

Czech Republic, Great Britain, Russia and Switzerland claim Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD titles



Clockwise from top left: Winning teams from Great Britain (Boys 12), Czech Republic (Girls 14), Russia (Boys 16), and Switzerland (Girls 16).

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The 2013 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD saw record entry levels, with 171 national teams from all over the continent competing across three age categories throughout January and February.

The indoor junior team championship is the biggest event of its kind in tennis, and saw some of the world's best junior players in action, with many representing their countries for the first time.

Teams from Russia reached the finals of all but one of the six categories, winning three events, while Great Britain, Czech Republic and Switzerland also claimed trophies. With 9 of the current Top 10 European professional players amongst the former competitors, many of this year's Winter Cups stars can expect to go on to great things. For a full report, see Pages 2 - 4.





Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 12 & Under

Russia and Great Britain are the new champions of the 12 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD after coming through contrasting battles on the final day of the second edition of the competition.

Russia's second successive victory in the girls' competition was particularly emphatic. The team breezed through the qualifying competition with 3-0 wins over Finland, Austria and Great Britain and then picked up where they left off at the finals in Sheffield, scoring 3-0 wins over Switzerland and Czech Republic to reach the final.

Ekaterina Makarova has been one of the dominant players on the 12 & Under circuit in recent months, winning four of her last five tournaments, and duly opened the tie with a 6-3 6-0 win over Ksenija Tmusic to give the Russians an early advantage. She was followed on to court by Anastasia Potapova – coincidentally the only player to have beaten her during that period – who took just under 45 minutes to beat Olga Danilovic 6-1 6-1. Makarova was then joined by Sofia Epur to complete yet another 3-0 win for Russia, conceding just one game to Danilovic & Tmusic to complete the defence of the title.

The final of the boys' event in Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE) was a much closer battle, with Great Britain having to come from behind to become the first-ever non-Russian winners of this new age category of the competition. The Brits had opened their campaign with 3-0 wins over Hungary, Ukraine, Austria and Poland before beating Belarus 2-1. Their Serbian opponents had served notice of their intent by winning their qualifying group in Kazan (RUS) by defeating the hosts and defending champions 3-0 in the final match.



Above: Russia's victorious girls' team in Sheffield (GBR).

The Serbs had high hopes of going one better than the girls' team when Kristijan Juhás maintained his unbeaten run at the final rounds to beat Jack Draper in the first rubber. After a close first set, the Serb swept through the tie break without conceding a single point, and continued in the manner in the second set, wrapping up the match with a 7-6(0) 6-0 scoreline.

Jacob Fearnley then leveled the tie, maintaining his own unbeaten record in the competition with a hard fought 6-3 7-6(2) win over Mihailo Popovic which lasted just under two hours.

With the score at 1-1, the four players returned to the court to play the first ever deciding doubles rubber in a 12 & Under Winter Cups final. Draper & Fearnley took control of the match towards the end of the first set, breaking for a 7-5 lead and consolidating early in the second before sealing a 7-5 6-3 win.

Full draws, results and photos can be found [here](#).

12 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Boys
01	RUSSIA	GREAT BRITAIN
02	SERBIA	SERBIA
03	CZECH REPUBLIC	BELARUS
04	ROMANIA	CZECH REPUBLIC
05	TURKEY	NETHERLANDS
06	SWITZERLAND	POLAND
07	MOLDOVA	RUSSIA
08	GREAT BRITAIN	AUSTRIA



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 14 & Under

The girls' 14 & Under finals were played in the Czech Republic, where the host team made full use of their home advantage to defend their title in Roznov pod Radhostem. They had to work hard throughout the event though, recovering from the loss of the opening singles match to win a deciding doubles rubber in all three of their final round ties.

Having outlasted Italy and Great Britain, the hosts faced the top seeded Russian team in the championship decider, with the Russians looking to secure the ninth time since 2000.

Anna Slovakova started the opening rubber well, establishing a 6-2 lead over Evgeniya Levashova before the Russian got into her stride, conceding just three further games in the match.

Marketa Vondrousova then levelled the tie in style, losing just two games as she raced past Amina Anshba in just over an hour of play. The Russians drafted in fresh legs for the doubles tie as Anna Ureke joined Levashova, but Vondrousova & Slovakova dominated from the outset, winning 6-3 6-1 in seventy minutes to claim the title for the Czech Republic for a third time in four years.

The last of the four titles to be decided on the final day of play was that of the 14 & Under boys in Correggio, Italy, where the Russian team came from behind to win, matching the achievement of their 16 & Under colleagues.

