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ATP FINALS

The curtain closes on an impressive season

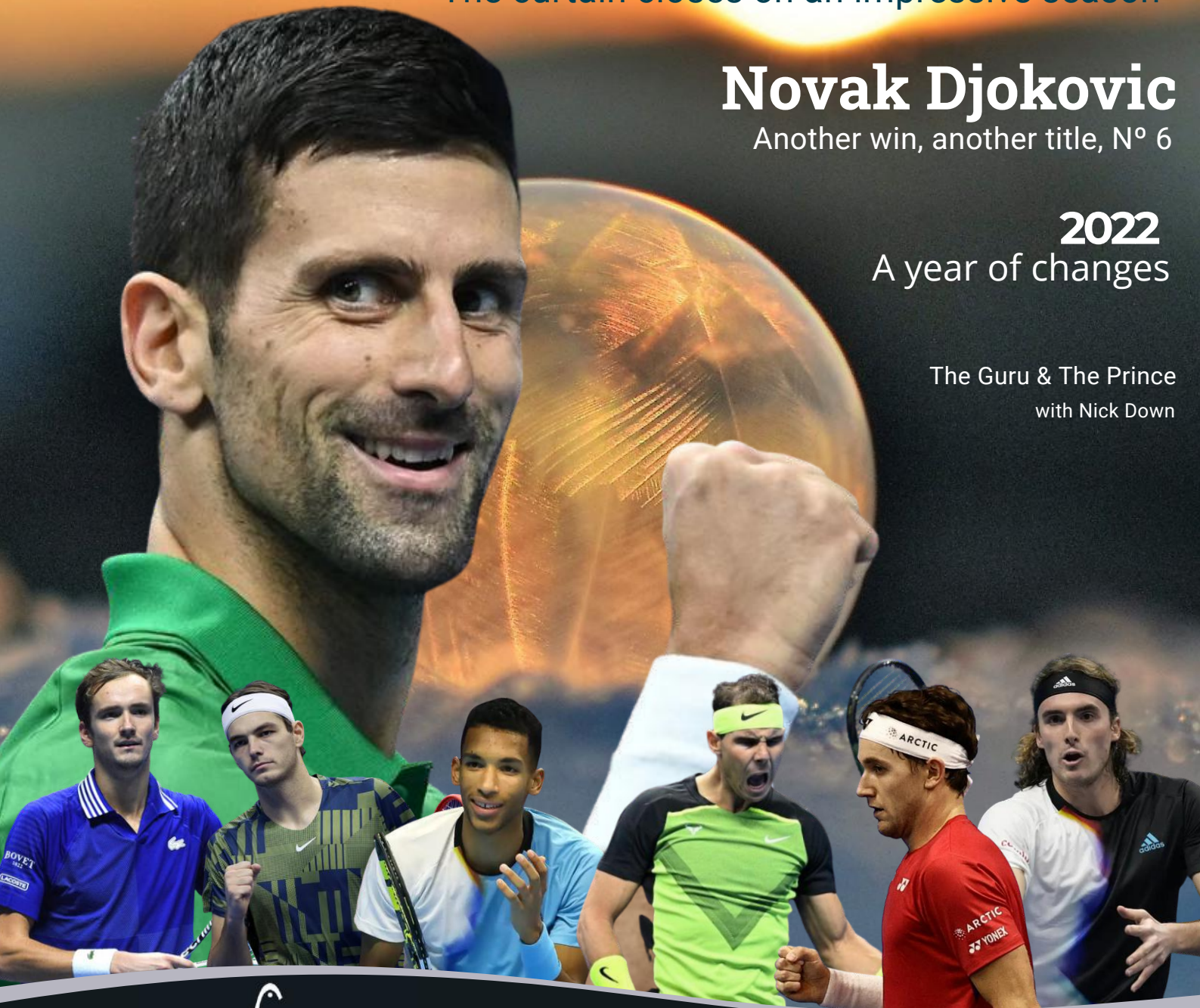
Novak Djokovic

Another win, another title, N° 6

2022

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A Special Message from the
President of GRSA International

**Richard
Parnell**



It gives me immense pleasure to reach out to all of you who have helped make **GRSA International**, Global Racket Stringing & Racket Sports Association, an amazing success story in 2022.

GRSA International was born from the need to create a globally structured answer to both stringers' and racket sports enthusiasts' needs and demands. By creating a truly global association, a structured approach has been implemented with the stringer's craft and the racket enthusiasts' enjoyment of their sport as the focal point. The whole team here at **GRSA HQ** feel that we have managed this, and it is largely thanks to you the members, who have helped us make changes where needed and let us know where we need to improve moving into 2023.

2022 has been an amazing year full of new projects, only made possible by the support given by our partners, our very talented managers around the world and our members. We have new brands joining the team as partners for 2023, with planned offers for the members which will all be announced in the **GRSA ATW Magazine** as 2023 unfolds.

As this is your association, I welcome you to continue interacting with us, offering creative criticism on where we can improve and represent you in a manner you deserve. For the racket sports enthusiasts, we have the ear of the major brands, let us know how they can help you and we will ensure your voice is heard. For the stringers, we believe that we have covered all the angles, however, if you find that this craft, that we all love, needs more from us, please let the GRSA Team know your suggestions. As I like saying, "We've Got You Covered !!"

I wish you all a Merry Christmas & may 2023 be peaceful and full of happiness, success and joy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Parnell'.

Best regards,



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This year's Nitto ATP Finals was full of high octane tennis, experience, talent and energy... and not all of the energy was on the court!

This year at the fan hub village, more alternatives towards sustainability were available, there were even leg and arm powered stations so visitors could generate their own energy, giving them a first hand look into what it takes to create renewable energy. There were some very red faces!

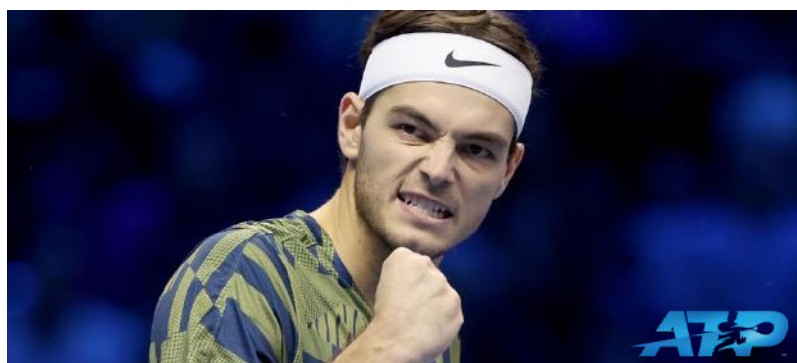
It was definitely set to be an entertaining week with Nadal, Tsitsipas, Fritz, Djokovic, Ruud, Auger-Aliassime, Rublev and Medvedev all squaring off to see who could end the seasons finale with the trophy in hand!

