

France and Russia retain European Summer Cups titles

France and Russia have defended their 14 & Under European Summer Cups titles after a busy week of play that saw 60 national teams in action at nine different venues across the continent.

At the boys' final rounds in Mallorca, France beat Poland to win the Copa del Sol title for a third consecutive year, with a comfortable 3-0 win. The French team had been in dominant form throughout the competition, despatching teams from Netherlands, Ukraine, Denmark, Hungary and Great Britain without the loss of a match on their way to the final.

The championship decider followed the same pattern, with the defending champions quickly establishing a lead with a 6-3 6-1 win for Johan Sebastian Tatlot over Kamil Majchrzak in the opening rubber. French #1 Quentin Halys then sealed the victory with a 6-0 6-2 over Phillip Gresk before returning to the court with Baptiste Daubigney to complete a routine doubles win that extends France's record as the most successful team in the history of the Copa del Sol, with a total of 11 titles.



The winning French Under 14 boys team in Magaluf.

Tarbes champion Halys also sealed the rare feat of having won both team championship events in the same season, having also played a part in France's Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD victory in February.

The girls final rounds were held in Loano, Italy for a third consecutive year, where the Russian team >>

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Rafael Nadal wins second Wimbledon title

Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams have been crowned as the 2010 Wimbledon champions, strengthening their positions at the top of the world rankings and etching their names further into the history books after a remarkable tournament that stole more than its fair share of the world's sporting headlines, despite clashing with the World Cup. >>



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<< was made to work hard to hold onto their title in a deciding match between two unseeded teams.

Ylyana Ayzatulina put the defending champions ahead with a 6-4 6-2 win over Laura Tanfil of France in the opening match, and Ksenia Sharifova looked to be on course to clinch the tie after taking the first set 6-2 over Estelle Cascino. The French #1 fought back, claiming the second set on a tiebreak and racing through the third to level the tie.

The French team had been hoping to sweep both 14 & under titles for the first time in the 30 year history of the event, but the Russians took charge when the four singles players returned to the court for the deciding doubles match, winning 6-4 7-5.

Both teams will gain some consolation from the knowledge that they have secured a place at the ITF World Junior Tennis competition in August. In the boys' event, France and Poland will be joined by Great Britain, Russia, Italy and hosts Czech Republic. The girls' event sees Russia and France advance alongside Ukraine, Spain, Austria and hosts Czech Republic.

The remaining European Summer Cups competitions, for players aged 16 and 18 & Under will be held later on this month. A full list of competing nations and qualifying zones can be found on Page 15.



Above (top), The Russian team celebrate victory in Loano, (below) European #5 Oliver Nagy led the Slovak team to victory at the qualifying rounds in Cluj Napoca.

Complete draws and results, plus photo galleries from the competition can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

14 & Under European Summer Cups: Final Standings

| | Europa Cup (Girls) | Copa del Sol (Boys) |
|----|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 01 | RUSSIA | FRANCE |
| 02 | FRANCE | POLAND |
| 03 | UKRAINE | GREAT BRITAIN |
| 04 | SPAIN | RUSSIA |
| 05 | AUSTRIA | ITALY |
| 06 | ITALY | DENMARK |
| 07 | CROATIA | SLOVAK REPUBLIC |
| 08 | GREAT BRITAIN | HUNGARY |

Nations in bold type qualify to participate at the final rounds of the ITF World Junior Tennis competition in Prostějov.

2010 Wimbledon Championships

>> Much of the first week was taken up with watching, analysing and searching for suitable superlatives to describe the record breaking match between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut that took three days to complete, and ended with an incredulous tennis world applauding the efforts of two men who had smashed just about every longevity record the sport had known. History will record that Isner eventually won the final set of their first round match by 70 games to 68 after more than eleven hours of play, though his exhaustion was so complete that he was unable to make an impact in his second round match and was forced to withdraw from the doubles. Despite the early exit, both players were kept busy for the duration of the Championships as chat show appearances, offers for exhibitions and sponsorship proposals flooded in.

Order was restored as the men's event reached the business end. For the fourth time in five years, all four men's semi-finalists were European, with 24-year old Czech Thomas Berdych being the sole representative from outside the top four, repeating his run at Roland Garros just four weeks previously.

Just as in Paris, Rafael Nadal emerged as the champion, further underlining his position at the world's best player by wrapping up his second Wimbledon title and a second Grand Slam of the season with an authoritative straight sets win over the 13th seeded Berdych in the final. After a stuttering start in which he was twice pushed to five sets in the early rounds, Nadal seemed to grow stronger as the tournament progressed, ending in style with convincing wins over rivals Robin Söderling and Andy Murray in the quarterfinals and semis respectively.

Though disappointed, the Czech #1 can point to significant progress in recent weeks. His shock win over Roger Federer was big news, with the Swiss having reached the Wimbledon final every year since 2003. As a result, Federer drops to #3 in the world for the first time in five years, one spot behind Berdych's semi final victim, Novak Djokovic.

The new champion has even more cause for satisfaction. The first Spaniard to win the tournament twice, Rafa has now won 31 of his last 32 matches, a run that includes three Masters 1000 and two Grand Slam titles. His 8th career Grand Slam title draws him level with an elite list of players that includes Rosewall, Perry, Connors, Lendl and Agassi. An emotional Nadal described the win as "...more than a dream for me. Missing the tournament last year was the worst moment of my career, so to come back this year and have this trophy in my hands is more than a dream."



The world #1 was also victorious in the women's event, where Serena Williams enjoyed her easiest ever path to a Grand Slam title. The American wrapped up her fourth Wimbledon crown without the loss of a set, a run in which her top-ranked opponent was world #12 Li Na of China in the quarterfinals. In the final she faced Russia's Vera Zvonareva, whose injury affected ranking had slipped to #21 by the eve of the tournament and whose previous best Slam performance was a semi final in Australia in 2009.

After taking control with a break of serve in the crucial seventh game of the first set, the American never looked back, stringing together nine of the next eleven games to defend her title 6-3 6-2. Though delighted to have won, Serena expressed frustration with her game, saying she was disappointed not to have had played at her best during the tournament, and lamenting that she hadn't had to fight back from a losing situation in any of her matches! The win marks Serena's 13th Slam, moving her ahead of Billie Jean King to sixth on the all-time winners' list.

A number of other European women posted breakthrough performances during the tournament. For the first time ever, three of the four semi finalists were ranked outside of the top twenty, with Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova and Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic posting a series of shock wins to gatecrash the final four. Pironkova, who never before had won more than one match at a Grand Slam, upset 2007 finalist Marion Bartoli and five-time champion Venus Williams to boost her ranking from the low '80s to #35, while Kvitova, who had never before won a match at a grass court event, thrashed #3 seed Caroline Wozniacki and Eastbourne finalist Victoria Azarenka in straight sets, and will break into the top 30 for the first time as a result.

Serena's singles win gave her some measure of revenge for a shock loss to Zvonareva and partner Elena Vesnina in the doubles quarterfinals, >>

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<< when they ended the Williams sisters' quest for the calendar year Grand Slam. The Russians then fell victims to another unseeded pair, Vania King (USA) and Yaroslava Shvedova (KAZ) in the final, with King and Shvedova winning a first Grand Slam title in just their third tournament together.

The men's doubles event also saw an unprecedented series of upsets. With the exception of the Bryan brothers (who would fall in the quarter finals), the entire top 15 had been eliminated by the third round. The Austro-German partnership of Jurgen Melzer and Philipp Petzschner took full advantage, beating 16th seeds Robert Lindstedt (SWE) and Horia Tecau (ROU) in the final to take their third seeded scalps of the tournament and wrap up a first Grand Slam title. Melzer also becomes the first Austrian ever to win a Wimbledon title.

No strangers to Grand Slam success, Cara Black (ZIM) and Leander Paes (IND) beat Lisa Raymond (USA) and Wesley Moodie (RSA) for the mixed doubles title. Having finished as runners-up in 2009, Black claims the mixed title for the second time in her career, while Paes records a third win.

In the boy's singles, Hungary's Marton Fuscovics won the first junior Grand Slam title for his country, easing to a 6-4 6-4 win over Australia's Benjamin Mitchell. 9th-seeded Czech Kristyna Pliskova survived a second set fight back to outlast Japan's Sachie Ishizu and record her first ever Junior Grand Slam win, hot on the heels of twin sister Karolina, who won this year's Australian girls' title.

There was more Hungarian success in the girls' doubles, where Timea Babos teamed with Sloane Stephens (USA) to win a second consecutive Junior Slam. The pair were forced to come from behind after conceding a first set tie break to Irina Khromacheva (RUS) and Elina Svitolina (UKR), but stormed through the remaining two sets 6-2 6-2.

The Championships ended on a happy note for the fans that stayed on into the Sunday evening, with the Court One crowd treated to an all-British final in the boy's doubles event. Liam Broady and Tom Farquharson took the title with a straight sets win over Lewis Burton and George Morgan to cap what had been a successful week for British players at the junior events.

Queen Elizabeth II would surely have approved. The British monarch visited the tournament for the first time since 1977, no doubt hoping to inspire a home victory as she had back then when Virginia Wade won the women's singles. Though Andy Murray bowed out



at the semi final stage for a second consecutive year, there was more than enough to keep the fans entertained, with huge crowds taking advantage of the best weather in some years - not a drop of rain fell during the two weeks of play at the Championships for the first time since 1995 - to turn out for the legends events that were being played even while the British #1 was on court against Nadal.

Final Results - Wimbledon 2010

Men's Singles

(2) Rafael Nadal (ESP) d. (13) Thomas Berdych (CZE) 63 75 64

Women's Singles

(1) Serena Williams (USA) d. (21) Vera Zvonareva (RUS) 63 62

Men's Doubles

Melzer (AUT)/Petzschner (GER) d. (16) Lindstedt (SWE)/Tecau (ROU) 61 75 75

Women's Doubles

King (USA)/Shvedova (KAZ) d. Vesnina/Zvonareva (RUS) 76 62

Mixed Doubles

(2) Black (ZIM)/Paes (IND) d. Raymond (USA)/Moodie (RSA) 64 76(5)

Boys' Singles

(13) Marton Fuscovics (HUN) d. Benjamin Mitchell (AUS) 64 64

Boys' Doubles

Broady/Farquharson (GBR) d. Burton/Morgan (GBR) 76 64

Girls' Singles

Kristyna Pliskova (CZE) d. Sachie Ishizu (JPN) 63 46 64

Girls' Doubles

(4) Babos (HUN)/Stephens (USA) d. (1) Khromacheva (RUS)/Svitolina (UKR) 67(7) 62 62

Wheelchair Men Doubles

Ammerlaan (NED)/Olsson (SWE) d. (1) Houdet (FRA)/Kuneida (JPN) 64 76(4)

Wheelchair Women's Doubles

(1) Vergeer/Walraven (NED) d. (2) Di Toro (AUS)/Van Koot (NED) 62 63

Gentlemen's Invitation Doubles

Johnson/Palmer (USA) d. Ferreira (RSA)/Kafelnikov 63 62

Senior Gentlemen's Invitation Doubles

Cash/Woodforde (AUS) d. Bates (GBR)/Jarryd (SWE) 62 76(5)

Ladies Invitation Doubles

Navratilova (USA)/Novotna (CZE) d. Austin/Rinaldi Stunkel (USA) 75 60

Germany races to early lead in European Tennis Trophy standings



Germany leads the overall European Tennis Trophy standings at the mid-way point of the season for a second consecutive year, with holders Russia under pressure from several nations in the race to retain their title.

Germany's lead is largely due to points earned in the Senior Tennis subcategory, for which the lions' share of this year's points have already been allocated. With their limited potential for earning substantial points in the professional tennis category for the rest of the year due to early losses in the international team competitions, Germany looks set to be overtaken by several countries in the coming weeks, but is certain to enter 2011 as a Trophy holder, having already accumulated sufficient points to secure the Senior Tennis Trophy for a 20th consecutive year.

