

Russia re-claims European Tennis Trophy



Russia has reclaimed its position as the top-performing country in European tennis, edging defending champions Germany into second place in order to claim the European Tennis Trophy for Overall Performance for a sixth time. The Czech Republic, Great Britain, Netherlands and Germany also won titles in the annual awards, which recognise tennis performance across a number of key categories.

Russia's overall victory can once again be attributed in large part to another outstanding year in Junior Tennis, with the nation collecting the Junior Tennis Trophy for an eleventh time in the last twelve years, and fifth in succession. The margin of victory over second-placed Czech Republic was greater than the number of points earned by third-placed Poland. Russia also rose from seventh to fourth in the all-important professional tennis category, increasing its points tally by over a third from 2014.

Reacting to the news, Russian Tennis Federation President Shamil Tarpishev said, "The decade since we received our first Overall Performance Award has not been easy, and the competition has been strong. But year by year we have managed to prove that the 2005 award was no accident. This year we also won our 13th Junior Trophy. We have a big team and I would like to thank them for their great self-sacrificing work. We are very proud to be a significant part of Tennis Europe, and we thank the European Tennis Federation for its titanic efforts in strengthening the

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Anniversary Magazine Published

A special souvenir magazine has been published in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour.

Also available to read free-of-charge online, the 108-

page glossy magazine contains interviews with a host of the tennis world's most famous names. Andy Murray recalls his first meetings with rivals Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal, while Timea Bacsinszky shares the lessons she learned while travelling on >>

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leadership position of European tennis in the world. We also recognise and very much appreciate the work of all European tournament organisers, who provide the conditions that enable our players to give their best performances."

The Czech Republic retained the Professional Tennis Trophy for a fourth consecutive year, thanks in no small part to another Fed Cup by BNP Paribas victory. Just 50 points separated the Czechs from second-placed France, while Spain followed close behind.

Great Britain has ended 15 years of Dutch dominance of the Wheelchair Tennis Trophy. For the first time ever, two nations will share a title as the two leading performers were inseparable, ending the season tied with 863 points each. The Brits have been moving closer and closer to the top position in recent years, but this was the first occasion since the inclusion of the Wheelchair Tennis category in 2001 that a Netherlands victory had been seriously challenged. With bonus Paralympic points on offer in 2016, the coming season looks set to see some intriguing battles.

The Wheelchair Tennis win helped Britain move into sixth place overall – the nation's best-ever performance, a feat greatly bolstered by the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas victory at the end of the season. Other notable achievements include that of Poland; an exceptional year saw the nation reach a best-ever ranking of 8th overall, a significant rise of eight places. Other nations on the rise include Belgium (from 18th to 10th), Croatia (19th to 13th) and Turkey (32nd to 23rd). Malta also achieved a highest ever position of 25th.

There were no surprises in the Senior Tennis Trophy category, where Germany continues to dominate, having won all 25 editions of the award. The margin of victory was as impressive as ever; the winners scoring almost three times as many points as second-placed Austria, with Italy, France and Spain rounding out the Top 5.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré commented, "I would like to commend all of the national tennis federations that comprise Tennis Europe on another year of progress and development. In particular, I'd like to congratulate the five trophy-winning nations, and especially Russia for their overall achievements. Maintaining such high levels of performance in any of the contributing categories year after year is a perfect illustration that a federation is performing well. Having said that, success in these awards is also due to the performances of individual athletes and teams, as well as the coaches, clubs, academies and tournaments that make Europe such a vibrant tennis community."

Established in 1991 to recognise and reward the annual achievements of Tennis Europe's 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 next Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe, due to be held in Chisinau, Moldova in March.

For full results, and a detailed explanation of how the points are calculated, please click [here](#).

2015 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY

	Overall Performance	Professional Tennis	Junior Tennis	Senior Tennis	Wheelchair Tennis
01	RUSSIA	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA	GERMANY	GREAT BRITAIN (=)
02	GERMANY	FRANCE	CZECH REP.	AUSTRIA	NETHERLANDS (=)
03	CZECH REP.	SPAIN	POLAND	ITALY	FRANCE
04	FRANCE	RUSSIA	SPAIN	FRANCE	GERMANY
05	SPAIN	GERMANY	GERMANY	SPAIN	RUSSIA
06	GREAT BRITAIN	ITALY	ROMANIA	GREAT BRITAIN	ISRAEL
07	ITALY	GREAT BRITAIN	UKRAINE	BELGIUM	ITALY
08	POLAND	BELGIUM	ITALY	SWEDEN	SPAIN
09	ROMANIA	SERBIA	FRANCE	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM
10	BELGIUM/SERBIA	SWITZERLAND	HUNGARY	ROMANIA	SWEDEN

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<< the 14 & Under circuit.

Other contributors keen to share their memories include the likes of Steffi Graf, Ivan Lendl, Marion Bartoli, Andrea Petkovic, Agnieszka Radwanska, Feliciano Lopez and Svetlana Kuznetsova. Judy Murray explains how the Tour provides important learning opportunities for parents and coaches, as well as the competitors. In addition to the interviews, the magazine also reviews the main events from this 25th anniversary season, as well as an in-depth look at the Tour's flagship competition, the European Junior Championships, which celebrated its 40th edition in 2015. There is a potted history of each of the 25 years as well as detailed honour rolls from the main individual and team championships.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "The magazine has been a labour of love for the editorial team that has been working on it

throughout the year. It was heartening to see that so many top players had great memories and were eager to contribute their experiences and to give advice to today's junior players. Whether you are a tennis fan, a player past or present, a parent or an event organiser, there is something for everyone in the magazine. We'd like to thank everyone that has contributed to the project, and hope that everyone enjoys reading it."

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour was launched in 1990, bringing together new events with some of the most prestigious pre-existing junior tournaments in Europe to form a new calendar of 40 tournaments. Since then, the Tour has grown continuously and in 2016 comprised of 353 events across three age categories (12, 14 and 16 & Under) in 45 nations.

You can download your copy of the magazine [here](#).

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year, presented by Polar

Tennis Europe has announced the winners of the new-look Tennis Europe Junior Tour Awards presented by Polar. Re-launched as a final part of the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Tour, the awards have been expanded to recognise the annual achievements of players in a variety of new categories.

Russian players scooped both of the 14 & Under Player of the Year titles, as season-ending #1s **Timofey Skatov** and Taisya Pachkaleva taking the honours. In many ways, the pair had similar seasons; both played key roles in Russia's team competition victories (Skatov in the boys' Winter Cups by HEAD win and Pachkaleva in the girls' Summer Cups), both were silver medallists at the European Championships, and both won three doubles titles. Pachkaleva slightly outdid her compatriot in singles, winning four titles to Skatov's three, but they coincided twice to lift the singles trophies at Category 1 events in Stockholm and Rakovnik.

Leonid Sheyngezikh claimed the Boys 16 & Under Player of the Year Award after finishing as #1 in his category. The Bulgarian reached four finals during the season, scooping singles and doubles titles at the Category 1 event in Sofia. Spain's **Marina Bassols Ribera** is the Girls 16 & Under Player of the Year. A stellar season saw her lose just two matches, winning four singles titles including three Category 1 events and the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

Russian pair **Ekaterina Makarova & Anastasia Tikhonova** claim the title of Doubles Team of the Year,



Clockwise, from top left: Players of the Year Skatov, Pachkaleva, Sheyngezikh and Bassols.

thanks to their summer win streak that included three consecutive Category 1 titles across two age groups.

The new category of Overseas Player of the Year recognises the performances of players representing non-Tennis Europe member nations on the Tour. Two players stood out this season: **Zhao Lingxi** of China ended the year as the fourth-ranked 16 & Under, winning two Category 1 doubles titles and lifting the sin-

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gles crown in Torelló. **María Lourdes Carle** of Argentina had a second consecutive fruitful tour of Europe as part of the ITF/COSAT team in the summer. Playing three Category 1 events, she won in Milan and Biella and reached the final in Foligno to end the year in the girls' 16 & Under Top 10.

Germany's 16 & Under boys' team wins the award for TEJT Best National Team. The squad won both the Winter Cups by HEAD and Borotra Cup competitions, a year on from scooping both titles at the corresponding 14 & Under competitions.

Francesco Ricci Bitti receives a special award for Outstanding Contribution to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. As a member of Board of Management and Junior Committees throughout the 1980's, the former ITF and Tennis Europe President played a key role in the founding of the Tour as well as in overseeing its successful consolidation in the following years.

