

Czech Republic wins first European Tennis Trophy

Tennis Europe has announced that the Czech Republic is the recipient of the 2012 European Tennis Trophy for Overall Tennis Performance, becoming just the seventh nation to win the Trophy since it was launched in 1990.

The recognition caps a year of outstanding achievements for the Czech Republic, whose Davis & Fed Cup by BNP Paribas titles contributed greatly to the nation securing the Professional Tennis Trophy for the first time. Progress was not limited to professional tennis however; the Czechs also rose to third in the Junior Tennis category, and climbed to seventh in Seniors Tennis.

Czech Tennis Association President Ivo Kaderka said; "In 2012, the Czech Republic became the first nation ever to win the Hopman Cup, Fed Cup and Davis Cup in the same year. I am convinced that this was not just a coincidence, and is part of a long-term trajectory, with our teams also having reached the Davis Cup final in 2009 and winning the Fed Cup in 2011. These successes are based on good work with tennis talents that has been in place for many years. That is also the



reason why Czech tennis is amongst the best in the world in the junior category."

The Junior Tennis Trophy went to Russia for the eighth time in nine years after the nation won five of the continent's team competitions in 2012. Spain was beaten into second place, but still recorded its highest finish in this category since winning in 2002, having won three of the four Junior Masters titles and the Copa del Sol team event. >>

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Djokovic & Azarenka defend Australian Open titles

World #1s Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka ensured that the Australian Open trophies will remain in European hands for another year after defending their titles at the opening Grand Slam of the season.

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<< Germany once again dominated the Senior Tennis category, earning almost three times as many points as second placed Austria to retain the title for the 22nd time. Russia showed the greatest improvements, leaping from 11th to 4th thanks to some impressive performances at the European Championships.

The Netherlands' domination of the Wheelchair Tennis Trophy was as evident as ever, with the nation picking up the title for a 12th consecutive year. Runners-up France and Great Britain also made significant advances, as did Israel, whose fourth position is the best ever achieved by the nation in any of the contributing categories.

2012 proved to be so competitive that last year's Overall Trophy winners Spain slipped to second place despite significantly increasing their winning 2011 points total. Germany rose to third place, beating Russia into fourth by just seven points. Elsewhere, Italy and Great Britain consolidated their positions at sixth and seventh overall, with massive 48% and 59% increases on last year's points totals respectively.

Just five nations managed to improve on their 2011 performance by five positions or more, led by biggest improvers Hungary (up 10 spots to #16), followed by Turkey (up 8 to #25), Slovakia (up 6 to #10), Moldova (up 6 to #36) and Georgia (up 5 to

#34). Portugal (up 4 to #27), Luxembourg (up 3 to #32) and Sweden (up 3 to #12) were the next highest climbers.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré commented, "By winning both the Davis and Fed Cup in the same year, the Czech Republic has achieved a feat to which all tennis nations aspire. It is a testament both to the excellent work of the federation and to a special team spirit that this nation of 10 million citizens truly led not just Europe in 2012, but also the world in terms of tennis performance. I'd also like to congratulate the federations of Russia, Germany and the Netherlands for their incredible consistency in their respective winning categories."

Established in 1990 to recognise and reward the annual achievements of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations, the European Tennis Trophy takes into account the performances of players and teams representing national tennis federations across four disciplines of the sport throughout the season. The awards will be presented at a special ceremony during the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe in Tallinn on March 23rd, 2013.

With 2012 being an Olympic and Paralympic year, extra points were available in the Professional and Wheelchair Tennis categories. The top ten nations in each category can be found below. For full results and a detailed explanation of how the trophy points are calculated, please visit the Tennis Europe website.

2012 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY: FINAL STANDINGS

	OVERALL PERFORMANCE	PROFESSIONAL TENNIS	JUNIOR TENNIS	SENIORS TENNIS	WHEELCHAIR TENNIS
01	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
02	SPAIN	SPAIN	SPAIN	AUSTRIA	FRANCE
03	GERMANY	RUSSIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN
04	RUSSIA	FRANCE	SLOVAKIA	RUSSIA	ISRAEL
05	FRANCE	ITALY	HUNGARY	FRANCE	GERMANY
06	ITALY	SERBIA	GREAT BRITAIN	NETHERLANDS	SWEDEN
07	GREAT BRITAIN	GERMANY	UKRAINE	CZECH REP. (6=)	BELGIUM
08	NETHERLANDS	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN	ITALY
09	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	SWEDEN	SWEDEN (8=)	AUSTRIA
10	SLOVAKIA	BELGIUM	ITALY	HUNGARY	SPAIN

European Seniors Open in Seefeld

The European Seniors Open has long been established as one of the biggest events in world tennis in terms of the number of participants, and the 2013 edition was no exception as 589 players from 30 countries descended on the picturesque Austrian town of Seefeld for the 37th edition of the tournament, which is played on indoor carpet courts.

With 22 different age categories in action, the event is divided into two weeks, with the first half of the tournament seeing the super seniors take centre stage. Germany's Wolfram Schmidle claimed the first of the titles, winning a highly competitive Men's 65 event, with a straight sets victory over second seed Vladimir Lacina (CZE).

In the same week as being named Player of the Year for a record 13th time, Peter Pokorny added to his incredible tally of 34 European titles by beating Heinz Kleinemas (GER) in the final of the Men's 70s event for the loss of just one game. The victory is the Austrian's 24th title in Seefeld throughout his long seniors career.

Sweden's Rolf Westman claimed the Men's 75s title, recovering from the loss of the first set to outlast Klaus Haas (GER) 4-6 6-2 6-4. Sven Pewe just failed to make it two titles for Sweden, finishing as runner-up in the Men's 80s event for a second year with a loss to Wim Heeremans of the Netherlands. Meanwhile, in a reversal of last year's final result, Player of the Year Angelo Sala (ITA) beat Michael Novik (RUS) to claim the Men's 85s title.

On the women's side, Heidi Eisterlehner of Germany stormed to her 12th Seefeld title, conceding just nine games in four matches on her way to claiming the Womens 60s crown, beating German compatriot Monika Quirnbach in the final. The 65s tournament also saw an all-German final, with top seeded Alena Klein beating Silvia Bauwens 6-2 7-6(4).

Michele Bichon of France had no trouble in claiming the 70s title, ousting top seed Jacqueline Boothman (GBR) in the semi-finals and second seed Szofia Garaguly (AUT) in the final, both in straight sets. The 75s event saw another all German final, with Elisabeth van Boemmel beating defending champion Brigitte Jung 6-4 6-1. Magdalena Jauch (GER) beat Erzsebet Szentirmay (HUN) in the final of the 80s event for a second consecutive year, securing a hat trick of titles in the process.

