a tennis racket*

Arthur-junior survived on the front and became a scout. In 1920s Arthur Makferson is known to be a leader of residents of an English intelligence in Riga aimed against the USSR.

By the way, espionage activity did not hinder Arthur's tennis career. By the year 1920, Artur Makferson was the first Russian tennis player, who participated in the Wimbledon championship. As a tennis player, he was stated as a Russian citizen.

*Vladimir Nabokov has been also noticed on the court*

**Booth No.8**

The tennis club "Clover leaf"

The Lakhtinskii lawn tennis club "Clover leaf" was one of the best tennis clubs which prospered in Russia before the October coup of 1917. The club was founded in 1891 and it was situated in summer residences suburb Lakhta, on the land rented from an owner of an estate, Countess Nadezhda Fermor-Stenbok, between Lakhtinskii avenue (summer residences No. 113, 115, 117) and the railway.

In 1912 "Clover leaf" had 97 members: Of 1 honorary member, 37 existing members, 2 members- competitioners, and 57 members – (37 lady and 20 male visitors from them). In addition, 38 children played in the club. "Clover leaf" had six exemplary sand platforms.

In the beginning of August traditional championships of the Lakhta were held. Since 1908 the following members of "Clover leaf" became the winners of this competition: R. R. Ramme (1908, 1909), R. I. Shlupp (1910), G.I. Shlupp (1911, 1912). In 1910, 1911, and 1912 Valentina Shlupp, also member of the "Clover leaf" club won the women's championship. Both in 1908 and 1913 she took the first place at Petersburg championship. In 1908, the year of 20th Russian tennis anniversary, Count A. V. Stenbok-Fermor presented to a club a cup of his name. The cup didn't have to quit the club. Names of winners were engraven on it and the shrunk copies of a cup were presented them per souvenir.

Because of the beginning of the First World War the 1914 season became the last afternoons, weeks and months of prosperity for "Clover leaf" club. The further history is a history of a gradual decline.

After October 1917 the club finally ceased its existence.

**Booth No.9**

**1918** the first Moscow tennis championship where were greeted the representatives of 11 clubs was held.

**1924** the first USSR championship was played. The first Soviet champions were: T. Sukhodolskaya (Leningrad) and G. Stolyarov (Moscow).

**1928** the tennis competition was held as a part of the All-Union sports festival. Moscow team won. The Moscowite S. Maltseva became the champion in a single category, the Leningrader Ye. the Leningrader Y. Kudryavtsev — the absolute champion among men.

**1929** the All-union tennis section, a governing body in business of development of tennis in the USSR, was created.

**In 1936‒1937** the great French tennis player Henri Jean Cochet came to the USSR and opened his tennis school in Moscow. It's trainee became such known Soviet masters as Y. Korbut, N. Ozerov, S. Belitz-Geiman , N. Nifontov, V. Filippova.

**1942** – Moscow hosted the championship of the capital where N. Teplyakov and Ye won. and Y. Korbut won.

**1944** – 50 participants (26 men and 24 women) came to Moscow to a military USSR championship.

**1956** the Tennis Federation of the USSR was established and the same year it became a member of the International Lawn Tennis Federation. International tennis tournaments like a traditional international winter tournament on indoor courts since 1956 and an international summer tournament since 1957 have regularly began to be held in the USSR.

**1958** Soviet masters made their debut at official international tournaments under the auspices of ITF. A. Dmitrieva and А. Potanin participated in open junior championships of county Kent, London and the junior Wimbledon tournament. A. Dmitrieva won the second prise at this tournament in England and became second in Wimbledon. A. Potanin became a finalist of the Beknehm tournament and came to a quarter-final of the Wimbledon junior tournament.

**1962** – training of tennis specialists started in the USSR. In the State Central Institute of physical education of Lenin's order a tennis chair was opened.

**1964** – a youth national USSR team (youths under 20) – for the first time became an owner of the Cup Galea.

**1967** – the national USSR team qualified for Davis Cup final.

**1968** – a youth national USSR team (girls under 20 ) – for the first time won the Suabo Cup .

**1969** – the Soviet tennis players for the first time won a European championship among amateur players in a team event.

**Booth No.10**

**1970** O. Morozova and A. Metreveli were the finalists of the Wimbledon tournament in Mixed Doubles.

**1972** A. Metreveli was the winner of Australian Open and the World-number-one male tennis-player among amateur players.

**1973** Metreveli was the finalist of the Wimbledon tournament, Men's Singles.

**1974** O. Morozova was the finalist of the Wimbledon in a singles titles and the Women's Doubles champion at the France Open (the Building Evert).