Each of the winners will receive a diploma, medal and a prize from Polar, the leading pioneer of heart rate monitoring and wearable sports devices.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré commented, "As we reach the end of the 25th anniversary year of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, we wanted to take this opportunity to create a legacy, expanding our awards to recognise the achievements of more players and to award the people behind the scenes that contribute greatly to the smooth running of the Tour. I'd like to congratulate all of the winners, and to thank everyone that has been involved in staging a Tennis Europe Junior Tour event this year. It is a special pleasure to be able to present the Outstanding Contribution Awards to Francesco Ricci Bitti, whose role over more than 20 years as a member and chair of Tennis Europe committees was crucial in establishing what has become the world's leading platform for junior athletes of these age categories."



From top: Zhao Lingxi and Maria Lourdes Carle, Germany's 16 & under boys' team and Elena Makarova & Anastasia Tikhonova.

2015 TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR AWARDS

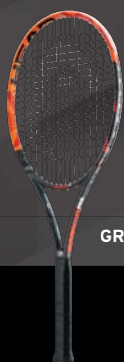
Category	Winner
TEJT Player of the Year (14 & Under Boys)	Timofey Skatov (RUS)
TEJT Player of the Year (14 & Under Girls)	Taisya Pachkaleva (RUS)
TEJT Player of the Year (16 & Under Boys)	Leonid Sheyngelikht (BUL)
TEJT Player of the Year (16 & Under Girls)	Marina Bassols (ESP)
TEJT Doubles Team of the Year	Ekaterina Makarova & Anastasia Tikhonova (RUS)
Overseas Players of the Year	Zhao Lingxi (CHN) and Maria Lourdes Carle (ARG)
National Team of the Year	Germany: 16 & Under Boys
Outstanding Contribution to TEJT	Francesco Ricci Bitti



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Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference

60 delegates from 27 nations attended the recent Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference in Bucharest. The event was held from 1-3 December at the Radisson Blu hotel, where it was hosted by the Romanian Tennis Federation.

The bi-annual conference provides a unique opportunity for the member nations to exchange views and ideas relating to professional tennis and organization of tournaments that are part of the ITF Pro Circuits. With the new prize money levels on the ITF Pro Circuits being introduced in 2016 and 2017, the timing of the conference was perfect.

The first day of the conference saw presentations from Kris Dent, Alistair Williams and Anders Wennberg of the ITF, Joanna Langhorne of the ATP and Karen Bull of the WTA on the current developments in the respective professional tennis circuits. The Romanian Tennis Federation shared their experiences in managing the development of the game at a national level. Each day included interactive sessions with group discussions on topics including the Davis Cup and Fed Cup, ITF Pro Circuits as well as the challenges of moving from junior to pro tennis.

Separate sessions for Pro Tennis and Officiating were on the agenda on the second day of the conference. The Pro Tennis session exchanged best prac-



tices and views on the upcoming changes of the prize money levels. The Officiating session discussed a multitude of topics such as recruitment, recertification, officiating schools and exchange of officials and was attended by over 20 officials under the leadership of Soeren Friemel, the ITF Head of Officiating and Anders Wennberg, the Tennis Europe/ITF Regional Officiating Officer.

The Romanian Tennis Federation kindly organized a sightseeing tour of the People's Palace, the world's largest civilian building with an administrative function. The level of the organization of the Conference was outstanding and the delegates thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of the RTF staff.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference

The 36th edition of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference was hosted by the French Tennis Federation in Paris, from 4-5 November 2015.

The Conference was aimed at Junior Tennis Managers/Co-coordinators/Administrators of the Tennis Europe Member Nations and Tournament Directors of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. A total of 78 participants from 31 Countries were present.

The meeting was opened by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, French Tennis Federation President Jean Gachassin and chaired by Karin Van Bijsterveld, the Chairwoman of the Tennis Europe Junior Committee.

The opening afternoon was dedicated to an update of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour / junior activities and European Team competitions by Karin Van Bijsterveld and Stephanie Kamperi, Tennis Europe Manager, Junior Tennis. It was followed by an update from the CEO of Tennis Europe, Olli Mäenpää. In the late afternoon Luca Santilli, the Head of Juniors & Seniors Tennis at the ITF presented the ITF Juniors

Circuit update, and major rule changes concerning the 11 & Under and eligibility rules. The day concluded with a presentation by ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, Hrvoje Zmajic.

On the second day a comprehensive agenda was prepared with several federations sharing best practices on 12 & Under events and protection and safeguarding tournaments. This was followed by presentations from tournament directors and special guests on event promotion, sponsorship, innovation and new media. In the afternoon all participants were split into working groups, which gave an opportunity to discuss a number of topics such as tournament organization/administration, wild card issues, sign in procedures etc.

Tennis Europe thanks the French Tennis Federation for organizing this conference in an excellent way and for organizing additional activities related to the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour which were greatly appreciated by all the participants.

Tennis Europe Coach Education Conference

50 delegates from 32 of Tennis Europe's member nations attended the recent Tennis Europe Coach Education Conference in Antalya. The event was held from 21-22 November at the Kaya Palazzo Resort, where it was hosted by the Turkish Tennis Federation.

Following on from events in Vilamoura in 2011 and Valencia in 2013, this was the third occasion that Tennis Europe devoted the Specific Theme Conference to the topic of Coach Education, and serves to continue the work that is being done by the organisation to improve the availability of knowledge and resources to the coaching community.

The majority of presentations focused on the topic of facilitating tools for competency-based coach education. Each day included interactive sessions with group discussions and a panel debate on the topic of recognition of previously acquired competencies.

Delegates were also informed about the tools available for coaches and federations at tenniscoached.com, Tennis Europe's new online

resource centre, and from key partner of the project, OrangeCoach.

Many of the delegates stayed on site after the Tennis Europe conference in order to participate at the ITF's Worldwide Coaches Workshop, which was held later that week at the same location. The event is the world's most important biennial gathering of international coaches.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer and conference organiser Hrvoje Zmajic said; "This third coach education conference in five years underlines both the importance of the topic as well as the interest of the European nations in developing this key area. The speakers came from several leading tennis nations as well as some of the smaller countries in Europe to share their experiences and ideas regarding the facilitating tools in competency-based coach education. This readiness to share and discuss the best practices in coach education - as well as all other aspects of tennis - is one of the strengths of the European region, and something that Tennis Europe will continue to nurture in the future."





Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 2016 Preview

Europe's top juniors are due to enjoy an early taste of team competition over the coming few weeks, as the 2016 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD spring into action.

A total of 180 national teams are due to take part in the competition, which is held across all three age categories of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour (12, 14 and 16 & Under). In each category, teams compete in qualifying groups of up to 8 teams, from which the winner and runner-up proceed to the final rounds a fortnight later.

The competition is staggered, and begins with 12 & under qualifying during the weekend of 29-31 January. The 14 and 16 & Under qualifying takes place the next weekend, the final rounds of the respective events being held over the two successive weekends. A full list of dates, venues and qualifying groups can be found below.

Last year's 12 & Under event saw first ever wins for Denmark (boys) and Ukraine (girls) in that age category. The 14 & Under crowns went to Russia (boys) and Poland (girls), whose #1 Iga Swiatek went on to European Championships title later in the season.



Russia's 16 & Under girls' team celebrate their 2015 victory

Germany kept up an impressive recent run in junior team events by claiming the boys 16 & Under title (following up with the Summer Cups title later in 2015), while Russia ended a run of four successive final defeats to take the 16 & Under girls' championship.

The Tennis Europe Winter Cups were first played in 1977, with former and current world #1s such as Justine Henin, Kim Clijsters, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic amongst the former champions.