Day one

In the first lot of round robin matches, it was the match between Rafa Nadal and Taylor Fritz that caught the eye, a pairing that had the making of a cracker of a match as Taylor had yet to beat any of the top 5 seeds in 12 attempts. So, in theory, it was going to be one of those matches where the question asked was, could the bakers dozen be the youngsters lucky number?

The match kicked off with a determined Fritz showing instant intention to try and dominate, playing closer to the net than he'd normally do, but it did show signs of working until he was forced back by Rafa. It wasn't long before the match really picked up momentum, Rafa with some heroic shots and a glimmer of the early season Rafa. He pulled off some amazing shots and really made Taylor work for it, the first set going to Fritz after the tie-break. He really needed that, it seemed to be just the fire he needed to make light work of the second set taking that 6-1 and the match with it. In the previous encounters between the pair, injuries had plagued both of them, but in this case, both were fit, both hungry, but Rafa failed to make the start he wanted in his plight to win the lone title that so far has evaded him.

Unfortunately, the opportunity for Rafa to take another shot at the title, for now, wasn't as clear a chance as he lost that opening match. We really can't take anything away from Taylor, he's shown on a number of occasions he's up to the task of being in the top ten, and this was a clear sign that he's focused and decided that it's now time to move up the ranks and shine!



Day two



This was one of the days most people had been looking for, the appearance of Novak, on the back of a recent loss and the always popular Daniil Medvedev, their form has been exceptional and it was time for Turin to turn up the volume.

First up, Medvedev and Rublev, Andrey has also been in relatively good form and this would be their 6th encounter with a 3 - 2 advantage to Daniil in the head to heads. As we've mentioned in the past, winning the first set is always an important message to send to your opponent, Medvedev as made to work hard for this message though, taking the first set to tie-break but then to lose the second set 6-3. It was if is concentration and energy was zapped after winning the first set tie-break. Andrey powered through as if in a state of zoned revenge. He kept his head and used his forehand well, pushing Daniil back and making him look slow with some power returns.

Rublev taking the second obviously meant we were going to a third set and an uncertain outcome with both players showing exceptional form. Daniil seemed to find the answers to Andrey's baseline shots and even managed to counter the close drops Rublev was trying to catch him out with, that said, it was a real seesaw of a run through the set, reaching the tie-break again but this time it was Rublev who held his nerve and found the right shots at the right time.



The next match wasn't expected to be any less entertaining, let's face it, Tsitsipas is not a shy guy and oozes talent, and then there's Novak. On the back of an interesting performance in Paris but losing out to Holger Rune, Novak has been playing some of his best tennis and the show of power has really come at a good time. Having had wins in Tel Aviv and Astana, the loss in Paris was a bit of a surprise and this match was just what he needed to get right back into it, and didn't he just!

6-4 in the first set, a real run around and extremely entertaining first set with some stunning pin point shots all over the court. It only took 1 hour and 37 minutes to claim his first win in the tournament and extend his head to head record with Tsitsipas to 10-2.

Day 3

It was time for Nadal's second match and that of Casper Ruud, not facing each other at this point but we already know that that is going to be some contest next year when both are back after the break. This time round Nadal was facing Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada's N°1 and a resilient player who is constantly improving, learning and gaining experience on the big stage. This contest was one Felix really wanted to win and so he did, fast exchanges, long hard shots down the line making Nadal really work hard, unfortunately not hard enough, 6-3, 6-4 to the Canadian.



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Casper Ruud was up for the task against Taylor Fritz, but again, made to work for it. We know he has the long game, he's had some epic show downs this year and with Fritz on a high with the victory over Nadal, you knew he'd be looking to upset another top seed. A 3 set slog and such an entertaining match, both players pulling out all the stops and more importantly, finding answers to each other's tests. The first set going to Casper 6-3 but Fritz immediately struck back, he was super charged and made light work of the second set, 6-4 the final result which took us into the third set and a tie-break to decide the winner. There really wasn't much at all between the two, a close fought match where the edge went to the N°3 seed but a clear message sent by Taylor Fritz, "I'm coming for a top spot".

Day 4

It wasn't a warm up match no. It was a match that should have shown a different scoreline, especially after Rublev had had such an important win over Medvedev, but something just didn't seem right. Was it his form? or was it the fact that Novak simply dominated with brilliance?

Aces and first serve success were the main factors but Andrey didn't seem in control, he had quite a few unforced errors and Novak capitalised on the lack of control by Rublev. Djokovic looked totally comfortable with his game, and with his family watching on, he put in one of the most solid performances of recent months, just 1 hour and 7 minutes to win the match 6-4, 6-1. Total dominance!



Medvedev was up next with the greek nipping at his heels, Tsitsipas wanted redemption after losing to Novak and Daniil was looking to change his luck after the tiebreak loss against Andrey Rublev. We weren't disappointed, it immediately turned into a firework display of energy.

It was the 11th chapter of their ATP head 2 head rivalry, Tsitsipas took the first set quite easily, but then the fight began, the second set heading to a tie-break and a real tit for tat in points, back and forth and boy was it entertaining. Tsitsipas was hammering his backhand but Daniil still pushed, Stefanos showed off his athleticism, but Daniil still pushed, and, took the second set!

It's the final set and the atmosphere is electric, such a show of determination and talent. Medvedev really standing firm in some of the exchanges, forcing errors from Stefanos, but the pressure kept on coming. It was an outstanding performance from both players, really entertaining and it's what makes this end of year tournament so popular. Tsitsipas takes the 3rd set 7-6 and the eruption from the crowd is deafening, true appreciation for such a match.

"It was very tiring out there," said Tsitsipas. "I'm so glad I overcame this and I was able to enjoy it with the crowd. It's a great win and I'm extremely proud of the way I fought. It never seemed to kind of be ending for me. Even on the last game when he was serving, I still felt if I was able to put a few balls in, some opportunity might present itself, but it did!"



