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## **The pre-tipped favourite fulfilled expectations - and the first Spaniard since 1901**

**This past week, Stockholm has been visited by many of the world's best juniors (U14) for the prestigious tournament Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris.**

The title defender Brenda Fruhvirtova from the Czech Republic fulfilled everyone's expectations and took home the title once more.

There was a high level on today's final between Brenda and Russian Daria Shadchneva. The defending champion got off to a great start and raced to a 4-1 lead. But Daria had other plans and began to find a rhythm and fight back. The exchanges suddenly lasted longer, and the Russian started hitting with better length, that disturbed the Czech. Brenda's lead of 4-1 suddenly became 4-4. After just over an hour, the match went into a tiebreak, which ended 7-3 to Brenda.

The second set reminded us of the first, a high level of play, few mistakes, and many exciting winners. The players were neck to neck to 3-3, but then Brenda Fruhvirtova stepped up a gear and closed the match, 7-6, 6-3.

The boys' final for the Kungens Kanna became a real nail-biter, to the joy of the spectators. The momentum swang back and forth several times, in the end, giving us the first Spaniard ever to lift this trophy.

Second-seeded Martin Landaluce started the match at a furious pace. He made sure that the balls were new when he served, great precision all around, and used his forehand to manoeuvre Atakan around the court. In the first set, the Turkish player did not manage to keep up, losing it 6-1.

In the second set, Atakan made some quick adjustments that paid off. The exchanges became longer and slower-paced; the points started to roll in his favour. Both players kept their serve game comfortably up to 4-4. After a long game, Martin serving, Atakan finally got his break. He followed up with a strong serve game and managed to make it one set all.

In the decisive set, Atakan continued to play intelligently and with great variety. At 5-2 and 40-15, everyone in the stands believed that the top-seeded Turkish player would take the win. The match was very tight, and the pressure may have got to Atakan, with a double fault and an easy miss, his match points were wasted. Martin refused to give up, 5-2 quickly turned to 5-5, and the fight was on again. Martin took some more risks, but they paid off. He finished the match in style, like many of his previous winning points: serve - forehand - volley.

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