Matteo Martineau had given their French opponents an early lead after coming from a set down to



Above: Russia's 14 & Under boys' team celebrates in Correggio.

win a hotly contested first rubber against Philipp Klimov in a final set tie break.

Having won the title in 2010 and 2011, the French looked set to reclaim the crown when recent Bolton champion Corentin Moutet forced Artem Dubrivnyy to a third set, but the Russian proved to be the stronger player, scrapping to a 6-1 4-6 6-4 win to level the tie.

The four players returned to the court for the deciding doubles match, which saw the Russians assert their authority towards the end of the first set and never look back, scoring a 7-5 6-2 win that secured their country a first 14 & Under boys' title in fourteen years.

Full draws, results and photos from the qualifying and final rounds can be found [here](#).

14 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	14 & Under Girls	14 & Under Boys
01	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA
02	RUSSIA	FRANCE
03	GREAT BRITAIN	BELGIUM
04	ROMANIA	TURKEY
05	SPAIN	GREAT BRITAIN
06	GERMANY	SERBIA
07	ITALY	SWITZERLAND
08	BELARUS	SPAIN



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 16 & Under

The first of the final weekend's titles to be decided was at the boys' 16 & Under event in Ronchin, France, where Russia began their quest to sweep the 14 and 16 & Under events with a decisive win over second seeds Germany in the final.

Former European 14 & Under #1 Andrey Rublev wasted little time in putting the top seeds in front, conceding just two games to Fabian Fallert in the opening singles match.

Roman Safiullin faced stiffer opposition against Alexander Zverev in the second singles, but managed to secure a break in the twelfth game of the second set to secure the title. Evgeny Tyurnev joined Rublev for the dead doubles match, as the pair beat Fallert and Tim Sandkaulen 7-6(3) 6-3 to complete a clean sweep.

As at the 12 & Under girls' event, the Russians were in a class of their own throughout the competition, winning their qualifying round matches against Finland, Italy and Belarus without the loss of a single rubber, before repeating the feat in their quarter and semifinal matches against Great Britain and Slovakia.

The win was just Russia's second in this age category and comes ten years after the first in 2003.

The Russian girls' 16 & Under team was less fortunate at the finals in Vendryne, Czech Republic, where Switzerland fought back from a match down to beat the favourites for the title.

Darya Kasatkina put the top seeds ahead with a



Players from Germany, Russia and Spain were joined by ball kids on the podium in Ronchin.

routine 6-2 6-2 win over Jil Belen Teichmann in the first match. Veronika Kudermetova then looked set to wrap up the tie for the Russians when she took the first set on a tie break over Chiara Grimm. The Swiss #1 stepped up in the second set to level the match and eventually took a nail-biting decider 7-5 to force the tie to a doubles match.

The four players returned after a break for the doubles, which was another close affair. The Swiss took the first set on a tie break before forging ahead with a break in the second set, eventually securing the tie with a 7-6 6-4 win. The win marks the first time since 1978 that Switzerland has won the girls 16 & Under title; indeed it was the first time that the team had featured in the championship match since then.

Full draws, results and photos from the qualifying and final rounds can be found [here](#).

16 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	16 & Under Girls	16 & Under Boys
01	SWITZERLAND	RUSSIA
02	RUSSIA	GERMANY
03	HUNGARY	SPAIN
04	CROATIA	SLOVAKIA
05	SLOVAKIA	POLAND
06	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE
07	SERBIA	GREAT BRITAIN
08	GERMANY	BELARUS

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European Senior Championships in Sofia

The second edition of the European Senior Championships will be held from 27 April – 3 May in Sofia, where the competition will once again be hosted by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation.

This prestigious event is open to players from all 49 Tennis Europe member nations, and is the second most important individual event on the ITF Seniors Circuit in terms of ranking points on offer, behind the World Championships.

The Championships are classified as a Grade B1 event on the ITF Seniors Circuit meaning that the winner of each event receives 210 ranking points and the runner-up 150.

The Championships have been brought forward from the originally-planned date in early July in order to avoid clashes with national individual and club championships in several European countries, some of which are also part of the ITF Seniors Circuit during this busy period.

All 22 age categories – including the new Women's 85s - can compete at the European Championships, where singles and doubles for men and women plus mixed doubles events will be played. Due to the size of the tournament, the age categories will be split between the main venue, the Bulgarian National Tennis Centre and the Dema Club.



Both venues have accommodation nearby, though players are advised to wait until after the 10 April entry deadline before booking in order to be sure which venue will host their age category.