Day 5

We were expecting a very different Rafa to previous days, having lost his first two matches, it's never very long before there is a shift in the Nadalverse.... and Thursday was the day we saw Rafa back in form. His adversary, current rank number 2 but 3 at the time of the tournament, had won both his opening matches, he was in form and ready for the fight, but Rafa really had the bitt between his teeth and quickly imposed his game on Ruud. It wasn't a master class but it was a show of experience and strength. Rafa has always had this amazing capacity to spring back into action having fallen behind on the scoreboard. Tournament scoreline so far was far from flattering but taking the match 7-5, 7-5 made a real statement about his health and where his head was, it was still in a winning mode and he rose to the occasion. Casper made some special shots and really kept pushing but Rafa was just in 5th gear, intent on finishing the year with a win. "It's important, the last official match of the season, so I am happy for that. At the end I am happy about that... I was able to win against a great player."

Taylor Fritz took another scalp on his way through the tournament, this time it was in the shape of Felix Auger-Aliassime, the Canadian also having won previously and in fine spirits was eager to show the crowd some of his best tennis. It was a 3 set match with Fritz taking the first after it went to a tie-break. The same happened in the second set but this time it was Felix with the upper hand, so, into the third set we went, who had more in the tank.... well, it was Fritz, he just couldn't do wrong, baseline shot, lobs, close net work, the complete package. 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

Day 6

If some of the matches had seemed like walkovers, we all know that at this level there is no such thing, plus, the round robin format allows for there to be an off day before coming back and absolutely smashing it. There have been some short matches but today wasn't going to start off with one of them, how about a 3 hour 11 minute marathon from Novak Djokovic and Daniil Medvedev? The first set to Novak and quite comfortably won too, 6-3 painted a picture that we'd be in for another driver's seat performance but hooooooooold on, Daniil had other plans!

It was like someone lit a fire under Daniil's feet, he was all over the court, pushing, reaching some ridiculously out there shots from Novak, and the speed from Djokovic really was mesmerising. Medvedev took the second set in the tie-break, what a set! Well, the 3rd set just made this match even more special, what an amazing display of determination and brilliance from both players, another tussle of experience and temperament versus grit and talent, just incredible to watch. Another tiebreak, it's kind of like a penalty shootout, you don't really want it to end in that way but, it's the way it is and even though there were glimpses of Novak being pipped again, it wasn't the case, the final score being 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.... an epic battle!

So, Novak into the semi final to square up against a convincing Taylor Fritz, the second match of the day was to decide who'd be testing themselves against Casper Ruud. Andrey Rublev and Stefanos Tsitsipas were up and we wanted more exceptional tennis after that display from Novak and Daniil. We got a good match, not as epic but equally entertaining, it was Rublev who had the upper hand in the end, Tsitsipas took the first set but looked a little tired, and it showed in the remaining two sets, losing them 6-3, 6-2, Andrey through, Stefano bowing out to a superior player who has really battled through the tournament.

Day 7

So, semi finals day and it's down to the final 4, we've seen some promising signs of new names on the trophy, Taylor Fritz being one of the names, but unfortunately, 2 tiebreaks in a two set match against Djokovic was his stumbling block, 7-6,7-6 with Novak going through to the final. The second match saw another 2 set showdown but a more one sided result with Casper Ruud and Andrey Rublev semi. 6-2, 6-4 to Casper as Andrey fell short of the mark and never really seemed to get the momentum going.

How these guys do it amazes most people, and it's no wonder that this format is one of the toughest, it was a final that lasted only 93 minutes, Novak's return being the key, he was all power and now equals the record of 6 titles at the ATP Finals, and showing signs that he wants more!



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It was a historic season for Carlos Alcaraz, whose accomplishments in 2022 include winning his first ATP Masters 1000 title, his maiden Grand Slam championship and climbing to World No. 1 in the Pepperstone ATP Rankings.

To wrap his year, ATPTour.com asked the Spaniard for the best, biggest, coolest and craziest things to happen to him this season.

Carlos' Biggest Thing: Ending The Year As World No. 1

Alcaraz at the Nitto ATP Finals was recognised as the youngest year-end No. 1 in the history of the Pepperstone ATP Rankings (since 1973). The 19-year-old became the first teen to accomplish the feat.

“It means a lot to me,” Alcaraz said. “To get this trophy, the World No. 1, to be part of tennis history along with a lot of legends, for me is an amazing feeling.”

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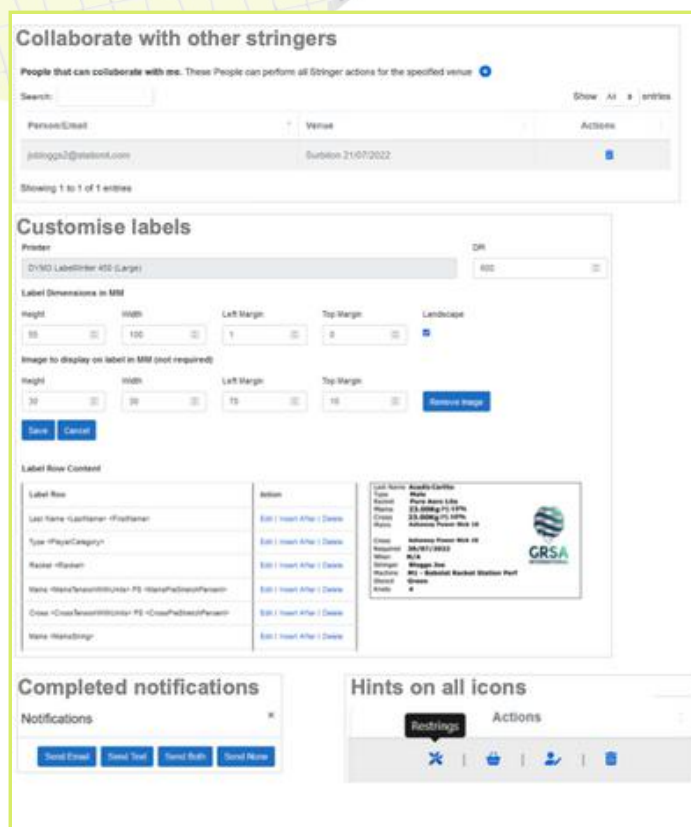
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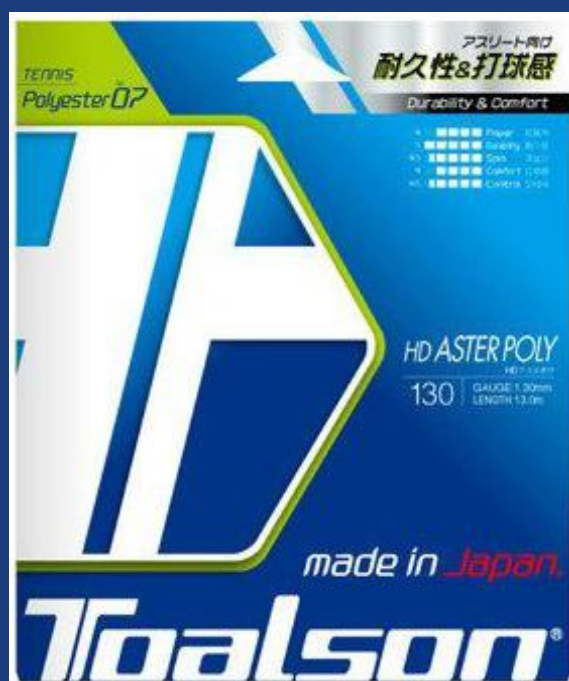
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In the Room