**1987** A. Chesnokov won the professional tournament in Florence and became the first Soviet tennis player who won the Grand Prix tournament.

**1989** N. Zvereva and L. Savchenkos won "Rolan Garros" doubles titles.

InMoscow 1990 took place the first men's professional tennis tournament "Kremlin Cup". A. Cherkasov became it's first winner.

**1991** N. Zvereva and L. Savchenko were the first Soviet tennis players who won the Women's Doubles at the Wimbledon.

**1996** Y. Kafelnikov won the France Open singles titles and mixed titles. Kafelnikov is the first Russian tennis player who won the Grand Slam singles titles.

**1999** Kafelnikov was a first of Russian World no. 1 tennis player.

**Booth No.11**

**2000** – the first Russian tennis player became the Olympic tennis champion Y. Kafelnikov won an Olympic tournament in Sydney;

Marat Safin won the US Open.

**2002** – the Russian national team won Davis Cup. In the final that took place in Bercy, Russian national team under leadership of Sh. Tarpishchev defeated French team defeated French team.

 2004 Anastasia Myskina won the "Rolan Garros" and fight against the compatriot Elena Dementieva – it was the first time at the Grand Slam final where two representatives of Russia played;

— Maria Sharapova was the first Russian tennis player who won the Wimbledon single titles;

— Svetlana Kuznetsova won the US Open single titles;

— The woman Russian national team became the Federation Cup winner. In Moscow Tarpishchev's team defeated team of France;

—The International Tennis Federation named a Russian citizen Anastasia Myskina the world champion among professional tennis players (the world 2004 champion).

**Booth No.12**

**2005** – Maria Sharapova was the first of the Russian citizens who became world no. 1 tennis player single titles.

**2005** – the Russian national team again won the Federation Cup. On the courts of "Rolan Garros" the Russian players for the second time in a row beat the team of France.

**2006** – the Russian national team won Davis's Cup final in Moscow defeated team of Argentina and for the second time won an unofficial world team championship.

**2007** – 100 years after the first Russian championship in Vsevolozhsk, the suburb of Saint Petersburg a jubilee championship of Russia was held. It's champions were: Man's Singles - Mikhail Yelgin (Saint Petersburg), Women's Singles - Anastasia Pivovarova (Moscow).

Block 2. St. Petersburg Open location.

**Booth No.13**

**St. Petersburg Open location.**

An International tennis St.Petersburg Open tournament is the continuation of the Russian tennis traditions which started in the end of the 19th century. Glorious history of St.Petersburg Open started in 1995. The tournament was situated in Sport-Cultural Complex in St. Petersburg and Yevgeni Kafelnikov defeated there Guillaume Rau in a final. Around 27 thousand spectators attended that tournament. The prize fund was 300 thousand dollars.

In years popularity of that sport consistently increased. The fatherland tennis fans were rewarded for attention to a tournament twice in 2000 and 2001 by victories of Marat Safin in the beginning of his tennis career. Mikhail Yuzhnyi became the winner of a tournament in 2004 and he is still the last Russian champion St.Petersburg Open.

One of four best current tennis players, double winner, multiple finalist of Grand Slam and the reigning Olympic champion Andy Murray also won our tournament two times.

**Booth No.14**

# Yevgeni Kafelnikov was born on [February 18](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/18_%D1%84%D0%B5%D0%B2%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BB%D1%8F), [1974](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Sochi](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%BE%D1%87%D0%B8) (the [Krasnodar Region](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D0%BA%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B9), the [USSR](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A0)). He is the most titled tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81) in Russian history , [Honored Master of Sports](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%97%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%BB%D1%83%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80_%D1%81%D0%BF%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%82%D0%B0_%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%B8). He is the first of the Russian tennis players who won a Grand Slam single titles (Roland Garros 1996) and became the first World no. 1 tennis player (May 3, 1999). [The Olympic 2000 Men's singles champion](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81_%D0%BD%D0%B0_%D0%BB%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%85_%D0%9E%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D1%85_%D0%B8%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%85_2000) . Companion of an Order of Honour (2002)

# The winner of St. of St.Petersburg Open 1995. In 2015 went into a directorate of a St.Petersburg Open Petersburg Open 2015.

**Booth No.15**

Magnus Nils Gustafsson was born on January 3, 1967 in Lund (Sweden). He plays tennis since the age of six. He was the winner of child international tournaments. In 19 years he made his debut in professional tennis and already a year later rose to the leading positions of Swedish tennis. Throughout a number of years he got high places in a world ranking, three times finished a season in the top best twenty tennis players. Gustafson's highest achievement is the tenth place of a world ranking. In the national Davis Cup team Gustafson held 10 single games and won 8 of them. In the 1996 season when Magnus became the winner of St. Petersburg Open, it was the third time in his biography he managed to go to the best twenty players of the world.