Five nations are still within contention for the Overall prize, with just 150 points separating second-placed Russia from France and Czech Republic, while a successful defence of their Davis and Fed Cup titles would see Spain and Italy challenging for pole position.

Several other nations are doing well, with Serbia occupying its highest ever position (7th), and Belgium set for a return to the top 10.

Points have yet to be allocated in the Wheelchair Tennis discipline, with its contributing competitions set



European 65s champion Sylvia Bauwens and runner up Gundula Eisemann are just two of the many Senior Tennis players to have contributed to Germany's early lead.

to conclude during the second half of the season. The first Trophy Race update of 2010 includes all points earned by nations prior to this week. Junior and Senior tennis rankings that use a rollover 52-week system are not included at this stage, while only 50% of Professional tennis points are included. The final European Tennis Trophy results will be revealed at the end of the year.

In order to reflect the diversity of achievements amongst member nations, Tennis Europe has announced that several new prizes will be given when the European Tennis Trophy awards are made at the 2011 Annual General Meeting. These include titles for the 'Most Improved Nation', and the Best Performing 'B'-Nation and 'C'-Nation, according to the membership status of the 49 national federations included to the competition.

2010 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY RACE

| | Overall Performance | Overall Points (Jan-June 2010) | Professional Tennis | Junior Tennis | Senior Tennis |
|----|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 01 | GERMANY | 2129.5 | RUSSIA | FRANCE | GERMANY |
| 02 | RUSSIA | 1719 | CZECH REP. | CZECH REP. | AUSTRIA |
| 03 | FRANCE | 1636.5 | ITALY | RUSSIA | BELGIUM |
| 04 | CZECH REP. | 1568.5 | FRANCE | GT BRITAIN | SWEDEN |
| 05 | ITALY | 1067.5 | SPAIN | BELARUS (5=) | RUSSIA |
| 06 | SPAIN | 914 | SERBIA | POLAND (5=) | HUNGARY |
| 07 | SERBIA | 737.5 | GERMANY | SLOVAKIA (5=) | NETHERLANDS |
| 08 | BELGIUM | 606.5 | BELGIUM | UKRAINE (5=) | DENMARK (8=) |
| 09 | UKRAINE | 493 | UKRAINE | GERMANY | LATVIA (8=) |
| 10 | AUSTRIA | 415.5 | CROATIA | SERBIA | GBR/ITA/CZE (10=) |

In the Spotlight: Stefan Tzvetkov

In addition to his role as the President of the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, Stefan Tzvetkov is the current Chairman of Tennis Europe's Professional Tennis Committee, a post he has held since his election to the Board of Management in 2008. We spoke to him about tennis in his native Bulgaria, and the work of his committee.

You were a high performance player yourself, a member of the Bulgarian Davis Cup team and later the captain. What made you decide to move into tennis administration?

It was a natural development for me to move into tennis administration. I have always invested a lot of time and efforts to the thing I love, which is tennis. And I have a very dedicated team around me. We are trying our best to build on the fact that tennis is a No. 2 sport in terms of participation numbers in Bulgaria and we are working on the aim to make it the best performing sport in terms of results. The decision to stay in the tennis business was very easy for me as also my family is involved into tennis, my father was a Davis Cup captain and my sister a tennis player, and so the whole family is surrounded by tennis.

Can you explain the ways in which Tennis Europe is involved in professional tennis? And what exactly does your committee do?

Well, our headquarters in Basel act as the service point for the ITF Pro Circuits in Europe. These are made up of around 500 entry-level tournaments for men and women, ranging in prize money from \$10,000-\$15,000 for men, and \$10,000 to \$100,000 for women. Our role is that of a contact point for tournament organisers, players and national associations, as well as distributing materials related to the running of the events to the ITF supervisors and tournament directors, collecting the sanction fees and so on. The committee itself meets once a year and receives reports on the circuits and delegates projects to the Officiating Task Force, under the control of Anders Wennberg, which discusses issues related to rules and officiating.

How has the financial crisis affected entry-level tennis events in Europe?

In 2009, we saw quite a dramatic effect, with the total number of tournaments and prize money on offer throughout the year falling for the first time in almost a decade. Having said that, these totals were already at record levels, so the declines are not hugely significant in percentage terms. In 2010, the numbers are expected to be similar to last year. One clear effect of the crisis was that it affected the high-



er-level events more sharply. It has been hard for some tournaments because many sponsorship deals were made before the crisis, and understandably, a lot of sponsors have had to reassess their commitments.

What are the possibilities of a prize-money increase at the lowest level events on the ITF Pro Circuits, which have offered the same rates (\$10,000) for many years now?

It is something that is being looked into. The minimum prize money offered at the entry-level professional events has remained unchanged for the last 15-20 years, while the cost of living has of course increased dramatically in the same period. The discussions at the last Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference showed that our member nations have different opinions on how a potential increase of the minimum prize money would affect them, however the majority do support an increase.

Can we expect to see any further changes to the structure of the Pro Circuits? The women's \$100,000 events have been very popular with players and fans since their addition, for example.

The prize money structure of the Pro Circuits is being carefully monitored by the ITF and is one of the topics that are regularly discussed between the ITF and ATP and WTA. The two circuits cannot be directly compared, as the ATP is responsible for the ATP >>

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<< Challenger Circuit, which ranges from \$35,000+Hospitality to \$150,000, while the ITF is taking care of women's tournaments up to \$100,000 in prize money. The \$100,000 and \$100,000+Hospitality are very popular categories for women, especially in Europe. We have even had top 20 players participating in these tournaments in Europe. However, we would like to see an increase of ranking points for this category in order to reflect their true strength.

The most recent European Tournament Conference in Krakow was a great success with all major tennis entities present. Will this be repeated?

Yes, I am very pleased to say that we are finalizing our plans for a 2011 European Tournament Conference, which will be held in Bulgaria. This time will be a little different, in that we will hold the conference in the first part of the year instead of its traditional autumn slot. This way we will be able to pass the feedback onto the governing bodies of the Circuits by their deadlines for the 2012 rule changes.

Beach Tennis has been a booming area in recent years, and the forthcoming European Beach Tennis Championships in Turkey looks to be another great success.

Yes, we are very happy with the progression of Beach Tennis. This will be the fourth edition of the event, and each year has given us a record entry and increasingly strong field. European players dominate the ITF world rankings, so it's an event of the highest calibre and attracts a lot of interest. This year will be interesting, as the event will be staged outside of Italy for the first time. The sport has a lot of potential in Turkey so I hope we will attract a lot of new fans in Antalya.

Next year the event will move to Bulgaria. Has there

been a lot of interest in Beach Tennis there?

People are starting to notice it, but we are at a very early stage. As you know, Bulgaria has a lot of beach resorts, and regular tennis is very popular. Some of our ex-professional players, like Ivo Bratanov and Ilya Kushev, have expressed an interest in participating, which is a great way of publicising the event. I can see a lot of potential for Beach Tennis in Bulgaria. We have participated in European Beach Tennis Championship since 2008. This summer there are also several tournaments at the Black Sea.

How do you see professional tennis in Bulgaria? There are an increasing number of international tournaments – do you think that this is translating into improved performances from Bulgarian players?

I don't think that the number of tournaments necessarily has to correspond to the performances of the players. It helps, but it is not a pre-requisite for success. Our broader goals are to establish a national tennis centre and to increase our focus on youngsters and the development programs. But our future looks bright. Many of our most promising players have excelled as juniors in recent years, like Grigor Dimitrov, who is starting to make an impact on the ATP Tour, and Dimitar Kuzmanov on the boy's side, and Viktoriya Tomova, a 15-year old who is the reigning European Junior Champion. They are all on course to become very successful players.

On the professional side, Bulgaria has always had very good players, particularly in the women's game – the three Maleeva sisters reached the top 10 in the 1980's and 1990's, and they are still the best players ever from our country. Tsvetana Pironkova has just reached the Wimbledon semi finals, the first ever Bulgarian to do so. It's a fantastic result for her, and I am sure that it will serve as an inspiration to Bulgarian players.

European Seniors Outdoor Championships

The 2010 European Outdoor Championships for Seniors and Super Seniors took place in mid-June and once again saw some record-breaking performances from the stars of the ITF Seniors Circuit. The event was staged at two venues, with players in the Over 40s to Over 55s age groups returning to the Rot-Weiss Club in the German town of Baden-Baden, which hosted the Championships for a 53rd time, whilst the super seniors travelled to Pörtlach in Austria.

Top seed and world #3 Michael Kocher scored a home win in the Men's 40 event. Having survived a nail biting semi final against the defending champion, Chile's Christian Arraya in which he saved five match points, the German breezed past 5th seeded compatriot Mario Penirschke 6-4 6-4 in the final.

There was another German winner in the Men's 45s, with Stefan Burchard in dominant form, losing just fourteen games in six matches on his way to reclaiming the title he first won two years ago. His run included a 6-0 6-2 win over defending champion and world #3 Girts Dzelde in the final.

Glenn Busby showed why he is ranked as world #1, putting in a fighting display to defend his Men's 50s title. After easing into the competition with two double-bagel wins, the Australian World Champion cruised through to the final where he was given a marathon test from Germany's Norbert Henn, before eventually coming through the longest match of the tournament 6-7 7-5 7-5.

With Alfred Böckl moving into a new age category, a new winner was sure to be crowned in the Men's 55s event. Another Australian world #1, Andrew Rae, swept to the title for the loss of just fourteen games, including a commanding 6-0 6-1 win over seventh seed Alfred Klammer of Austria in the final.

In the doubles events, Russian pair Nikolay Chernov and Igor Tsirkun swept to the 40/45 title, while Pierre Godfroid (BEL) and Maris Rozentals (LAT) won the 50/55 championship.

The ladies events saw some familiar names returning to the winner's circle. Lucie Schwab-Zelinka of Austria successfully defended her Ladies' 40s title with a 6-4 7-5 win over Gabi Kirchner (GER). She also completed the rare feat of winning both the indoor and outdoor European Championships titles in the same year. There was a surprise win for Klaartje van Baarle in the 45s. The unseeded Belgian lost just four games in four matches as she blitzed her way to the title, beating Lisa Prechtel (NED) in the final match.



Above (top) Mens 45 Champion Stefan Burchard (GER) and Ladies 40s winner Lucie Schwab-Zelinka (AUT) in action in Baden-Baden.

Van Baarle then teamed up with Karina Heck-Elias of Germany to win the doubles title.

Last year's 45s champion and Player of the Year Barbara Koutna was successful at winning the 50s event in her first year in the age category. The Czech #1 seed beat Annelies Simons (NED) in the final to wrap up her title-winning run without the loss of a set.

Germany's Heide Eisterlehner won the 55s title for an incredible sixth consecutive year, extending her total number of European Championship titles to 19. Seeded eighth this year, Eisterlehner upset three top ten opponents on her way to the title, including Carolina Glaszman (FRA), Dagmar Spurneder (AUT) and compatriot Susanne Schweda in the final. Eisterlehner later added the doubles title with Katalin Böröcz of Hungary.

Over in Pörtlach, Spanish #2 seed Jorge Camina Borda defended his Mens 60s title with a 6-3 6-3 win over last year's 55s champion, Alfred Böckl. The win marks Camina Borda's fifth European Outdoor seniors title in total, and he has now won the event three years in succession. Böckl earned some >>

European Seniors Outdoor Championships



Above (far right), Peter Pokorny celebrates his first Mens 70s win.

<< consolation in the doubles, teaming with Xavier De Villepin of France to take the title.

The Over 65s tournament was won by American James Parker, who benefitted from three retirements on his way to the title, and posted a dominant 6-0 6-4 win over Ed Saker (NED) in the final, before teaming with Harald Koglin to add the doubles. Saker had earlier shocked the top seed and defending champion Peter Adrigan in the fourth round.

Peter Pokorny of Austria further enhanced his record-breaking string of titles, storming to the Over 70s title for the loss of just seven games in six matches. The title represents an incredible 31st European Championship for Pokorny, who won his first title back in 1987 and joins Schwab-Zelinka and Eisterlehner as the only players to have won both indoor and outdoor European Championship titles this season. The indefatigable Pokorny then teamed with compatriot Hans Gradischnig to win the doubles title.