With Richard Parnell

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I often see stringers stringing barefoot at home, either because being on your feet for long periods of time in uncomfortable shoes or just getting overheated feet makes stringing barefoot a good choice and a nice alternative. Or is it???

Most tour stringing teams will have strict guidelines concerning footwear, for instance, the type of shoes to wear, better running shoes than tennis shoes as they have more cushioning. However, pretty much every tour stringing team insists on the wearing of shoes and the GRSA International Stringing Team has this high on the list.

You might think this is about the image projected by stringers, stringing either barefoot or in socks?

Obviously, having a team walking around in this way does nothing to create a desired image of professional craftsmen or women looking after something that is arguably the most important aspect of a tournament, after the players of course.

This has nothing to do with the image projected but everything to do with health and safety. Stringing tools are sharp, the awl, if dropped will stick in the floor and stay vertical and snippers have two sharp points that could also seriously harm a stringer if dropped on a foot.

However, a stringer's welfare is actually not the only primary concern here, but rather the integrity of the team. A foolhardy stringer who insists on stringing barefoot is actually a crisis in waiting for the team and who, if the worst were to happen, would leave the team one stringer short and the teammates left to pick up the resulting slack. Not a good scenario at any event, large or small and a good reason to not be invited back as part of the team for future events.

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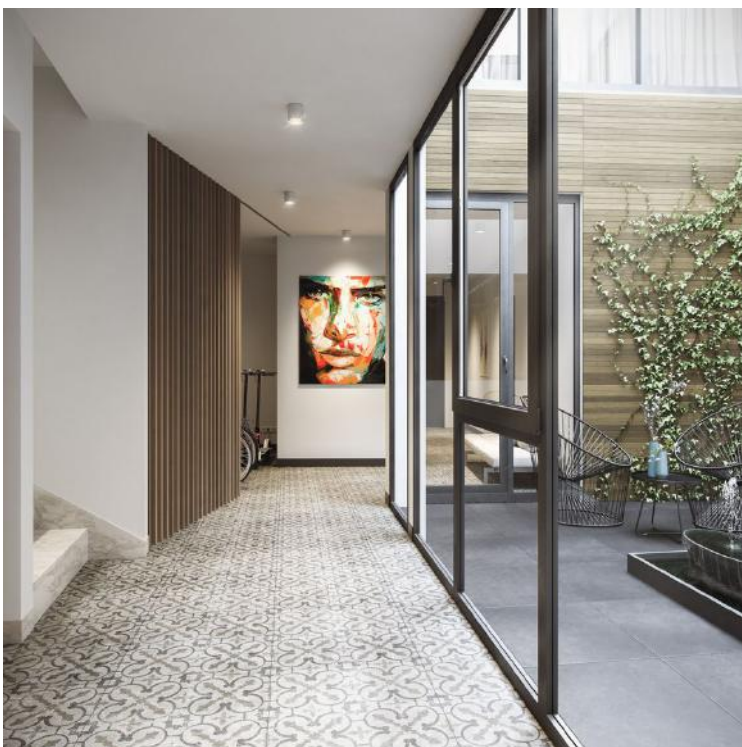