The second week saw the younger age groups take the spotlight, with several new names joining the list of Seefeld winners. Sixth seed Thomas Schiessling flew the home flag in the Men's 35s event, beating



Left to right: Mens 80s Runner-up Sven Pewe (SWE) and winner Wim Heeremans (NED)

Matthias Mueller of Germany 6-2 6-3 for the title. Another Austrian, Clemens Weinhandl, claimed the 40s title, with a 6-4 6-4 win over Sweden's defending champion Jorgen Arberg.

The 45s event saw an all-Italian final for a second consecutive year, though the names were different this year as top seed and Player of the Year Luca Vigani defeated Simone Vismara. The top seed also emerged victorious in the 50s competition, where Alan Moracchini (FRA) outlasted Christer Lundberg (SWE) 3-6 6-2 7-5.

Alan Rasmussen of Denmark successfully defended his 55s title, coming from behind to beat second seed and European Champion Joakim Berner of Finland 6-7(4) 6-3 6-2. The ever-popular Mens 60s event also produced a repeat winner as Lubomir Petrov of Germany defended his title in style, coming through without the loss of a set, though he benefitted from an injury that forced final opponent Josef Baumgartner (GER) to retire when trailing 1-6 0-2.

The women's 35s and 40s tournaments took the form of round robin events, with Stefanie Kolar (GER) and Helena Vildova (CZE) the respective winners, Vildova winning for a second successive year. A previous winner of the 40s event, Natalia Harina-Beckmann, took this year's 45s title after winning an all-German final 7-5 6-4 over Olga Shaposhnikova.

Austria's Ingrid Gutmann-Resch made it a hat trick of 50s titles as she withstood a second set fightback to beat the reigning European champion Liselot Prectel-Koot of the Netherlands 6-2 3-6 6-2, while Renata Tomanova also defended her 2012 crown, scoring a 6-2 6-4 win over fellow German Sabine Schmitz in the final of the 55s event.

Full draws and results from the super seniors event can be found on the ITF [website](#). Click [here](#) for a photo gallery from the tournament.

European Senior Club Championships at La Manga Club

Tennis Europe has announced that the European Seniors Club Championships will return to La Manga Club in Murcia, next September. Following on from last year's successful event, all age categories will once again compete together at the award-winning Spanish resort.

2013 looks set to be the biggest ever edition of the tournament, which continues to grow in popularity. Three new age categories will be introduced, with the event incorporating Men's 40s, and Women's 45s and 55s for the first time.

The event is open to national champion clubs (plus runners-up) from all 49 of Tennis Europe's member nations. Further information can be obtained from Tennis Europe's Seniors Coordinator, [Nadja Koran](#).

The amended rules will be online shortly, with fact sheets, entry lists and further information to follow



in due course. The dates for the 2013 competition are as follows:

23-28 September: Men 35, 40, 45, 50 & Women 40, 45, 50

30 September - 5 October: Men 55, 60, 65, 70 & Women 55, 60, 65

European Senior Players of the Year

Tennis Europe has revealed the names of the winners of the European Seniors Players of the Year titles for 2012.

Three men (Paul French, Peter Pokorny and Angelo Sala) and five women (Ingrid Gutmann-Resch, Renata Tomanova, Gail Benedetti, Brigitte Jung and Erzsebet Szentirmay) successfully defended their titles from 2011. Men's 70s winner Peter Pokorny maintains his incredible streak of having won a title almost every year since the introduction of the award in 2000, missing out only once (2009), whilst Heide Orth of Germany returns to the Players of the Year circle to collect her 13th prize; the most of any ladies player.

Benjamin Budziak of Poland, Konstantinos Effraimoglou of Greece and Jurate Hardy of Lithuania all become the first players from their countries ever to win a Player of the Year Award - the achievement is especially notable in the case of Hardy (pictured), who managed to take both the Ladies 40s and 45s awards.

The complete list can be found below or on our special [gallery](#) of the winners. Medals and certificates will be handed over to representatives of the national tennis federations at Tennis Europe's Annual General Meeting in Tallinn, Estonia, in March.



Winners

- 35+ Benjamin Budziak (POL) & Susi Fortun Lohrmann (GER)
- 40+ Lukas Vojtechovsky (CZE) & Jurate Hardy (LTU)
- 45+ Luca Vigani (ITA) & Jurate Hardy (LTU)
- 50+ Konstantinos Effraimoglou (GRE) & Ingrid Gutmann-Resch (AUT)
- 55+ Paul French (GBR) & Renata Tomanova (GER)
- 60+ Bruno Renoult (FRA) & Heidi Eisterlehner (GER)
- 65+ Peter Adrigan (GER) & Gail Benedetti (FRA)
- 70+ Peter Pokorny (AUT) & Heide Orth (GER)
- 75+ Silvio Linzbauer (GER) & Brigitte Jung (GER)
- 80+ Jaime Furio (ESP) & Erszebet Szentirmay (HUN)
- 85+ Angelo Sala (ITA)

Record traffic for Tennis Europe website

Tennis Europe's official website welcomed record traffic in 2012, the organisation has confirmed, with total page impressions breaking the 60 million-barrier for the first time. The final total of 60,127,818 represents an increase of 16% and 9 million pages on the previous year, while the total number of visits increased by a similar margin, up 15% to 6.7 million.

The lion's share of the web's traffic is focused on pages relating to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, though all sections of the site show increased traffic, with the European Tennis Calendar and photo galleries proving especially popular.

The busiest week of the year was, as always, that of the European Junior Championships, which peaked on the first day of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's flagship event with almost half a million page views; the most of any day in the site's history.

The 10,000+ junior player profiles were accessed over 3 million times, with 16 & Under #1 Gianluigi Quinzi (ITA) and 14 & Under European Champion Olga Fridman (UKR) being the most popular players on the site.

A record 25% of the website's traffic came via mobile devices, such as mobile phones and tablet computers, with Apple's iPad and iPhone being by far the most popular method of keeping abreast of Tennis Europe's latest updates.

The website's popularity was not limited to Europe. Though Germany, Italy, Russia, France, Spain and the UK were the busiest nations, the site also saw significant increases in visits from the USA, Canada and Australia.



The traffic does not include use of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour app, which was launched in March 2012 and has thousands of Apple and Android users across the continent.

2012 also saw Tennis Europe expand its social media platforms, establishing a YouTube channel (where over 10,000 viewers saw the promotional Tennis Europe Junior Tour video) and a LinkedIn page to complement the popular Facebook and Twitter platforms. Meanwhile the Tennis Europe newsletter continued to grow in circulation, with each issue of the mail out now reaching over 30,000 recipients.