The most senior age categories were won by players from further afield. Top seed Kingdon Van Nostrand wrapped up another US-win in the Over 75s event, as German opponent Gerd Coldewey was forced to retire trailing 4-6 2-4.

Canada's Lorne Main upset defending champion Clement Hopp to take the Over 80s title, while the Over 85s crown went to Australia's Neville Haligan, who survived a champion's tiebreak to end the reign of 2009 champion Laszlo Lenart of Hungary 6-7 2-6 10-7.

Sylvia Bauwens of Germany came from the brink of defeat to defend her Womens 60s title. Having reached the final for a third consecutive year, Bauwens dropped the first set 2-6 before edging a tie



(left) Ladies 65 runner up Sylvie Galfard Kirsten and (right) winner Inge Kubina.

break in the second and running off the third 6-3 to clinch the title over compatriot Gundula Eisemann.

The Over 65s event saw two giant killers advance to the final. Inge Kubina of Germany took the title, following up a win over second seed Michele Bichon (FRA) to beat Sylvie Galfard Kirsten (FRA) in straight sets. Galfard Kirsten had earlier accounted for top seed and 28-time European Champion Heide Orth in the quarterfinals, and finished as runner-up for a second consecutive year.

On the 70s event, third seed Renate Castellucci of Germany fought back to beat top seeded compatriot and 2009 European Player of the Year Nanda Fischer 4-6 7-6 6-1 to take her first European title. In the 75s event, Germany's Ilse Michael suffered the heartbreaking misfortune of having to retire half way through the final for a second consecutive year. Brigitte Jung was the beneficiary this time, having established a 7-6 2-0 lead before her compatriot was forced to throw in the towel.

Last year's runner up Betty Howard of Great Britain claimed the 85s title in style, cruising to a 6-0 6-1 win over Ingeborg Haas for a second European Championships title, which came five years after claiming the 75s event.

Many of the players from Pörschach and Baden-Baden will be taking part in the forthcoming European Seniors Club Championships, which get underway next week with the Men's 60s event in Salzburg. Full dates and venues can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

In the Spotlight: Thomas Bischof

Thomas Bischof is a familiar face at tennis events across the world, thanks to his role as HEAD's Tour Manager. The position sees the 44-year old Austrian travel the globe, liaising with top players and identifying out the next generation of stars. We caught up with him at Wimbledon to find out more about his job.

What exactly does a Tour Manager do?

There are two main components to my job; first of all, to find the best players for the future, and also to serve our existing players as best we can in terms of materials and support.

So you're not confined to the ATP and WTA Tour circuits?

No, I travel approximately 110 days each year. I go to all of the Grand Slams for around 10 days each time. But the rest of the time I might be at professional tour events or at junior tournaments. On the Tennis Europe Junior Tour I often go to Livorno, the European Championships, and the Winter Cups, depending where they are held. Apart from that, we have a very large network through which we try to organise the players and any discussions. The role has a lot to do with networking and looking for upcoming stars. We have a scout who is in charge of the juniors in Eastern Europe, for example, so sometimes things can be divided up regionally.

When you look at signing juniors, what do you look for? There may be dozens of talented players at a junior event, so what makes you settle on one?

I was a professional player myself and I coached for 16 years, working with federations, the ITF, ATP and WTA, so there is a lot of experience there. If you can assess the technical level a player has at that moment and are impressed with their physical abilities, you can begin to be able to envisage them playing in five years, and imagine where they'll be. Of course sometimes you need luck but it's also about following the results of juniors to see how they play throughout the whole year. That's if you get the time; sometimes you have to be quicker, and spontaneous decisions are called for, you think "That's the player!" and you have to go for it, to get there first.

Why is it important to connect with players at a young age?

HEAD's strategy is to take the young kids, work with them and turn them into top professionals. Not all of the players make it, for example we had multiple junior Slam champion five years in a row, but it's a long



road to the top, especially for the boys. Players like Donald Young, Martin Klizan, Jonathan Eysseric have struggled to break through the #150-400 ranking barrier. I think one of the last winning a junior Slam and going to the top was Marin Cilic, and Thiemo de Bakker is now making his breakthrough. The goal is to get there early with your product, to give them a good service and try to keep them with your brand as they make it to the top.

Are equipment manufacturers contracting players at an ever-younger age? And how can you possibly tell, observing a group of 11 or 12 year olds, who will be playing well in five years time?

I'm not sure if it's becoming lower and lower, but in general I would say that girls typically have to be scouted at a younger age than boys, although it is even more risky of course to make judgements about their ability at such a young age. But if you see an exceptionally talented young girl who is ready to fight and to work hard, she will have a reasonable chance to go to the top 50 or top 100 later on. On the other hand the boys have much tougher competition. If you don't work properly and continuously on your body and your technique, your goals can be out of reach quite quickly. But sometimes you know you have the next #1, or something special, and you have to sign them; though this is very rare. For this, I depend on experience and instinct. Then you have to check the team around them. There are many 'ifs' – if the coach is working properly, if they player can stand the pressure, their own education and support network – but that's the risk you take.

So I imagine you offer different conditions to different players?

Yes, everybody has his or her own agreement; this makes it a little more interesting. Obviously it's different if you are signing a well-known player than if you are dealing with a junior that nobody knows. Novak Djokovic was a 14-month project for me, from the >>

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<< first contact until the signing of the agreement. You have to be very thorough, and to be convincing, first of all with the equipment, and also with the contract details – there has to be a reason for a successful player like Novak to switch. We are more than happy that we could find the right incentive in his case, but it can be a challenge.

Your other star player right now is Andy Murray, with whom HEAD has had a longer relationship.

Yes, Andy has been with HEAD for about 11 years. We are very proud that we have these two top players, no doubt they will go on to even greater things in the future. We have a young team now, which is fun. We know that they are likely to be at the top for many years. Also it's important to have idols for the next generation, when you sign Andy and Novak you are already thinking of that next generation.

Pro players get through lots of racquets. How do you ensure that they always have what they need?

Some players have customised racquets, and so they would tend to ask for a batch – say, 20 – at the beginning of the year, and before they run out we make a new order. Sometimes they modify the racquet during the season. Many of the very top players have their own specific requirements, so we ensure that they have plenty of what they need well in advance. Of course, some get through more than others. A few years ago, Marat Safin's rate of consumption was something special, but he was a lot more relaxed by the time he retired. At one point he was close to three figures in a year. But nowadays it's pretty normal that a top guy gets 50 racquets a year, because the materials are softer, the game is harder, players hit harder...the game is more powerful.

Why do you think that HEAD is such a popular brand amongst professional players?

I think that the most important reason is our service. If a player is under contract they deserve our best service, whether he is ranked in the Top 20 or #300, and you have to find time for them, have to be a partner. They have to feel comfortable and they have to feel that if they have a problem they can call and discuss it.

What sort of problems might they have?

Well, for example the players are always going up or down in the rankings, and when they are down they start to think about changing something. HEAD is



Novak Djokovic, a high-profile signing to HEAD last year, revels in the promotional side of the relationship.

constantly coming out with new products, and so they would like to test the new racquets, look for new ways to improve their game. This is especially true for juniors, who grow up and become stronger; maybe they have a different balance, need a heavier racquet, probably they'll change their string pattern, so you have to discuss with them possible solutions. And this is what they have to trust you with. Novak, changing racquets, had a lot of requests, and you have to listen to what he's saying and interpret that and try to provide the product, as he needs it. If you speak the language of a player it's much easier.

When you see a player do you have an idea of what racquet they should use, from an image point of view?

Sometimes, yes. We have four tour racquet programmes – Prestige, Radical, Extreme and Speed. We try to have one or two top players using each type, which is not easy.

Who are the most fun players to work with?

I can honestly say that we have good relationships with all our players and we have fun. Of course some are more open and some are not, but you have to get to know them and accept them as they are and deliver what they are looking for. With some you have more talks and dinners and social life, and others you only meet from time to time. Safin was always fun to be around though, you never knew what would happen next. Once I got a call from him as he stepped off a plane to go to a tournament, "You've got to help me: I left all my racquets in Moscow airport!"

Tennis10s Workshop in Romania

As part of the Romanian Tennis Federation's drive to increase opportunities for players ages 10 & under, ITF/Tennis Europe expert Mark Tennant held a workshop for coaches at the Winners Tennis Club in Cluj Napoca during the weekend of 11-13 June.

Approximately 20 coaches attended the course, where over 100 parents were also given a presentation on the importance of developing rally skills with young children, enabling them serve, rally and score from the first lesson.

As part of a new circuit of 'Tennis 10s' events in Romania, red, orange and green court events were held at the club alongside the workshop, providing the perfect opportunity for coaches and parents to see the kids playing under various conditions.

The event tied in with the launch of a brand new website in Romania (www.tennis10.ro) which provides coaches with a wealth of information and online resources relating to the Play and Stay project, including videos, instructions on how to organise competitions, and a Tennis 10s magazine.

Commenting on the workshop, Mr. Tennant said, "I was very impressed by the commitment and organisation that the Romanian Tennis Federation has put into Tennis 10s. They have quickly organised a circuit of events around the country and already have over 300 players signed up to Tennis 10s. I would like to thank Liviu Panait and the rest of the FRT, and the



From top; Mark Tennant speaking in Romania, a youngster practicing on Red Courts.

Winners Tennis Club in Cluj Napoca for organising and hosting this excellent workshop."

IC Italy wins the Potter Cup

The 38th edition of the Potter Cup was held at the end of May in Barcelona. Organised by the International Lawn Tennis Club of Spain, the Potter Cup is a team competition for players aged over 45 years that have represented their country in international events.

The Italian team formed by Enrico Casadei, Giovanni Lali Mami, Massimiliano Sirchio, Eduardo Mazza and Angelo Tanganelli were the eventual winners of an upset-strewn veterans competition, hosted at the Real Club de Polo.

The host nation had been the defending champions, and breezed past Ireland in the opening round before falling victims to the strong Italian team in the semi finals, losing 5-2. In the other semi final, IC France squeezed past second seeds Great Britain 4-3.



The Spanish team brushed past the Brits 4-1 in the third place play-off match, before Italy dismissed France in the final by the same score.

ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under Team reap rewards on Tour

This year's ITF / Tennis Europe 16 & Under A-Team recently took part in a 6-week tour of Italy and France. The tour began on 25th May with a training camp held at the Vavassory Academy in Palazzolo, Italy, where the team of three girls - Irina Maria Bara (ROU), Nastassia Rubel (BLR), Vladica Babic (MNE) - and four boys - Sergis Kyratzis (CYP), Lukas Mugevicius (LTU), Pylyp Kekercheni (UKR), Maksim Yersh (BLR) – practised together for four days. The training camp gave the opportunity for the players and their coaches Irena Chichmarova (BLR) and Goran Shevchenko (MKD) to get to know each other before undertaking a five event tour of some of the top Tennis Europe Junior Tour events of the summer.

The tour kicked off at the Category 1 Montecatini event, before moving on to other Italian tournaments in Avvenire/Milan and Crema. The fourth week of the tour saw the players move to France for the prestigious Le Pontet and Mondial Paris Cadets events. Nastassia Rubel started the tour in style, reaching the singles final where she lost to Tena Lukas of Croatia in three sets 1-6, 6-1, 6-1 while Sergis Kyratzis, Irina Maria Bara and Vladica Babic lost in the semi finals. In the doubles event, Vladica reached the final with her partner from the ITF/Asia Team, Valeria Bhunu. This was an encouraging start to the Tour, and led the players to expect good results in the coming weeks.

The good results continued at the tournament in Milano. Nastassia Rubel reached the semi final where she lost to the ITF/COSAT player Ines Maria Deheza. Irina Maria Bara, Sergis Kyratzis and Vladica Babic all reached the quarterfinals, producing some excellent tennis in tough matches.

