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*The Royal Tennis Hall February 23<sup>rd</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019*

## Tomorrow's world elite on their way

**The Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris is ranked as one of the world's best junior tournaments for 14-year-olds. No less than 32 nations will be participating in the starting line-up, and soon the players will arrive in Stockholm and to the Royal Tennis Hall.**

This year's starting line-up is an open affair both on the boys' and girls' side which all adds to the excitement. To enter the main draw directly, you need to be top 50 ranked in Europe. Six of the top 10 boys and eight of the top 20 ranked girls are in the tournament.

Thanks to the competition's status as a Category-1 Tennis Europe event, this is the Swedish Tennis Federation's and KLTK's chance to offer the best Swedish juniors the highest caliber of European competition. No Swede has entered the main draw directly, but 25 players will get this opportunity through WCs and OAs among them Swedish number one, June Björk.

European number five, **Anastasiia Gureva** (RUS), is the first seed in Drottningens Pris and started the year by winning the doubles in RWB Christmas Cup and reached the semi-finals in Tarbes. Right now, she is preparing for the Winter Cups finals which are played in the Czech Republic February 15-17. Interesting opponent to Gureva is the American **Clervie Ngounoue** who finished last year by winning the Orange Bowl for 12 & Under. Another challenger for the title is **Brenda Fruhvirtova** (CZE) who is only twelve years old with a bright future ahead. Her big sister Linda Fruhvirtova won the Drottningens Pris last year, and together the siblings recently won the doubles in Tarbes.

On the boys' side, **Maxim Zhukov** (RUS) has had a promising start this year by winning RWB Christmas Cup and Kremlin Cup, both Category-1 tournaments. He is challenged among others by his fellow countryman **Yaroslav Demin**, who played in Stockholm last year as well, and **Rashed Nawaf** from Qatar, the finalist in Tarbes.

– When I see the starting line-up, I'm struck by the diversity. We are very proud to welcome promising and fierce national teams from Russia, France, England, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Austria, Serbia, Switzerland, Belarus and Estonia, says an enthusiastic Tournament Director Joe Beaton.

**For more information, contact Joe Beaton (Tournament Director) +46 767-143 768.**

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