**Booth No.16**

*Thomas Johansson* born on [March 24](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/24_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%82%D0%B0), [1975](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1975_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in Linköping (Sweden). A Swedish professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81). [The](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2008_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4)  winner of the [Australia Open](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%90%D0%B2%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83) [in 2002](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) single titles, silver medalist of the [Olympic Games 2008 doubles titles](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81_%D0%BD%D0%B0_%D0%BB%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%85_%D0%9E%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D1%85_%D0%B8%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%85_2008_%E2%80%94_%D0%BC%D1%83%D0%B6%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B9_%D0%BF%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80), [the World Cup 2008 winner](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ARAG_World_Team_Cup)  within a national Sweden team.

Thomas Johansson plays tennis since age of five. [In 1995](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1995_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) he won his first ATP Challenger tournament single titles([Jerusalem](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%98%D0%B5%D1%80%D1%83%D1%81%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC), [Naples](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9D%D0%B5%D0%B0%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%BB%D1%8C)) and doubles titles ([Lillehammer](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9B%D0%B8%D0%BB%D0%BB%D0%B5%D1%85%D0%B0%D0%BC%D0%BC%D0%B5%D1%80), [Tampere](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B0%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B5)) and finished a season close to the first hundred of rankings. Next year he reached the fourth round at [Wimbledon](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80). After the Wimbledon he went into hundred best tennis players of the world and ended a year with the 60th position. In March [1997](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) Johansson won two ATP tournaments in a row: [in Copenhagen](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%B0%D0%B3%D0%B5%D0%BD) and Saint- [Petersburg](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BA%D1%82-%D0%9F%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D1%83%D1%80%D0%B3).

[In 2005](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) he came back to the best twenty players of the world after successful games in Rotterdam and Miami, where he defeated the 6th racket [Carlos Moya.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%BE%D0%B9%D1%8F,_%D0%9A%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BB%D0%BE%D1%81) Johansson came up to a semi-final at Wimbledon and in autumn won a [tournament](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Petersburg_Open) in Saint Petersburg the second time.

**Booth No.17**

Richard Peter Stanislav Krajicek born on [December 6](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/6_%D0%B4%D0%B5%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1971](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1971_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Rotterdam](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%82%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B4%D0%B0%D0%BC) (the [Netherlands](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9D%D0%B8%D0%B4%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B4%D1%8B)). A Dutch tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81) of Czech descent. The Wimbledon 1996 winner . A winner of 17 ATP Masters single titles and 3 double titles. The former 4th racket of the world single titles.

In 1998 he became the winner at the tournament in Saint [Petersburg](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Petersburg_Open) and  [Masters Series](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B8%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80_ATP_%D0%9C%D0%B0%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80%D1%81_1000) in [Stuttgart](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutua_Madrid_Open).

**Booth No.18**

**Mark Ross** ([French](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D1%83%D0%B7%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Marc Rosset*) born on [November 7](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/7_%D0%BD%D0%BE%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1970](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1970_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Geneva](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%96%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%B0) ([Switzerland](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A8%D0%B2%D0%B5%D0%B9%D1%86%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%8F)). The Swiss tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81), the Olympic 1992 champion single titles, at the final beat Spanish [Khordi Arrese](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B4%D0%B8_%D0%90%D1%80%D1%80%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%B5) in five sets. Mark defeated World no. 1 tennis player Jim Courier and the 4th racket of the world [Goran Ivanisevich](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD_%D0%98%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%88%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%87). A winner of 15 ATP Masters single titles and 8 double titles. Three times winner (1993, 1994, 2000) of a tournament in [Marseilles](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%81%D0%B5%D0%BB%D1%8C). Two times winner ([1992](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%9A%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BB%D1%8F_1992), [1993](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%9A%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BB%D1%8F_1993)) of the Kremlin Cup.

In 1999 he became the winner of St.Petersburg Open

**Booth No.19**

**Marat Safin**  born on [January 27](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/27_%D1%8F%D0%BD%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8F), [1980](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1980_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Moscow](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B2%D0%B0) (the [USSR](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A0)). A Russian tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81), [Honored Master of Sports of Russia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%97%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%BB%D1%83%D0%B6%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80_%D1%81%D0%BF%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%82%D0%B0_%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%B8), the former first racket of the world single titles during nine weeks. [The Duma](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%83%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%8F_%D0%94%D1%83%D0%BC%D0%B0) deputy since 2011. Companion of an Order of Honour. The winner of two Grand Slam tournaments single titles ([US Open 2000](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2000&action=edit&redlink=1), [Australian Open 2005](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%90%D0%B2%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2005)). Two times winner of Davis Cup within the national team of Russia. A winner of 17 ATP Masters (15 of them single titles).