The next tournament in Crema was arguably the most successful for the Tennis Europe Team. Fifteen year old Sergis Kyratzis demonstrated his talent by winning his first title on the tour against ITF/COSAT player Bryan Panta in straight sets 7-5, 6-4. In addition, Irina Maria Bara found her best form and won the girls event over team-mate Vladica Babic 6-2, 6-1. Lukas Mugevicius reached the semi final where he lost to Panta in straight sets. Nastassia Rubel and Irina Maria Bara reached doubles final and lost to Maria Ines and Maria Paula Deheza, twin sisters from Bolivia who were members of the ITF/COSAT team.

Next the players moved to France, where the Team continued to post remarkable results. Irina Maria Bara won her second consecutive title beating both Deheza sisters Ines Maria 6-2, 6-3 in the semi and Maria Paula in the final 6-2, 6-4. Vladica Babic and Maksim Yersh from Belarus also reached the quarter



Images, (top) The Team shows off their silverware with coaches Goran Shevchenko and Irena Chichmarova, (above), Irina Maria Bara won three consecutive titles.

finals. Bara and Babic reached the doubles final where they lost to Deheza sisters in a marathon match that went to a third set super tie-break 6-4, 1-6, 13-11.

The Tour was concluded in Paris, where Irina Maria Bara won her third title in the row, once again beating Maria Paula Deheza 7-5 6-1 in the semis and her sister Maria Ines 6-2 6-2 in the finals. In the boys' event, Maksim Yersh and Pylyp Kekercheni reached the final before falling to ITF Asia Team members Ajrun Kadhe (IND) and Amer Naow (SYR) in straight sets 6-4, 6-2.

The team coaches, Goran Shevchenko and Irena Chichmarova were delighted with the players' success, commenting "This year we had a young promising team. With the exception of Lucas Mugevicius, all of players were just 15 years old. The Tour provided an opportunity for these players to compete at some of the best events in the world for 16 & Under players. The high level of tennis and the possibility to create friendships with players from around the world will surely help in their future tennis careers."



European Junior Championships for Individuals & Teams

July is a busy month on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, with the remaining European Summer Cups team events (for players 16 and 18 & Under), the Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD Under 12 team competition and the European Junior Championships for all age groups set to take place.

A total of 105 national teams will be taking part in the qualifying competition for the remaining European Summer Cups categories, and a full round-up of the repartition of nations for the team events can be found below and on the following page.

The most prestigious title on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour is the European Championships, which will be held from 19 - 25 July, in Pilzen (CZE), Moscow (RUS) and Klosters (SUI) for Under 14s, 16s and 18s respectively.

The entry lists are as strong as ever, and can be viewed on the Tennis Europe website. Both the boys and girls 14 & Under events will see the entire Top 10 in action. Petra Rohanova of the Czech Republic heads the Under 16 girls entry list, while European #1 Mathias Bourgue (FRA), heads the boys' field, with 4 of the current top 5 signed up. The 18 & Under event is set to feature Hungarian



A runner up at the 14 & Under event last year, Petra Rohanova will be amongst the favourites for the 16 & Under European Championships title.

Junior Wimbledon champion Marton Fucsovics as well as his compatriot, world #4 Timea Babos, a doubles winner at the last two junior Slams.

Ukraine will be hoping to win their third consecutive girls title at the Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD, while Spain will be defending the boys title they captured for the first time last year.

Full draws, results and updated photo galleries can be found at www.TennisEurope.org throughout the competitions.

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD - Boys Qualifying (22-25 July)

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------|--|
| Zone A | Rakovnik (CZE) | Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Rep, Denmark, France, Estonia, Russia, Turkey |
| Zone B | Salo (ITA) | Austria, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine |
| Zone C | Haren (NED) | Belarus, Belgium, Croatia, Germany, Gt Britain, Israel, Netherlands Slovenia |
| Zone D | Timisoara (ROU) | Bulgaria, Moldova, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden |
| Finals | Alghero (ITA) | 5 - 8 August |

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD - Girls Qualifying (22-25 July)

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|--|
| Zone A | Rakovnik (CZE) | Belgium, Czech Rep, Israel, Poland, Malta, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia |
| Zone B | Capriolo (ITA) | Austria, Belarus, Denmark, Italy, Moldova, Portugal, Spain, Ukraine |
| Zone C | Haren (NED) | Bosnia & H, Croatia, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland |
| Zone D | Izmit (TUR) | Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Slovenia and Turkey |
| Finals | Ajaccio (FRA) | 5 - 8 August |



European Junior Individual & Team Championship



European Summer Cups Boys 16&U Borotra Cup - Qualifying (28-30 July)

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|--|
| Zone A | Arezzo (ITA) | Bosnia & H, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden |
| Zone B | Herzliya (ISR) | Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Israel, Poland, Serbia, Ukraine |
| Zone C | Zaragoza (ESP) | Czech Rep, Estonia, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Spain |
| Zone D | Beringen (SUI) | Croatia, Latvia, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey |
| Finals | Le Touquet (FRA) | 2 - 4 August |

European Summer Cups Girls 16&U Helvetie Cup - Qualifying (28-30 July)

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|--|
| Zone A | Queenswood (GBR) | Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Ukraine |
| Zone B | Bari (ITA) | Bulgaria, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Sweden |
| Zone C | Bucharest (ROU) | Belarus, Bosnia & H, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Switzerland |
| Zone D | Ankara (TUR) | Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Slovenia, Turkey |
| Finals | Leysin (SUI) | 2 - 4 August |

European Summer Cups Boys 18&U - Qualifying (28-30 July)

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--|
| Zone A | Opava (CZE) | Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Spain, Turkey |
| Zone B | La Rochelle (FRA) | France, Greece, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Sweden |
| Zone C | Wroclaw (POL) | Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Ukraine |
| Zone D | Piestany (SVK) | Belarus, Estonia, Great Britain, Hungary, Portugal, Slovakia |
| Finals | Venice (ITA) | 2 - 4 August |

European Summer Cups Girls 18&U - Qualifying (28-30 July)

| | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Zone A | Pilzen (CZE) | Belarus, Czech Republic, Greece, Israel, Russia |
| Zone B | Maglie (ITA) | Great Britain, Italy, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden |
| Zone C | Lleida (ESP) | Denmark, France, Hungary, Latvia, Slovenia, Spain |
| Zone D | Izmir (TUR) | Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine |
| Finals | Granville (FRA) | 2 - 4 August |



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Beyond the Baseline...

Venues have been confirmed for most of the forthcoming **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group play-offs**. Israel hosts Austria at the Nokia Indoor Arena in Tel Aviv, Sweden host Italy on indoor courts at Lidköping Arena, Switzerland travel to Kazakhstan's national Tennis Centre in Astana, and Romania host Ecuador on clay at Bucharest's Zone Arena. Tennis Australia and the German Tennis Federation have been granted extensions to confirm their choice of venue for their matches against Belgium and South Africa respectively.

Rafael Nadal has withdrawn from the Spanish team as the defending champions travel to France for next week's **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group** quarterfinal. France will also be without their #1, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. The other matches see Russia and Croatia host Argentina and Serbia respectively, while Czech Republic travel to Chile without Wimbledon runner-up Tomas Berdych, who withdrew due to an abdominal strain.

The 2011 **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** draw was made earlier this month. World Group first round matches are set to take place on 5-6 February and will see top seeded Italy take on hosts Australia. Russia will host France, Slovak Republic will host Czech Republic and Belgium will host the USA. European teams are involved in all World Group II matches, as Estonia hosts Spain, Germany hosts Slovenia, Serbia hosts Canada and Sweden hosts Ukraine.

New York's Madison Square Garden will host an exhibition featuring matches between **Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, John McEnroe** and **Ivan Lendl** next February.

Novak Djokovic and **Gael Monfils** make guest appearances alongside French DJ Bob Sinclair in the new video for the track 'Hello' by Martin Solveig and Dragonette, which was filmed at Roland Garros last month and can be seen [here](#).

Roger Federer has announced a lifetime agreement with the Gerry Weber Open in Halle, committing himself to playing at the event for the rest of his career.

Recently retired former women's world #1 **Amelie**

Mauresmo is working as a part time coach with compatriot **Michael Llodra**, who won the Eastbourne ATP event in the second week of their cooperation.

Former world #1 **Thomas Muster** returned to action last week at the Braunschweig ATP Challenger event, where he suffered a 61 62 opening round loss to Ireland's Conor Niland. The 42-year old never officially retired, though played his last match on the ATP World Tour in 1999.

Following a tendon tear in her elbow suffered during her fourth clash with Kim Clijsters at Wimbledon, **Justine Henin** has been forced to withdraw from their exhibition in Brussels next Friday (8th July), which was due to celebrate Belgium's presidency of the European Union. The match was expected to beat the previous world record for attendance at a tennis event, with King Albert II invited to play the role of umpire at the match. Serena Williams has stepped in to replace Henin, who will be on the sidelines until September and will miss the US Open.

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal were re-elected to the **ATP World Tour** Player Council earlier this week. Fellow members include Sam Querrey; Fernando Gonzalez, Nenad Zimonjic, Jarkko Nieminen, Eric Butorac, Peter Luczak, Yves Allegro and Ashley Fischer, as well as coach Claudio Pistolesi.

The ITF has revealed the entry list for the tennis event at the inaugural **Youth Olympic Games**, due to be held in Singapore from 15-21 August. A total of 16 European countries will send players to either the boys or girls singles events, which will be headlined by Junior world #1 Elina Svitolina of Ukraine.

Beach Tennis USA and the ITF have announced a partnership under which all sanctioned tournaments will appear on the ITF's official **Beach Tennis Tour** calendar, and will contribute to a player's ranking.

The **Wimbledon** final between Rafael Nadal and Tomas Berdych attracted a record crowd of 32,036, up from last year's previous best of 30,867.

Fast Facts



Fifteen European countries have more than 1,000 tennis coaches, while fifteen others have less than 100.

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

With effect from January 2010, Tennis Europe introduced a new junior ranking system, 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 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 tour-

naments, all of which are weighted according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking will continue to be available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to the overall rankings. In addition, a 'Race to the Junior Masters' is also published. For more information on the rankings system, including a full explanation of the changes for 2010, visit www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are as July 6th, 2010.

Overall Girls' Ranking

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|------------|----------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | NEW | Elina SVITOLINA | UKR | 2133 |
| 02 | ► | Irina KHROMACHEVA | RUS | 1970 |
| 03 | ► | Nastya KOLAR | SLO | 1711 |
| 04 | ▼ | Daria GAVRILOVA | RUS | 1656 |
| 05 | ▼ | An-Sophie MESTACH | BEL | 1573 |
| 06 | ▼ | Yulia PUTINTSEVA | RUS | 1439 |
| 07 | NEW | Ons JABEUR | TUN | 1413 |
| 08 | ▼ | Tamara CUROVIC | SRB | 1335 |
| 09 | ▲ | Sophia KOVALETS | UKR | 1303 |
| 10 | NEW | Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO | UKR | 1224 |



Elina Svitolina (UKR)

Overall Boys' Ranking

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|------------|-------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ► | Mathias BOURGUE | FRA | 1110 |
| 02 | ► | Miki JANKOVIC | SRB | 924 |
| 03 | NEW | Federico SILVA | POR | 833 |
| 03 | ▼ | Pedja KRSTIN | SRB | 833 |
| 05 | ▼ | Gregoire BARRERE | FRA | 805 |
| 06 | NEW | Mateo MARTINEZ | ARG | 798 |
| 07 | ► | Marin SUICA | CRO | 770 |
| 08 | NEW | Pol TOLEDO BAGUE | ESP | 755 |
| 09 | ▼ | Igor SMILANSKY | ISR | 748 |
| 10 | ► | Enzo PY | FRA | 735 |



Pol Toledo Bague (ESP)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Many of the top Under 14s have been focused on European Summer Cups action in recent weeks, and one of the stand out players from that event, Philip Gresk of Poland, had a particularly successful few weeks on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour leading up to the team event.