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Boys 12&U - Qualifying (29-31 Jan)

Zone A	Hradek (CZE)	Czech Republic, Great Britain, Hungary, Kosovo, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia
Zone B	Tallinn (EST)	Belarus, Belgium, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone C	Ryazan (RUS)	Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Cyprus, France, Moldova, Russia, Serbia
Zone D	Ankara (TUR)	Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Georgia, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Turkey
Finals	Veska (CZE)	12-14 February

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Girls 12&U - Qualifying (29-31 Jan)

Zone A	Neudorf (AUT)	Austria, Bosnia & H, Great Britain, Hungary, Kosovo, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Portugal, Serbia
Zone C	Ryazan (RUS)	Belarus, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Romania, Russia
Zone D	Mersin (TUR)	Bulgaria, Georgia, Moldova, Netherlands, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine
Finals	Sunderland (GBR)	12-14 February



Qualifying Groups & Venues



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Boys 14&U - Qualifying (5-7 Feb)

Zone A	Ronchi (ITA)	Croatia, Cyprus, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland
Zone B	Kazan (RUS)	Austria, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Latvia, Russia, Serbia
Zone C	Karlskrona (SWE)	Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Ukraine
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Romania, Turkey
Finals	TBA	19-21st February

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Girls 14&U - Qualifying (5-7 Feb)

Zone A	Rakovnik (CZE)	Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia
Zone B	Pecs (HUN)	Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone C	Kazan (RUS)	Belarus, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Russia, Sweden
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Bulgaria, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Montenegro, Spain, Turkey
Finals	Rakovnik (CZE)	19-21st February

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Boys 16&U - Qualifying (5-7 Feb)

Zone A	Cholet (FRA)	Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Norway, Poland, Spain
Zone B	Hodmezzvasarhely (HUN)	Austria, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
Zone C	Coimbra (POR)	Belarus, Estonia, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Switzerland
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Great Britain, Romania, Sweden, Turkey
Finals	Ronchin (FRA)	19-21st February

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Girls 16&U - Qualifying (5-7 Feb)

Zone A	Minsk (BLR)	Austria, Belarus, Estonia, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden
Zone B	Brest (FRA)	Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Portugal, Ukraine
Zone C	Bergen Op Zoom (NED)	Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, Poland, Norway, Netherlands, Slovenia
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Bulgaria, Georgia, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey
Finals	Veska (TUR)	19-21st February

Italy and Russia claim European Beach Tennis Championship golds

Russia scored a first ever gold medal at the European Beach Tennis Championships in Israel, winning the mixed doubles crown, while Italian teams continued their dominance of the men's and women's competitions.

The top seeds emerged triumphant in both the men's and women's events, with both events featuring all-Italian finals for a second straight year. The men's title went to Michele Cappelletti & Matteo Marighella, who withstood a second set fightback from compatriots Luca Carli & Luca Meliconi to eventually secure a 6-4 3-6 6-2 win.

The win marked a second European Beach Tennis Championship title for each player; Capelletti previously won with Carli in 2011 while Marighella won in 2010 alongside Alex Mingozi. The pair also completed a double European/World Championship title sweep, having won the World Championships in Cervia in August.

The women's title went to Flavia Bacchetta & Sofia Cimatti who bounced back from a nightmare start to outlast Flaminia Daina & Giulia Gasparri 0-6 6-3 7-5. Neither team had lost a set on route to the final, where the reigning world champions completely dominated the first set. Bacchetta & Cimatti were clearly determined not to leave with a silver medal for a second successive year and managed to turn the match around to claim their first European title. The win would have been extra satisfying for Bacchetta, who had been a runner-up on three previous occasions.

Russia claimed both bronze medals, as Nikita Burmakin & Sergey Kuptsov beat Antomi Ramos-Viera and Gerard Rodriguez of Spain and Daria Churakova & Ekaterina Kirgizova beat Magalie Garnier & Elodie Vadel of France. Both matches were decided by tie-breaks.

Russian players have been making steady progress on the Beach Tennis Tour in recent years, so it was no surprise to see Russia become the first non-Italian nation ever to claim a gold medal at the European Beach Tennis Championships.

For their players Nikita Burmakin & Daria Churakova it was no easy task however, as they faced formidable opponents in the shape of top seeds Matteo Marighella & Federica Bacchetta. Early on, the Italians looked to be on course to complete to gold medal sweep for an eighth successive year conceding just one game in the first set. They also led in the second set before the Russian pair stormed back to claim it 7-5, and with the momentum on their side



Photos: the men's doubles podium and women's and mixed doubles titlists.

they breezed through the champions' tie-break, losing just two points to record an historic victory.

Luca Meliconi & Giulia Gasparri earned a small consolation for Italy, beating Antomi Ramos-Viera and Rosa Sitja of Spain 6-4 7-5 to take the bronze medal.

A total of 69 doubles teams from 15 nations took part in this eighth edition of the competition. The event was hosted by the Israeli Tennis Association and played in the beach resort of Eilat.

Great Britain celebrates Davis Cup glory

Great Britain has claimed its first Davis Cup by BNP Paribas win in almost 80 years thanks to the heroics of brothers Jamie and Andy Murray at the final in Ghent, Belgium. World number two, and younger sibling, Andy was once again instrumental in the 3-1 victory on foreign soil. Andy can add this accolade to that of Wimbledon, US Open and Olympic champion, as well as bragging rights to having capped off 2015 undefeated in all 11 of his Davis Cup matches in both singles and doubles, only the second player in history to win as many Davis Cup World Group matches in one season.

It was an extraordinary display from the Scot, who claimed to play some of his best tennis when representing his country. Although, Belgium struck the first blow with David Goffin's win over Kyle Edmund on day one, Murray sealed the home team's fate with three consecutive victories.

The first also came on day one, as he dispatched 108-ranked Ruben Bemelmans in three straight sets. This was followed on day two with a four set victory with his brother over Steve Darcis and late substitute David Goffin in the doubles. Finally, in his third match in as many days, Murray dealt with 16th ranked David Goffin, as well as a rumbustious crowd, in three relatively comfortable sets, 6-3 7-5 6-3.

Goffin put up a spirited fight in front of his home crowd in the second set, staying with Murray throughout until the Brit secured the vital break at 5-5 before serving out the set. As Goffin broke for a 2-0 lead in the third set, the crowd began to sense hope that he could repeat his heroics from the opening day, when he recovered from two sets down for the first time in his career to beat Edmund. Murray, however, quashed any idea of a comeback by winning six of the last seven games. On match point, he secured the victory by turning defence into attack with a stunning cross-court lob winner.

Elated, Murray fell to the ground and was immediately mobbed by the rest of the team. He described the victory as "amazing" and that he "never thought we would have the opportunity to do this." On his feet again and stained in red dust, he was graciously congratulated by his opponent as well as Belgian coach Johan Van Herck.

"Every player has played a part," said British captain Leon Smith, highlighting the huge team effort and lauded "a lot of people who don't often get a lot of credit," from the "medical team, the other coaches and the stringer."



The British team celebrates with a selfie

Fireworks, confetti and pop music provided the fanfare while Team GB held aloft the Davis Cup trophy for the first time since 1936. Despite the prior terror alert in Belgium and some anxious few days leading up to the event, the final went off without a hitch and the 1,300 travelling British fans partied well into the night.

With the win, Great Britain moved ahead of France and into third place on the all-time Davis Cup winners list, with 10 titles. Only Australia (28) and the USA (32) have won more titles in the 102-year history of the competition. The tie in Belgium marked a fourth successive year in which two European nations contested the final.

Czech Republic retains Fed Cup title

The Czech Republic has made its mark in a team event once again, downing Russia in a dramatic Fed Cup by BNP Paribas final between two European powerhouses of women's tennis. Having the home crowd in their corner was a clear advantage for the Czechs, as the final in Prague went all the way to the fifth rubber. The hosts eventually pulled off a 3-2 victory to successfully defend their title.

After a period of dominance in this event in the 1980s (as part of Czechoslovakia), this marks a new era of team tennis superiority for the central European nation, riding high with another generation of top players. With two players in the Top Ten - and one at number eleven - it is hard to see this train being halted any time soon. Two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitová, 2015 French Open runner-up Lucie Šafářová, up-and-comer Karolína Plíšková and winner of 17 doubles tournaments Barbora Strýcová came together in the final to keep the Russians at bay and claim a fourth Fed Cup victory in five years. Their only blip came in 2013 when Italy beat Russia for the title. Interestingly, these three European teams, Russia, Italy and the Czech Republic, are the only nations to have shared the Fed Cup spoils in the twelve years since 2004, with four titles apiece.

Russia was duly represented by world No.4 and massive drawcard Maria Sharapova. With occasional top tenner Ekaterina Makarova out injured, recent Kremlin Cup runner-up Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova was the other selection for the singles, chosen over her conqueror in that final, two-time grand slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova. While not quite a controversial decision, overlooking the experienced Kuznetsova may be a decision that haunts the Russian coach, Anastasia Myskina, as Pavlyuchenkova lost all three matches she played, including the doubles with Elena Vesnina.

Pavlyuchenkova's opening performance was encouraging, if not successful, losing to world No.6 Kvitová in the first rubber in three sets. Sharapova wasted no time in evening things up for Russia with a relatively straightforward 6-3 6-4 victory over Plíšková.

The following day Sharapova backed up with a tough, hard-hitting, fast-paced three set win in the marquee match over Kvitová. The high quality and intensity was on show for all at Prague's own O2 arena, and was a match very much fitting of two Grand Slam winners in a Fed Cup final. Plíšková later won her reverse singles against Pavlyuchenkova by the exact same scoreline she had lost to Sharapova.