The Championships represent a unique chance to see some of the world's top ranked players. Several of the winners of the inaugural event went on to be awarded with European Player of the Year titles last year. Amongst the 2012 champions were world #1s Bruno Renoult of France (Men's 60), Peter Adrigan of Austria (Men's 65) and second-ranked Lucie Schwab-Zelinka of Austria (Women's 40) and Nanda Fischer of Germany (Women's 70).

For further information, including the event fact sheet, click [here](#).



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SOFIA, BULGARIA

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ITF RANKING

GRADE B1

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Tennis Europe Coaches' Education Conference in Valencia

The 2013 Tennis Europe Coaches' Education Conference will be held in Valencia, Spain, from 4-5 October.

The bi-annual coaching event will be hosted by the Spanish Tennis Federation, and will once again focus on coaches' education, following up and expanding on work done at the previous conference to focus specifically on coaches' education, in Vilamoura (POR) in 2011.

Key topics to be discussed this year include competency based coaches' education, establishing European standards and the integration of federation and university-based education programmes.

The conference will be open to delegates from all 49 Tennis Europe member nations, and will be of particular interest to those working in charge of coaches' education at national federations.



Some of the delegates at the most recent Specific Theme Conference in Vilamoura.

Further information will be sent directly to member nations in due course.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Referees' Seminar



A referees' seminar will be held in Vienna, Austria, from 14-15 April.

The seminar is aimed particularly at the White Badge Referees working at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events, although other ITF certified referees are also welcome.

The seminar will be presented by Anders Wennberg

and Werner Hötzing, and will cover a wide variety of topics, including Tennis Europe Junior Tour rules and regulations, the entry system, on-site handling and sign-in, code of conduct issues, and working with the Tour's officiating software.

Further information about the Seminar, can be found online [here](#).

Italian Tennis Federation 'Foro Italico' Coaches' Symposium

The Italian Tennis Federation, in cooperation with the Roberto Lombardi Higher Institute of education, will host the first International Coaches' Symposium 'Foro Italico' on 10 May, during the Rome Masters - Internazionali BNL di Italia.

The Symposium will be held in the Nicola Pietrangeli Stadium from 9.30 am to 7.30 pm. The prestigious international speakers will include Nick Bollettieri, Miguel Crespo, Hrvoje Zmavic, Alexander Ferrauti, Bernard Pestre, Max Sartori, Umberto Rianna, Eduardo Infantino, among others. Each will present their own approach to tennis teaching methodology using practical examples with young and professional players on court.

The entry fee is €100, and the deadline is 14 April.



The Foro Italico in Rome.

Click [here](#) for further information.

Countdown to World Tennis Day

The inaugural World Tennis Day will take place on Monday 4th March, when a series of special events will be held around the world with the aim of increasing participation around the world.

Leading the events are several high-profile exhibitions, including BNP Paribas Showdowns at New York's Madison Square Garden, where Serena Williams will take on Victoria Azarenka and Rafael Nadal will face Juan Martin del Potro, and the Asia World Arena in Hong Kong, where Caroline Wozniacki and Agnieszka Radwanska will face off before legends John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl renew their famous rivalry. Organised by promoters StarGames, the exhibitions will also include demonstrations of the ITF's Tennis 10s program alongside the main events.

World Tennis Day is organised by the International Tennis Federation, whose constituent national associations are encouraged to take part. Plans are afoot for activities all over the world, and several European nations are getting involved.

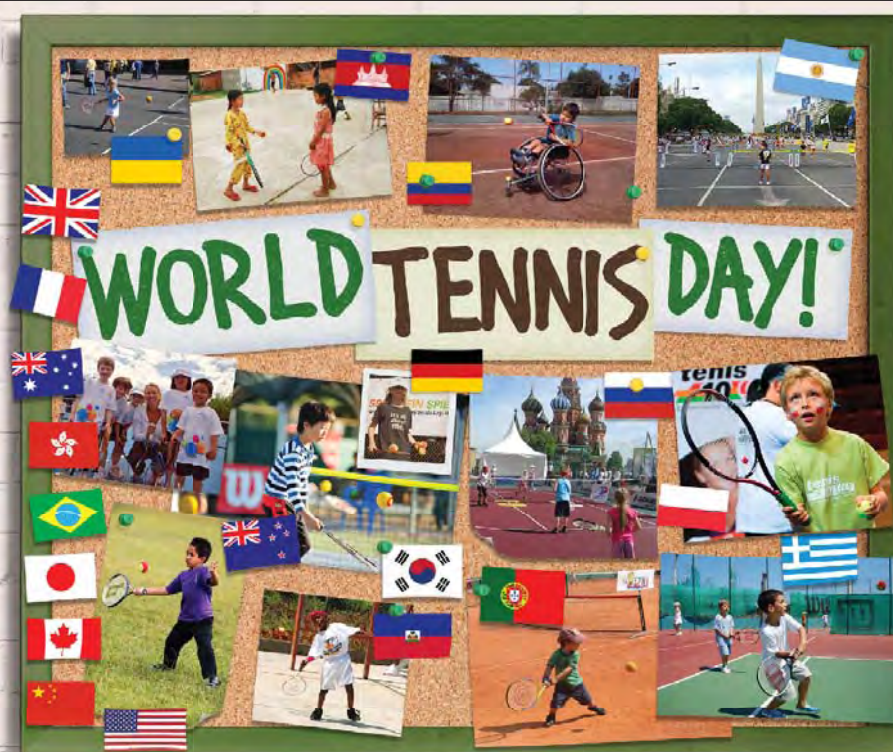
The Belarus Tennis Federation is hosting a national championship around the day, with Tennis 10s