For two years in a row he became the champion St.Petersburg Open The victory in St. Petersburg Open in 2000 allowed Safin officially to head the ranking of professional tennis players first time in a career and become the youngest World no. 1 tennis player in tennis history for that moment.

**Booth No.20**

**Sebastien Grosjean** ([French](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D1%83%D0%B7%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Sébastien René Grosjean*) born on [May 29](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/29_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%8F), [1978](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1978_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Marseilles](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%81%D0%B5%D0%BB%D1%8C) ([France](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D1%8F)). A French tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81). The former 4th racket of the world single titles. The winner of Davis Cup in 2001 within the national team of France. [The](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1996_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4)  winner of junior Roland Garros in 1996 doubles titles. A half-finalist of four Grand Slam tournaments singles titles. Finalist of ATP Masters 2001.

The winner of St.St. Petersburg Open 2002.

**Booth No.21**

**Gustavo Kuerten** ([port.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9F%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%82%D1%83%D0%B3%D0%B0%D0%BB%D1%8C%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Gustavo Kuerten*, the nickname is Guga) born on [September 10](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/10_%D1%81%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1976](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1976) in [Florianopolise](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D0%BB%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%BB%D0%B8%D1%81) (Brazil). A Brazilian professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81), the former World no. 1 tennis player. Professional tennis player since [1995](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1995_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4). Three times winner of the France Open (1997, [2000](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000), [2001](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2001)) singles titles, the  [Masters Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%BB_%D0%9C%D0%B8%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B3%D0%BE_%D0%A2%D1%83%D1%80%D0%B0_ATP) winner ([2000](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2000)), the quarter-finalist of [Wimbledon](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80)  ([1999](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999)) and [the USA Open](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83)  ([1999](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999), [2001](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/2001))singles titles, winner of 20 ATP Masters single titles and 8 double titles. A two-time winner of the rank "Athlete of a Year" in Brazil (1999, 2000), Companion of the Cross of Сontributions of Sports (2010), a member of the [International Tennis Hall of Fame](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B5%D0%B6%D0%B4%D1%83%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%BD%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D0%B7%D0%B0%D0%BB_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%B9_%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B2%D1%8B) (2012).

The winner of St. Petersburg Open in 2003. St.Petersburg Open

**Booth No.22**

**Mikhail Youzhny**

One of the most titled Russian tennis players (the 8th racket in 2008, winner of 19 [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D1%81%D1%81%D0%BE%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B0%D1%86%D0%B8%D1%8F_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%82%D0%BE%D0%B2-%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%84%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2) tournaments, two-time winner of "[Davis Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0)"). At the moment he overcomes rather difficult period in his tennis career. This season Mikhail was noticed only by qualifying for a quarter-final in Zagreb and leaving Top100. "Faced with some difficulties from a professional perspective, he is forced to change the purpose,"he said." It is inside me, our team and I will not divulge it for wide audience." The one is clear: Mikhail will catch any chance to perform as well as possible at "St. Petersburg Open" which he has already won in 2004. This is the only tournament which he did not miss during his official career since 2000: "It didn't matter what condition I was, what ranking, I always tried to get here. A friendly atmosphere remains here, comfort… For me it is a special tournament!». He takes part in St. Petersburg Open 2015.

The birthdate: 06.25.1982

Lives: Moscow, Russia

Height: 183 cm

Weight: 73 kg

Professional tennis player since 1999.

Plays with his right hand

Number of single titles – 10

Number of double titles – 9

The highest ranking single titles: 8 (01.28. 2008)

The highest ranking double titles: 38 (04.11. 2011)

**Booth No.23**

**Mario Anchich** ([khorv.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Mario Ančić*) born on [March 30](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/30_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%82%D0%B0), [1984](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1984_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Split](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%BF%D0%BB%D0%B8%D1%82_(%D0%B3%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B4)) ( [Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A4%D0%A0%D0%AE)). The Croatian tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81) the half-finalist of one Grand Slam singles titles ([Wimbledon-2004](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2004)), a winner of 8 ATP Masters (3 of them single titles),the former 7th racket singles titles, the winner of  [Davis Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0) (2006) within a national team [of Croatia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B1%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%8F_%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_%D0%B2_%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BA%D0%B5_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0) , the prize winner of the Olympic games doubles titles, the finalist of two junior Grand Slam Tournaments singles titles ([Australian Open](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%90%D0%B2%D1%81%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2000&action=edit&redlink=1), [Wimbledon-2000](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2000&action=edit&redlink=1)) the half-finalist of one junior Grand Slam singles titles ([US Open 2000](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2000&action=edit&redlink=1)) the half-finalist of one junior Grand Slam double titles ([US Open 1999](https://ru.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_1999&action=edit&redlink=1)), former World no. 1 tennis player single titles in juniors' ranking.

