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## 'Race to Junior Masters' Rankings



Tennis Europe has this week published the first ever 'Race to Masters' Rankings. The rankings differ from the official Tennis Europe rankings in that they only detail points earned at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events since the completion of the last Masters.

The Junior Masters is a season-ending event for the elite players aged 14 and 16 and Under. The winner and runner-up at the European Junior Championships in July will automatically qualify, alongside the top six ranked other players. Previous winners of the event include Rafael Nadal and Kim Clijsters. See Page 11 for more current rankings info.

## The Changing Role of Tennis Europe

At Tennis Europe's Annual General Meeting in Riga, Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää presented a summary of the organisation's milestones and achievements since 1999. As he has been with the organisation throughout this entire period, we decided to speak to him to find out more about the changing shape of Tennis Europe.

**Perhaps the first major change that should be mentioned when looking at the last ten years of Tennis Europe is the name. How did this come about?**

Around the turn of the century, the decision was taken to change our name to Tennis Europe, which is more dynamic than the 'European Tennis Association', as it was then known, and emphasises perfectly our 'raison d'être': tennis in Europe. Sadly, we were also not the only organisation with the 'ETA' acronym, so it was good to leave that behind. But the rebranding has gone deeper than just the name-change; we have launched specific logos for the junior tour and our flagship competitions, and expanded our modes of communications, which has helped to solidify the organisation in the public consciousness.

**How has Tennis Europe's staffing changed over the past ten years?**

Well, we are lucky that we have very dedicated staff, most of who have been with us for a long time and



Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää

have great expertise in their given fields and are passionate about tennis. Thankfully the team is a dynamic one, because in recent years we have taken on many new projects and tasks and the roles of the staff have been constantly evolving as these come our way. Despite just a 40% financial increase in the last ten years, we have almost doubled the size of our team, and we now have a network of consultants in places such as Barcelona, St. Petersburg and Zagreb contributing to our day-to-day activities and extending our reach beyond the Basel headquarters. We also have a great team of around 20 technical external experts across Europe, who we cooperate with in relation >>

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<< to specific tasks and projects related to the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme on a regular basis.

**With the number of member nations now at a record 49, how can Tennis Europe simultaneously serve the needs of tennis nations as diverse as say, France, and Azerbaijan?**

Each nation of course has specific needs, but there are many common concerns and shared aims. All nations want to develop the sport within their boundaries, and everybody stands to gain by coming together and sharing experiences. This is one reason why our conferences are so well attended, as they provide an important platform for this type of interaction. We try to encourage cooperation and dialogue between the member nations as much as possible, as well as to facilitate their projects, especially in the case of the smaller, developing nations, some of who rely on the ITF and us for many of their activities. But while the diversity of nations in Europe is at times a challenge – there are almost 30 different languages for example – we see this diversity as a strength rather than a weakness.

**You mentioned that communication methods have changed? What have been the main improvements?**

Well, this newsletter started off in 1999 as a glossy publication that was sent out by post, mainly to member nations and committee members. It was a nice product, but extremely expensive and also very time consuming. For a while afterwards we produced a printed version and continued sending out the digital version by email, and in 2003 we decided to make the newsletter digital only in order to save on costs and give the person responsible more time to focus on contents rather than the distribution. We started off with just 250 readers, but the newsletter now reaches almost 40,000 people each issue, which is tremendous. It's nice to know that so many people are interested in European tennis, and in the activities of the organisation in general. The website has shown a similar growth. At the moment we are working on a new site, which should be online by the end of the year. It will have a lot of new features, the bulk of which are related to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. The Tour's digitalisation process will enable us to make a great deal more information available than ever before.

**A significant development in the last decade has been an increased commercial and promotional aspect to Tennis Europe's activities. How has the portfolio of sponsors and partners evolved during this time?**

Yes, in recent years we have developed a strategy and business plan with which to tackle this as effec-



Tennis Europe is now comprised of 49 member nations.

tively as possible. Over the past decade we have had partnerships with some of the major manufacturers, beginning with Tretorn, who were followed by Prince in 2003, with an extensive three-year partnership that gave way to one with HEAD that started in 2007 and continues to this day. There have also been collaborations with non-sporting organisations like MasterCard and Lindström, plus sports equipment providers like Polar (training computers) and Play-It (court surfaces), and the award-winning sports resort La Manga Club, to name just a few. Each has been a great learning experience for the organisation, and we have been lucky to be able to count on the support of these companies, who have done a lot to support European tennis through their commitments to us. Just to give two examples, through the partnership with HEAD, we have been able to launch new tournaments and events, and our partnership with IFM Sports Marketing Surveys has enabled us to conduct pioneering research into the European tennis market, the results of which can be used for the benefit of the tennis industry as a whole. We have also been lucky in that the majority of our partners have stood by us during the years of financial crisis, although in some cases their contributions have understandably been affected.