Commenting on the results, Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää said, "We are very satisfied with the continued progress of the website. Since completing the digitalisation process of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, we have been able to continually offer new and better services to our visitors and advertisers alike, and to increase the amount of online resources available to players, tournament organisers, member nations and the online tennis fan. We have received much positive feedback and will continue to work to improve the site in the coming years."

Cardio Tennis on the rise in Europe

In the seven years since the Cardio Tennis concept was first introduced to Europe at the 2006 Tennis Europe Conference in Portugal, the discipline has exploded in popularity in several nations, while remaining largely unknown in others.

Many federations are now realising that, aside from the obvious fitness appeal, Cardio Tennis is an ideal way of encouraging new players – especially adults – to take up the sport. Many of the traditional complaints from first timers, such as the sport being too difficult, not giving enough of a workout, or not being fun or social enough, are circumnavigated by Cardio Tennis' dynamic and interactive sessions. >>



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<< Cardio Tennis uses music to accompany tennis-based fitness activities for a non-stop 45 minute – 1 hour session. Using heart rate monitors, participants are able to gauge exactly how hard they have worked out, with between 500-1000 calories burned in a typical session for men and 350-500 calories for women. Depressurised tennis balls, also known as the Cardio ball are used, which ensures that players of all abilities are able to enjoy the session. The Cardio ball also improves movement and fitness because the player has to go to the ball. The ball stays in play longer therefore a greater 'cardio' workout. Tennis skills and experience are not necessary to take part in a class, though improvements to both are beneficial side effects! Like all fitness activities, each class has three stages; a warm up, followed by intense games and drills, and a cooling down period to conclude the session.

Cardio Tennis' greatest success so far has been found in the United States, where the discipline has emerged as a strong competitor to the fitness industry and a proven method of attracting new players to the sport. Since its launch by the Tennis Industry Association (TIA) at the US Open in 2005, Cardio Tennis has grown exponentially and today there are 1.3 million Cardio Tennis participants in the US at over 1,800 centres, making it a more popular activity than squash.

However the success of Cardio Tennis is not limited to the US; today Cardio Tennis programs are offered in over 30 countries. In Europe, several countries now have well established schemes. Great Britain's Lawn Tennis Association has promoted Cardio Tennis heavily as part of its 'All Play Tennis' program, and has seen an explosion in popularity as a result, with Cardio Tennis now played regularly at over 600 parks and clubs.

The TIA owns and manages Cardio Tennis globally and works directly with national federations to bring the program to that country. "From the start we knew that for Cardio Tennis to have the greatest level of success it would need the full support of the federations. This has been proved with the LTA and DTB, both of whom partnered with TIA many years ago," said Michele Krause, TIA Cardio Tennis Manager.

The number of officially-certified Cardio Tennis instructors in Europe has also boomed, with Germany and Great Britain leading the way with over 1,200 and 1,000 coaches respectively. Both federations are TIA Cardio Tennis Affiliate Partners, and have many more instructor training courses planned throughout the rest of 2013. In Portugal, the first European country to embrace Cardio Tennis, the sport is played across the country and has proven to be a revenue generator for clubs. The TIA has delivered additional Cardio Tennis



Training Courses in Ireland, Poland, Greece and Turkey.

Three of the four Grand Slam nations now use Cardio Tennis as a method of driving participation, with Tennis Australia reporting great successes as a result of a long term investment in the promotion of the activity, including free classes and welcome packs for new participants. Tennis Japan and Tennis Canada are also Cardio Tennis partners having great success and using Cardio Tennis to increase participation.

The nature of Cardio Tennis is such that it can be played as a mixed group of men and women, fostering a greater interaction and social aspect than traditional tennis. A study of the demographics of Cardio tennis players in the USA showed that 53% of those who took part were male, with two-thirds of participants aged between 18 and 44, and earning more than \$50,000 per year – key consumers for the tennis industry as a whole and an important sector of society to attract to the wider sport.

TIA Cardio Tennis is always striving to take the program to another level with technology tools and product development. The latest technology tool is Cardio Tennis Interactive, a website platform for fitness challenges, while the newest product in the Cardio Tennis family is TRX Cardio Tennis, which allows for sessions that focus on stability, power balance and strength. Several TRX Cardio Tennis courses are planned for Europe in 2013, the latest schedules can be found at www.cardiotennis.com/courses.

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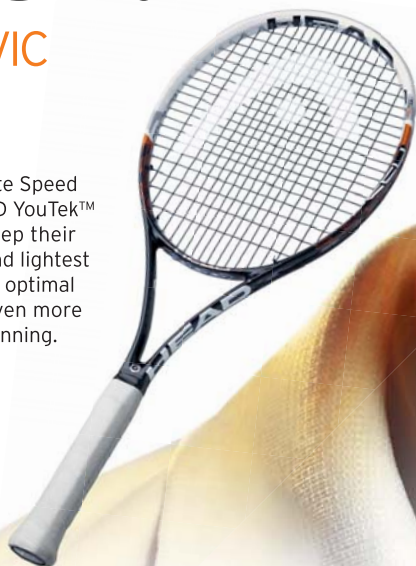
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Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 14/16 & Under Preview

Next weekend (1-3 February*) sees the 14 and 16 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD swing into action, with 121 national teams competing in the competition's qualifying rounds.

The top two teams from each of the four qualifying groups in each age category will advance to the final rounds, due to played from 15-17 February. The repartition of nations can be found on the following page.

Teams from the Czech Republic will be hoping to defend both of the girls' titles won last year, while Great Britain and France are the defending champions of the boys' 14 and 16 & Under titles respectively.

Last week saw the start of the second edition of the 12 & under event, with 55 national teams taking part in the qualifying competition. Russian teams remain on track to defend the titles they won in 2012. The girls' team won their qualifying group in Neudorf (AUT), while the boys reached the finals but suffered a loss to Serbia in their final match at home in Kazan. The full list of qualifiers can be found below.

The 12 & Under final rounds will be held in Sheffield,



The Czech 14 & Under girls' team show off their medals and trophies after winning the 2012 competition.

Great Britain (girls) and Roznov pod Radhostem, Czech Republic (boys), from 8-10 February.

The Winter Cups were established in 1976 and are a highlight of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Players such as Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka all represented their countries for the first time in team competitions at the Winter Cups.

*Greece and Croatia will play a pre-qualifying elimination match at the Boys 14 & Under qualifying group in Budapest on January 31st.

