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Brisbane nets quality players  
By Paul Malone

ONE comes from Melbourne and the other from Newcastle, but **Marinko** Matusевич and Nick Lindahl are using Ferny Hills as their base to crack the ATP world top 100 this year. Matusевич, a 24-year-old of Croatian heritage, and Swedish-born Lindahl, 21, have been coached for two years by former Brisbane tour player Marc Kimmich and last summer adopted the Pure Tennis Academy at Ferny Hills as their Australian training facility.

It is run by Kimmich and his business partner Wayne Brum.

Matusевич, ranked No.185, is the third highest ranked fit player Australia has to consider for next month's Davis Cup tie, with Lleyton Hewitt and Chris Guccione out injured.

"I really like Brisbane, the weather conditions are great to train in," Matusевич said.

"Every week I am in Australia, I will probably be in Brisbane training now. We started working here last summer."

Matusевич left Brisbane last week after two weeks training to start his US tour campaign in qualifying late this week at the ATP tournament in Delray Beach, Florida.

"I have entered more ATP events than Challengers for the first four or five months and I definitely want to make the top 100 this year, maybe by US Open time (August)," he said.

"It would definitely be a great honour (to be picked for Davis Cup), but the form players are Peter Luczak, Carsten Ball and Bernard Tomic."

**Caption:** KEEN TO LEARN: Marinko Matusевич shows some youngsters how the job's done at the Pure Tennis Academy, Ferny Hills.

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