The supporting actors took centre stage as the fina-



All smiles for the Czech team

le came down to the wire. In a fierce doubles match played out in front of a boisterous but respectful crowd, the home team lost the first set but eventually turned the match in their favour, levelling at a set all before stamping their authority on the third set, breaking twice to win it 6-2. As always, the Fed Cup was all about the team and is more than any one player. Maria Sharapova, having done her part in winning her two singles rubbers for Russia, could only watch from the sidelines as Pavlyuchenkova netted a volley to hand a memorable victory to the Czechs.

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The page now links directly to CoachEd's four main zones, each of which provides a unique and specific service.

The newest of these is the 'Academy Zone', launched for 2016. In response to ever-increasing demand from parents, coaches, players, clubs and federations, Tennis Europe has prepared the first ever online directory of European tennis academies.

Already more than 200 institutions are listed by country, with full contact details also included. More new features will follow soon, but for further information, or to have your academy listed in the directory, contact Tennis CoachEd Manager Maciej Szymonski maciejs@tenniseurope.org.

Also on the CoachEd site, you can find out about European coach education systems, upcoming conferences and events for coaches, and explore job opportunities thanks to our cooperation with tennis recruitment leaders OrangeCoach.

Upcoming Conferences

4th Swiss Tennis Forum

20th March, Romanel-sur-Lausanne

Topics covered will include junior development, tactical training, mental training and kids tennis. Guest speakers include Louis Cayer (LTA, Canada) and Jürg Bühler. French/German language.

[Further info](http://Further info on TennisCoachEd.com) on TennisCoachEd.com



British Tennis National Coaches Conference

25-26 June, Roehampton

Last year over 250 coaches attended the event with international speakers from Spain, United States. Topics will address both high performance and participation based coaching and the event is open to coaches in Britain and internationally.

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Cyprus recently became the first European country to achieve bronze-level recognition of its coach education system from the International Tennis Federation (ITF). The achievement is the result of a three-year project carried out by the Cyprus Tennis Association and led by Demetris Herodotou. We caught up with him at the recent Tennis Europe CoachEd Conference to find out about the importance of the project...

Congrats on reaching bronze-level status. What were your aims when embarking on this project?

Well, until now we had no formal coaching education system, so it was a priority for us. Tennis has developed a lot in Cyprus in the last ten years or so, partly because of the success of Marcos Baghdatis, and we have managed to bring the sport to a lot of kids, but unfortunately we did not have the kind of results that we hoped for. One of the reasons for this is that our coaches were not as good as they could be. So, for the last three years as President of the Cyprus Coaches Association, this has been my big target.

Who were the key people involved?

Well, I first raised the idea with our President, Philios Christodoulou. He has been concerned about this issue for a long time, and so he was very excited by the idea and has been behind it since the beginning. A lot of help has come from the National Coach Luca Ceccatelli and Nikolas Konstantinou who is the Head Coach of the Famagusta Tennis Club in Limassol; we made a good team and the results speak for themselves.

How big is the coaching community in Cyprus?

At the moment there are about 75-80 coaches, but they have different levels of qualification and our main aim now at the federation is to make an in-depth analysis of this, and to present the coaches in the national association website according to their qualifications and abilities, so that at least the parents and players know exactly who is who. We also have three tutors – Nikolas, Luca and myself. At the moment we managed to pass 32 coaches through the Level 1 coaches course – a very good number for us – and next year we will try to pass another 10 or 12, which I believe will be a very good effort. If you think that for the last 20 years there was little or no formal coach education, to have around 50% of our coaches passing in three years is great.

What kind of external help did you receive?

We had a lot of help from the ITF & Tennis Europe. [Development Officer] Hrvoje Zmajic and his team have been great, as well as Miguel Crespo. We've



been using the ITF's teaching methods and tools throughout all of the courses. Without this assistance we certainly could not have carried out the project, so it's very important for us.

What were the main challenges you faced?

I would say that there were two main challenges; firstly we had to convince the other members of the federation that we should have something, as well as to convince the Cyprus Sports Organisation, which is the governing body regarding sports in Cyprus. Hopefully now everybody is satisfied and can see that we did something worthwhile. Another challenge was to convince the, let's say, 'more traditionally-minded' coaches that they should come over and participate in this course. In the beginning it was very difficult, but I think that once they started to see what we were doing they were convinced and now about 80 or 90% of them have embraced the new methods.

Now that this has been achieved, what are your future plans?

We've just introduced a new goal – and I hope that we manage it – which is to eventually apply for the silver recognition by around 2017.

About Demetris: "I started my career as a coach at a club in Larnaca. Since I was very young, it was always a dream to build an academy in Cyprus and to prepare players for big goals, with great facilities and good teaching methods and proper education. I created my academy in 2004, starting off by renting two courts in the centre of town. Then we invested some money in our own facility, which has grown and grown since we moved there five years ago. Now we have approximately 150 kids, five coaches and a specific fitness coach. Some of our players have started to have impressive results – Petros Chrysochos was twice a Tennis Europe Junior Tour Player of the Year and is now ATP Top 500, and there are another 20-25 players playing at a very high level."

Beyond the Baseline...

The 2016 Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Europe/Africa Zone Group II first round draw was made last month, and is as follows (home teams listed first): Lithuania vs. Norway, South Africa vs. Luxembourg, Turkey vs. Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina vs. Tunisia, Latvia vs. Monaco, Egypt vs. Belarus, Finland vs. Zimbabwe, Georgia vs. Denmark. Ties are due to be played from 4-6 March.

World #1s Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams have been named as the ITF World Champions for 2015. Also among the list of World Champions are Dalma Galfi and Taylor Fritz (juniors), Martina Hingis & Sania Mirza and Jean-Julien Rojer & Horia Tecau (doubles) and Jiske Griffioen and Shingo Kuneida (wheelchair tennis). In further accolades for the world #1s, Williams was additionally named as Sports Illustrated's Sportsperson of the Year, while Djokovic was voted European Sportsman of the Year in a poll of 22 news agencies.

The International Tennis Federation has announced a new structure with two expanded departments. Stuart Miller will serve as Senior Executive Director of the Integrity and Development Department, where Luca Santilli will take over as Executive Director of Development. Kris Dent will be the new Senior Executive Director of the ITF Circuits & Professional Tennis Events department. Full information can be found [here](#).

15 years after teaming up to win the Hopman Cup, Martina Hingis and Roger Federer have officially confirmed that they will team up to compete in the mixed doubles at the Rio Olympics next year.

Injury watch: Jurgen Melzer will have shoulder surgery and will be out of the game for nine months. Nenad Zimonjic will miss the Australian Open after injuring his thumb in an off-season skiing accident. Richard Gasquet will also miss the Australian season after suffering a back injury during his stint on the IPTL in December.

Coaching carousel: Andrea Petkovic will work with Jan de Witt in 2016. Borna Coric has hired Andy Murray's former coach Miles Maclagan, while fellow young gun Jiri Vesely has hooked up with Tomas Berdych's former coach Tomas Krupoa. Madison Keys is no longer working with Lindsay Davenport.

Ivan Ljubicic has joined Roger Federer's team, replacing Stefan Edberg, while Milos Raonic has hooked up with another former world No.1, Carlos Moya. Elena Svitolina has been hitting with Justine Henin with a view to working part time together during 2016.

Sponsorship news: Emirates has become the presenting sponsor of the ATP in what the Tour describes as the largest sponsorship deal in its history. The ITF has announced that Betway will serve as an international sponsor of the Davis and Fed Cup competitions for three years, while BNP Paribas has signed on as presenting sponsor for an additional five years. Italian coffee brand Lavazza has signed a deal with Tennis Australia, completing its set of Grand Slam sponsorships.

Retirements: Twice Roland Garros finalist Robin Soderling, sidelined for several years as he recovers from mononucleosis, has officially announced his retirement from professional tennis. Fellow Swede Sofia Arvidsson has also left the game. Long-time Finnish #1 Jarkko Nieminen hung up his racquet following a farewell exhibition against Roger Federer in Helsinki.

Iñigo Cervantes beat fellow-Spaniard Daniel Muñoz de la Nava to win the ATP Challenger Tour Finals in Sao Paolo, his fourth title of the year.

Former top players Mary Pierce and Mark Woodforde will serve as athlete members of the new Board of Directors at the International Tennis Federation.

Britain's Lawn Tennis Association will distribute 10,000 free racquets and offer 10,000 free junior tennis courses across the country to celebrate the recent Davis Cup victory. The coveted trophy will also tour the country, travelling to 50 different venues.

The ITF Beach Tennis Tour will replace the current tournament grade system with fixed prize money categories in 2016. In addition to the World and European Championships, the 2016 Tour will be comprised of six confirmed categories - \$50,000 / \$35,000+H, \$25,000 / \$15,000+H, \$10,000, \$6,500, \$2,500 and non-prize money events.

