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## **AUSTRIAN ROOKIE WINS WIMBLEDON OF THE ALPS**

### **DOMINIC THIEM TAKES GSTAAD BY STORM**

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**Dominic Thiem, (21y), the youngest player in the top 30, (ATP 24,) emerges as winner of the centenary edition of the Swiss Open in Gstaad, Switzerland. The Austrian sailed by his Belgian doubles partner David Goffin (24 y) (ATP 14) winning hands down 7:5, 6:2.**

Many tennis legends who shaped the tournament throughout the years, born way before 1990, returned to the small Alpine village for the coin toss. Ilie Nastase, Wojtek Fibak, Carl-Uwe Steeb or Alex Corretja competed against the Swiss Heinz Günthardt, Marc Rosset and Roland Stadler. Dearly missed was Roy Emerson who was not able to participate because of family reasons, but whose jolly spirit accompanied each game.

Dominic Thiem, the talented young Austrian is definitely on a roll, quickly becoming one of the legends at the Roy Emerson Stadium in Gstaad. Saturday he dethroned last year's Swiss Open champion Pablo Andujar of Spain, easily leaping into the Gstaad finals. Thiem also took the title one week ago in Umag (CRO) and will perform at home in Kitzbuhel, Austria next week. "It is incredible. You don't win an ATP final every day", declared the master of top spin after winning his third title in three months. "I feel sorry for David", Thiem said. "He is a great player and a great friend." The young raising stars are friends and doubles partners. Goffin won the Kitzbuehl Crown last year, defeating Thiem in the finals.

Thiem is now the fourth player born in the 1990s to win three or more ATP World Tour titles in a row. "The ATP can be proud to have tournaments like this. "The crowd, everything was great here" Thiem enthusiastically shouted out while lifting the trophy in Gstaad's packed Emerson Stadium. Top-seeded Goffin defeated two time Brazilian champion Thomaz Bellucci 6:4, 6:2 to advance to the semi-finals while Thiem dismissed Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 6:3, 6:7, 6:3 securing his spot in the grand finale.

Clearly, there are many new tennis stars on the horizon waiting to shine as bright as the legends did at one time here in Gstaad. However there is not a doubt that the centennial trophy of the Swiss Open belonged to Dominic Thiem.

**Congratulations Swiss Open Gstaad, you aced 2015 ! See you in 2016!**

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