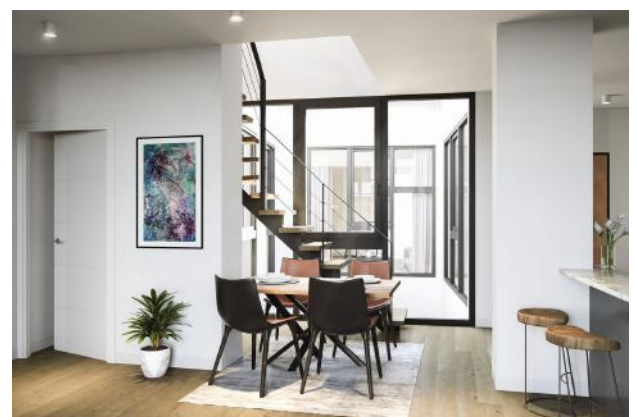
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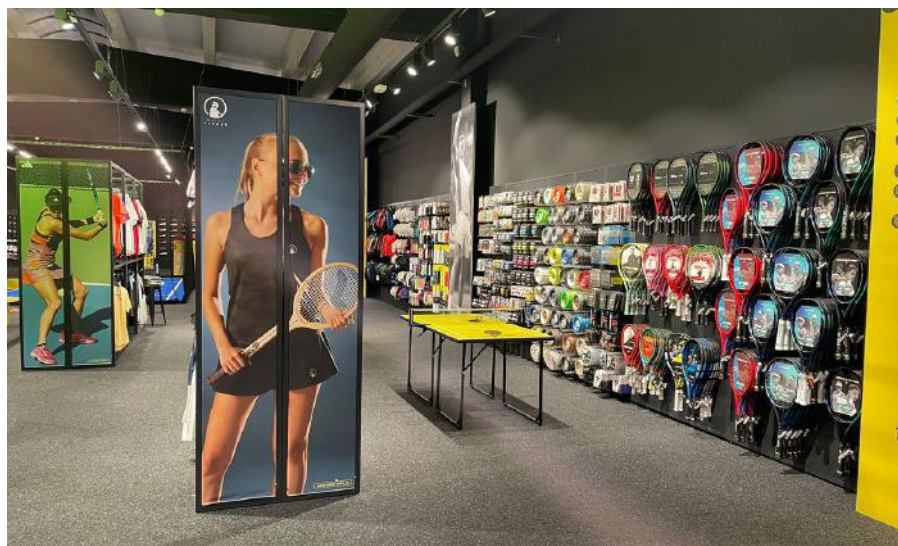
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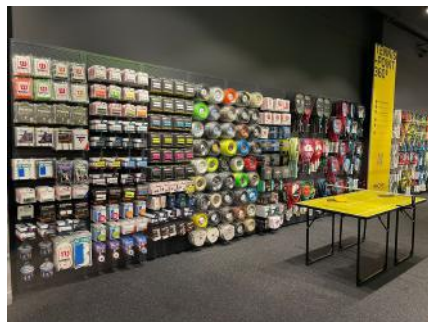
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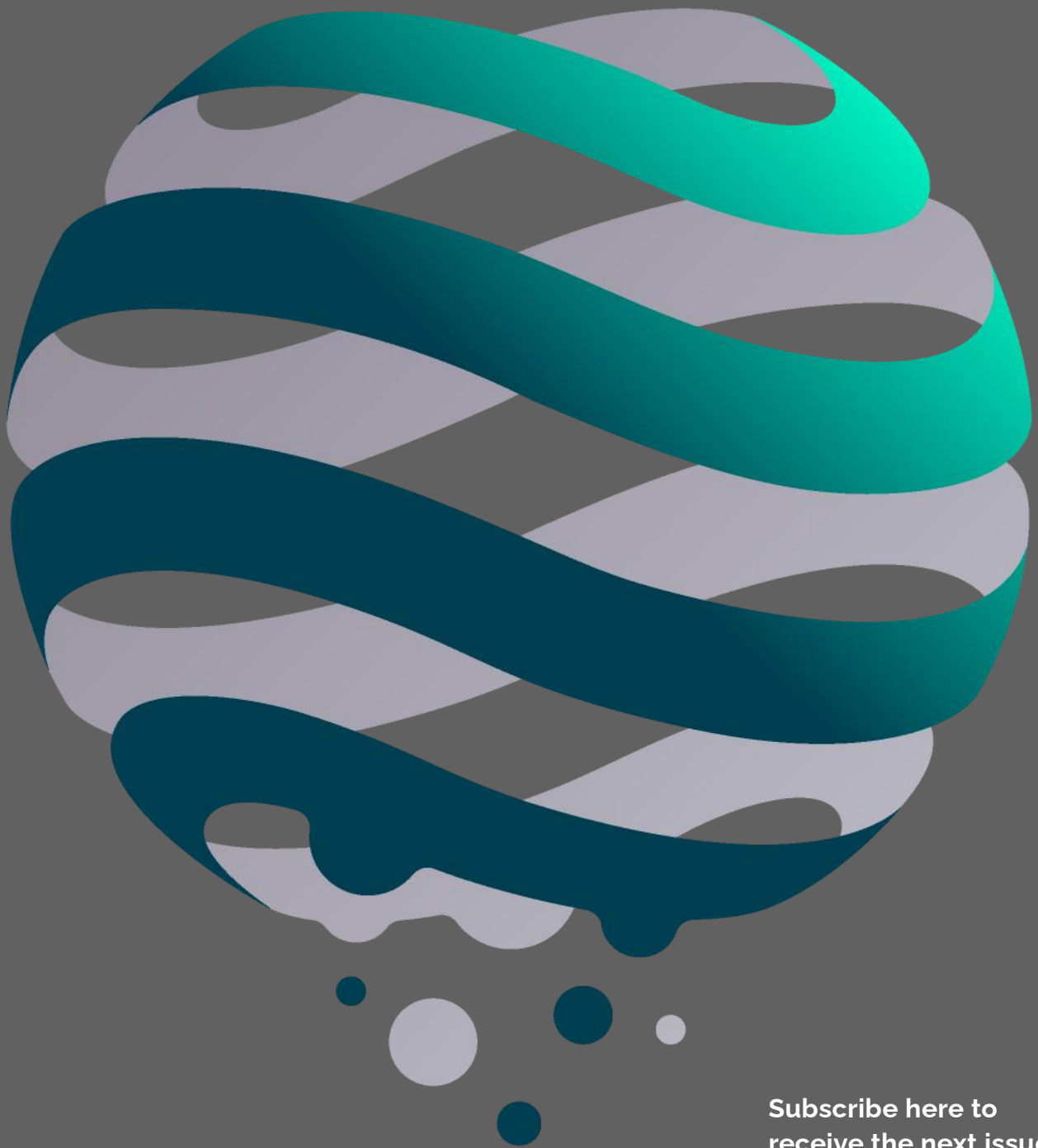


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by Alejandro Davidovich Fokina



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The amazing work **Alejandro Davidovich** has been doing over the last few years is a project that sees him promote this charity whenever and wherever possible, and why not, after all, it's a non-profit organisation that has the sole purpose of saving abandoned pets throughout the whole of Spain, finding them their forever home and giving them that second chance they deserve.

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If you prefer to hit topspin on your shots, this monofilament string with a rough profile is ideal for your game.

Tension Maintenance

The monofilament strings are known to not keep tension as well as multifilament strings. The Kirschbaum brand pre-stretch the string to help reduce the loss of tension.

Topspin

If you normally like to put topspin on the ball, this rough textured monofilament will definitely be suitable.

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The increased resistance of Kirschbaum Max power string makes it ideal for players who tend to frequently break their strings.

Power VS Control

The Max Power Rough will allow the heavy hitters to put maximum power on the ball, yet keep the ball within the court. The 1.25mm gauge will allow you to have quick racket head speed without losing control.



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To use a Starting Clamp or Knot