FAST FACT

Elite junior players questioned named Usain Bolt, Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo as the three non-tennis athletes that most inspired them.

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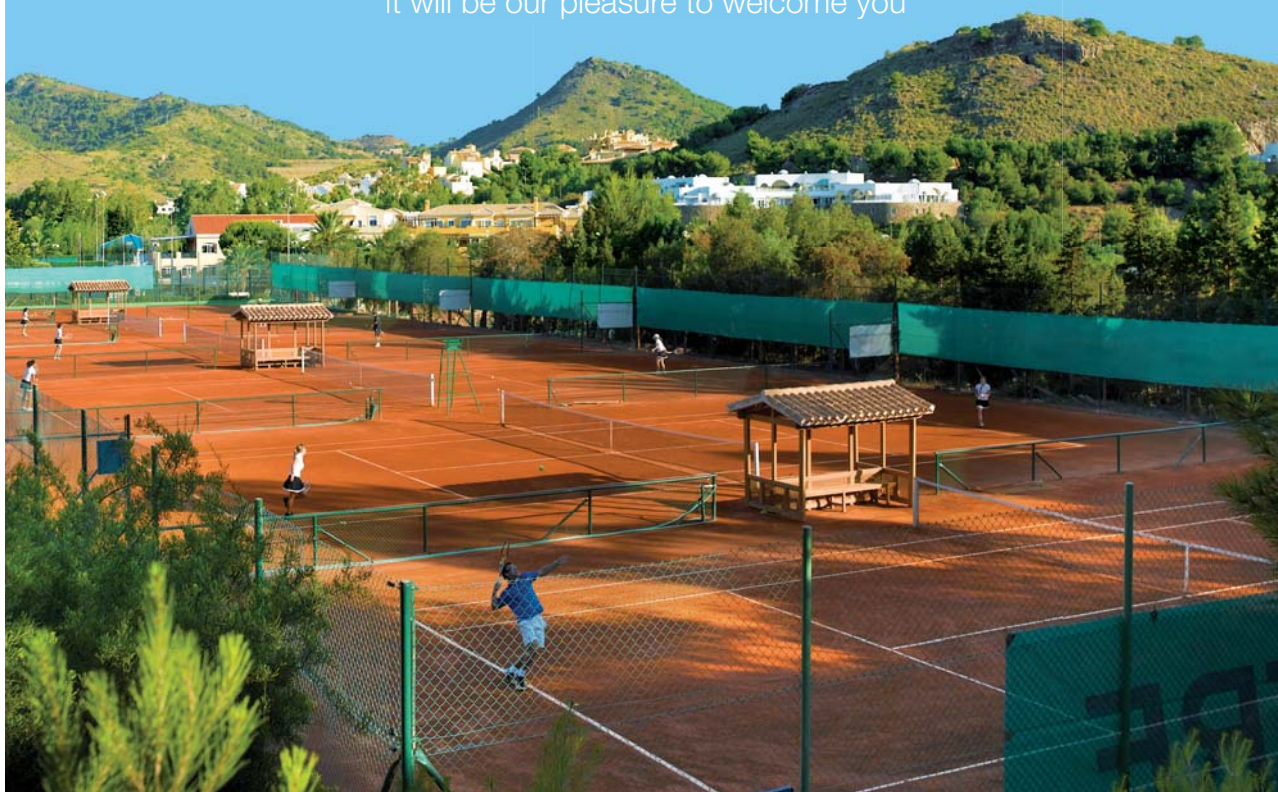


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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

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 (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the rankings system, check out the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rules and Regulations at www.TennisEurope.org. The 'Race to the Masters' rankings are also available separately, and include points earned exclusively at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events. Rankings below are as of December 29th 2015.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Marketa VONDROUSOVA	CZE	2684
02	►	Katie SWAN	GBR	2072
03	▲	Bianca ANDREESCU	CAN	1949
04	►	C. ROBILLARD-MILLETTE	CAN	1737
05	►	Olesya PERVUSHINA	RUS	1718
06	NEW	Anastasia POTAPOVA	RUS	1693
07	NEW	Kayla DAY	USA	1676
08	▼	Elena RYBAKINA	RUS	1648
09	►	Evgeniya LEVASHOVA	RUS	1634
10	▼	Marina BASSOLS RIBERA	ESP	1390



Anastasia Potapova (RUS) Photo: tennisfoto.net

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Miomir KECMANOVIC	SRB	1771
02	▼	Patrik RIKL	CZE	1603
03	►	Felix AUGER ALIASSIME	CAN	1544
04	▲	Alex DE MINAUR	AUS	1458
05	▼	Artem DUBRIVNYY	RUS	1390
06	▼	Leonid SHEYNGEZIKHT	BUL	1360
07	NEW	Marko MILADINOVIC	SRB	1315
08	►	Francesco FORTI	ITA	1190
09	▼	Zhao LINGXI	CHN	1178
10	NEW	Kacper ZUK	POL	1175



Marko Miladinovic (SRB) Photo: tennisfoto.net



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

There are relatively few changes to the top of the 14 & Under rankings since our last issue, with just a few events having been played during this quiet period.

Two Russian stars shone at the biggest event in recent weeks - the prestigious Kremlin Cup in Moscow. Boys #1 Timofey Skatov claimed his fourth Category 1 title of 2015 (and fifth title overall), while Vlada Koval did even better; racking up her seventh

singles title of the season and extending her Tennis Europe Junior Tour win streak to 23 matches.

Full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as December 29th 2015.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Taisya PACHKALEVA	RUS	980
02	▶	Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	955
03	▲	Helene PELLICANO	MLT	800
04	▲	Polina KRUPCHENKO	RUS	795
05	▶	Daria FRAYMAN	RUS	790
06	▲	Vlada KOVAL	RUS	780
07	▼	Marta KOSTYUK	UKR	775
08	▶	Ivana SEBESTOVA	CZE	740
08	▶	Anastasia TIKHONOVA	RUS	740
10	▼	Viktoriya PETRENKO	UKR	720



Helene Pellicano (MLT) Photo: tennisfoto.net

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Timofey SKATOV	RUS	880
02	▶	Filip Cristian JIANU	ROU	820
03	▶	Duje AJDUKOVIC	CRO	735
04	▶	Alexander ZGIROVSKY	BLR	690
05	▶	Adrian ANDREEV	BUL	685
06	▲	Wojciech MAREK	POL	630
07	▼	Nicolas ALVAREZ VARONA	ESP	620
08	▲	Mihailo POPOVIC	SRB	565
08	▶	Jack DRAPER	GBR	565
10	▶	Cezar CRETU	ROU	550



