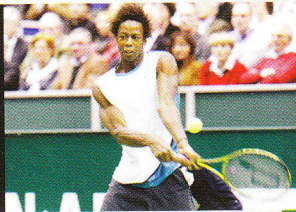


# Game, set, match



SINCE 2004, THE 1996 WIMBLEDON CHAMPION, RICHARD KRAJICEK, HAS DIRECTED THE ROTTERDAM TOURNAMENT.



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The ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament draws top players and high numbers of spectators alike, and this year was no different. The 36th edition of the tournament saw Andy Murray take home the €277,000 top prize; playing against an injured Rafael Nadal in the final, who conceded defeat with 6-3, 4-6 and 6-0. Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic won the doubles final. The first seed beat Lukas Dlouhy/Leander Paes in the final: 6-2, 7-5.

Bulgarian wild card holder, Grigor Dimitrov, made an im-

pressive debut upsetting Tomas Berdych in the first round and pushing Nadal to three sets.

The arena was sold out, including standing room, for the five day tournament, which drew 107,080 spectators. Tickets for next year's event, which will be held from February 8th to 14th, have already gone on sale; so make sure you get in there fast.

## THE ROTTERDAM TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

**Prize Money:** €1,445,000  
**Surface:** Hard

**Fact:** Over the past 31 years, 31 Dutchmen have played in what many would call the most important tournament in the Netherlands. Clocking up the most appearances for the Dutch is tennis ace Jan Siemerink, who participated in the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament no less than 12 times between 1991 and 2002.



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