Richard Parnell

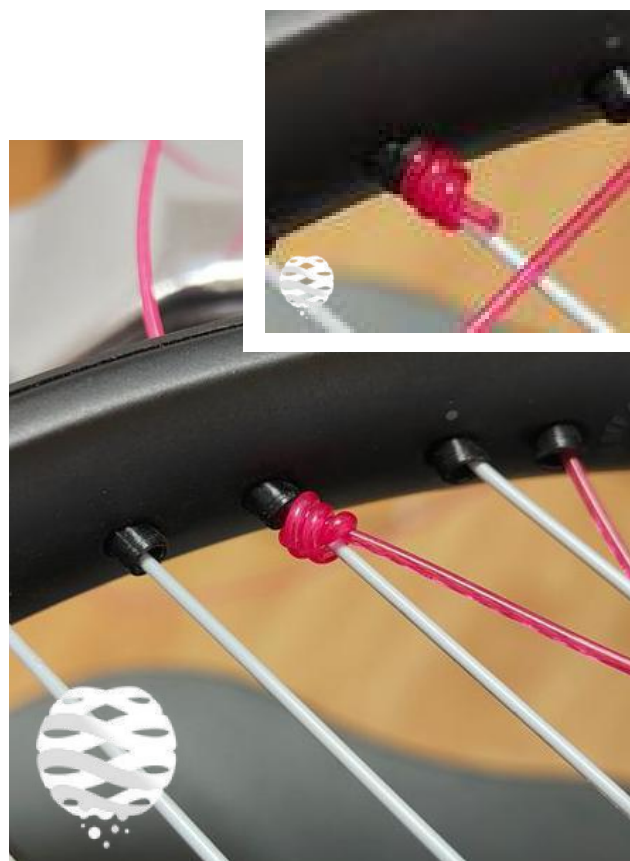
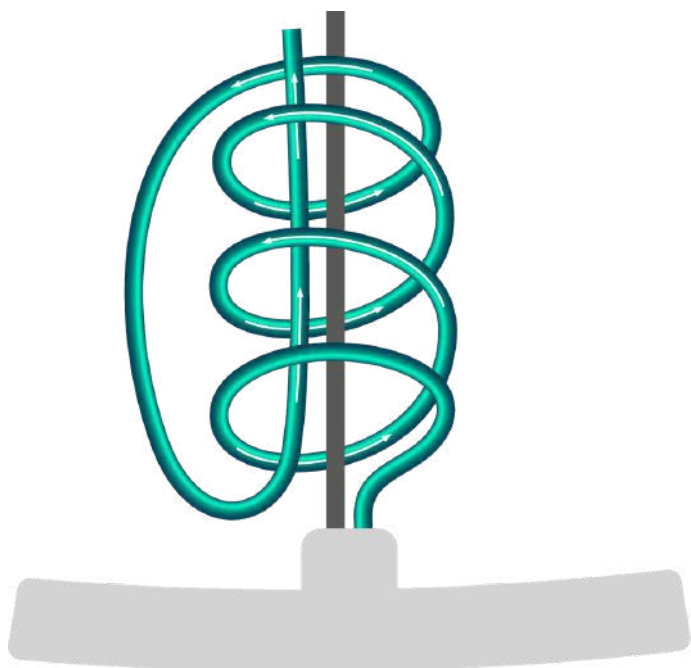
During the stringing process there are certain actions that are personal choices, where one isn't better than the other, just different. The choice of starting clamp or starting knot is not one of these.

If you have a problem with your starting clamp or just don't have one in your tool kit, then.... A starting knot it is, and a stringer, even if they have a starting clamp, should always know how to tie a starting knot to be prepared for any eventuality.

Firstly, we need to differentiate between a starting knot and a finishing knot. A finishing knot should not be used as a starting knot, both knots protect the anchor string, however, they cinch up differently and the **GRSA** recommended starting knot protects the anchor string nicely.

From the start, let's make a bold statement; **GRSA** recommends using a starting clamp to start the crosses as opposed to using a starting knot.

This is the recommended **GRSA** starting knot



The reasons GRSA recommends using a starting clamp over a knot are:

- All four knots will be the identical – aesthetics
- Mains are tied off on mains and crosses on crosses – aesthetics & lower risks
- A natural gut/mono hybrid would mean tying off the mono crosses on natural gut and pulling full tension on that anchor string, risky in any eyes – higher risk
- Grommet wear is minimized (not eliminated) – longevity of grommets
- Certain ATP/WTB players are aware of the knots, whether it is the neatness or placement, and have refused rackets that don't have neat knots, all facing in different directions – aesthetics
- Starting knots are not accepted in any Grand Slam stringing team, whether it be now or over the last 20 years.



When using a starting clamp remember to use a protection pad (Parnell Pad) so that no tool ever goes directly against the cosmetics or bumper of the frame, not good to mark a new frame!

Remember – The difference is in the small details

Any personal tips to help your fellow stringers? Let us know and get them published in the Stringer Solutions part of the GRSA ATW Magazine



Let's meet Nico

GRSA MANAGER

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Nicholas Ionesco, or Nico to his **GRSA** family, is our featured manager this month! Nico is **GRSA** Manager for Canada and here is a little more about him.

Nico lives in Montreal, Canada, and speaks an impressive 3 languages: English, French and Romanian. He is a professional racket technician and head tennis pro. He reckons he started stringing at the age of 13... He was training full time at the **Nick Bollettieri** tennis academy and coming home one day after practice he found a Prince stringing machine his dad had just bought.... He said, "it is time to string your own bats and to learn to string!" There was no YouTube back then so he remembers spending a lot of time at a local shop and just watching the guys there string.... he's been stringing ever since!

Nico's also a tennis coach. He's been teaching tennis for almost 30 years now. He is currently the head tennis pro at Sani Sport tennis club on the south shore of Montreal. They have two clubs and between both Sani clubs, they have 28 indoor tennis courts, squash and racquetball courts, fitness centre and pro shop.

When asking Nico about his favourite racket sport... "After a brief career in ice hockey (yes, we Canadians are all pretty much born on skates!) I started playing tennis around the age of 9 years old, and I've been playing/competing/teaching ever since! Tennis it is!"

Now, when it comes to favourites to string for, Nico's answer was very easy: Rafael Nadal for his absolute professionalism and kindness he always shows the stringing service. Rackets are always dropped off well in advance, almost always at the same exact tension, making it a joy for any stringer during tough stretches of tournament stringing.

"A few years back in one of the Master 1000 events I was stringing at, a coach dropped off several rackets all to be strung at the same tension, which on my string order clearly said 48lbs. Fast forward to the next morning, rackets are done, coach comes in to pick them up before the match and upon seeing the sticker marked 48lbs says it has to be an error because her player has always played at 52lbs. Somehow the front desk made a clear mistake... we of course offered to restring them, but since it was so close to match time the coach asked us to only to redo the stickers and write 52lbs. She won the match and for the rest of the tournament, the coach insisted we string at 48lbs BUT write 52lbs on the sticker.... She ended up winning the event!"

What a turn of events! Have you ever had a similar situation with one of your players?
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When you don't know the answer to a question, don't make up an answer, don't feel pressured to know everything, it's impossible. Be honest, say you don't know but you'll find out, it will show maturity and you'll gain more respect.

Daniel Efford

GRSA International - Operations Manager



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The Guru & The Prince (O3)

Sounds like a fairytale...