events planned across the country, amongst other activities. Portugal and Norway will also host Tennis 10s events, while TK Sparta Praha in the Czech Republic will open its doors to the public for a Tennis 10s festival and free tennis for all. In Great Britain, British Tennis will visit a primary school which will be announced as the 15,000th school to benefit from Aegon Schools Tennis Programme. The Centenary Tennis Clubs Association and Tennis Europe have also been encouraging clubs throughout the continent to get involved.

Many other nations around the world, from Argentina to Zimbabwe, are organising their own promotional events.

Tennis 10s is part of the ITF's global 'Play and Stay' initiative, which promotes tennis as an easy, fun and healthy sport and aims to increase participation worldwide. The Tennis 10s program promotes the use of slower and lower bouncing balls, shorter and lighter racquets and smaller courts, in order to make it easier for children to take up the sport.

For further information on World Tennis Day, click [here](#).



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Austrian Tennis Federation prepares players for coaching careers

The Austrian Tennis Federation (ÖTV) has recently completed a pilot scheme in collaboration with the National Sports Academy in Innsbruck and a number of the best-known Austrian players.

The aim of the project, under the supervision of the ÖTV's Director of Coaching Harald Mair, is to provide improved opportunities for former elite players following the conclusion of their playing careers. The Federation considers that the experiences and expertise acquired during the professional careers of current and former Davis and Fed Cup players can be used to extend their careers long after they finish playing competitively.

The ÖTV believes that former elite players have the requisite abilities to be fast tracked into quickly started coaching careers, and in particular to become 'certified tennis instructors for high performance athletes.' The course was open to professional players who have been (or currently are) ranked within the Top 600 on the ATP or WTA Tours. These players already have special competencies; having played competitively and practiced since childhood, they are given recognition for certain parts of the course, and consequently can advance faster.

After successfully completing the course, the first group of players to graduate through the scheme did so on February 9th, and included Clemens Trimmel, Sybille Bammer, Stefan Koubek, Max Raditschnigg, Rainer Falenti, Martin Slana and Tina Schiechl. Julian Knowle and Markus Hipfl will take their final examinations at a later date due to scheduling problems.

The course was held in three stages, with the players attending classes at the National Training Centre from 21-25 November and 12-16 December, before theoretical and practical examinations were held in early February. "In the first part of the course," says Mair, "the players' tennis-specific knowledge in the field was applied to topics of methodology, teaching tennis and kinetics. In the second part, we aimed to intensify this knowledge, with a special focus on performance players."

In examining the expertise of the future tennis coaches, three teams of examiners looked at general and special education, as well as training in the special theory of motion and methodology. "For some of the former and current high-performance players, it was not so easy to 'go back to school', because many of them completed their education years ago and are no longer used to sitting exams. Some of them were pretty nervous beforehand, but they were all very committed and came through with flying colours," said Mair.



Left to right: Alfred Tesar: Fed-Cup Captain 2002 - 2009, Sybille Bammer (former WTA #19), Clemens Trimmel (former ATP #149 and Sporting Director of the ÖTV), Stefan Koubek (ATP #20), Ronnie Leitgeb (President of the ÖTV), Mag. Alfred Wagner (Director of the Education Institute BSPA Innsbruck), Mag. Harald Mair (Director of Education, ÖTV).

The former and current professionals that took part in the course had common reasons for participating. "I feel that tennis is the one area that I know best," said Alexander Peya. "I have been working in this world for many years; I have seen a lot of things and have a lot of experiences. If I feel like continuing once I end my playing career, I think I have to chance to one day become a reasonable coach." Peya was given special dispensation to take his exam early as he was due to take part in the Sao Paulo ATP event on the date of the final exams.