Having won the 14 & Under Zabrze tournament in May, Gresk went on to reach the final of the 16 & under event in Radom, before winning back to back 16 & under events in Zabrze and Hradek Nad Nisou.

One of the tallest players on the circuit, Gresk capped his run by leading Poland to the final of the Copa del Sol last week. Jana Fett (CRO), a winner in Cakovec recently, is the highest climber in the girls' list. Thanks to her role in the Summer Cups win, Ksenia Sharifova of Russia ends Valeria Patiuk's reign at #1.

Full ranking lists, as well as the new 'Race to the Junior Masters' rankings, can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as July 6th, 2010.

14 & Under Girls

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|------------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▲ | Ksenia SHARIFOVA | RUS | 775 |
| 02 | ▶ | Valeria PATIUK | ISR | 705 |
| 03 | ▲ | Ulyana AYZATULINA | RUS | 660 |
| 04 | ▼ | Oleksandra KORASHVILI | UKR | 635 |
| 05 | ▼ | Katerina SINIAKOVA | CZE | 625 |
| 06 | ▲ | Polina YUZEFOVICH | RUS | 570 |
| 07 | ▼ | Tamara PICHKHADZE | RUS | 555 |
| 08 | NEW | Jana FETT | CRO | 531 |
| 08 | NEW | Barbara HAAS | AUT | 510 |
| 10 | ▼ | Belinda BENCIC | SUI | 470 |



Ksenia Sharifova (RUS)

14 & Under Boys

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|--------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▶ | Gianluigi QUINZI | ITA | 730 |
| 02 | ▶ | Andre BIRO | HUN | 690 |
| 03 | NEW | Philip GRESK | POL | 610 |
| 04 | ▼ | Oliver NAGY | SVK | 525 |
| 05 | ▶ | Danil MEDVEDEV | RUS | 520 |
| 06 | ▼ | Martin BLASKO | SVK | 505 |
| 07 | ▶ | Joshua SAPWELL | GBR | 495 |
| 08 | ▶ | Peter ASHLEY | GBR | 485 |
| 09 | ▼ | Alexander LEBEDYN | UKR | 480 |
| 10 | NEW | Dmitry POPKO | RUS | 468 |



Andre Biro (HUN)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

| Date | Tournament | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles Winner |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| May 24 | Siauliai (LTU) | J Stevens (NED) | K Slowik (POL) | 61 62 | Speelman/Stevens (NED) |
| | | A Kalinskaya (RUS) | D Dijkman (NED) | 61 61 | Kalinskaya/Zabirova (RUS) |
| May 24 | Kiev (UKR) | D Zarichanskyy (UKR) | V Chumak (UKR) | 60 61 | Igamberdyev (RUS)/Zarichanskyy (UKR) |
| | | V Podgrebnyak (RUS) | M Tymchyna (UKR) | 61 64 | Orichkevitch/Shakhraychuk (UKR) |
| May 24 | Antalya (TUR) | A Manafli (AZE) | S Lomakin (RUS) | 75 60 | Elsvad/Katic (NOR) |
| | | A Zhdanova (UKR) | R Sotiropoulou (GRE) | 67(6) 61 63 | Kazionova/Tsyganova (RUS) |
| May 31 | Koper (SLO) | S Sippel (GER) | L Wiedenmann (GER) | 63 36 75 | Hampe/Reuhl (GER) |
| | | H Mraz (SLO) | Z Dovnik (SLO) | 64 62 | Avgeri (GRE)/Reich (GER) |
| May 31 | Balashiha (RUS) | V Davydov (RUS) | S Lysov (RUS) | 64 62 | Belikov/Kotov (RUS) |
| | | A Semashko (RUS) | Y Bryzgalova (RUS) | 46 63 63 | Bryzgalova/Zhuk (RUS) |
| May 31 | Hradek Nad Nisou (CZE) | M Bedolo (ITA) | L Wessels (GER) | 60 36 61 | Holis/Nouza (CZE) |
| | | M Bouzkova (CZE) | T Koplova (CZE) | w/o | Brozova/Zrzava (CZE) |
| Jun 14 | Cacak (SRB) | M Kechmanovic (SRB) | I Marinovic (BIH) | 67(4) 60 3-1 ret | Gicic (SRB)/Manasov (MKD) |
| | | J Cristian (BEL) | A Surdeanu (ROU) | 61 16 61 | Cristian (BEL)/Knezevic (CYP) |
| Jun 21 | Prijedor (BIH) | I Marinovic (BIH) | A Jokic (BIH) | 63 62 | Zaplotnik/Zaplotnik (SLO) |
| | | G Monteleone (ITA) | Z Lapajne (SLO) | 76(5) 60 | Jovicic/Karic (BIH) |
| Jun 21 | Padova (ITA) | M Zanchi (ITA) | S Ferguson (GBR) | 63 62 | Mora/Zanchi (ITA) |
| | | K Birrell (AUS) | C Castelli (ITA) | 75 16 62 | Birrell/Inglis (AUS) |
| Jun 21 | Riga (LAT) | D Soyfer (USA) | M Nesins (LAT) | 60 61 | Aleshchev (RUS)/Manafli (AZE) |
| | | H Yedzelkina (BLR) | J Kuzovkova (EST) | 64 61 | Grinevich/Shorsher (RUS) |
| Jun 28 | Budapest (HUN) | G Blancaneaux (FRA) | M Zeljenka (HUN) | 62 60 | Valkusz/Zeljenka (HUN) |
| | | V Kuzmova (SVK) | T Kupkova (SVK) | 64 61 | Kupkova/Kuzmova (SVK) |
| Jun 28 | Trieste (ITA) | M Mmoh (USA) | G Kokalj (SLO) | 36 60 64 | Dalla Valle/Guerrieri (ITA) |
| | | K Birrell (AUS) | E Delibegovic (CRO) | 57 62 61 | Birrell/Inglis (AUS) |
| Jun 28 | Pinsk (BLR) | M Tybar (BLR) | A Manafli (AZE) | 63 76(5) | Igamberdyev (RUS)/Jelezovski (BLR) |
| | | S Zhuk (RUS) | A Sabalenka (BLR) | 62 61 | Grinevich/Malykh (RUS) |

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|--------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| May 24 | Pescara (ITA) | 2 P Andriuc (ROU) | M Mosciatti (ITA) | 60 61 | Andriuc (ROU)/Geens (BEL) |
| | | I Ducu (ROU) | D Silva (POR) | 63 62 | Fernandes/Silva (POR) |
| May 24 | Subotica (SRB) | 2 B Borza (ROU) | D Volfson (CAN) | 63 61 | Agarwal (IND)/Braun (GER) |
| | | D Radanovic (SRB) | N Stojanovic (SRB) | 62 36 64 | Bekefi/Bondar (HUN) |
| May 24 | Oslo (NOR) | 3 D Bohler (GER) | V Berna (LUX) | 63 62 | Berna (LUX)/Hassan (GBR) |
| | | M Stokke (NOR) | U Hoeyer (DEN) | 64 62 | Borg/Jahren (NOR) |
| May 24 | Raanaana (ISR) | 3 T Goldengoren (ISR) | M Simonian (ISR) | 62 61 | Goldengoren/Kaufman (ISR) |
| | | M Argyriou (CYP) | T Zandberg (ISR) | 60 61 | Argyriou/Ciubota (CYP) |
| May 24 | Chisinau (MDA) | 3 O Kolisnyk (UKR) | B Apostol (ROU) | 62 63 | Kolisnyk/Podgursky (UKR) |
| | | H Ploskina (UKR) | A Sviripa (UKR) | 61 60 | Aniskina/Ploskina (UKR) |
| May 31 | Correggio (ITA) | 2 F Baldi (ITA) | P Andriuc (ROU) | 62 64 | Andriuc (ROU)/Modugno (ITA) |
| | | D Kasatkina (RUS) | V Muntean (FRA) | 62 60 | Armitano/Remy (FRA) |
| May 31 | Ramle (ISR) | 3 T Goldengoren (ISR) | Y Kaufman (ISR) | 60 63 | Kagna/Leshem (ISR) |
| | | A Lev Ari (ISR) | A Abkin (ISR) | 63 63 | Nikolaev/Vaysbuch (ISR) |
| May 31 | Pecs (HUN) | 2 A Agarwal (IND) | S Ofner (AUT) | 63 64 | Not played |
| | | B Bekefi (HUN) | L Barzo (HUN) | 57 61 60 | Not played |
| May 31 | Sandefjord (NOR) | 3 V Durasovic (NOR) | A Hedman (FIN) | 63 36 76(3) | Niklas Salminen/Vasa (FIN) |
| | | M Stokke (NOR) | A Raaholdt (NOR) | 61 61 | Boom/Piesch (GER) |
| May 31 | Höllviken (SWE) | 3 P Moebius (SWE) | D Appelgren (SWE) | 64 62 | Appelgren/Yemer (SWE) |
| | | M Ditlev (DEN) | U Hoeyer (DEN) | 61 64 | Cabaj Awad (SWE)/Noe (DEN) |
| May 31 | Kopavagur (ISL) | 3 I Vasilyev (RUS) | L Taylor (GBR) | 64 36 63 | Jokinen (FIN)/Schmidl (GER) |
| | | A Intert (GER) | J Regehr (GER) | 60 60 | Intert (GER)/Ljukshinova (RUS) |
| Jun 07 | Tuzla (BIH) | 2 B Bobrov (RUS) | O Popovic (CRO) | 36 64 75 | Krizac (SLO)/Popovic (CRO) |
| | | D Muminovic (BIH) | V Kudermetova (RUS) | 62 61 | Chikalkina/Kudermetova (RUS) |
| Jun 07 | Kiev (UKR) | 2 N Gura (RUS) | K Khachanov (RUS) | 36 63 75 | Khyzhkin/Yanchenko (UKR) |
| | | H Ploskina (UKR) | F Bizhukova (RUS) | 61 62 | Aniskina/Ploskina (UKR) |
| Jun 07 | Budapest (HUN) | 3 A Rublev (RUS) | D Pichler (AUT) | 75 63 | Paulson/Simek (CZE) |
| | | A Komardina (RUS) | A Pirok (HUN) | 64 62 | Bekefi/Bondar (HUN) |
| Jun 07 | Szczecin (POL) | 3 V Kostin (GER) | J Zielinski (POL) | 64 76(4) | Kostin (GER)/Zielinski (POL) |
| | | V Zvincova (CZE) | J Cabaj Awad (SWE) | 16 64 62 | Knutson/Melounova (CZE) |
| Jun 07 | Vilnius (LTU) | 3 M Dembek (POL) | A Ozelis (LTU) | 64 62 | Babelis/Ozelis (LTU) |
| | | A Silich (RUS) | J Mikulskyte (LTU) | 63 63 | Silich/Voronova (RUS) |
| Jun 07 | Nastola (FIN) | 3 J Popov (FIN) | A Zverev (GER) | 60 36 64 | Muscheites/Zverev (GER) |
| | | A Episheva (RUS) | J Jebavy (GER) | 62 62 | Belyaeva/Episheva (RUS) |