After winning [Wimbledon tournament](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80) in 2002 Anchich earned the nickname of [Super Mario](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Super_Mario_Bros.) from British journalists.

The 2006 winner of a tournament in Saint Petersburg.

**Booth No.20**

**Andy Murray** was born on [May 15](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/15_%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%8F), [1987](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Glasgow](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B7%D0%B3%D0%BE) (the Great [Britain](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%92%D0%B5%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F)). The British professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the former second racket of the world single titles, the [Olympic champion](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81_%D0%BD%D0%B0_%D0%9E%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D1%85_%D0%B8%D0%B3%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%85) single titles. Companion of the Order of the British Empire. The first British during the Open Era who won a Grand Slam single titles (the USA Open— 2012). The first British tennis player since 1936 who won the Wimbledon tournament single titles ([2013](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2013_%D0%B2_%D0%BC%D1%83%D0%B6%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%BC_%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%BE%D1%87%D0%BD%D0%BE%D0%BC_%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B7%D1%80%D1%8F%D0%B4%D0%B5)).

In 2007 in Saint [Petersburg](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Petersburg_Open) final Andy defeated [Fernando Verdasko](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A4%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B4%D0%BE_%D0%92%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%BE) (6‒2, 6‒3).

In 2008 Andy Murray managed to keep the title of the winner of St.Petersburg Open

**Booth No.25**

**Sergey Stakhovskii** was born on [January 6](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/6_%D1%8F%D0%BD%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%8F), [1986](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1986_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in Kiev (the USSR). [The Ukrainian](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%BA%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B8%D0%BD%D0%B0) professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the winner of seven [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D1%81%D1%81%D0%BE%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B0%D1%86%D0%B8%D1%8F_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%82%D0%BE%D0%B2-%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%84%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2) tournaments (four of them single titles), the finalist of one junior Grand Slam single titles) (US Open 2004).

The first time Stakhovskii tried to play tennis being six when grandfather led him to courts of the [Republic stadium](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_(%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%B4%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD,_%D0%9A%D0%B8%D0%B5%D0%B2)) in [Kiev](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%B8%D0%B5%D0%B2).

In 2009 he won a tournament in Saint [Petersburg](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BA%D1%82-%D0%9F%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D1%83%D1%80%D0%B3), defeated Marat Safin at the semi-final.

**Booth No.26**

**Mikhail Kukushkin** was born on December 26, [1987](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1987_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in Volgograd (the USSR). [This tennis player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81)represented [Russia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%8F) and [Kazakhstan](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%B0%D0%B7%D0%B0%D1%85%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0%D0%BD). The winner of one [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ATP) tournament single titles.

He plays tennis since age of six. In 2007 he won twice at [ATP Challenger](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ATP_Challenger) Series in [Saransk](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA) and [Samarkand](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B0%D0%BC%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B4). In 2008 he won at the ATP Challenger in Italian [Barlette](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%91%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%BB%D0%B5%D1%82%D1%82%D0%B0) and ITF Futures in Russia. On October 31, 2010, defeated Mikhail Yuzhniy in Saint Petersburg with a score 6‒3, 7‒6(2), Mikhail Kukushkin won his first ATP tournament in a career.

**Booth No.27**

**Marinas Chilich** ([khorv.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Marin Čilić*) born on [September 28](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/28_%D1%81%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1988](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1988_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Medzhugorye](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%B5%D0%B4%D0%B6%D1%83%D0%B3%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%8C%D0%B5) ([Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A4%D0%A0%D0%AE)). [The Croatian](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%82%D0%B8%D1%8F) professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the winner of one Grand Slam in single titles ([US Open 2014](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A1%D0%A8%D0%90_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2014)), the winner of 13 [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D1%81%D1%81%D0%BE%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B0%D1%86%D0%B8%D1%8F_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%82%D0%BE%D0%B2-%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%84%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2) tournaments single titles, the former eighth racket of the world single titles, the winner of one junior Grand Slam single titles ([Roland Garros 2005](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2005)), the finalist of [Orange Bowl](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orange_Bowl) (2005); the first racket of the world in juniors' ranking.