Wojciech Marek (POL)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
July 13	Wahlstedt (GER)	3 M Lipp (GER)	C Aglossi (FRA)	64 62	Hillhouse (FRA)/Lipp (GER)
		O Selekhmeteva (RUS)	M Guth (GER)	62 63	Kononchuk/Selekhmeteva
July 13	Brussels (BEL)	3 R Bastien (FRA)	C Bouchelaghem (FRA)	64 36 62	Cuenin/Carre (FRA)
		A Timerman (ROU)	H Van Dewinkel	63 64	Bekrar (FRA)/Raca (LAT)
July 20	Kufstein (AUT)	3 A Temirhanov (SWE)	F Javier Borbolla (MEX)	64 64	Niethammer/Suedhoff (GER)
		O Selekhmeteva (RUS)	M Dzemeshevich (RUS)	60 64	Dzemeshevich/Selekhmeteva (RUS)
July 27	R. Primerose C.B. (BEL)	3 M Katz (BEL)	R Bastien (FRA)	defaulted	Wayenburg(FRA)/Katz (BEL)
		K Bilchev (GBR)	O Selekhmeteva (RUS)	64 46 64	Bilchev (GBR)/Selekhmeteva (RUS)
July 27	Zlin (CZE)	3 M Kasinikowski (POL)	A Jurajda (CZE)	62 64	Jurajda (CZE)/Kasinikowski (POL)
		H Fischer (GBR)	D Vidmanova (RUS)	63 60	Mandelikova (CZE)/Vidmanova
Aug 03	Pisek (CZE)	3 L Hauge (CZE)	V Burian (CZE)	16 62 63	Baum/Burian (CZE)
		D Vidmanova (RUS)	L Fruhvirtova (CZE)	63 60	Suchankova (SLO)/Vidmanova(RUS)
Aug 03	Oetwil am See (SUI)	3 J Van Herzelee (BEL)	M Lipp (GER)	61 62	Samofalov (UKR)/Van Herzelee (BEL)
		A Scherbinina (RUS)	M Michaela Fiacan (SUI)	62 62	Haller (SUI)/Scherbinina (RUS)
Aug 10	Karlsruhe (GER)	3 J Van Herzelee (BEL)	G Samofalov (UKR)	63 64	Dubouch/Miclot (FRA)
		P Wygonowska (POL)	A Leclercq (FRA)	75 76(3)	Sommer/Torrealba (GER)
Aug 17	Koblenz (GER)	3 M Hans Rehberg (GER)	G Samofalov (UKR)	62 76(4)	Hornberg/Regberg (GER)
		M Bondarenko (RUS)	M Guth (GER)	63 64	Bondarenko (RUS)/Guth (GER)
Aug 17	Bludenz (AUT)	3 K Niethammer (GER)	M Dragomirov (GER)	60 64	Hillhouse (FRA)/Short (USA)
		K Cvetkovic (SUI)	E Karner (AUT)	64 60	La Glanzer/Halper (AUT)
Aug 17	Ptuj (SLO)	3 O Saborac (SRB)	M Janicuevic	64 62	Olivieri/Tramontin (ITA)
		V Vargova (SVK)	K Hunack (CRO)	63 61	Hunack (CRO)/Mikaca (BIH)
Aug 24	Regensburg (GER)	3 M Kasnikowski (POL)	M Hans Rehberg (GER)	63 64	Kasnikowski/Orlikowski (POL)
		A Lex (GER)	M Dzemeshevich (RUS)	76 61	Kraner (AUT)/Lex (GER)
Aug 24	Rakov (BLR)	3 S Razvozov (RUS)	A Arzhankin (RUS)	61 63	Bielinskyi (UKR)/Dubrouski (BLR)
		A Komar (BLR)	A Abramovich (BLR)	61 46 64	Kolodynska/Serhel (BLR)
Aug 24	Sofia (BUL)	3 D Chen (GBR)	P Nesterov (RUS)	63 63	Chen/Cookson (GBR)
		D Radulova (BUL)	V Fileva (BUL)	61 64	Fileva/Radulova (BUL)
Aug 24	Kazan (RUS)	3 I Ovcharenko (RUS)	A Rekunov (RUS)	60 60	Kudriashov/Ovcharenko (RUS)
		P Kudermetova	D Alloyarova	62 60	Babkova/Tolmacheva (RUS)
Aug 31	Liepaja (LAT)	3 A Sabaliauskas (LTU)	E Short (USA)	60 26 75	Jakobi/Kristianson (EST)
		J Kolodynska (BLR)	S Larsen (Den)	60 63	Kolodynska/Vinahradava (BLR)
Aug 31	Sevilla (ESP)	3 A Turrizian I Alvarez (ESP)	C Alcaraz Garfia (ESP)	46 61 75	Garfia/Alvarez (ESP)
		M Berlanga Bandera (ESP)	M Dolores Lopez Martinez	63 61	Lawrence (GBR)/Lopez Martinez (ESP)



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12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 19	Capdepera (ESP)	M Lajal (EST)	G Osmont (PF)	46 64 63	Kristianson/Lajal (EST)
		D Vidmanova (RUS)	M J Changwereza	walkover	Knezkova (CZE)/Vidmanova (RUS)
Oct 26	Gradignan (FRA)	C Alcaraz Garfia (ESP)	M Hillhouse (FRA)	60 63	Alcaraz Garfia/Rincon (ESP)
		A Mintegi Del Olmo (ESP)	T Lukic (SRB)	63 63	Changwereza/Lawrence (GBR)
Oct 26	Telde-Gran Canaria (ESP)	A Turrizian I Alvarez (ESP)	A Granath (SWE)	36 61 61	Morais/Ruivinho Graca (POR)
		C Lerby (NED)	A-C Janssen (GER)	64 60	Janssen/Rivkina (GER)
Nov 23	Siroki Brijeg (BIH)	M Kasnikowski (POL)	M Janicijevic (SRB)	64 61	Kasnikowski/Kusiewicz (POL)
		A Vilcek (SRB)	L Kostenko (UKR)	62 63	Kostenko/Rublevska (UKR)
Nov 30	Antalya (TUR)	P Y Bailly (BEL)	O Gur Umur (TUR)	67(5) 75 75	Azkara/Gur Umur (TUR)
		M J Changwereza (GBR)	B Baykal (TUR)	64 63	Dimitrova/Glushkova (BUL)
Nov 30	Vilnis (LTU)	M Kasnikowski (POL)	M Gorokhov (RUS)	61 60	Kasnikowski (POL)/Van Donselaar (NED)
		K Aleshina (RUS)	V Petrovskaia (RUS)	67(3) 64 61	Aleshina/Petrovskaia (RUS)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 19	Barcelona (ESP)	1 S Ruiz (ESP)	N Duarte Garcia (ESP)	76(7) 60	Gabarro/Martinez Roca (ESP)
		C Berchtold (GER)	D Frayman (RUS)	60 76(5)	Medvedeva (RUS)/Stombach (GER)
Oct 26	Sanxenxo (ESP)	3 T Almeida (POR)	G Ferreira (POR)	63 62	Leote Prata/Soares (POR)
		R Vicens Mas (ESP)	C Benoit (FRA)	76(5) 63	Bentes De Oliveira (POR)/Sizova (RUS)
Nov 16	Kazan (RUS)	3 I Ponomarenko (RUS)	A Binda (RUS)	60 62	Bogdanov/Ponomarenko (RUS)
		A Sukhotina (RUS)	E Reyngold (RUS)	76(3) 61	Avanesyan/Tulenкова (RUS)
Nov 30	Marsa (MLT)	3 B Tixier (FRA)	G La Vela (ITA)	26 64 63	Medesan (ROU)/Meinertz (DEN)
		A Lukosiute (LTU)	H Staff (GBR)	63 62	Mould/Staff (GBR)