ÖTV sports director Clemens Trimmel explained, "We want to hold on to successful professional players and to keep them involved." This is a strategy that is already in action, with former WTA Top 20 player Sybille Bammer currently working as a trainer at the Upper Austrian Tennis Federation.

The training was a pilot scheme and was deemed to have been a great success. ÖTV President Ronnie Leitgeb, himself a former coach to elite players such as Thomas Muster and Andrea Gaudenzi, said, "Elite players as potential 'coach material' are an enormously valuable asset. I am very happy that it worked out in such a short time to provide this training and hope that the work done will help to allow these successful players to remain within Austrian tennis after their playing careers."

European Beach Tennis Championships in Brighton

Tennis Europe, the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain and the International Tennis Federation have announced that the 2013 European Beach Tennis Championships will be staged in Brighton, on the south coast of England.

The sixth edition of the event will be played during the weekend of 9-11 August, and will be visiting the country for the first time.

The European Championships is a closed event at which teams from Tennis Europe's 49 member nations compete for mens', womens' and mixed doubles titles. Italian teams have dominated the event since it was first held in 2007, and have accounted for all silverware so far, reflecting Italy's dominance of the ITF Beach Tennis rankings.

Over 120 players from 19 countries took part in the most recent edition of the tournament, which was held in San Marino in August 2012.

Italian players have dominated the event since its creation in 2007, winning all available titles. The defending champions in the men's and women's events are the world's third and fourth-ranked players, Marco



Players competing at last year's European Championships in San Marino.

Garavini & Paolo Tazzari and Simona Bonadonna & Eva D'Elia respectively, while Garavini also teamed up with Federica Bacchetta to win the 2012 mixed doubles title.

The official circular and entry forms will be sent to national federations in due course.

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Beyond the Baseline...

Esther Vergeer has announced her retirement from wheelchair tennis. The 31-year old is undoubtedly the greatest player the sport has ever seen, having gone over ten years without defeat and becoming known internationally as the face of wheelchair tennis. She was named as ITF Wheelchair World Champion on 13 occasions and won 169 titles (120 consecutively), ending her career with a win streak of 470 matches stretching back to January 2003. She was also a part of the Netherlands' team that won the World Team Cup on 12 occasions. Vergeer will now concentrate on the foundation that she has established with the aim of helping to promote sport for people with disabilities.

Australia and Switzerland have agreed to play their **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group play-off on clay at Tennis Club Chiasso in Switzerland, despite the Australians having the right to choose the venue. Both teams opted to play in Europe in order to help their players with scheduling during the clay court season. The tie will be played during the weekend of 20-21 April, alongside the remaining World Group play-offs; (host teams listed first) Germany vs. Serbia, Spain vs. Japan and USA vs. Sweden. World Group II play offs are Belgium vs. Poland, France vs. Kazakhstan, Argentina vs. Great Britain and Ukraine vs. Canada.

The ITF has announced a revision of the Fed Cup dead rubber policy for World Group and World Group II matches. From now on, if a tie is decided after the third singles rubber, the fourth singles may be skipped and the dead doubles rubber played instead. A match tie break replaces the third set in dead doubles rubbers.

Recently-retired former world #1 **Kim Clijsters** has revealed that she is expecting her second child.

The **WTA Tour** has entered into a new partnership with international document management company Xerox.

The **Lawn Tennis Association** of Great Britain has announced some changes to its main coaching roles. Iain Bates has been named Head of Women's Tennis, while former British #1 Jeremy Bates takes the role of lead coach for women's tennis.

The **ITF Beach Tennis World Championships** will be held in Cervia, Italy, from July 31 – August 4. The World Team Championships will once again be held in Moscow from 18-21 July.

Currently undergoing chemotherapy for Hodgkin's lymphoma, Britain's **Ross Hutchins** is organising a 'Rally Against Cancer' event which will take place on 16 June in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital cancer charity, the final day of AEGON Championships in London. Andy Murray and Tim Henman are amongst those confirmed to take part in the event.

BNP Paribas has extended its title sponsorship of the Indian Wells event until 2018. A number of veteran players have been awarded wild cards to the 2013 event, which starts next week. Amongst them are David Nalbandian, Tommy Robredo, James Blake and Kimiko Date-Krumm. Former American #1 Mardy Fish will also make his return to action after several months away from the sport due to heart-related problems.