In the end of October 2011 he won the title at the tournament in Saint Petersburg, defeated[Yanko Tipsarevich](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%AF%D0%BD%D0%BA%D0%BE_%D0%A2%D0%B8%D0%BF%D1%81%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%87) in a final.

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**Martin Klizhan** ([slovatsk.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D1%86%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Martin Kližan*) born on [July 11](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/11_%D0%B8%D1%8E%D0%BB%D1%8F), [1989](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1989_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Bratislava](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%91%D1%80%D0%B0%D1%82%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B0) ([Czechoslovakia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A7%D0%B5%D1%85%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BA%D0%B8%D1%8F)). The Slovak professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the winner of six [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ATP) tournaments (three of them single titles), the winner of one junior Grand Slam single titles ([Roland Garros 2006](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2006)), the finalist of two junior Grand Slams double titles ([Wimbledon-2006](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2006), Wimbledon[-2007](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2007)); the former first racket of the world in juniors' ranking.

The 2012 winner of a tournament in Saint Petersburg.

**Booth No. 29**

**Ernest Gulbis** ([Latvian.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9B%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%8B%D1%88%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Ernests Gulbis*) born on [August 30](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/30_%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B3%D1%83%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0), [1988](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1988_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Riga](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%B8%D0%B3%D0%B0) (the [USSR](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A0)). The Latvian professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the half-finalist of one Grand Slam single titles ([Roland Garros 2014](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2014)), the winner of eight [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ATP) tournaments (six of them single titles); the former tenth racket of the world single titles. In September 2013 Ernest managed to win the title of ATP tournament in Saint Petersburg where he defeated Spanish player [Guillermo Garcia-Lopez](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D0%B8%D0%BB%D1%8C%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BC%D0%BE_%D0%93%D0%B0%D1%80%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%8F-%D0%9B%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%81) (3‒6, 6‒4, 6‒0) at the final .

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**St. Petersburg Open 2015 location.**

The Sport-Complex "SIBUR Arena" is a multifunctional building in Krestovsky Ostrov, Saint Petersburg. The main arena intended for 7120 seats can host tournaments in different kinds of sports. The stands with comfortable, soft armchairs are situated in such a way that sitting at any place in the hall spectator feels the effect of presence on the ground. The court occupies 1300 sq. meters.

The complex used to be a home arena for local basketball club "Spartak", now here plays formed in summer 2014 basketball club "Zenit". Besides basketball matches, "SIBUR Arena" hosts the games of the handball Euroleague. In October 2013 the complex hosted the World Combat Games.

 "SIBUR Arena" has been chosen as a venue of St. Petersburg Open 2015. Petersburg Open 2015.

**Booth No. 32**

**Tomasz Berdykh**([chesh.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A7%D0%B5%D1%88%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Tomáš Berdych*)

Tomasz Berdykh currently takes the 6th place at the ATP ranking. He showed his best result at Grand Slam in 2010, being qualified for Wimbledon final – he considers this achievement "one of the highest spots" of his career. He also set a high value on his two victories at Davis Cup in 2012 and 2013. This season at quarter-final of Australian Open Tomasz managed to interrupt the sequence of 17 failed matches to Nadal . "It was an excellent victory ,"admitted he." I have never won Rafael at "Great Slam" before". Berdykh can also award himself qualifying for a final at tournaments in Doha, Monte Carlo, and Rotterdam. Tomasz goes to the city on the Neva, according to his words, to win the major prize and undergo the whole tournament from the start to the end. "This plan does not leave me much time for a whole rest, but, if I had a time, I would check beauty sights of this wonderful city," he added.

The birthdate: 09.17.1985

Lives: Monte Carlo, Monaco

Height: 196 cm

Weight: 91 kg

Professional tennis player since 2002.

Plays with his right hand

Number of single titles – 10

Number of double titles – 2

The highest ranking single titles: 4 (05.18.2015)

The highest ranking double titles: 54 (04.10. 2006)

Was born on [September 17](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/17_%D1%81%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%82%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1985](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1985_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Valashske Mezirzhichi](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%92%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B0%D1%88%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B5-%D0%9C%D0%B5%D0%B7%D0%B8%D1%80%D0%B6%D0%B8%D1%87%D0%B8) ([Czechoslovakia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A7%D0%B5%D1%85%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BA%D0%B8%D1%8F)). [A Czech](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A7%D0%B5%D1%85%D0%B8%D1%8F) professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); the fourth former racket of the world single titles. The finalist of one Grand Slam single titles ([Wimbledon-2010](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2010)), the winner of 12 ATP tournaments (10 of them single titles), the two-time winner of the [Davis Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0) (2012, 2013), the winner of [Hopman Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%A5%D0%BE%D0%BF%D0%BC%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B0) (2012) within the national Czech team.