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14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 19	Ādaži (LAT)	3 M Stoeger (GER)	E Agafonov (RUS)	46 63 62	Kniazeu (BLR)/Mandma (EST)
		L Kubre (EST)	M Novikova (RUS)	61 63	Chekhlystova/Kubre (EST)
Oct 26	Telde-Gran Canaria (ESP)	3 J Caldes (ESP)	J Arcos Del Valle (ESP)	60 62	Cueto Ramos/Garcia (ESP)
		N Guerra Santana (ESP)	S Strombach (GER)	63 60	Dornieden/Strombach (GER)
Oct 26	Nicosia (CYP)	3 V Jovic (SRB)	N Subanovic (SRB)	60 60	Kyzas/Morfonios (GRE)
		P Gubina (UKR)	E Louka (CYP)	75 62	Gubina (UKR)/Nikitina (RUS)
Nov 02	Nicosia (CYP)	3 M Adamek (POL)	N Subanovic (SRB)	75 76(4)	Avraam/Matic (CYP)
		J Nikitina (RUS)	K Diatlova (UKR)	76(3) 26 62	Diatlova/Gubina (UKR)
Nov 02	Moscow (RUS)	1 T Skatov (RUS)	P Pohjola (FIN)	62 61	Ibragimov/Skatov (RUS)
		V Koval (RUS)	M Krupenina (RUS)	64 61	Charaeva/Novikova (RUS)
Nov 09	London (GBR)	3 B Heynold (GBR)	G Dambrosi (ITA)	75 76(5)	Maggs/Thomson (GRB)
		E Raducanu (GBR)	A Lukosiute (LTU)	63 60	Banks/Raducanu (GBR)
Nov 09	Farum (DEN)	3 E Vanshelboim (UKR)	H Regner (SWE)	63 60	Okkels Jensen/Poulsen (DEN)
		C Hennemann (SWE)	C Tauson (DEN)	63 36 76(3)	Custic (ESP)/Sacco (ITA)
Nov 16	Stavanger (NOR)	3 T Atmane (FRA)	S Gima (ROU)	64 46 64	Overbeck/Poulsen (DEN)
		C Tauson (DEN)	K Brich (BLR)	60 64	Brich/Brich (BLR)
Nov 16	Tyresö (SWE)	3 V Arsov (SWE)	K Chahoud (SWE)	76(5) 75	Arsov/Nokic (SWE)
		M Petrovic (SWE)	M Custic (ESP)	63 60	Frust/Temirhanova (SWE)
Nov 23	Göteborg (SWE)	3 J Hallquist Lithen (SWE)	C Gustafsson (SWE)	61 64	Chahoud/Raad (SWE)
		C Hennemann (SWE)	M Petrovic (SWE)	63 63	Mezan/Petrovic (SWE)
Nov 30	Nastola (FIN)	3 A Kachmazov (RUS)	M Minakov (RUS)	62 46 61	Kachmazov/Minakov (RUS)
		E Havvisto (FIN)	M Shusharina (RUS)	16 64 62	Bochkova/Mikhailova (RUS)
Nov 30	Milovice (CZE)	2 D Svrčina (CZE)	J Smedek (RUS)	61 64	Kubik/Svrčina (CZE)
		K Lavickova (CZE)	P Krupchenko (RUS)	64 63	Cisovska (SVK)/Vajsejtlova (CZE)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 12	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	D Zhymont (BLR)	S Kozlov (USA)	61 64	Vasilevski/Zhymont (BLR)
Oct 12	Saint-Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	N Desein (BEL)	P Kobelt (USA)	46 63 64	Arends/Lootsma (NED)
Oct 12	Bad Salzdetfruth (GER)	\$10,000	M Wunner (GER)	A Kapas (POL)	67(5) 64 62	Michnev/Nejedly (CZE)
Oct 12	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	L Glasspool (GER)	M Jankovic (SRB)	64 63	Glasspool/Ward-Hibbert (GBR)
Oct 12	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	T Jomby (FRA)	J Dubail (BEL)	76(5) 64	Crowley (RSA)/Schnur (USA)
Oct 12	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	L Celebic (MNE)	O Giacalone (ITA)	76(3) 46 62	Schutt/Von Massow (GER)
Oct 12	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	R Ortega-Olmedo (ESP)	C Gomez-Herrera (ESP)	57 75 62	Lizariturry (ESP)/Short (GBR)
Oct 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	K Dmitriev (RUS)	A Molcan (SVK)	62 06 64	Agabigun (TUR)/Ramanathan (IND)
Oct 12	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	I Nedelko (RUS)	V Mladenov (BUL)	75 64	Deviatarov (UKR)/Salaba (CZE)
Oct 19	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	S Kozlov (USA)	D Zhymont (BLR)	61 76(1)	Vasilevski/Zhymont (BLR)
Oct 19	Rodez (FRA)	\$15,000	L Giustino (ITA)	G Barrere (FRA)	63 67(2) 61	Peliwo (CAN)/Reboul (FRA)
Oct 19	Oberhaching (GER)	\$10,000	J Jahn (GER)	R Kern (GER)	63 63	Lootsma/Pel (NED)
Oct 19	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Safranek (CZE)	S Diez (CAN)	76(8) 64	Glasspool/Ward-Hibbert (GBR)
Oct 19	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$10,000	R Marcora (ITA)	J Dubail (BEL)	75 36 76(4)	Borsos/Kellner (HUN)
Oct 19	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	L Sonogo (ITA)	G Von Massow (GER)	64 61	Licciardi/Sonogo (ITA)
Oct 19	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	S Griekspoor (NED)	D Applegren (SWE)	16 60 75	Sabanov/Sabanov (CRO)
Oct 19	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	A Ward (GBR)	R Ortega-Olmedo (ESP)	76(4) 57 62	Arenas-Gualda/Ortega-Olmedo (ESP)
Oct 19	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Kuzmanov (BUL)	M Delic (CRO)	06 76(8) 61	Apostol/Frunza (ROU)
Oct 26	Tartu (EST)	\$10,000	A Van Der Duim (NED)	E Karlovskiy (RUS)	46 61 64	Libietis (LAT)/Zhymont (BLR)
Oct 26	Ismaning (GER)	\$10,000	A Setkic (BIH)	J Haerteis (GER)	67(2) 76(6) 63	Erlar (AUT)/Frantzen (GER)
Oct 26	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	S Diez (CAN)	S Tsitsipas (GRE)	62 60	Fatic (BIH)/Jankovic (SRB)
Oct 26	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	E Leshem (ISR)	L Van Der Linden (NED)	61 57 63	Crowley (RSA)/Schnur (USA)
Oct 26	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	G Mager (ITA)	L Sonogo (ITA)	63 63	Borgo/Travaglia (ITA)
Oct 26	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	S Griekspoor (NED)	V Durasovic (NOR)	62 67(4) 75	Gille/Vliegen (BEL)
Oct 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Y Reuter (BEL)	C Ikel (TUR)	57 76(9) 76(2)	Bublik (RUS)/Jandric (SRB)
Nov 02	Tipton (GBR)	\$15,000	N Pauffley (GBR)	L Glasspool (GBR)	64 76(8)	Harris/Hoyt (GBR)
Nov 02	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	D Zhymont (BLR)	C Geens (BEL)	46 64 60	Lootsma (NED)/Raisma (EST)
Nov 02	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	E James Johnson (USA)	T Van Rijthoven (NED)	64 46 64	Economidis/Tsitsipas (GRE)
Nov 02	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	F Picco (ITA)	E Eremin (ITA)	62 63	Sinicropi/Volante (ITA)
Nov 02	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	C Soderlund (SWE)	S Gille (BEL)	64 62	Gille/Vliegen (BEL)
Nov 02	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	T Brkic (BIH)	G Diarra (AUT)	75 62	Brkic (BIH)/Jandric (SRB)
Nov 09	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	F Peliwo (CAN)	M Moraing (GER)	26 61 62	Glasspool/Ward-Hibbert (GBR)
Nov 09	Parnu (EST)	\$10,000	P Michnev (CZE)	A van der Duim (NED)	62 61	Lootsma (NED)/Raisma (EST)

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Nov 09	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	T Van Rijthoven (NED)	G Austin (USA)	46 63 75	Economidis/Tsitsipas (GRE)
Nov 09	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Delic (CRO)	T Brkic (BIH)	36 64 61	Shyla/Yatsyk (BLR)
Nov 16	Nicosia (CYP)	\$10,000	S Tsitsipas (GRE)	A Folie (BEL)	26 64 62	Chrysochos (CYP)/Serdarusic (CRO)
Nov 16	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Marti (ESP)	I Gakhov (RUS)	64 64	Eriksson (SWE)/Gakhov (RUS)
Nov 23	Joblonec (CZE)	\$15,000	J Mertl (CZE)	F Veger (CRO)	62 64	Arends (NED)/Majchrowicz (POL)
Nov 23	Limassol (CYP)	\$10,000	M Jankovic (SRB)	E Couacaud (FRA)	61 62	Chrysochos (CYP)/Serdarusic (CRO)
Nov 23	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	S Barry (IRL)	A Weintraub (ISR)	63 64	Bar (ISR)/Geerts (BEL)
Nov 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Von Massow (GER)	F Picco (ITA)	64 63	Taberner (ESP)/Yamada (JPN)
Nov 30	Opava (CZE)	\$15,000	A Smirnov (UKR)	M Konecny (CZE)	62 62	Dolezel/Michnev (CZE)
Nov 30	Larnaca (CYP)	\$10,000	A Vatutin (RUS)	M Jankovic (SRB)	62 57 63	Economidis (GRE)/Kalovelonis (RUS)
Nov 30	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	P Kobelt (USA)	S Barry (IRL)	26 63 64	Geerts/Gille (BEL)
Nov 30	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Riba (ESP)	D Kuzmanov (BUL)	62 36 76(3)	Frantzen/Meuffels (NED)
Dec 07	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	A Weintraub (ISR)	D Bar (ISR)	63 62	Dubail/Gille (BEL)
Dec 07	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Konecny (CZE)	C Ikel (TUR)	60 61	Frigerio/Vilardo (ITA)
Dec 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Heyman (BEL)	F Vilardo (ITA)	62 64	Hampel/Pichler (AUT)
Dec 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Heyman (BEL)	A Virgili (ITA)	64 64	Altuna/Ikel (TUR)