Andy Murray and **Rafael Nadal** are both moving into the hotel industry. The Scot has bought a property near his hometown and plans to turn into a five-star establishment, while the Spaniard has invested a reported \$10 million into two hotels in Mexico.

Serena Williams' return to the WTA Tour #1 spot makes her the oldest player ever to achieve the feat.

The ITF has confirmed that next year's **ITF Seniors World Championships** will be held in Palm beach Gardens, Florida (USA), from 21-24 April, 2014.

Marion Bartoli has begun working with former world #1 Amelie Mauresmo, who will accompany her to several top events in 2013 after securing Bartoli's return to the French Fed Cup team.

17 wheelchair tennis teams from 12 nations are competing at the BNP Paribas **World Team Cup** European qualifications in Turkey this week.

Laura Robson is the new ambassador for tennis at the Virgin Active chain of health and fitness establishments in Great Britain.

FAST FACT

At the 2012 Wimbledon Championships 382 of the 574 competitors in all competitions, two-thirds of the total, were from Europe.

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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 February 25th, 2013.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Ana KONJUH	CRO	2790
02	▶	Iryna SHYMANOVICH	BLR	2170
03	▶	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	1876
04	▶	Francoise ABANDA	CAN	1695
05	▶	Aliona BOLSOVA	MDA	1631
06	▲	Anna BONDAR	HUN	1623
07	▼	Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	1528
08	▲	Kateryna SLIUSAR	UKR	1520
09	▲	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1470
10	▼	Veronika KUDERMETOVA	RUS	1409



Anna Bondar (HUN)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Jaume MUNAR CLAR	ESP	1470
02	▶	Seong Chan HONG	KOR	1048
03	▲	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	1005
04	▼	Daniel ORLITA	CZE	970
05	▲	Michal DEMBEK	POL	955
06	▲	Marko OSMAKCIC	SUI	933
07	▼	Vitalii SHCHERBA	UKR	893
08	NEW	Pedro MARTINEZ PORTERO	ESP	890
09	NEW	Carlos TABERNER	ESP	870
10	▶	Jay CLARKE	GBR	858



Carlos Taberner (ESP)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Artem Dubrivnyy's fine start to the year has enabled the Russian to claim the #1 spot in the boys' 14 & Under rankings for the first time. So far this year, Dubrivnyy has been one of the Tour's main protagonists, playing a key role on the winning Russian Winter Cups team and winning the Category 2 event in Milovice (CZE) in singles, as well as teaming up with Ergi Kirkin (TUR) to win the doubles in Tarbes. He was beaten in the singles semifinals at Tarbes by the player he replaced at #1, Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB), and the two look set to battle

for supremacy throughout the season.

Amongst the upward movers in the girls' Top Ten are Ioana Guna (ROU) and Eva Guerrero Alvarez (ESP), both of whom helped their teams to reach the Winter Cups final rounds.

The Race to the Junior Masters rankings are already being updated as players fight to secure places at the season-ending elite event. You can follow the latest Race rankings [here](#). The rankings below are as of February 25th, 2013.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Andreea Amalia ROSCA	ROU	745
02	▲	Amina ANSHBA	RUS	715
03	▲	Anna UREKE	RUS	685
04	▼	Sofya ZHUK	RUS	660
05	▶	Evgeniya LEVASHOVA	RUS	660
05	▲	Marketa VONDROUSOVA	CZE	590
06	▼	Valeriya YUSHCHENKO	RUS	575
08	NEW	Ioana GUNA	ROU	525
08	NEW	Eva GUERRERO ALVAREZ	ESP	515
10	▼	Ekaterina ANTROPOVA	RUS	485



Eva Guerrero Alvarez (ESP)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Artem DUBRIVNYY	RUS	625
02	▼	Miomir KECMANOVIC	SRB	600
03	▼	Samuele RAMAZZOTTI	ITA	550
04	▶	Ergi KIRKIN	TUR	505
04	▶	Kacper ZUK	POL	475
06	▲	Phiipp KLIMOV	RUS	440
07	▶	Kaya GORE	TUR	390
08	▼	Alexei POPYRIN	AUS	360
08	▼	Jurij RODIONOV	BLR	360
10	NEW	Corentin MOUTET	FRA	355



Artem Dubrivnyy (RUS)