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Boys 12&U - Qualifying Results

Zone A	Hradek nad Nisou (CZE)	Czech Republic d. Poland 2-0
Zone B	Tallinn (EST)	Great Britain d. Austria 3-0
Zone C	Kazan (RUS)	Serbia d. Russia 3-0
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Belarus d. Netherlands 3-0
Finals	Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE)	8-10 February

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Girls 12&U - Qualifying Results

Zone A	Neudorf (AUT)	Russia d. Great Britain 3-0
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Czech Republic d. Serbia 2-1
Zone C	Onesti (ROU)	Romania d. Moldova 2-1
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Turkey d. Switzerland 2-1
Finals	Sheffield (GBR)	8-10 February



Qualifying Zones & Repartition of Nations



Boys 14&U - Qualifying (1-3 February)

Zone A	Budapest (HUN)	Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Denmark, Gt Britain, Hungary, Serbia, **
Zone B	Kazan (RUS)	Belarus, Czech Republic, Latvia, Romania, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine
Zone C	Örebro (SWE)	Belarus, Belgium, Georgia, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	France, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey
Finals	Correggio (ITA)	15-17 February

** Greece & Croatia will play a pre-qualifying match on January 31st.

Girls 14 & Under: Qualifying (1-3 February)

Zone A	Ebreichsdorf (AUT)	Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Estonia, France, Greece, Netherlands, Poland, Romania
Zone C	Kiel (GER)	Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Ukraine
Zone D	Adapazari (TUR)	Belgium, Latvia, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey
Finals	Roznov (CZE)	15-17 February

Boys 16 & Under: Qualifying (1-3 February)

Zone A	Minsk (BLR)	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia
Zone B	Cholet (FRA)	Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Gt Britain, Greece, Israel, Switzerland
Zone C	Bergen (NOR)	Germany, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Sweden
Zone D	Osmangazi (TUR)	Croatia, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine
Finals	Ronchin (FRA)	15-17 February

Girls 16 & Under: Qualifying (1-3 February)

Zone A	Brest (FRA)	Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine
Zone B	Maniago (ITA)	Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland
Zone C	Zutphen (NED)	Denmark, Hungary, Moldova, Netherlands, Romania, Russia
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Austria, Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Great Britain, Poland, Turkey
Finals	Vendryne (CZE)	15-17 February

Djokovic & Azarenka defend Australian Open titles

Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka won the singles titles at the opening Grand Slam of the season for a second consecutive year, underlining their positions as the world #1s in the process. Both players were made to work hard to defend their titles, but demonstrated their mental fortitude in overcoming challenges both on and off the court.

Djokovic's final opponent, Andy Murray, had not been challenged until beating Roger Federer for the first time at a Grand Slam in a memorable five-set semi-final, but the defending champion had been on the verge of a stunning defeat to Federer's Davis Cup teammate Stanislas Wawrinka in the fourth round before eventually winning the match of the tournament 12-10 in an unforgettable fifth set.

After that Djokovic found his gear, despatching Tomas Berdych and making short work of David Ferrer in a particularly impressive semi-final display. Having faced each other in Melbourne for three consecutive years, Murray was determined to make amends for defeats in the previous editions of the tournament and started the final well, dominating a first set tie-break to snatch an early lead. Though Murray had the better of the play in the second set, a lapse in concentration cost him the next tie-breaker, and the world #1 began to hit increasingly accurately, finally breaking the Scot's serve for the first time early in the third set and never looking back.

With the victory, Djokovic now has six career Grand Slam titles and becomes the first player since Roy Emerson completed a run of five in 1967 to win three Australian Open titles in a row, an achievement that he said was important to him; "I'm always motivated in every match that I play, but...to be mentioned in the history aspect and to win three in a row, it's a huge achievement."

Victoria Azarenka's path to her second Slam title was easier on paper – the Belarusian didn't face a single Top 20 player until the final – but the defending champion faced a number of distractions, not least a significant amount of criticism for an injury time-out taken during the closing stages of her semi-final win over the tournament's surprise player, Sloane Stephens.

Nerves looked to be affected the defending champion in the early stages of her final with Na Li, the Chinese player taking the first set with some aggressive hitting that repeatedly found the lines. With the crowd clearly on the side of Li – who later commented that she saw so many flags she felt like she was playing at home – Azarenka then had to keep her



Djokovic during the final with Murray.

head during a series of interruptions, including the traditional Australia Day firework display and two medical treatments to Li following falls in which she injured first her ankle and then her head.

With so much going on, it was unsurprising to see Li's level begin to drop, and Azarenka's foot was firmly on the accelerator by the final set, breaking the fourth seed comfortably to take a decisive lead. After the final point, the emotion was clear to all as Azarenka broke down in celebration, though she quickly won the crowd back over during her on-court speech following the match. Azarenka thus becomes the first woman since Martina Navratilova in 1979 to win her second Grand Slam title in the same place as her first, and holds on to the world #1 ranking that had been under threat from both Maria Sharapova and Serena Williams at the start of the tournament.

Like the singles, both doubles competitions were won by the top seeds. Bob & Mike Bryan extended their record as the most successful partnership of the modern era, taking sole possession of the most Grand Slam titles won as a pair with 13. The Americans beat unseeded Dutch pair Robin Haase & Igor Sijsling 6-3 6-4 to claim the Australian title for a sixth time in their careers.

Sara Errani & Roberta Vinci claimed with women's title in style. The world's top pair hadn't been at their best during the early stages of the tournament, but used a come-from-behind victory over the Williams sisters as a springboard to better things. In the final, they disappointed an expectant home crowd that had been hoping to see Australian wild cards Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dell'Acqua come out on top. The local pair acquitted themselves well though, taking the middle set before losing to the more experienced Italians in three. Errani & Vinci have now won

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Ana Konjuh (CRO) shows off her girls' singles trophy.

three of the last four Slams, and look to be safe in the top spots until at least the European summer.

Australians had better luck in the mixed doubles final, where the first-time partnership of Jarmila Gajdosova and Matt Ebden fully capitalised on a wild card invitation to take part in the event by beating Czechs Lucie Hradecka & Frantisek Cermak to claim a first Grand Slam title of any kind for either player.

There was further success for Australia in the junior competitions, where two of their top prospects emerged to face each other in the boys final. Third seed Nick Kyrgios took the title with a 7-6(4) 6-3 win over his unseeded friend Thanasi Kokkinakis, thus keeping the trophy in Australian hands following Luke Savile's victory in 2012. Two more Australians had unexpected success in the boys doubles, as unseeded pair Bradley Mousley and Jay Andrijić lifted the trophy, beating German/Austrian pair Maximilian Marterer & current European 16 & Under champion Lucas Miedler for the title.