**Booth No.33**

**Milos Raonich**  a [Serb.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B1%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Milos Raonich*was born on [December 27](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/27_%D0%B4%D0%B5%D0%BA%D0%B0%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1990](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Titograd](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9F%D0%BE%D0%B4%D0%B3%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%B8%D1%86%D0%B0) ([Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A4%D0%A0%D0%AE)). [The Canadian](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%B4%D0%B0) professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81) of [Yugoslav](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%AE%D0%B3%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BB%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%8F) descent; the half-finalist of one Grand Slam single titles([Wimbledon-2014](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A3%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%B1%D0%BB%D0%B4%D0%BE%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%82%D1%83%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%80_2014)), the winner of six [ATP](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/ATP) tournaments single titles; the fourth racket of the world single titles; the half-finalist of the  [Davis Cup](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BE%D0%BA_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0) (2013) within the [national team of Canada](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%B1%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%8F_%D0%9A%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B0%D0%B4%D1%8B_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_%D0%B2_%D0%9A%D1%83%D0%B1%D0%BA%D0%B5_%D0%94%D1%8D%D0%B2%D0%B8%D1%81%D0%B0), the half-finalist of one junior Grand Slam double titles ([Roland Garros 2008](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83_2008)).

**Booth No.34**

**Roberto Bautista Agut** *Roberto Bautista Agut*)

**In 2014 the Spanish player held his best season in a career. He won two Men's singles titles** – at the final in Hertogenbosch he defeated the German opponent Becker – and then he beat the Czech player Rossola at the final in Stuttgart. The Russian tennis fans had a chance to watch his praiseworthy game at the "Kremlin Cup-2014" , where he come into a final but was stopped by the US Open-2014 champion Marin Chilich. According to the results of the season Roberto was reasonably recognized as the ATP winner at "Progress of a Year" nomination. This year Roberto's results are more meager - semi-final in Chennaye, Marseilles, Munich, and Umage. "This is a very challenging year, now they expect much more from me. I hope to improve my results during the second half of a season," he admitted, expressing a hope for the future victory in Russia. Perhaps it will happen at St. Petersburg Open 2015.

The birthdate: 04.14.1988

Lives: Castellon de da Plana, Spain

Height: 183 cm

Weight: 76 kg

Professional tennis player since 2006.

Plays with his right hand

Number of single titles – 2

The highest ranking single titles: 16 (07.21.2014)

The highest ranking double titles: 169 (03. 03.2014)

**Booth No.35**

**Ernest Gulbis** ([Latvian.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9B%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%8B%D1%88%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Ernests Gulbis*) born on [August 30](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/30_%D0%B0%D0%B2%D0%B3%D1%83%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0), [1988](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1988_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Riga](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%B8%D0%B3%D0%B0) (the [USSR](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A1%D0%A0)). The Latvian professional tennis player; the half-finalist of one Grand Slam single titles (Roland Garros 2014), the winner of eight ATP tournaments (six of them single titles); the former tenth racket of the world single titles.

**Booth No.36**

**Karen Khachanov**

In 2013 17-year old Karen received wild card for his first adult tournament – St.Petersburg Open. The young Muscovite perfectly worked out his wild card: At the first round of St. Petersburg Open-2013 he convincingly defeated the 63rd racket of the world – Romanian Victor Khanesku. In this victorious wave Karen distinguished himself at the tournament "Bank of Moscow Kremlin Cup -2013", by defeating the Spanish Alberto Ramos and Serb Yanko Tipsarevicha. In the same year Karen made his debut at the Davis Cup, and won his first Men's singles match within the national team. At the last Moscow Hoff Open Challenger in 2015, Karen managed to qualify for the double titles semi-final (together with Andrey Rublev). Under the charge of Galo Blanco, 19-year old player achieved significant progress and raised his ranking during that season by getting into the Top two hundred of the world. Not accidentally Captain of a Russian national team Shamil Tarpishchev invited Khachanov again to successful for Russian players match with Spain in Vladivostok.

The birthdate: 05.21.1996

Lives: Moscow, Russia

Height: 198 cm

Weight: 88 kg

Professional tennis player since 2013.