I am going to look at the Prince O3 Pattern; it has been around for years and recently got used again. There are several models that use this pattern, and I regularly see them. For the purpose of this article I have used the Prince O3 Black (which is silver).

There are similarities in that the throat still has a powering, but there are only 16 crosses not 17.

There are still double-barrelled grommets on each side of the head, but with this pattern there are only 2 on each side, not 3!

It is still necessary to finish up with a hard weave alround; the ring, the bottom cross and the double-barrelled grommets.

The O3 technology is not reserved for squash only.

With this pattern, when installing the mains, it's important that you put the mains into the opposite hole wherever there are double-barrelled grommets.

(2 Piece)

Mains:-

LH1(O-Port LH1-right side) to below ring, Above ring to LH2(O-Port LH1-left side).

RH1(O-Port RH1 left side) to above ring, Below ring to RH 2(O-Port RH1 right side).

RH2(O-Port RH1 right side) to RH3(O-Port RH2 left side), RH3(O-Port RH2 left side) to above ring

Below ring to RH4(O-Port RH2 right side), LH2(O-Port LH1 left side) to LH3(O-Port LH2 right

side), LH3 (O-Port LH2 right side) to below ring, above ring to LH4(O-Port LH2 left side), LH4(O-Port LH2 left side) to LH6, LH6 to below ring



Nick's Nugget

Save time on the easy weave side, when stringing PowerRing, ArchPower, hinge and inverted bridge patterns. Pass the string through the mains at the throat.

Above ring to LH7(bottom hole)
 RH4(O-Port RH2 left side) to RH6
 RH6 above ring
 Below ring to RH7(top hole)
 RH7(top hole) to RH9
 RH9 above ring
 Below ring to RH12(top hole)
 Tie off at RH9.
 LH7 (bottom hole) to LH9
 LH9 to below ring
 Above ring to LH12(bottom hole)
 Tie off at LH9.

Crosses:-

Start at LH6(tie off is LH5) (soft weave to ensure a hard weave at the bottom cross)

Then weave all crosses (16 in Total) ensuring that you finish with a hard-weave at the bottom, then tie off at LT2.

There should be alternating mains at the powering, hard-weaves at the bottom cross and all double-barrelled grommets, plus no crossovers!

If the O-ports don't line up correctly, you didn't start on the correct side, as instructed above.



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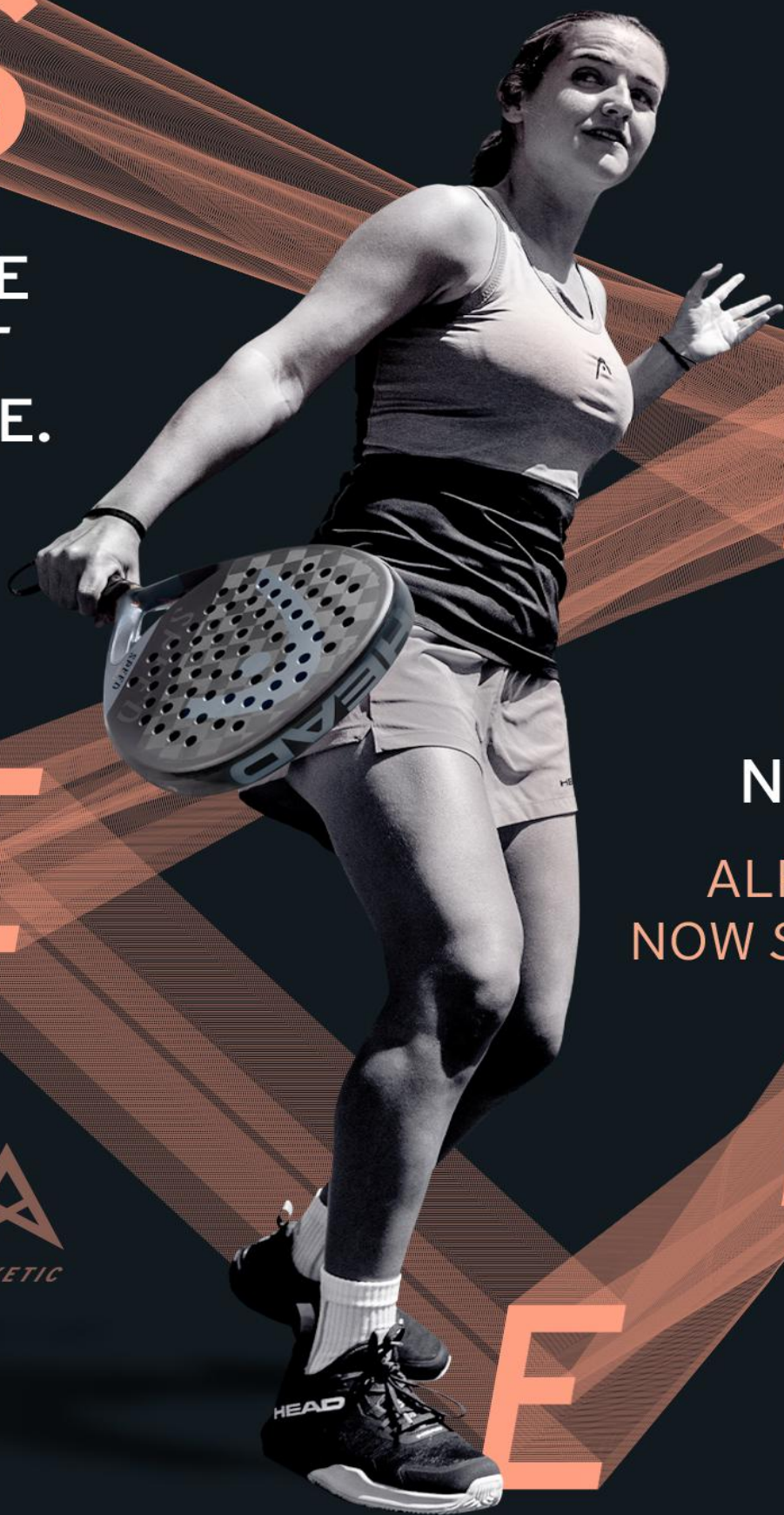
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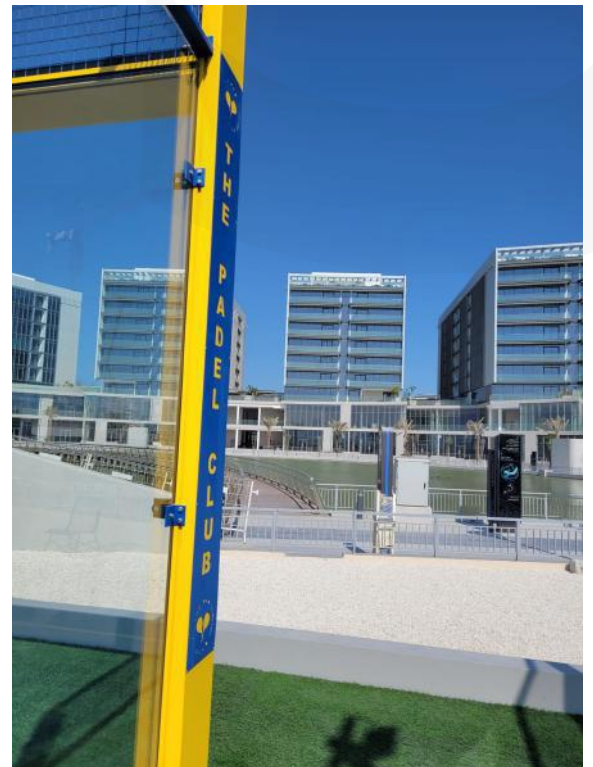
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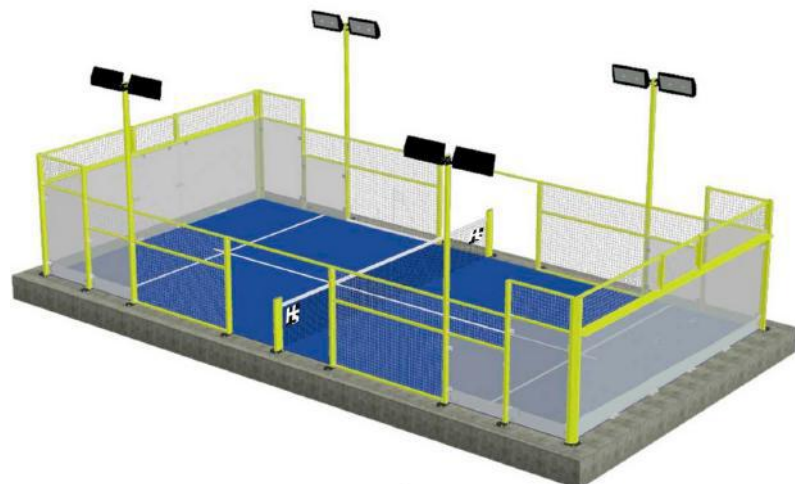
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Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 150x45x1.7 (8 units), 106x232x3 (4 units), 90x45x1.7 (8 units)

