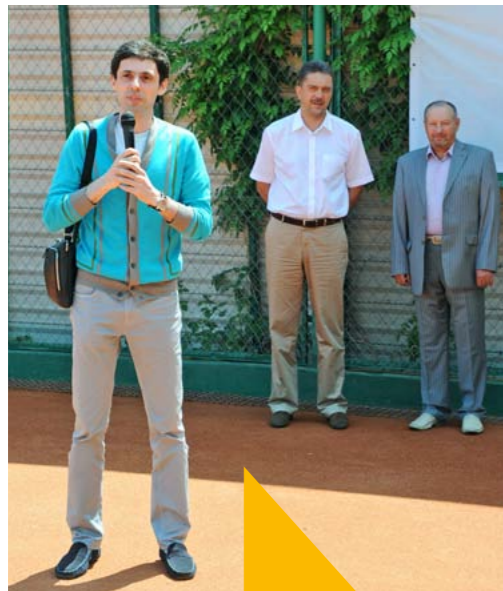


# Antoshka's Cup 2012: getting ready for international victories

**ANTOSHKA'S CUP 2012, A UKRAINIAN SUMMER TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER 14, TOOK PLACE 27 MAY THROUGH 3 JUNE IN ODESSA.**

**THIS YEAR THERE WERE SOME INNOVATIONS IN THE WAY THE CHAMPIONSHIP WAS CONDUCTED: FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF THE BIGGEST TOURNAMENTS, WIMBLEDON AND ROLAND GARROS, IN ADDITION TO THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES CATEGORIES A MIXED DOUBLES CATEGORY WAS ADDED, IN WHICH A BOY AND A GIRL PLAY TOGETHER.**



The participants of the championship, which was held for the eighth time, played in a standard draw of 128. Athletes came to Odessa from over 30 Ukrainian cities, representing the leading tennis centres and schools in the country.

Antoshka's Cup drew the attention of over 50 leading Ukrainian trainers and tennis specialists, who got the chance to evaluate the current state of children's tennis in Ukraine.

By tradition, Vladimir Mazarak, president of the Odessa Regional Tennis Federation; Dmitry Semyonov, vice president of the Ukrainian Tennis Federation and director of the Lawn Tennis Club, where Antoshka's Cup has been being held since 2004; and Vladislav Burda, president of the Red-Head Corporation, general sponsor of the championship, were present.

## **VLADISLAV BURDA, PRESIDENT OF REDHEAD:**

*The trend is obvious: tennis players from Ukraine are now among the top thirty in the world. The boys have begun to play better than the girls, which has never happened before. There is a lot of competition in tennis now; there's a constant turnover, and in order to make it into the top 100 today you have to try very hard. There are not enough tournaments, and our summer children's tennis championship in Odessa is a very good springboard for getting into international tennis tournaments held by the ITF. There is a very good foundation and opportunities for training here.*



First place at Antoshka's Cup 2012 among girls went to Marta Tymchina from Lvov, who also won in the doubles category with Maria Koloney from Kharkov.

Among the boys, the winner of the championship was Konstantin Nesterenko (Kiev), and in doubles, Odessa athletes Semyon Yastremsky and Nikita Katsnelson won.

Another pair from Odessa won the mixed doubles category – Mikhail Kvantaliani and Alexandra Andreyeva. They also received additional prizes as the youngest participants in Antoshka's Cup 2012.

Along with their gold medals, the winners received electronic books, attachments and DVD players. For the boys and girls who took 2nd and 3rd place, the prizes were radio-controlled models, construction sets and soft toys.

On the day before International Children's Day, the championship participants visited "Uncle Bo's Farm" near Odessa. That way after the elimination rounds, the kids could rest, ride horses and visit the catacombs. The trip was organized jointly by Antoshka and the Lawn Tennis Club.





# Winners of Antoshka's Cup 2012

## GIRLS UNDER 14:

### Singles:



MARTA TYMCHINA (Lvov)

11th in the UTF ranking

### Doubles:



MARTA TYMCHINA (Lvov)



MARIA KOLONEY (Kharkov)

4th in the UTF ranking

*Antoshka's Cup 2012 finalist in the singles category, winner in the doubles category*

## MIXED DOUBLES:



MIKHAIL KVANTALIANI (Odessa)

15th in the UTF ranking



ALEXANDRA ANDREYEVA (Odessa)

40th in the UTF ranking

*Winner of Antoshka's Cup 2012 in the mixed doubles category, semi-finalist in the singles category*

(\*UTF — Ukrainian Tennis Federation)

## BOYS UNDER 14:

### Singles:



KONSTANTIN NESTERENKO (Kharkov)

4<sup>th</sup> in the UTF ranking

### Doubles:



SEMYON YASTREMSKY (Odessa)

32nd in the UTF ranking



NIKITA KATSNELSON (Odessa)

14th in the UTF ranking

*Antoshka's Cup 2012 finalist in the singles category, winner in the doubles category*