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| Jun 14 | Mostar (BIH) | 3 D Biljesko (CRO) | A Kijametovic (BIH) | 67(4) 63 62 | Biljesko (CRO)/Kijametovic (BIH) |
| | | K Jokic (BIH) | N Jovic (BIH) | 62 61 | Kenic (CRO)/Mehikic (BIH) |
| Jun 14 | Skopje (MKD) | 3 B Borza (ROU) | P Chrysochos (CYP) | 46 61 63 | Borza (ROU)/Chrysochos (CYP) |
| | | M Stoilkovska (MKD) | M Panic (SRB) | 64 61 | Basten (NED)/Stoilkovska (MKD) |
| Jun 14 | Portimao (POR) | 3 L Roskilly (GBR) | J Dodridge (GBR) | 61 62 | Marreros/Marreiros (POR) |
| | | A Bolsova (MDA) | L Almeida (POR) | 76(6) 60 | Fernandes/Silva (POR) |
| Jun 21 | Tbilisi (GEO) | 3 M Avetisyan (ARM) | S Meparidze (GEO) | 61 62 | Bakshi/Meparidze (GEO) |
| | | E Tomey (TUR) | I Karangozishvili (GEO) | 61 62 | Botsa (GRE)/Minasyan (MDA) |
| Jun 21 | Birkerod (DEN) | 3 W Malm (SWE) | G Potemkin (RUS) | 63 61 | Malm/Soderlund (SWE) |
| | | M Stokke (NOR) | A Lev Ari (ISR) | 63 75 | Jahren/Stokke (NED) |
| Jun 21 | Riga (LAT) | 3 M Bugailiskis (LTU) | D Mnushkin (RUS) | 26 64 63 | Bugailiskis (LTU)/Thomson (GBR) |
| | | E Hendsel (EST) | J Mikulskyte (LTU) | 63 67(5) 62 | Mullins/Sanders (GBR) |
| Jun 21 | Cacak (SRB) | 3 D Stary (CZE) | S Roncalli (ITA) | 46 61 64 | Blanusa/Vukicevic (SRB) |
| | | V Grammatikopoulou (GRE) | D Dukic (SRB) | 63 64 | Cristian (BEL)/Fridman (UKR) |
| Jun 21 | Tbilisi (GEO) | 3 M Avetisyan (ARM) | S Meparidze (GEO) | 61 63 | Avetisyan (ARM)/Pokotilov (RUS) |
| | | O Sharypova (RUS) | Y Minasyan (MDA) | 64 63 | Dgebaudze/Nadibaidze (GEO) |
| Jun 28 | Rungsted Kyst (DEN) | 3 A Zverev (GER) | M Landa (DEN) | 36 61 62 | Burr (DEN)/Zverev (GER) |
| | | E Van Der Sypt (BEL) | S Alipeva (DEN) | 46 64 63 | Kmepen/van Der Sypt (BEL) |
| Jun 28 | Velp (NED) | 3 L Muscheites (GER) | R Suchan (GER) | 64 61 | Bloem/Janssen (NED) |
| | | K Hobgarski (GER) | M basten (NED) | 75 64 | Habes/Van Oorschodt (NED) |
| Jun 28 | Yerevan (ARM) | 3 A Rublev (RUS) | S Baryshev (RUS) | 75 63 | Lashkul/Ursu (UKR) |
| | | A Komardina (RUS) | Y Minasyan (MDA) | 61 60 | Kalimullina/Novoselova (RUS) |
| Jun 28 | Liepaja (LAT) | 2 A Agarwal (IND) | K Khachanov (RUS) | 46 63 63 | Dembek/Zielinski (POL) |
| | | A Parazinskaite (LTU) | A Sviripa (UKR) | 64 36 76(5) | Alescheva/Emelianova (RUS) |



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|--------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| May 24 | Foligno (ITA) | 2 Y Nishioka (JPN) | T Saito (JPN) | 63 62 | Nishioka/Saito (JPN) |
| | | C Ene (ROU) | J Dzinic (SRB) | 63 63 | Blom (NED)/Tebaldini (ITA) |
| May 24 | Oslo (NOR) | 3 A Morozov (RUS) | A Holm (DEN) | 64 60 | Bornebusch/Schmidt (SWE) |
| | | H Odegaard (NOR) | F Egidius (NOR) | 63 61 | Karst/Visler (DEN) |
| May 24 | Radom (POL) | 3 P Gresk (POL) | V Kostin (GER) | 60 63 | Rolski/Walkow (POL) |
| | | A Zablotskaya (BLR) | L Usinger (GER) | 62 62 | Barshchenskaya/Zablotskaya (BLR) |
| May 31 | Montecatini (ITA) | 1 C Perinti (ITA) | M Martinez (ARG) | 63 64 | Maccari/Perinti (ITA) |
| | | T Lukas (CRO) | N Rubel (BLR) | 62 26 62 | Deheza/Deheza (BOL) |
| May 31 | Zabrze (POL) | 2 P Gresk (POL) | T Colautti (GBR) | 76(1) 60 | Grzesinski/Lutkowski (POL) |
| | | A Zablotskaya (BLR) | I Shymanovich (BLR) | 76(3) 62 | Karczewska/Zorawska (POL) |
| May 31 | Chisinau (MDA) | 3 A Culicovschi (ROU) | D Baskov (MDA) | w/o | Margitfalvi/Sari (HUN) |
| | | A Sviripa (UKR) | I Sergheeva (MDA) | 76(5) 61 | Ciobanu/Martinov (MDA) |
| Jun 07 | Milan (ITA) | 1 E Esteve Lobato (ESP) | R Bisht (IND) | 75 62 | Galarza /Martinez (ARG) |
| | | M Deheza (BOL) | B Krejckova (CZE) | 63 62 | Krejckova/Siniakova (CZE) |
| Jun 07 | Hradec (CZE) | 2 P Gresk (POL) | M Boewer-Stelter (GER) | 61 26 64 | Cvic (SVK)/Kiss (CZE) |
| | | K Rouckova (CZE) | M Slavickova (CZE) | 62 62 | Cvackova/Matekova (CZE) |
| Jun 07 | Reykjavik (ISL) | 3 P Schubert (GER) | E McIntosh (GBR) | 75 64 | Klos (POL)/Vasilyev (RUS) |
| | | L Usinger (GER) | Y Chubarova (RUS) | 62 62 | Chubarova (RUS)/Usinger (GER) |
| Jun 07 | Ostroh (UKR) | 3 Y Kryvoy (UKR) | O Dovgan (UKR) | 61 75 | Kryvoy/Prokopov (UKR) |
| | | A Sviripa (UKR) | M Veksler (UKR) | 64 63 | Koshman/Romanyshyn (UKR) |
| Jun 07 | Nastola (FIN) | 3 M Kallio (FIN) | D Medvedv (RUS) | 76(4) 64 | Hattunen/Kallio (FIN) |
| | | E Leivo (FIN) | D Chernyshkova (RUS) | 75 63 | Lodikova/Mogilitskaya (RUS) |
| Jun 14 | Oslo (NOR) | 3 J Skattum (NOR) | E Bogen (NOR) | 61 60 | Wangensten-Oye/Wiese (NOR) |
| | | H Odegaard (NOR) | C Lister (SWE) | 67(3) 63 62 | Lister (SWE)/Odegaard (NOR) |
| Jun 14 | Tbilisi (GEO) | 3 M Khmiadashvili (GEO) | A Davlianidze (GEO) | 67(4) 64 60 | Davlianidze/Pilpani (GEO) |
| | | T Pichkhadze (RUS) | A Gogvadze (GEO) | 61 75 | Pichkhadze (RUS)/Zubkova (BLR) |
| Jun 14 | Cakovec (CRO) | 2 J Schretter (AUT) | M Cutuli (ITA) | 62 61 | Serdarusic/Skvorc (CRO) |
| | | J Fett (CRO) | D Herdzelas (BIH) | 36 64 63 | Fett/Konjuh (CRO) |
| Jun 14 | Crema (ITA) | 2 S Kyrtzsis (CYP) | B Panta (PER) | 75 64 | Panta/Santos (PER) |
| | | I Bara (ROU) | V Babic (MNE) | 61 62 | Deheza/Deheza (BOL) |
| Jun 14 | Siauliai (LTU) | 3 J Tverijonas (LTU) | D Mnushkin (RUS) | 57 76(8) 62 | Adomavicius/Tverijonas (LTU) |
| | | A Zablotskaya (BLR) | I Shymanovich (BLR) | 63 61 | Vorobjova (EST)/Zenkova (RUS) |
| Jun 14 | Vsevoloszhk (RUS) | 3 A Vasilenko (RUS) | I Puzakov (RUS) | 61 61 | Korolev/Vasilenko (RUS) |
| | | A Frolova (RUS) | Y Mogilnitskaya (RUS) | 46 62 61 | Mogilnitskaya/Rychagova (RUS) |



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| Jun 21 | Le Pontet (FRA) | 1 M Martinez (ARG) | J Galarza (ARG) | 64 63 | Kadhe (IND)/Naow (SYR) |
| | | I Bara (ROU) | M Deheza (BOL) | 62 64 | Babic (MNE)/Bara (ROU) |
| Jun 21 | Százhalombatta (HUN) | 2 M Maruscak (SVK) | M Caro (SVK) | 16 60 62 | Blaho/Caro (SVK) |
| | | B Velehan (UKR) | I Rosca (ROU) | 64 63 | Hercegova/Jablonovska (SVK) |
| Jun 21 | Birkerød (DEN) | 3 J Tinoco (POR) | R Constantonovici | 62 75 | Karamehic (DEN)/Tinoco (POR) |
| | | K Dmitrieva (RUS) | K Utech (GER) | 36 62 4-1 def | Aponasenko/Dmitrieva (RUS) |
| Jun 21 | Mali Losinj (CRO) | 3 M Srdanovich (SRB) | D Capecci (ITA) | 75 60 | Capecci/Trovato (ITA) |
| | | K Tebaldini (ITA) | M Markovic (SRB) | 61 61 | Cuk/Kralj (SLO) |
| Jun 21 | Riga (LAT) | 3 A Taranda (BLR) | N Lis (RUS) | 63 64 | Lis/Popko (RUS) |
| | | T Vorobjova (EST) | I Sergheeva (MDA) | 67(1) 76(8) 75 | Ostapenko (LAT)/Sviripa (UKR) |
| Jun 21 | Tbilisi (GEO) | 3 N Dolidze (GEO) | M Khmiasdashvili (GEO) | 76(4) 67(9) 76(4) | Dolidze/Pilpani (GEO) |
| | | T Pichkadze (RUS) | A Gogvadze (GEO) | 62 63 | Eristavi/Gogvadze (GEO) |
| Jun 28 | Paris | 1 P Toledo Bague (ESP) | F Silva (POR) | 36 61 61 | Kadhe (IND)/Naow (SYR) |
| | | I Bara (ROU) | M Deheza (BOL) | 62 62 | Sutjiadi (INA)/Tiraganok (THA) |
| Jun 28 | Rungsted Kyst (DEN) | 3 S Rossier (SUI) | J Tinoco (POR) | 62 75 | Hannestad/Pedersen (DEN) |
| | | C Lister (SWE) | M Chikhi (GER) | 62 61 | Lister (SWE)/Stripp (DEN) |
| Jun 28 | Mamaia (ROU) | 3 M Kianicka (SVK) | A Buzelan (ROU) | 62 64 | Apostol/Tatomir (ROU) |
| | | J Dzinic (CRO) | P Lancranjan (ROU) | 62 64 | Ene/Enea (ROU) |
| Jun 28 | Yerevan (ARM) | 3 M Khmiasdashvili (GEO) | A Pechkin (RUS) | 61 46 76(5) | Khmiasdashvili (GEO)/Lomacki (POL) |
| | | A Gogvadze (GEO) | V Bessonova (RUS) | 75 61 | Koval/Nefedova (RUS) |
| Jun 28 | Svilengrad (BUL) | 3 F Shevkedov (BUL) | V Petrov (BUL) | 63 26 75 | Ilia (CYP)/Petrov (BUL) |
| | | A Tsarvulkova (BUL) | V Panina (RUS) | 46 63 64 | Donis (RUS)/Shoshyna (BUL) |
| Jun 28 | Kranj (SLO) | 3 M Srdanovich (SRB) | R Dula (CRO) | 64 61 | Ilic (SRB)/Janezic (CRO) |
| | | P Cuk (SLO) | E Palinkas (HUN) | 64 63 | Cuk/Zagorac (HUN) |



Photos: Left, Tbilisi 16 & under winner Tamara Pichkadze (RUS) and finalist Ani Gogvadze (GEO). Right, singles finalists at the 14 & under Investbank Cup, Skopje (MKD).

