

SERBIAN STAR POWER

One of the young guns on the ATP Tour, **Novak Djokovic** is destined for big success. At just 19 he has already won his first career title and reached a career-high ranking of World No. 23.

Great footwork and movement are his strengths as a player and also the key to his impressive **forehand**.

By Pat Cash



1 Djokovic moves back for a deep ball near the baseline.



2 Still moving back quickly, note that Djokovic's legs are criss-crossed. His wrist and racquet are positioned upwards but ready to come down quickly.



3 With an almost western grip, Djokovic opens his racquet face towards the back stop.



4 Djokovic's left arm comes up quickly, helping his right arm move down under the ball for topspin.



5 His weight is on the back foot as he leans backwards to help get the ball up.



6 Here we see low to high follow through, as Djokovic's wrist rolls over and he puts the brakes on.

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Pat Cash, who won Wimbledon in 1987, contributing to a total of seven singles titles during his career, reached a career-high world No.4 ranking. The Melbourne-born champion will also be remembered as one of Australia's finest Davis Cup players. The classic hard-fighting serve and volleyer also reached the final of the Australian Open in 1987 and 1988, the first year at Melbourne Park. He currently runs the Pat Cash International Tennis Academy at Hope Island Resort on the Gold Coast. For more information, log on to www.patcash.net

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