Top horizontal beam on 281x91 glass bottoms (2 units)
Welded mesh 50x50x4mm

Lighting rods integrated into the structure



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Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 1920x45x2 (8 units), 150x45x1.7 (8 units), 115x115x1.7 (4 units), 150x45x1.7 (8 units)

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Anchor plates in galvanized steel for the fastening of the structure and glass, measurements of 450x250x25 (4 units), 200x200x12 (8 units)

Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 221x117x3 (4 units) and 150x45x1.7 (8 units)

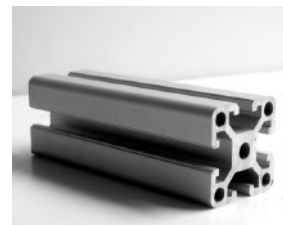
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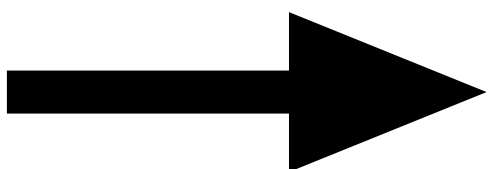
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On this occasion we had more than 80 students registered, who were at HEAD Brazil headquarters for three days of much learning. The course is divided into a theoretical part - 5 hours on average - and practice, which takes place during the other two days of the course. At the end of these three days there is a careful assessment by the instructors to certify the teacher in the green level of training by CBT.

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Daryl Collins has run the club for the past 28 years, but they are still as friendly, welcoming and professional as the first day they opened.

Over the years, the club has improved in quality, constantly adding new features, like in October 2022, they introduced the trendy sport of Pickleball, an American originated, social, and fast-paced racket sport similar to tennis.



Most clubs are now realising the potential of Pickleball i.e revenue 4 pickleball courts to one tennis court.

Pickleball is low finance and maintenance, Padel will always be more popular in Spain but the ex pat community plus Spanish players love this fast growing sport.

like in Padel you can serve underarm, making it easier to compete. Daryl's introduction to Pickleball was through an organised meeting with a very enthusiastic couple from USA



Bruce and Yvonne Wilson made me realise through their knowledge of Pickleball, that this could be another sport in which everyone can participate.

If you are not that mobile or competitive,, pickleball really is something you should try, it is for everyone. People with limited movement can take part in the clubs social pickleball days which are a huge success. It's early days for the Costa del Sol with regards to pickleball but the acceptance within the community is high and more and more people are joining in every day.

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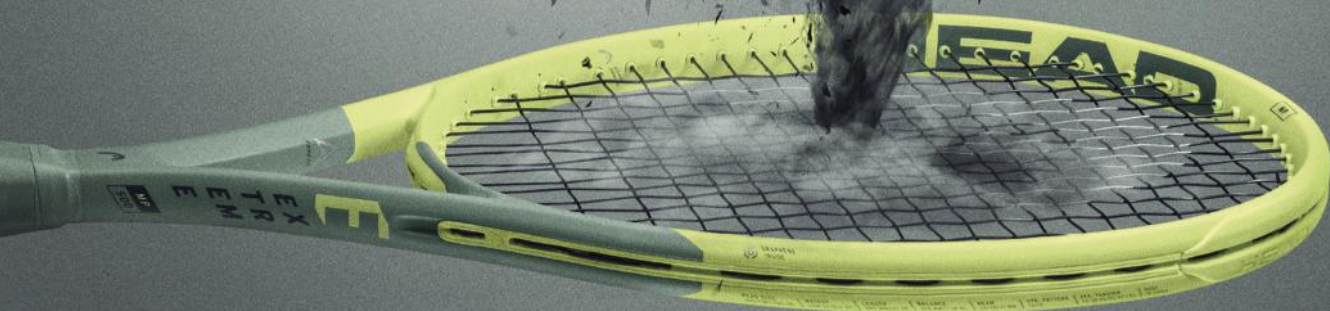


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