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|--------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| May 24 | Craiova (ROU) | \$10,000 | A Cadantu (ROU) | M Gojnea (ROU) | 57 63 60 | Cadantu/Damaschin (ROU) |
| May 24 | Olecko (POL) | \$10,000 | M Koek (NED) | B Sobaszekiewicz (POL) | 63 63 | Borecka/Kubicikova (CZE) |
| May 24 | Raanana (ISR) | \$10,000 | J Glushko (ISR) | K Shlomo (ISR) | 61 63 | Glushko/Shlomo (ISR) |
| May 24 | Velenje (SLO) | \$10,000 | S Vogt (LIE) | P Smidova (CZE) | 61 62 | Hubacek/Patterson (AUS) |
| May 24 | Grado (ITA) | \$25,000 | A Tatishvili (GEO) | A Jovanovic (SRB) | 67(3) 63 64 | Han/Lu (CHN) |
| May 24 | Izmir (TUR) | \$25,000 | T Paszek (AUT) | C Buyukakcay (TUR) | 62 63 | Alves (BRA)/Paszek (AUT) |
| May 31 | Bucharest (ROU) | \$10,000 | M Gojnea (ROU) | B Hincu (ROU) | 62 62 | Andrei/Gojnea (ROU) |
| May 31 | Cantanhede (POR) | \$10,000 | S McDowell (AUS) | C Kandler (AUT) | 61 75 | Gasanova/Parasyuk (RUS) |
| May 31 | Galatina (ITA) | \$10,000 | A Schaefer (GER) | L Michel (SUI) | 46 63 61 | Gledacheva (BUL)/Sabino (ITA) |
| May 31 | Brno (CZE) | \$25,000 | Z Ondraskova (CZE) | K Kucova (SVK) | 63 46 62 | Klaschka/Siegemund (GER) |
| May 31 | Sarajevo (BIH) | \$25,000 | L Ungur (ROU) | I Pavlovic (FRA) | 63 60 | Buryachok (UKR)/Pavlovic (FRA) |
| May 31 | Maribor (SLO) | \$50,000 | S Zhang (CHN) | L Pous Tio (ESP) | 63 36 63 | Klepac/Majeric (SLO) |
| May 31 | Nottingham (GBR) | \$50,000 | E Baltacha (GBR) | C Gullickson (USA) | 62 62 | Borwell (GBR)/Kops Jones (USA) |
| May 31 | Rome (ITA) | \$50,000 | L Dominguez Lino (ESP) | R Oprandi (ITA) | 57 63 63 | Mchale (USA)/Rogowska (AUS) |
| Jun 07 | Amarante (POR) | \$10,000 | M Gloria (CAN) | S McDowell (AUS) | 75 67(6) 60 | Gloria (CAN)/Munoz (MEX) |
| Jun 07 | Apeldoorn (NED) | \$10,000 | A Van Der Meet (NED) | K Bertens (NED) | 75 63 | Boeykens (BEL)/Mekel (NED) |
| Jun 07 | Iasi (ROU) | \$10,000 | M Gojnea (ROU) | I Stoica (ROU) | 62 75 | Gojnea/Iova (ROU) |
| Jun 07 | Budapest (HUN) | \$25,000 | M Johansson (FRA) | T Babos (HUN) | 67(4) 61 60 | Mircic (SRB)/Wienerova (SVK) |
| Jun 07 | Campobasso (ITA) | \$25,000 | M irigoyen (ARG) | L Thorpe (FRA) | 62 76(5) | Fedak/Vasyleva (UKR) |
| Jun 07 | Zlin (CZE) | \$50,000+H | P Mayr (AUT) | C Dentoni (ITA) | 61 62 | Birnerova (CZE)/Foretz (FRA) |
| Jun 07 | Marseille (FRA) | \$100,000+H | K Zakopalova (CZE) | J Larsson (SWE) | 63 63 | Larsson (SWE)/Meusberger (AUT) |
| Jun 14 | Alkmaar (NED) | \$10,000 | M Koek (NED) | A Van Der Meet (NED) | 63 63 | Marenko (RUS)/Pirazhenka (BLR) |
| Jun 14 | Köln (GER) | \$10,000 | S Zaniewska (POL) | J Babilon (GER) | 64 64 | Avdiyenko (UKR)/Ozgen (TUR) |
| Jun 14 | Lenzerheide (SUI) | \$10,000 | T Ostertag (GER) | D Salnikova (RUS) | 3676(7) 76(4) | Brozda/Zagorska (POL) |
| Jun 14 | Montemor (POR) | \$10,000 | M De Lattre (POR) | A Fernandez (ESP) | 36 64 64 | Gloria (CAN)/Munoz (MEX) |
| Jun 14 | Bratislava (SVK) | \$25,000 | L Jurikova (SVK) | C Giorgi (ITA) | 62 61 | Kachlikova/Tvaroskova (SVK) |
| Jun 14 | Montpelier (FRA) | \$25,000 | M Johansson (FRA) | C De Gubernatis (FRA) | 57 64 62 | Lu (CHN)/Siegemund (GER) |
| Jun 14 | Padova (ITA) | \$25,000 | L Ungur (ROU) | A Bergot (FRA) | 64 64 | Klemenschits (AUT)/Klepac (SLO) |
| Jun 21 | Alcobaça (POR) | \$10,000 | M De Lattre (POR) | S McDowell (AUS) | 26 63 63 | Fitzpatrick/Windley (GBR) |
| Jun 21 | Davos (SUI) | \$10,000 | M Casanova (SUI) | V Kamenskaya (RUS) | 63 46 64 | Elliott (GBR)/Starr (AUS) |

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ITF Women's Circuit

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles |
|--------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Jun 21 | Gausdal (NOR) | \$10,000 | V Larriere (FRA) | K Barbat (DEN) | 61 62 | Ejdesgaard (DEN)/Linhova (CZE) |
| Jun 21 | Rotterdam (NED) | \$10,000 | K Bertens (NED) | D Harmsen (NED) | 64 62 | Gerlova/Jandova (CZE) |
| Jun 21 | Getxo (ESP) | \$25,000 | S Soler Espinosa (ESP) | S Gronert (GER) | 62 61 | Klemenschts (AUT)/Klepac (SLO) |
| Jun 21 | Kristinehamn (SWE) | \$25,000 | L Wienerova (SVK) | J Cako (USA) | 62 36 76(2) | Jugic Salkic (BIH)/Laine (FIN) |
| Jun 21 | Perigueux (FRA) | \$25,000 | P Cetkowska (CZE) | M Chakhnashvili (GEO) | 26 61 61 | Tamaela (NED)/Werner (GER) |
| Jun 21 | Rome (ITA) | \$25,000 | P Mayr (AUT) | Z Diyas (KAZ) | 76(2) 64 | Ferguson/Musgrave (AUS) |
| Jun 28 | Melilla (ESP) | \$10,000 | D Stomlega (ROU) | D Mills (USA) | 57 64 75 | De Wael (BEL)/Gasanova (RUS) |
| Jun 28 | Cremona (ITA) | \$10,000 | R Bindi (ITA) | S Soler Sola (ESP) | 64 61 | Sabino (SUI)/Vaideanu (ITA) |
| Jun 28 | Gausdal (NOR) | \$10,000 | V Larriere (FRA) | G Brodsky (USA) | 63 64 | Barbat (DEN)/Brown (GBR) |
| Jun 28 | Stuttgart (GER) | \$25,000 | M Minella (LUX) | E Tamaela (NED) | 64 62 | Minella (LUX)/Pavlovic (FRA) |
| Jun 28 | Torun (POL) | \$25,000 | K Pervak (RUS) | M Linette (POL) | 64 61 | Mircic (SRB)/Mirkovic (AUS) |
| Jun 28 | Ystad (SWE) | \$25,000 | S Arvidsson (SWE) | V Savinykh (RUS) | 63 61 | Jugic Salkic (BIH)/Laine (FIN) |
| Jun 28 | Mt de Marsan (FRA) | \$25,000 | P Cetkowska (CZE) | E Kostova (BUL) | 62 62 | Arruabarrena/Ferrer (ESP) |
| Jun 28 | Pozoblanco (ESP) | \$50,000 | O Sanchez (FRA) | B Garcia Vidagny (ESP) | 63 64 | Yonemura/Yonemura (JPN) |
| Jun 28 | Cuneo (ITA) | \$100,000 | R Oprandi (ITA) | P Parmentier (FRA) | 62 60 | Birnerova/Hradecka (CZE) |

ITF Men's Circuit

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|--------|----------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| May 24 | Prijedor (BIH) | \$10,000 | F Skugor (CRO) | M Niestan (NED) | 63 64 | Androic/Skugor (CRO) |
| May 24 | Cesena (ITA) | \$15,000 | F Nielsen (DEN) | M Middelkoop (NED) | 75 67(5) 33 ret | Aranguren/Fabbri (ARG) |
| May 24 | Krakow (POL) | \$10,000 | D Lojda (CZE) | A Garcia (CHI) | 62 75 | Gawron/Kapas (POL) |
| May 24 | Pitesti (ROU) | \$10,000 | A Cruciat (ROU) | A Smirnov (UKR) | 64 76(5) | Albot/Ciumac (MDA) |
| May 24 | Kamnik (SLO) | \$10,000 | M Zimmermann (GER) | B Rola (SLO) | 36 62 64 | Sabate (ESP)/Urzua-Rivera (CHI) |
| May 24 | Tenerife (ESP) | \$10,000 | J Sousa (POR) | D Thurner (GER) | 75 64 | Rumenov (ESP)/Sousa (POR) |