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ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 12	Albena (BUL)	\$10,000	V Zlatanova (BUL)	C Hristea (ROU)	61 75	Kuncikova/Stuchla (CZE)
Oct 12	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	P Ozgen (TUR)	F Ostlund (SWE)	60 61	Kuzmova (SVK)/Serban (ROU)
Oct 12	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	O Doroshina (RUS)	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	76(4) 63	Doroshina (RUS)/Ekshibarova (UZB)
Oct 12	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	V Lukacs (HUN)	L Barzo (HUN)	46 75 63	Balducci/Confalonieri (ITA)
Oct 12	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	E Cabeza-Candela (ESP)	M Luque Moreno (ESP)	63 64	Cabeza-Candela (ESP)/Korashvili (UKR)
Oct 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Minnen (BEL)	D Negreanu (ROU)	63 30 Retired	Bondar/Stolmar (HUN)
Oct 19	Joue-Les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	O Fridman (UKR)	K Pliskova (CZE)	62 36 61	Candantu/Dinu (ROU)
Oct 19	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	P Ozgen (TUR)	36 63 63	Kapshay (UKR)/Wachaczyk (GER)
Oct 19	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$10,000	M Paigina (RUS)	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	64 64	Dentoni (ITA)/Khazaniuk (ISR)
Oct 19	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	J Pieri (ITA)	N Stadler (SUI)	64 16 75	Boualem (FRA)/Marti Riembaud (ESP)
Oct 26	Poitiers (FRA)	\$100,000	M Niculescu (ROU)	P Parmentier (FRA)	75 62	Mitu/Niculescu (ROU)
Oct 26	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	I Jorovic (SRB)	J Fett (CRO)	63 75	Eraydin (TUR)/Leykina (RUS)
Oct 26	Ismaning (GER)	\$10,000	L Andrei (ROU)	A Lekaj (CRO)	62 62	Rueffer/Zaja (GER)
Oct 26	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	J Stamatova (BUL)	75 61	Christofi (GRE)/Vanenburg (NED)
Oct 26	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	C Dentoni (ITA)	J Kimmelman (GER)	62 61	Bilardo (ITA)/Pervushina (RUS)
Oct 26	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	E Francati (DEN)	M Stokke (NOR)	64 36 76(4)	Lister/Melander (SWE)
Nov 02	Nantes (FRA)	\$50,000	M Johansson (FRA)	A Mitu (ROU)	63 64	Kuncikova/Stuchla (CZE)
Nov 02	Loughborough (GBR)	\$15,000	J Fett (CRO)	C Ferrando (ITA)	62 61	Christie/Whybourn (GBR)
Nov 02	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Tomova (BUL)	M Yeroymos (FRA)	63 62	Christofi (GRE)/Ekshibarova (UZB)
Nov 02	Santa Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	O Pervushina (RUS)	A Grymalka (ITA)	26 75 61	Di Giuseppe/Grymalka (ITA)
Nov 02	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	E Flood (NOR)	M Stokke (NOR)	62 64	Grajdek (GER)/Yashina (RUS)
Nov 02	Vinaroz (ESP)	\$10,000	E Cabeza-Candela (ESP)	N Bouzo Zanotti (ESP)	62 62	Cabeza-Candela (ESP)/Korashvili (UKR)
Nov 02	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	J Gervais (FRA)	A Shoshyna (UKR)	61 64	Brozda (POL)/Shoshyna (UKR)
Nov 02	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	L Gjorcheska (MKD)	A Pospelova (RUS)	63 46 60	Gjorcheska (MKD)/Primorac (CRO)
Nov 09	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	I Khromacheva (RUS)	B Eraydin (TUR)	62 75	Eraydin (TUR)/Kudermetova (RUS)
Nov 09	Equeurdreville (FRA)	\$25,000	L Kerkhove (NED)	S Shapatava (GEO)	75 63	Cadantu (ROU)/Kerkove (NED)
Nov 09	Bath (GBR)	\$25,000	A Bogdan (ROU)	A Vrljic (CRO)	63 46 61	Askew/Nicholls (GBR)
Nov 09	Bratislava (SVK)	\$25,000	J Maleckova (CZE)	A Kalinina (UKR)	46 76(3) 46	Jakupovic (SLO)/Schaefer (GER)
Nov 09	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Tomova (BUL)	N Alibalic (CRO)	36 63 63	Kennel (SUI)/Tomova (BUL)
Nov 09	Benicarlo (ESP)	\$10,000	A Carreras (GBR)	D Sumova (CZE)	63 62	Carreras (GBR)/Savoretti (ITA)
Nov 09	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Kleybanova (RUS)	L Gjorcheska (MKD)	63 64	Gjorcheska (MKD)/Primorac (CRO)
Nov 16	Shrewsbury (GBR)	\$25,000	O Dodin (FRA)	F Christie (GBR)	76(3) 75	Knoll (SUI)/Matteucci (ITA)

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Nov 16	Zawada (POL)	\$25,000	I Jorovic (SRB)	M Buzarnescu (ROU)	62 62	Buzarnescu (ROU)/Jegiolka (POL)
Nov 16	Helsinki (FIN)	\$10,000	A Tarasove (RUS)	C Werner (GBR)	63 63	Lodikova/Mishina (RUS)
Nov 16	Castellon (ESP)	\$10,000	I Burillo Escorihuela (ESP)	I Wallace (AUS)	62 62	Bouzo Zanotti/Saez Larra (ESP)
Nov 16	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Gorgodze (GEO)	E Rybakina (RUS)	75 67(3) 63	Bukta (HUN)/Juhaszova (SVK)
Nov 23	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	B Stefkova (CZE)	O Doroshina (RUS)	61 64	Doroshina (RUS)/Ekshibarova (UZB)
Nov 23	Nules (ESP)	\$10,000	O Korashvili (UKR)	A Gamiz (VEN)	64 67(7) 76(3)	Roemer (ECU)/Saez Larra (ESP)
Nov 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Bondar (HUN)	A Kleybanova (RUS)	63 64	Bondar/Stolmar (HUN)
Nov 30	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	O Doroshina (RUS)	76(6) 63	Morozova (USA)/Stefkova (CZE)
Nov 30	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Kleybanova (RUS)	A Amiraghyan (ARM)	64 63	Shakovets (GER)/Sotnikova (UKR)
Dec 07	Ortisei (ITA)	\$10,000	G Brescia (ITA)	K Von Deichmann (LIE)	64 46 63	Chiesa (ITA)/ Lekaj (CRO)
Dec 07	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Ruse (ROU)	E Gorgodze (GEO)	16 76(3) 62	Fomina (UKR)/Shakovets (GER)
Dec 14	Ankara (TUR)	\$50,000	I Jorovic (SRB)	C Buyukakcay (TUR)	76(3) 36 62	Martinez Sanchez (ESP)/Melnikova (RUS)
Dec 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Gorgodze (GEO)	A Aksu (TUR)	64 62	Kushkova (RUS)/Stamatova (BUL)

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European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Simona HALEP	ROU	6060
02	▲	Garbiñe MUGURUZA	ESP	5200
03	▼	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	5011
04	▲	Agnieszka RADWANSKA	POL	4500
05	▼	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	4220
06	▲	Flavia PENNETTA	ITA	3621
07	▲	Lucie SAFAROVA	CZE	3590
08	▼	Angelique KERBER	GER	3590
09	▲	Karolina PLISKOVA	CZE	3285
10	▼	Timea BACSINZSKY	SUI	3133
11	▼	Carla SUAREZ NAVARRO	ESP	3090
12	▲	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	2900
13	▲	Roberta VINCI	ITA	2785
14	▼	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	2645
15	▼	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	2641
16	▲	Elina SVITOLINA	UKR	2590
17	▼	Sara ERRANI	ITA	2525
18	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	2445
19	▲	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	2276
20	NEW	Ekaterina MAKAROVA	RUS	2201

European Men

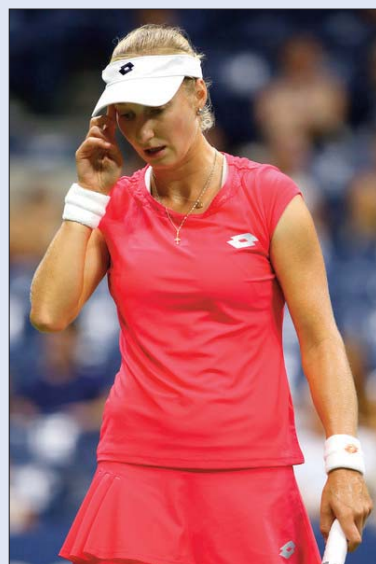
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	16585
02	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	8945
03	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	8265
04	▶	Stan WAWRINKA	SUI	6865
05	▲	Rafael NADAL	ESP	5230
06	▼	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4620
07	▶	David FERRER	ESP	4305
08	▲	Richard GASQUET	FRA	2850
09	▼	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2635
10	▶	Marin CILIC	CRO	2405
11	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2145
12	▶	David GOFFIN	BEL	1880
13	▶	Feliciano LOPEZ	ESP	1690
14	▲	Benoît PAIRE	FRA	1633
15	▼	Dominic THIEM	AUT	1600
16	▲	Fabio FOGNINI	ITA	1515
17	▲	Viktor TROICKI	SRB	1485
18	▼	Ivo KARLOVIC	CRO	1485
19	NEW	Gael MONFILS	FRA	1485
20	▶	Roberto BAUTISTA AGUT	ESP	1480



Garbiñe Muguruza (ESP)



Gael Monfils (FRA)



Ekaterina Makarova (RUS)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Annual General Meeting

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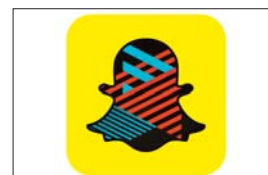
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