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MARIUS IS THE MASTER AT THE 2013 AUGUST RATINGS



28th AUTUMN RATINGS
BRITISH TENNIS LTA
3rd - 11th August 2013
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After 32+ matches, and Mediterranean-like sun-drenched weather, 22 year old Marius Biedka emerged victorious to claim the 28th Bracknell August Ratings and once again, walk away with the beautiful silver cup and jade glass trophy. Marius has now achieved a hat-trick of Ratings wins, winning in 2010, 2012 and 2013. Marius had too much power and guile against the very classy George Elawure winning 6-4, 6-1. So the youngsters continue to rule the roost, following 18 year old James Blane's win in the May 2011 final to add to Marius' hat-trick. The onlooking spectators were treated to shotmaking of the highest quality and both exhibited an amazing array of shots, with both power and finesse in equal measures. But it was the repertoire and consistency of Marius' game that won the day ; for George, it was not to be on this occasion. The match served to highlight how 'match-ups' in tennis make a big difference - and like chess, it's about countering what your opponent brings to the table both defensively and offensively.

All present were impressed by the standard and quality of tennis on show throughout the 9 day tournament (3rd-11th August) and the tournament culminated in a compelling Main Draw final.

During the Ratings Main final, Marius seized the opening set by breaking serve at 5-4 in the first set – in doing so, he displayed tremendous versatility and controlled power, whilst George made unforced errors at the most crucial of junctures. From there, Marius never looked back and took his chances when they came in the 2nd set. A combination of aggressive shotmaking coupled with the required patience to construct the right opportunities, saw him apply more and more pressure on his opponent – breaking George's serve 3 times in the 2nd set to close out the Ratings final by 6-1.

Both players engaged in beguiling rallies that provided onlookers with some classic shotmaking, played with elegance and craft, as they traded clever exchanges, drop shots and counterthrusts – you could say that the real battle had become mental, a game of chess on a hard court. Both players were asking all the questions of the each other's court craft and ability to mix the pace, but it was Marius who became the more confident of the two as the match progressed.

In the Consolation Draw final, Frenchman Vincent Panel defeated Tim Kingcott 6-2, 6-0, using an all-court aggressive game to take away Tim Kingcott's baseline strengths. It was not without its drama early on with many crucial deuces won by Vincent, before he broke down his opponent's game and began to punch holes in his defence.

The tournament has attracted players and supporters from Hampshire, Middlesex, Buckinghamshire and indeed throughout Berkshire during a very satisfying 9 day tournament. It closed with the presentation ceremony, speeches and more importantly, nice food (like it was on the opening day) with some cold ones to wash it down!!.

Bracknell runs the two major LTA Ratings tournaments annually – flagship Open events for Berkshire - and looks forward to running the next Ratings tournaments during May and August 2014.

Please note also that a Flickr photo slide show of the finals action is also available at <http://www.bracknelltennis.com> – link under 'Events' or find us on Facebook). You can also email us at info@bracknelltennis.com , if you have any queries about our tournaments or club in general.

Best regards
Paul O'Mahony

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RESULTS:

Main Draw Ratings Final:

Marius Biedka beat George Elawure 6-4, 6-1

Consolation Draw Final:

Vincent Panel beat Tim Kingcott 6-2, 6-0