Another European Junior Champion, Ana Konjuh (winner of the 14 & Under title in 2011) continued to make great strides, claiming both the girls' singles and doubles titles. The Croatian repeated her win at last month's Orange Bowl in beating Katerina Siniakova (CZE) 6-3 6-4 for the singles crown, having earlier teamed up with Carol Zhao of Canada to win the doubles over Oleksandra Korashvili (UKR) and Barbora Krejčíková (CZE). Still just 15, Konjuh will now become the junior world #1 and was playing under the watchful eye of her Fed Cup coach Iva Majoli, who looks forward to giving her a more prominent role on the team in the near future.

With the top players winning all four of the professional titles at the year's first Grand Slam, the casual observer would be forgiven for thinking that not much is happening at the pinnacle of the game. But with

Serena Williams edging closer to the women's top spot despite her defeat in Melbourne and Rafael Nadal returning to action in ten days after the longest injury break of his career, and likely to be seeded outside the Top 4 for Roland Garros, the next Grand Slam is already shaping up to be a fascinating event.

2013 Australian Open Roll of Honour

Men's Singles

- (1) Novak Djokovic (SRB) d.
(3) Andy Murray 67(2) 76(3) 63 62

Men's Doubles

- (1) Bryan/Bryan (USA) d.
Haase/Sijssling (NED) 63 64

Women's Singles

- (1) Victoria Azarenka (BLR) d.
(6) Na Li (CHN) 46 64 63

Women's Doubles

- (1) Errani/Vinci (ITA) d.
(WC) Barty/Dellacqua (AUS) 62 36 62

Mixed Doubles

- Gajdosova/Ebden (AUS) d.
Hradecka/Cermak (CZE) 63 75

Boys' Singles

- (3) Nick Kyrgios (AUS) d.
Thanasi Kokkinakis (AUS) 76(4) 63

Boys' Doubles

- Andrijić/Mousley (AUS) d.
Marterer (GER)/Miedler (AUT) 63 76(3)

Girls' Singles

- (3) Ana Konjuh (CRO) d.
(2) Katerina Siniakova (CZE) 63 64

Girls' Doubles

- (1) Konjuh (CRO)/Zhao (CAN) d.
Korashvili (UKR)/Krejčíková (CZE) 57 64 (10-7)

Men's Wheelchair Singles

- (2) Shingo Kuneida (JPN) d.
Stephane Houdet (FRA) 62 60

Men's Wheelchair Doubles

- (2) Jeremiasz (FRA)/Kuneida (JPN) d.
Olsson (SWE)/Kellerman (AUS) 60 61

Women's Wheelchair Singles

- (1) Aniek van Koot (NED) d.
(2) Sabine Ellerbrock (GER) 61 16 75

Women's Wheelchair Doubles

- (1) Griffioen/Van Koot (NED) d.
(2) Shuker (GBR)/Buis (NED) 64 63

Quad Wheelchair Singles

- (1) David Wagner (USA) d.
(2) Andy Lapthorne (GBR) 7-5 1-6 6-4

Quad Wheelchair Doubles

- (1) Wagner/Taylor (USA) d.
Lapthorne (GBR)/Hard (SWE) 62 63

La Manga Club partners with LTA

La Manga Club has enhanced its reputation as Europe's premier sports and leisure destination after renewing its relationship with the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and signing a new agreement to become its official overseas training resort until 2016.

The award-winning five-star venue in Murcia, Spain, will be used as a year-round training facility as the LTA bids to develop the next generation of British tennis stars hoping to follow in the footsteps of current number ones Andy Murray and Laura Robson.

Under the terms of the exclusive three-year deal, La Manga Club will provide the LTA's performance team and coaches with the chance to train with small groups of players on world-class outdoor facilities through the year.

Featuring a tennis academy including 20 clay courts, four hard courts and four on artificial grass, the luxury resort boasts some of the best facilities in Europe and British stars past and present including Murray, Robson, Tim Henman and Elena Baltacha have all used the resort as a winter training base over the last decade.

La Manga Club has also been used to stage Davis Cup and Fed Cup and, in return for offering its facilities, the LTA will support the resort with building its brand and development in the UK market over the next three years.

The first LTA elite squad held a two-week training camp just before Christmas and Leon Smith, LTA head of men's and women's tennis, said, "La Manga Club provided our players and coaches with the ideal training environment for our pre season training camp. The facilities are of the highest quality with excellent clay courts and newly surfaced hard courts. In addition, the gym, food and accommodation gave us everything we required for all our training needs. The staff were so friendly and had such a positive attitude. We are

already looking forward to planning our next visit to La Manga Club."

Lorenzo Martinez, La Manga Club's director of tennis and leisure, said: "This new partnership demonstrates and reinforces La Manga Club's commitment to sporting excellence. We are thrilled to welcome the LTA and their elite teams back to La Manga Club and excited at the prospect of working together with one of the most respected Federations in tennis."

La Manga Club has been an official partner and recommended resort of Tennis Europe since 2009, during which time the venue has hosted several conferences and events.

Set over 1,400 acres in an area three times the size of Monaco, La Manga Club is renowned for its first-class range of facilities and has hosted star names from the worlds of sport, leisure and showbusiness over the last 40 years. In addition to several high-profile international tennis events, La Manga Club has hosted the Spanish Open golf championship and regularly attracts professional and international football teams to the first-class year-round training facilities which are also used by rugby and cricket sides.

The resort boasts unrivalled facilities as a sport and leisure venue including three 18-hole championship golf courses, a 28-court tennis centre and a 2,000sqm spa and fitness centre. It also offers the choice of a five-star hotel, four-star serviced apartments and townhouses, more than 20 bars and restaurants and is great fun for children.



The LTA Performance Team with La Manga Club's Director of Tennis & Leisure Lorenzo Martinez and Head Tennis Coach James Rose.

Beyond the Baseline...

A pair of former top players have been appointed as their national Fed Cup captains, **Conchita Martinez** has been given the role in Spain while **Alicia Molik** takes on the task for Australia.

European teams are involved in all but one of this weekend's **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group first round. In draw order, the ties are (home teams first) Canada vs. Spain, Italy vs. Croatia, Belgium vs. Serbia, USA vs. Brazil, France vs. Israel, Argentina vs. Germany, Kazakhstan vs. Austria and Switzerland vs. Czech Republic.

Some changes to the main tour schedules: the ATP Serbia Open will not take place this year. Meanwhile, the WTA Tour has added an event in Florianopolis, Brazil and approved the switch of the event in Copenhagen to Katowice, Poland. An additional event will be held in Bogota, Colombia next year, marking the first time that the WTA Tour has held three events in South America in one season.

Rafael Nadal will make his return to tennis next week at the Viña del Mar tournament in Chile before moving on to play a full schedule of Latin American clay court events. The former world #1 already has his first title of 2013 under his belt after winning his first golf tournament at home in Mallorca during his layoff.