Plays with his right hand

The highest ranking single titles: 184 (07.20.2015)

The highest ranking double titles: 380 (11.03.2014)

**Booth No.37**

**Tanasi Kokkinakis** ([English.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%90%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) *Thanasi Kokkinakis*, [Greek.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%93%D1%80%D0%B5%D1%87%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA) Θανάσης Κοκκινάκης)

The 19-year old Australian is a bright player, in his childhood he took Marat Safin as a model to follow (nowadays he is also a friend of Rublev). A victory on the Wimbledon of 2013 became Kokkinakis’ best achievement during the period of a junior career. At the adult round the 69th place in world ranking is his best achievement .(8.06.2015)  Tanassi has in his account victories over such famous players as Julien Benetto, Ernest Gulbis, Juan Monaco, Jeremie Shardi. During the last season Tanassi get oneself talked about after coming out to the second round of Australian Open. He reached the 3rd round at Rolan Garros 2015, having failed to the future finalist Nowak Dzhokovich who admitted after their duel: "Tennis requires such players as Tanassi who being still a teenager can play boldly and powerfully." Therefore there his participation at the forthcoming St. tournament Petersburg Open-2015 is a great success of the organizers and Petersburg tennis supporters who will be able to evaluate Australian's unusual talent.

The birthdate: 04.10.1996

Lives: Adelaide, Australia

Height: 196 cm

Weight: 82 kg

Professional tennis player since 2013.

Plays with his right hand

The highest ranking single titles: 69 (06.8.2015)

The highest ranking double titles: 137 (07. 27.2015)

**Booth No.38**

**Andrey Rublev** was born on [October 20](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/20_%D0%BE%D0%BA%D1%82%D1%8F%D0%B1%D1%80%D1%8F), [1997](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/1997_%D0%B3%D0%BE%D0%B4) in [Moscow](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9C%D0%BE%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B2%D0%B0) ([Russia](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A0%D0%BE%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%8F)). A Russian professional tennis [player](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%A2%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81); No. 1 in juniors' ITF ranking 2014.

In December 2012 he won a big junior Orange Bowl tournament (the category up to 16 years). In summer 2013 he won a gold medal at the junior European championship up to 16 years.

[On Roland Garros of 2014](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9E%D1%82%D0%BA%D1%80%D1%8B%D1%82%D1%8B%D0%B9_%D1%87%D0%B5%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%B0%D1%82_%D0%A4%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%86%D0%B8%D0%B8_%D0%BF%D0%BE_%D1%82%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%81%D1%83) Andrey got the fourth number among the youths. At the semi-final he defeated Brazilian Orlando Luza (No. 2) and defeated at two sets the Spanish Khaume Antoni Munara Clara in the final (No. 7). This success allowed the 16-year old Muscovite to become the first Russian citizen who managed to be a champion of youth Roland Garros and get into the top position in juniors' ranking of ITF. [At the youth Olympic Games 2014](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9B%D0%B5%D1%82%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B5_%D1%8E%D0%BD%D0%BE%D1%88%D0%B5%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B5_%D0%9E%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BF%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B5_%D0%B8%D0%B3%D1%80%D1%8B_2014)  in [Nanjing](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%9D%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%BD) Rublev won a bronze medal single titles and a bronze award double titles together with Karen Khachanovym. Won the prize "Russian Cup" in nomination "Junior of a Year". The 2014 season finished with No. 1 in juniors' ranking of ITF.

At the 2015 season Andrey Rublev became the first 17-year old tennis player for last 11 years who had won not less than five matches at different ATP Series in a season.

**Booth No.39**

**Tommy Robredo Garces** ([isp.](https://ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/%D0%98%D1%81%D0%BF%D0%B0%D0%BD%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9_%D1%8F%D0%B7%D1%8B%D0%BA)*Tommy Robredo Garcés*)

Regarding to Tommy there are many interesting stories. For example, it is known that he likes riding and one of his favorite horses is called Sevastopol... In addition, Tommy was called in honour to the legendary rock opera band "The Who" whose fan his father Ankhel was. Will power and his persistence also created a legend – it allowed him to return to Top30, after leg injury when he was separated from a court from 2011 to 2012 within 14 months and fell in a ranking below the level of the fourth hundred. In 2014 Tommy entered a legendary club of five Spanishes who during the Open Era have managed to win 500 matches. Today in his 33, Tommy still stays close to the great twenty.

Everyone also remembers his recent game in Vladivostok where he first defeated Rublev , but then gave the victory to Donskoi. It will be interesting he meet one of these Russian players at the Petersburg tournament...

The birthdate: 05.01.1982

Lives: Sant Cugat del Vallès, Spain

Height: 180 cm

Weight: 75 kg

Professional tennis player since 1998.

Plays with his right hand

Number of single titles – 12

Number of double titles – 5

The highest ranking single titles: 5 (08.28.2006)

The highest ranking double titles: 16 (04.20.2009)