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|--------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| May 31 | Kiseljak (BIH) | \$10,000 | M Basic (BIH) | M Niestan (NED) | 63 60 | Zekic/Zlatanovic (SRB) |
| May 31 | Bergamo (ITA) | \$10,000 | P Clar Rossello (ESP) | Y Marti (SUI) | 76(6) 26 76(4) | Giannessi (ITA)/Nielsen (DEN) |
| May 31 | Koszalin (POL) | \$10,000 | J Janowicz (POL) | A Garcia (CHI) | 67(2) 63 63 | Koniusz/Panfil (POL) |
| May 31 | Bacau (ROU) | \$10,000 | F Reynet (FRA) | R Albot (MDA) | 61 63 | Anikanov (UKR)/Tudoreanu (MDA) |
| May 31 | Rogaska Slatina (SLO) | \$10,000 | N Mektic (CRO) | D Molchanov (UKR) | 63 42 ret | Mektic/Zovko (CRO) |
| May 31 | Lanzarote (ESP) | \$15,000 | J Sousa (POR) | M Lammer (SUI) | 75 64 | Rumenov (ESP)/Sousa (POR) |
| Jun 07 | Mestre (ITA) | \$10,000 | M Viola (ITA) | M Marrai (ITA) | 76(2) 62 | Trusendi/Marrai (ITA) |
| Jun 07 | Apeldoorn (NED) | \$15,000 | M Middelkoop (NED) | M Rodrigues (FRA) | 61 64 | Gard (ROU)/Ghem (BRA) |
| Jun 07 | Gliwice (POL) | \$10,000 | D Lojda (CZE) | J Janowicz (POL) | 76(7) 76(6) | Koniusz/Panfil (POL) |
| Jun 07 | Brasov (ROU) | \$10,000 | V Anagnastopol (ROU) | G Alekseenko (UKR) | 62 75 | Miron/Puscasu (ROU) |
| Jun 07 | Maribor (SLO) | \$10,000 | B Rola (SLO) | G Balazs (HUN) | 26 64 64 | Rmus/Rola (SLO) |
| Jun 07 | Tenerife (ESP) | \$15,000 | L Walter (FRA) | M Lammer (SUI) | 46 63 76(4) | Rumenov (ESP)/Sousa (POR) |
| Jun 14 | Blois (FRA) | \$15,000+H | J Eysseric (FRA) | V Rudnev (RUS) | 64 46 76(1) | Eysseric/Inzerillo (FRA) |
| Jun 14 | Köln (GER) | \$10,000 | J Struff (GER) | D Bloemke (GER) | 76(5) 60 | Gemouchis (GRE)/Podlipnik (CHI) |
| Jun 14 | Padova (ITA) | \$15,000 | N Ciric (SRB) | M Marrai (ITA) | 46 76(5) 76(3) | Giannessi/Torresi (ITA) |
| Jun 14 | Alkmaar (NED) | \$15,000 | T Nieminen (FIN) | M Schmid (CZE) | 61 63 | Middelkoop/Van Haasteran (AHO) |
| Jun 14 | Belgrade (SRB) | \$10,000 | O Nedovyesov (UKR) | D Lajovic (SRB) | 64 62 | Alekseenko/Nedovyesov (UKR) |
| Jun 14 | La Palma (ESP) | \$10,000 | A Boje Ordenez (ESP) | M Lopez-Jaen (ESP) | 63 57 64 | Gonzalez/Lopez Jaen (ESP) |
| Jun 21 | Toulon (FRA) | \$15,000 | A Gensse (FRA) | P Bester (CAN) | 61 64 | Bester (CAN)/Eysseric (FRA) |
| Jun 21 | Wolfsburg (GER) | \$10,000 | J Lemke (AUS) | R Jebavy (CZE) | 64 62 | Betau (BLR)/Kumantsov (RUS) |
| Jun 21 | Aosta (ITA) | \$10,000 | M Marrai (ITA) | A Gonzalez (COL) | 62 63 | Philips (GBR)/Steinberger (AUT) |
| Jun 21 | Rotterdam (NED) | \$15,000 | T Schoorel (NED) | J Ager (AUT) | 63 46 64 | Nielsen (DEN)/Renard (FRA) |
| Jun 21 | Gausdal (NOR) | \$10,000 | I Sijlsing (NED) | R Ghedin (ITA) | 75 ret | Heliovaara/Paukku (FIN) |
| Jun 21 | Belgrade (SRB) | \$10,000 | N Ciric (SRB) | N Reissig (AUT) | 76(4) 46 64 | Alekseenko/Nedovyesov (UKR) |
| Jun 21 | Melilla (ESP) | \$10,000 | M Lopez-Jaen (ESP) | P Martin (ESP) | 64 64 | Gomez/Gonzalez (ESP) |
| Jun 28 | Breda (NED) | \$15,000+H | T Schoorel (NED) | J Huta Gulang (NED) | 62 76(5) | Middelkoop/Schoorel (NED) |
| Jun 28 | Gausdal (NOR) | \$10,000 | A Sadecky (SUI) | F Martin (FRA) | 75 63 | Heliovaara/Paukku (FIN) |
| Jun 28 | Medias (ROU) | \$10,000 | V Anagnastopol (ROU) | F Torresi (ITA) | 63 67(6) 61 | Cruciat/Ionita (ROU) |
| Jun 28 | Bologna (ITA) | \$15,000 | A Stoppini (ITA) | A Arnaboldi (ITA) | 61 76(3) | Capone/Viola (ITA) |
| Jun 28 | Montauban (FRA) | \$15,000+H | L Rochette (FRA) | F Reynet (FRA) | 76(4) 61 | Bester (CAN)/Eysseric (FRA) |
| Jun 28 | Palma del Rio (ESP) | \$15,000 | R Bemelmans (BEL) | N Desein (BEL) | 46 64 76 | Kirillov/Kudryavtsev (RUS) |
| Jun 28 | Manchester (GBR) | \$10,000 | J Ward (GBR) | J Baker (GBR) | 62 76(2) | Sharan/Vardhan (IND) |
| Jun 28 | Kassel (GER) | \$15,000+H | F Dustov (UZB) | A Kuznetsov (RUS) | 64 64 | Klec (SVK)/Satschko (GER) |

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Events at Roland Garros and Wimbledon have greatly impacted the European rankings this month. There are four new entries to the women's Top Ten, though all are veteran players who have appeared in the list previously. French Open champion Francesca Schiavone reaches her highest ever showing of #5, leapfrogging compatriot Flavia Pennetta to become the highest ranked Italian. Wimbledon finalist Vera Zvonareva returns to the Top Ten to become one of just two Russians, the lowest total since 2003. Un-retired former #1s Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters also progress back

up the list, while other ex-#1s Dinara Safina and Svetlana Kuznetsova disappear for now.

Rafael Nadal returns to the men's #1 spot, heading three Spaniards in the Top Ten. Roger Federer's failure to defend his Wimbledon title sees him drop out of our top two for the first time since January 2003. Wimbledon runner-up Tomas Berdych returns to the list at his highest ever placing of seventh, and looks to have a good chance of climbing further in the run up to the US Open.

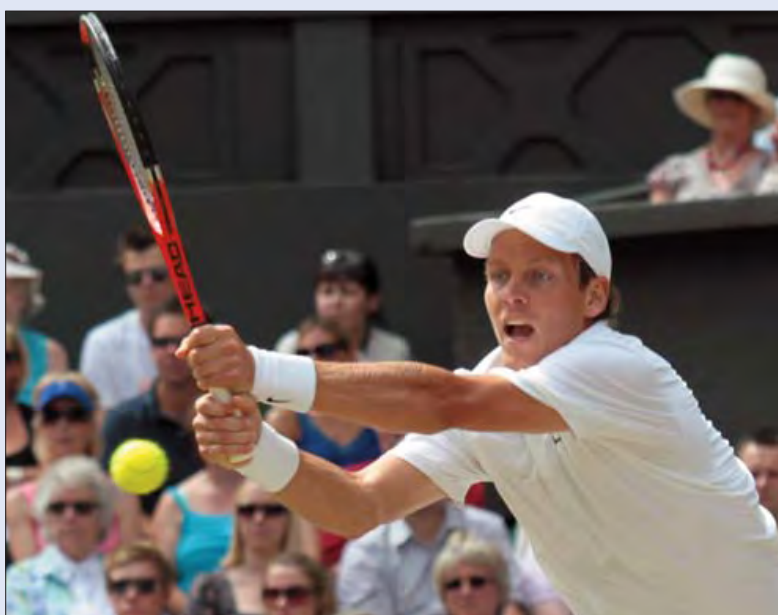
Rankings as of July 5th, 2010.

European Women

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|----------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▲ | Jelena JANKOVIC | SRB | 5900 |
| 02 | ▼ | Caroline WOZNIACKI | DEN | 5630 |
| 03 | ▶ | Elena DEMENTIEVA | RUS | 4670 |
| 04 | ▲ | Kim CLIJSTERS | BEL | 4510 |
| 05 | NEW | Francesca SCHIAVONE | ITA | 4425 |
| 06 | NEW | Vera ZVONAREVA | RUS | 3965 |
| 07 | ▼ | Agnieska RADWANSKA | POL | 3730 |
| 08 | NEW | Flavia PENNETTA | ITA | 3450 |
| 09 | NEW | Justine HENIN | BEL | 3415 |
| 10 | ▶ | Marion BARTOLI | FRA | 3366 |

European Men

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▲ | Rafael NADAL | ESP | 10745 |
| 02 | ▲ | Novak DJOKOVIC | SRB | 6905 |
| 03 | ▼ | Roger FEDERER | SUI | 6885 |
| 04 | ▼ | Andy MURRAY | GBR | 5155 |
| 05 | ▲ | Robin SÖDERLING | SWE | 4935 |
| 06 | ▼ | Nikolay DAVYDENKO | RUS | 4740 |
| 07 | NEW | Tomas BERDYCH | CZE | 3845 |
| 08 | ▼ | Fernando VERDASCO | ESP | 3475 |
| 09 | ▼ | Jo-Wilfried TSONGA | FRA | 3455 |
| 10 | ▼ | David FERRER | ESP | 3100 |



Tomas Berdych (CZE)



Francesca Schiavone (ITA)



Vera Zvonareva (RUS)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

European Coaches Symposium

Tennis Europe member nations have been sent further details of the forthcoming European Coaches' Symposium, which is due to be held at the University for Sports in Moscow, Russia from 14th to 18th October. A provisional programme, plus entry forms can be found at the link below. please contact Jonathan Jobson for further details (jonathanj@tenniseurope.org).
http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/Develop_Coaches-Education.aspx

Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting

Tennis Europe member nations will this week be sent details of the forthcoming Top Executives' Meeting, which is due to be held at La Manga Club in Spain from September 28th - October 1st. For more information, contact Carola Löffler (carolal@tenniseurope.org)

European Beach Tennis Championships

The Ali Bey Club in Antalya, Turkey, has been confirmed as the venue for the fourth edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships, set to be held during the weekend of September 10th-12th.

European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Stringers' Digest magazine has been published and is available here:
<http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/rt32010?viewMode=magazine>

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HEADlines

Tennis magician Murray performs tricks in London

Head has released their latest viral video, in which Andy Murray demonstrates that the touch from his YouTek Radical pro racquet has uses off-court too. The British #1 works street magic with his HEAD in the one-and-a-half-minute video shot on deserted London rooftops and alleyways, with the wandering right-hander pinging ricochet shots off buildings, knocking off tin cans and painting the HEAD logo with spectacular precision.

The video can be seen at www.head.com/tennis or www.youtube.com/headtennis.



HEAD T.I.P. balls offer coaches great opportunities to teach kids

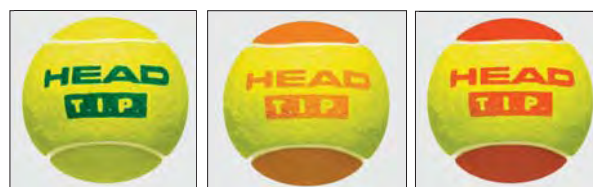
HEAD has launched the second generation of T.I.P. balls, aimed at facilitating the game for beginning players, thus improving their initial experiences of the sport and improving their ability to make progress.

All balls are pressure-less with a rubber core and long durable felt, and come in three varieties - red, orange, and green - each of which is suited for different playing levels. These training balls are highly recommended by tennis coach and founder of Tennisgate.com, Oliver Heuft, who believes: "It is crucial to first focus on getting players playing the game and then giving them relevant technical and



tactical instructions to help the players play more effectively. Especially at the beginning, fun is the most important reason for a starter to play."

"The usage of the right ball is



very important and shouldn't be underestimated. By using slower balls, starter players have more time to finish the proper technical movement and to have more control. At an introductory level, this is what makes the game worth playing."

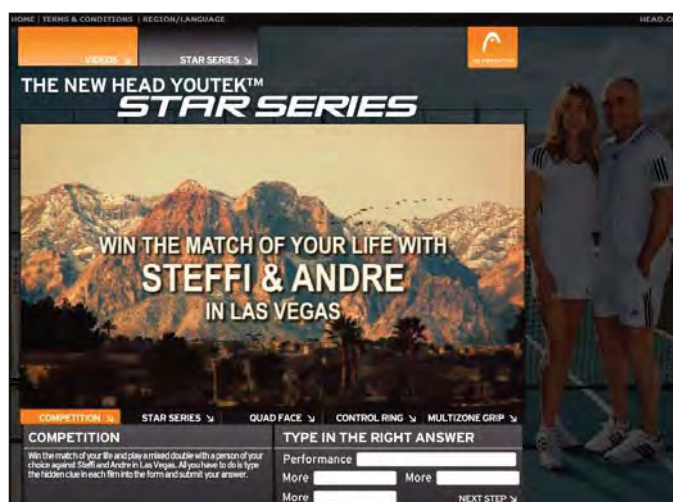
The balls are available separately, or as part of the HEAD T.I.P. Mixed Bucket, which includes 12 Red, 24 Orange and 24 Green balls, separated into three compartments, making training easier for the player and the coach!

Coaches that wish to try out the new balls can obtain a free sample at www.head.com.

HEAD 'STAR SERIES' LAUNCHED

Last month, HEAD launched the new 'Star Series' of racquets in cooperation with Andre Agassi and Steffi Graf. Offering great playability and superior comfort, the racquets incorporate YouTek™'s d3o™, as well as pioneering technologies QuadFace, Vontrol Ring and Multizone Grip.

The racquets are available in three varieties, the Three Star, Five Star and Six Star. At the special website (click the image to the right), co-creators Graf and Agassi explain the different technologies and their advantages to the consumer. A sweepstake is currently being offered at head.com, giving consumers the possibility to win a "match of their life" with the two legends.



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