Andrea Petkovic has said that she hopes to return to the Tour by Indian Wells, after suffering a torn meniscus in Australia.

Pete Sampras will team up with Novak Djokovic to play an exhibition doubles match against world #1s Bob and Mike Bryan at the Los Angeles Tennis Challenge exhibition event on March 4th, prior to the start of the Indian Wells Masters 1000 tournament.

At 42 years and 111 days, **Kimiko Date-Krumm** became the second oldest woman ever to reach the third round of a Grand Slam by defeating Nadia Petrova and Shahar Peer in Melbourne.

British #1 **Heather Watson** has signed a sponsorship deal with beauty company Benefot cosmetics.

Spain's team of Fernando Verdasco and Anabel

Medina Garrigues won the **Hopman Cup** at the start of the season, beating Serbia's Novak Djokovic and Ana Ivanovic in the final mixed doubles rubber. The win is the fourth for Spain at the championships.

The **ATP World Tour** has been busy with sponsorship agreements; Rolex has signed up to become the official timekeeper of Tour, while Technifibre has been recognised as the official racquet, string, bag and accessory partner as well as an official sponsor of the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals. Meanwhile, Emirates airlines are now the official airline of the organisation.

Tennis Europe is sad to report the passing of **Laszlo Lenart**, who died at the age of 88 recently. He won several European Senior Championship events representing Hungary, and was named as Player of the year as recently as 2010.

Lacoste has extended its sponsorship of the Australian Open for a further five years, until 2018.

Club Ali Bey Manavgat in Antalya will host the ITF's flagship wheelchair tennis event, the 2013 **BNP Paribas World Team Cup**, from May 20-26. Over 50 countries are set to take part in the competition. The European qualifying event will also take place in Antalya, at the Kaya Belek Resort Hotel, during the first week of March.

Swiss journalist **Marco Keller** has written a new book discussing the 'golden age' of Swiss Tennis. Featuring interviews with Roger Federer and Martina Hingis as well as a host of other players, the book has been published in German, French and English and can be purchased online at www.jubeljahre.ch.

Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe will renew their rivalry at the Kings of Tennis **ATP Champions Tour** event in Stockholm, Sweden, from 12-15 March.

The WTA has narrowed its choices in the bidding process to host the **WTA Championships** from 2014 onwards to Singapore, Monterrey (Mexico) and Tianjin (China). The winning city is expected to be announced in early April.



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

Tennis Europe's junior ranking system is devised to give a unified overall list that shows the relative strengths of all players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's overall total includes points from Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 and 14 & Under events, plus points earned by players in these age categories who participate in ITF Junior Circuit and professional tournaments, all of which are weighted

according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately containing points earned exclusively at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the rankings system, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as of January 29th, 2013.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Ana KONJUH	CRO	2080
02	▲	Iryna SHYMANOVICH	BLR	1915
03	▲	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	1826
04	▲	Francoise ABANDA	CAN	1695
05	▲	Aliona BOLSOVA	MDA	1666
06	NEW	Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	1538
07	NEW	Anna BONDAR	HUN	1463
08	NEW	Veronika KUDERMETOVA	RUS	1409
09	NEW	Kateryna SLIUSAR	UKR	1368
10	NEW	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1305



Aliona Bolsova (MDA)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Jaume MUNAR CLAR	ESP	1280
02	NEW	Seong Chan HONG	KOR	1020
03	NEW	Daniel ORLITA	CZE	970
04	NEW	Mikael YEMER	SWE	890
05	NEW	Michal DEMBEK	POL	875
06	NEW	Vitalii SHCHERBA	UKR	863
07	NEW	Aleksandre BAKSHI	GEO	850
08	NEW	Marko OSMACIC	SUI	838
09	NEW	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	805
10	NEW	Jay CLARKE	GBR	803



Jaume Antoni Munar Clar (ESP)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

With the 1996 and 1998-born players having been removed from the rankings at the end of December, there are some massive changes to the latest lists. Already a Top Ten regular and a participant at last year's Junior Masters, Andreea Rosca of Romania ascends to the girls' top spot and started the year in good form by reaching the final at Les Petits As in Tarbes.

The Tarbes boys finalist, Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) also heads the rankings. The Kremlin Cup was

pipped to victory by Samuele Ramazzotti (ITA), who is now just 20 points behind him in second place. Elsewhere, Ergi Kirkin and Kaya Gore ensure that Turkey has two boys in the European Top Ten for the first time ever.

The Race to the Junior Masters rankings are already being updated, with some less familiar names occupying the top spots at present, with just a few events having been held. You can follow the latest Race rankings [here](#). Rankings below are as of January 29th, 2013.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Andreea Amalia ROSCA	ROU	765
02	NEW	Sofya ZHUK	RUS	660
03	NEW	Amina ANSHBA	RUS	625
04	NEW	Anna UREKE	RUS	595
05	NEW	Evgeniya LEVASHOVA	RUS	570
05	NEW	Valeriya LUSHCHENKO	RUS	555
06	NEW	Ekaterina ANTROPOVA	RUS	535
08	NEW	Alessia WELTI	SUI	490
08	NEW	Marketa VONDROUSOVACZE	CZE	490
10	NEW	Ines IBBOU	ALG	480



Andreea Rosca (ROU)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW	Miomir KECMANOVIC	SRB	570
02	NEW	Samuele RAMAZZOTTI	ITA	550
03	NEW	Artem DUBRIVNYY	RUS	535
04	NEW	Ergi KIRKIN	TUR	475
04	NEW	Kacper ZUK	POL	475
06	NEW	Alexei POPYRIN	AUS	360
06	NEW	Kaya GORE	TUR	360
06	NEW	Jurij RODIONOV	BLR	360
09	NEW	Nikolay VYLEGZHANIN	RUS	348
10	NEW	Phiipp KLIMOV	RUS	340



Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB)