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 11	Oetwil (SUI)	2 M Moeller (GER)	G Huber (AUT)	64 61	Schell (GER)/Sokolovskiy (RUS)
		V Yushchenko (RUS)	D Yastremska (UKR)	61 62	Milovanovic/Welti (SUI)
Feb 18	Bucharest (ROU)	3 E Fetisleam (ROU)	M Mashtakov (UKR)	61 63	Cosma/Prajescu (ROU)
		G Craciun (ROU)	O Andrieieva (UKR)	63 62	Andrieieva (UKR)/Craciun (ROU)
Feb 18	Zoetermeer (NED)	3 R Molleker (GER)	N Schell (GER)	63 63	Hjorth/Kristensen (DEN)
		L Schmidt (GER)	A Abramyan (RUS)	63 62	De Jong/Melgers (NED)
Feb 18	Stockholm (SWE)	3 J Eriksson Ziverts (SWE)	K Friberg (SWE)	61 62	Eriksson Ziverts/Hallinn (SWE)
		A Kulikova (RUS)	M Helgo (NOR)	60 64	Boltinskaya/Kulikova (RUS)

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Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 11	Belgorod (RUS)	3 T Razmaitov (RUS)	I Broun (RUS)	06 64 64	Broun/Razmaitov (RUS)
		M Paygina (RUS)	M Ifidzhen (RUS)	57 64 61	Blyukhterova/Ifidzhen (RUS)
Feb 11	Taverne (SUI)	3 S Reitano (ITA)	D Morelli (ITA)	62 26 64	Reitano/Rossi (ITA)
		S Orellana (SUI)	A Simonelli (ITA)	64 63	Simonelli/Stefanini (ITA)
Feb 18	Siauliai (LTU)	2 A Lazdins (LAT)	P Michocki (POL)	61 63	Lazdins/Lukstins (LAT)
		A Sabalenka (BLR)	Z Falei (BLR)	62 76(3)	Kalinskaya/Zeleva (RUS)
Feb 18	Zoetermeer (NED)	3 J Perez Fuster (ESP)	C Sarrio Tamarit (ESP)	63 63	Antonopoulos/Iliopoulos (GRE)
		L Lebedzeva (NED)	Z Fulani (NED)	60 63	Garcia Gausi (ESP)/Kuznetsova (RUS)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 28	Nussloch (GER)	\$15,000	S Seifert (GER)	B Knittel (GER)	46 76(6)	64 Knittel (GER)/Oswald (AUT)
Jan 28	Feucherolles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	D Guez (FRA)	C Lestienne (FRA)	60 61	Cacic/Zekic (SRB)
Jan 28	Sheffield (GBR)	\$10,000	C Harrison (USA)	E Corrie (GBR)	64 26 76(5)	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Jan 28	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	Y Vandenbulcke (BEL)	C Grassi (ITA)	61 46 76(5)	Jebavy/Salaba (CZE)
Jan 28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	L Huang (TPE)	G Granollers Pujol (ESP)	26 64 63	Smirnov/Uzhylovsky (UKR)
Feb 4	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	A Di Mauro (ITA)	61 61	Di Mauro/Vagnozzi (ITA)
Feb 4	Wirral (GBR)	\$10,000	E Corrie (GBR)	D Smethurst (GBR)	64 61	Burton/Skupski (GBR)
Feb 4	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	S Moneke (GER)	M Bourgue (FRA)	62 63	Chang (CHN)/Huang (TPE)
Feb 11	Zagreb (CRO)	\$10,000	D Dzumhur (BIH)	M Cecchinato (ITA)	62 75	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Feb 11	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	T Daniel (JPN)	63 57 61	Daniel (JPN)/Souto (VEN)
Feb 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Samper Montana (ESP)	D Petrovic (SRB)	57 62 63	Chen (TPE)/Kondo (JPN)
Feb 18	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	R Carballes Baena (ESP)	67(7) 63 63	Brizzi/Brizzi (ITA)
Feb 18	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	J Marie (FRA)	A Sikora (SVK)	62 26 62	Fischer (AUT)/Pospisil (CZE)
Feb 18	Moscow (RUS)	\$15,000	K Kravchuk (RUS)	A Juska (LAT)	64 57 64	Juska (LAT)/Kravchuk (RUS)
Feb 18	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	G Panfil (POL)	M Deviatarov (UKR)	63 63	Dubarenco (MDA)/Manafov (UKR)
Feb 18	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	N Desein (POR)	P Sousa (POR)	76(3) 62	Falcao/Sousa (POR)
Feb 18	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Y Reuter (BEL)	R Albot (MDA)	76(4) 36 62	Chang/Li (CHN)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Lee (KOR)	Y Buchina (RUS)	75 63	Han/Lee (KOR)
Jan 28	Eilat (ISR)	\$75,000	E Svitolina (UKR)	M Sirotkina (RUS)	63 36 75	Kudryavtseva (RUS)/Svitolina (UKR)
Feb 4	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	L Andrei (ROU)	E Fernandez Bruges (ESP)	62 46 62	Bruzzzone/Caregaro (ITA)
Feb 4	Grenoble (FRA)	\$25,000	S Zahlavova (CZE)	M Zanevska (UKR)	64 57 62	Kondratieva (RUS)/Voracova (CZE)
Feb 11	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	J Kimmelman (GER)	P Ozgen (TUR)	64 63	Daniels/Siegemund (GER)
Feb 11	Linkoping (SWE)	\$10,000	A Moratelli (ITA)	M Ulvefeldt (SWE)	76(5) 61	Alzate (NED)/Shulzhanok (BLR)
Feb 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	J Tinjic (BIH)	5-2 ret	Mircic (SRB)/Platon (ROU)
Feb 18	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	A Grymalska (ITA)	I Cavalle Reimers (ESP)	62 76(2)	Costas (ESP)/Jani (HUN)
Feb 18	Macon (FRA)	\$10,000	A Lottner (GER)	A Remondina (ITA)	75 75	Lottner (GER)/Salnikova (RUS)
Feb 18	Kreuzlingen (SUI)	\$10,000	E Alexandrova (RUS)	T Bacsinszky (SUI)	64 63	Bacsinszky/Knoll (SUI)
Feb 18	Helsingborg (SWE)	\$10,000	J Ostapenko (LAT)	E Allgurin (SWE)	62 76(3)	Allgurin (SWE)/Ostapenko (LAT)
Feb 18	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	I Ducu (ROU)	62 75	Bukta (HUN)/Juhaszova (BUL)
Feb 18	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	S Shapatava (RUS)	64 76(5)	Gasparyan/Monova (RUS)

