



BERNARD → TOMIC

**AGE: 16 HOME: GOLD
COAST, QUEENSLAND**

The Aussie boasts a world-class backhand and an unprecedented trifecta, having won the under-16 division of the prestigious Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship last year after taking the under-14 title in 2006 and the under-12s before that.

Tomic also won the 2008 Aussie Open juniors title, making him the youngest champ in the history of boys' Grand Slams.

NO MERCY "I like playing older guys. They have more to lose. I beat a pro ranked 147th when I was 15."

BIG PICTURE "I'm 6'2". I've grown so much recently everything is different—the height of my shots, the timing. Sooner or later I'll stop growing, and I'll work on strength and endurance. Then my forehand will improve."

BEST ADVICE "Your career is a marathon, not a sprint."

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