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Dec 31	Boulogne (FRA)	A Zgirovsky (BLR)	J Fearnley (GBR)	64 36 75	Grundtvig/Korsgaard (DEN)
		E Makarova (RUS)	O Nosova (RUS)	61 60	Makarova (RUS)/Shanidze (GEO)
Jan 14	Vanersborg (SWE)	S Grundtvig (DEN)	O Torski (GER)	61 61	Grundtvi/Vanshelboim (DEN)
		I Shetinina (RUS)	S Salemyr (SWE)	62 62	Carlsten/Furst (SWE)
Jan 14	Himki (RUS)	O Shestakov (UKR)	D Moroz (BLR)	63 26 60	Verbin/Yanin (RUS)
		A Potapova (RUS)	O Nosova (RUS)	62 60	Makarova/Potapova (RUS)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Dec 31	Belgrade (SRB)	3 E Kirkin (TUR)	K Kirovski (SRB)	63 60	Butulija/Kirovski (SRB)
		K Miletic (SRB)	J Vukovic (SRB)	63 36 76(3)	Berberovic (BIH)/Malovic (MNE)
Jan 7	Mytischki (RUS)	2 P Klimov (RUS)	M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	64 60	Avidzba/Vylegzhanin (RUS)
		E Levashova (RUS)	A Ureke (RUS)	62 61	Anshba/Levashova (RUS)
Jan 7	Siauliai (LTU)	3 W Davies (GBR)	P Shumeiko (UKR)	61 63	Nael/Troost (EST)
		D Orichkevitch (UKR)	D Marcinkevica (LAT)	62 62	Orichkevitch/Shakhraychuk (UKR)
Jan 14	Bolton (GBR)	1 C Moutet (FRA)	E Kirkin (TUR)	62 63	Kirkin (TUR)/Popyrin (AUS)
		C Bellis (USA)	L Wagnier (FRA)	62 64	Bellis/Daniel (USA)
Jan 14	Milovice (CZE)	2 A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	T Paroulek (CZE)	62 61	Dubsky/Lenoch (CZE)
		A Slovakova (CZE)	T Makarova (RUS)	64 63	Kilnarova/Slovakova (CZE)
Jan 14	Narva (EST)	3 A Rainin (UKR)	D Vashchenkov (RUS)	62 36 62	Nael/Troost (EST)
		K Yemelyanenko (BLR)	K Markevich (BLR)	46 62 60	Markevich/Yemelyanenko (BLR)
Jan 21	Tarbes (FRA)	1 S Ramazzotti (ITA)	M Kecmanovic (SRB)	76(8) 06 60	Dubrivnyy (RUS)/Kirkin (TUR)
		C Bellis (USA)	A Rosca (ROU)	61 62	Bellis/Daniel (USA)
Jan 21	Mogiliev (BLR)	2 A Avidzba (RUS)	D Voronin (RUS)	76(1) 64	Ausiyevich/Borisiouk (BLR)
		O Pervushina (RUS)	E Rybakina (RUS)	36 63 64	Galiy/Rybakina (RUS)

'Stars of Tomorrow' video

Click the image on the right to view the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 'Stars of Tomorrow' video on YouTube, featuring interviews with some of the Tour's most celebrated former players, including Victoria Azarenka, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Richard Gasquet and many more...





Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 7	Milovice (CZE)	2 A Pellegrino (ITA)	S Tsitsipas (GRE)	62 62	Ocleppo/Pellegrino (ITA)
		V Hofer (ITA)	M Vondrousova (CZE)	63 62	Slovakova/Vondrousova (CZE)
Jan 21	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	3 T Razmaitov (RUS)	Y Prostakov (RUS)	60 75	Razmaitov/Broun (RUS)
		V Zeleva (RUS)	V Pogrebnyak (RUS)	64 36 61	Pogrebnyak/Ponomareva (RUS)



Photos from January on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (clockwise from top left): Philipp Klimov (RUS) accepts the trophy after winning the 14 & Under title in Mytitschi, Milovice 16 & Under Boys doubles winners Julian Ocleppo & Andrea Pellegrino (ITA) and runners-up Vojtech Prokop (CZE) & Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE), Bolton 14 & Under runnerup Lucie Wagnier (FRA) and winner Catherine Bellis (USA), Les Petits As winner Samuele Ramazzotti (ITA, photo courtesy of www.juniortennis.ru), Russian 12 & Under girls' team at the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD qualifying rounds. Galleries from all of the above tournaments, and more, can be found at http://www.tenniseurope.org/news_item.aspx?id=69963

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ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Dec 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Olaso (ESP)	S Sabry (EGY)	64 64	cancelled
Dec 24	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	V Rudnev (RUS)	L Frigerio (ITA)	64 63	Krasnorutskiy/Manegin (RUS)
Jan 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Bozoljac (SRB)	G Olaso (ESP)	76(4) 64	Onozawa/Uchiyama (JPN)
Jan 7	Schwieberdingen (GER)	\$10,000	A Juska (LAT)	F Martin (FRA)	64 64	Cluskey (IRL)/Satschko (GER)
Jan 14	Bagnoles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	T Puetz (GER)	M Fucsovics (HUN)	60 4-1 ret	Arenas Gualda/Lopez Perez (ESP)
Jan 14	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	M Willis (GBR)	J Goodall (GBR)	64 64	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Jan 14	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	J Vesely (CZE)	G Olaso (ESP)	61 62	Jebavy/Vesely (CZE)
Jan 14	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	N Langer (GER)	A Juska (LAT)	36 76(6) 63	Marx (GER)/Mergea (ROU)
Jan 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Bozoljac (SRB)	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	64 64	Androic/Marcan (ROU)
Jan 21	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	J Vesely (CZE)	J McGee (IRL)	62 64	Jebavy/Vesely (CZE)
Jan 21	Kaarst (GER)	\$15,000	M Mecir (SVK)	M Middelkoop (NED)	62 76(3)	Fransen/Koolhof (NED)
Jan 21	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	P Hubert (FRA)	R Jouan (FRA)	63 62	Herbert/Renavand (FRA)
Jan 21	Preston (GBR)	\$10,000	E Corrie (GBR)	C Harrison (USA)	26 63 75	Skupski/Skupski (GBR)
Jan 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	T Androic (CRO)	63 62	Carreno/Granollers (ESP)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Dec 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Ramialison (FRA)	I Shinikova (BUL)	61 26 60	Grymalska (ITA)/Stamatova (BUL)
Dec 17	Ankara (TUR)	\$50,000	A Savic (CRO)	M Puig (PUR)	57 63 64	Linette/Piter (POL)
Dec 24	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	I Shinikova (BUL)	I Soylu (TUR)	64 62	Marozava (BLR)/Yashina (RUS)
Dec 24	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$10,000	R Kulikova (RUS)	A Vasylyeva (UKR)	60 57 64	Artamonova (RUS)/Dzehalevich (BLR)
Dec 31	Fort-de-France (FRA)	\$10,000	S Molnar (CAN)	S Benamar (FRA)	62 60	De Vroome (NED)/Starr (USA)
Jan 7	Saint Martin (FRA)	\$10,000	I De Vroome (NED)	L Tholey (FRA)	63 62	Cascino/Tholey (FRA)
Jan 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	M Boonstra (NED)	61 16 76(4)	Okadue (JPN)/Sezer (TUR)
Jan 14	Gosier (FRA)	\$10,000	N Hickey (USA)	L Tholey (FRA)	75 62	Hickey/Pooler (USA)
Jan 14	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	J Kimmelman (GER)	L Siegemund (GER)	64 63	Golubic (SUI)/Kimmelman (GER)
Jan 14	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	T Moore (GBR)	M Georges (FRA)	64 61	Moore/South (GBR)
Jan 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	60 61	Lee/Yoo (KOR)
Jan 21	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Kudryavtseva (RUS)	R Olaru (ROU)	67(4) 63 62	Kudryavtseva (RUS)/Olaru (ROU)
Jan 21	Kaarst (GER)	\$10,000	J Kimmelman (GER)	E Alexandrova (RUS)	63 62	Golubic (SUI)/Kimmelman (GER)
Jan 21	Preston (GBR)	\$10,000	T Moore (GBR)	A Bowtell (IRL)	76(2) 61	Murray/Windley (GBR)
Jan 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Dulgheru (ROU)	R Jani (HUN)	62 62	Lee/Yoo (KOR)
Jan 21	Andrezieux (FRA)	\$25,000	A van Uytvanck (BEL)	A Vrljic (CRO)	61 64	Sadikovic (SUI)/Vrljic (CRO)