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European Women

Rank (WTA)		Name	Nat.	Points
1 (2)	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	10325
2 (3)	▶	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	9715
3 (4)	▶	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	7505
4 (6)	▶	Angelique KERBER	GER	5400
5 (7)	▲	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	4980
6 (8)	▼	Sara ERRANI	ITA	4915
7 (10)	▲	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	3570
8 (11)	▼	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	3265
9 (12)	▶	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	3050
10 (13)	▶	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	2836
11 (14)	▶	Dominka CIBULKOVA	SVK	2695
12 (15)	▶	Maria KIRILENKO	RUS	2671
13 (16)	▶	Roberta VINCI	ITA	2665
14 (18)	▶	Lucie SAFAROVA	CZE	2065
15 (19)	▲	Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	1950
16 (21)	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	1770
17 (22)	▲	Klara ZAKOPALOVA	CZE	1725
18 (24)	▼	Julia GOERGES	CZE	1665
19 (26)	▲	Tamira PASZEK	AUT	1618
20 (27)	NEW	Mona BARTHEL	GER	1610

European Men

Rank (ATP)		Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	12920
2 (2)	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	9855
3 (3)	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	8480
4 (4)	▶	David FERRER	ESP	6865
5 (5)	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	5755
6 (6)	▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4545
7 (8)	▶	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	3660
8 (9)	▶	Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	3125
9 (10)	▶	Richard GASQUET	FRA	2880
10 (11)	▲	Marin CILIC	CRO	2535
11 (12)	▼	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2480
12 (13)	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2390
13 (17)	▶	Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	2050
14 (19)	▲	Tommy HAAS	GER	1815
15 (20)	▼	Andreas SEPPI	ITA	1730
16 (21)	▼	Philipp KOHLSCREIBER	GER	1720
17 (22)	▶	Alexandr DOLGOPOLOV	UKR	1715
18 (24)	▶	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	1525
19 (25)	▶	Jeremy CHARDY	FRA	1401
20 (26)	▶	Jerzy JANOWICZ	POL	1371



Petra Kvitová (CZE)



Marin Čilić (CRO)



Mona Barthel (GER)

* Rankings as of February 25, 2013

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Mr. Oleksandr Pechonkin is the new General Secretary of the Ukrainian Tennis Federation.

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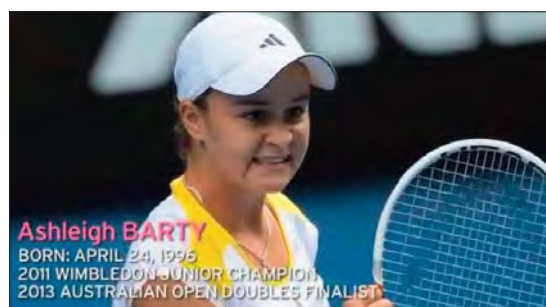
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