Updated seven days a week, all the latest draws, results, schedules, tournament fact sheets and entry lists from ITF Men's & Women's Circuit events in Europe can be found on the [European Tennis Calendar](#).

European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

European Women

Rank (WTA)		Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	10325
2 (3)	▶	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	9545
3 (4)	▶	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	7750
4 (6)	▶	Angelique KERBER	GER	5695
5 (7)	▶	Sara ERRANI	ITA	4605
6 (8)	▶	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	4285
7 (10)	▲	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	3740
8 (11)	▼	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	3545
9 (12)	▶	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	2945
10 (13)	▶	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	2841
11 (14)	▲	Dominka CIBULKOVA	SVK	2695
12 (15)	▼	Maria KIRILENKO	RUS	2690
13 (16)	▶	Roberta VINCI	ITA	2585
14 (18)	▶	Lucie SAFAROVA	CZE	2160
15 (19)	▶	Julia GOERGES	GER	1965
16 (20)	▲	Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	1881
17 (22)	▲	Yanina WICKMAYER	BEL	1835
18 (24)	NEW	Klara ZAKOPALOVA	CZE	1800
19 (26)	▼	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	1631
20 (27)	NEW	Tamira PASZEK	AUT	1618

European Men

Rank (ATP)		Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	12920
2 (2)	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	10265
3 (3)	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	8480
4 (4)	▲	David FERRER	ESP	6865
5 (5)	▼	Rafael NADAL	ESP	5400
6 (6)	▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4680
7 (8)	▶	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	3555
8 (9)	▶	Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	3180
9 (10)	▶	Richard GASQUET	FRA	2720
10 (11)	▶	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2695
11 (13)	▶	Marin CILIC	CRO	2300
12 (14)	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2280
13 (17)	▶	Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	1990
14 (18)	▲	Andreas SEPPI	ITA	1765
15 (19)	▶	Philipp KOHLSCREIBER	GER	1740
16 (22)	▶	Tommy HAAS	GER	1685
17 (23)	▼	Alexandr DOLGOPOLOV	UKR	1670
18 (24)	▶	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	1525
19 (25)	NEW	Jeremy CHARDY	FRA	1413
20 (26)	▶	Jerzy JANOWICZ	POL	1382



Jeremy Chardy (FRA)



Tamira Paszek (AUT)



David Ferrer (ESP)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

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National Associations

Mr. José Luis Escañuela has been re-elected as President of the Spanish Tennis Federation.

European Racquet Stringers' Association

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25-27	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	12&U
FEBRUARY			
1-3	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	14/16&U
8-10	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Final Rounds	12&U
15-17	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD Final Rounds	14/16&U
MARCH			
21-24	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tallinn, Estonia	Conference
APRIL/MAY			
27 April – 3 May	Sat-Fri	EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS Sofia, Bulgaria	Seniors
JUNE/JULY			
30 June-2 July	Sun-Tue	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Qualifying Rounds Copa del Sol & Europa Cup	14&U
JULY			
5-7	Fri-Sun	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Final Rounds Copa del Sol & Europa Cup	14&U
TBA	Fri-Sun	EUROPEAN BEACH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS Great Britain	Beach Tennis
22-28	Mon-Sun	EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 14 & U Pilzen, Czech Republic 16 & U Moscow, Russia 18 & U Klosters, Switzerland	14/16/18&U
25-28	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD Qualifying Rounds	12&U
JULY/AUGUST			
31 July-2 August	Wed-Fri	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Qualifying Rounds Borotra & Helvetie Cup Galea/Valerio & Reina /Soisbault	16&U 18&U
AUGUST			
5-7	Mon-Wed	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS Final Rounds Borotra & Helvetie Cup Galea/Valerio & Reina /Soisbault	16&U 18&U
8-11	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD Final Rounds Boys: TBA Girls: Ajaccio, France	12&U
SEPTEMBER			
23-28	Mon-Sat	EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Men 35,40,45,50/Women 40,45,50) La Manga Club, Spain	Seniors
SEPT-OCTOBER			
30-5	Mon-Sat	EUROPEAN SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Men 55,60,65,70/Women 55,60,65) La Manga Club, Spain	Seniors
OCTOBER			
4-6	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS Reggio Calabria, Italy	14/16&U
(TBC)		TENNIS EUROPE COACHES' EDUCATION CONFERENCE Valencia, Spain	Conference
(TBC)		TENNIS EUROPE TOP EXECUTIVES MEETING Helsinki, Finland	Conference
NOVEMBER			
26-28	Tue - Thu	TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR CONFERENCE Budapest, Hungary	Conference
26-28	Tue - Thu	TENNIS EUROPE PRO TENNIS CONFERENCE Budapest, Hungary	Conference

HEADlines

HEAD Tour TV: 2013 Australian Open Champion Novak Djokovic

Novak Djokovic is the first player in the open era to win the Australian Open three times in a row!

Be the first to check out Novak's exclusive 2013 Australian Open post-final interview. In this episode of HEAD Tour TV the world No.1 and 6-time Grand Slam Champion Novak Djokovic talks about his feelings and emotions during the historic final. [Watch now](#).



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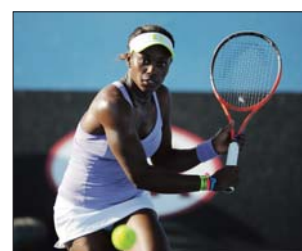


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HEAD Tour TV with Sloane Stephens

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Novak takes the ultimate Speed challenge

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