**You mentioned that some new flagship tournaments have been created...**

In 2007, we launched the 12 & Under Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD, which can be compared to the traditional European Summer Cups team events for older age groups of juniors, and is essentially the first European team championship event for Under 12s. This event was launched in response to demand from member nations, and has been an enormous success, fully subscribed each year. In the same year, we also launched the European Beach Tennis Championships, which has grown immensely in a few short years and has already seen participation from the best players >>

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<< in the world and numerous well-known former pro tennis players.

### What about the growth of the other tennis circuits under Tennis Europe's administration?

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour, which is our principal activity, has doubled in size over the past ten years. In 2000 the Tour consisted of 150 tournaments in total, and this year there will be approximately 300, not including the European individual and team championships. The ITF Seniors Circuit has seen a similar growth; this year will see around 160 tournaments played in 33 countries, which is roughly a three-fold increase on the number of tournaments that existed when the Tennis Europe and ITF circuits were merged in 2003. Again, I'm not including European Championship events for individuals or clubs, which have also expanded to include more age groups in recent years. Tennis Europe is also the service point for the ITF Pro Circuits, which have grown more steadily over the last decade, and account for over 50% of world events. I expect all of these trends to continue, and it's encouraging to see that this greater supply of international tournament opportunities has served to increase participation.

### Possibly the biggest project Tennis Europe has undertaken is that of the digitalisation of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour.

Yes, I think that the project itself has already been well documented, but to summarise, we wanted to centralise the entry procedures and to give players, organisers and national federations the ability to manage everything online, ensuring a uniform standard of service at all tournaments and a standard experience of the tour for all of those who choose to compete on it. The ITF's IPIN has been a great innovation, and players can use that IPIN for Tennis Europe purposes and then when they go on to compete on ITF circuits in later life, and the facility opens up a world of new opportunities for us in terms of promoting the tour, reporting on it and providing information to its participants. We are already starting to see the fruits of this, and I am sure that when the new website is online the benefits will be clear for all to see.

### In 2001, Tennis Europe re-launched the European Tennis Trophy.

Yes, it was time to become more inclusive, Wheelchair Tennis was already by then a very important aspect of the sport, and that needed to be reflected. We also made the points system far more extensive. This was modified again in 2007, and the Trophy now serves as a clear and effective method of gauging national federations, at least in terms of



player performance, on an annual basis. It's also nice for us to be able to recognise and award the best performing nations.

### As a non-profit organisation, how does Tennis Europe generate the income it needs to perform its tasks?

Some two-thirds of our income comes from tournament sanction and entry fees, which is something that has given us great stability. The success of our commercial partnerships in recent years has enabled us to be more dynamic, though these can vary year-by-year depending on market conditions. We are also very dependent on the financial support of the ITF, and our relationship with them is crucial. Our membership fees only account for around 10% of total income, so we're very proud that we have been able to avoid raising the costs to national federations for over a decade, even though I think that everyone would agree that the level of services has improved unrecognisably in that time. One of our aims is for Tennis Europe to be seen as a "European service centre" for the sport, and I think that we are performing very well in this role, representing and cooperating with our member nations and the ITF, and providing a wide range of services for the European tennis community as a whole.



Click the image above for a visual representation of Tennis Europe's milestone achievements over the last decade ([external link](#)).

## The Davis Cup Debate

In recent months, the Davis Cup has come under attack from several angles. With the topic being a source of discussion at Tennis Europe's Annual General Meeting in Riga recently, we took a closer look at the sport's flagship team competition and the reasons behind the calls for change.

### Pressure for change

In response to some outspoken criticisms of the Davis Cup that arose during the Australian Open, and following a suggestion from Tennis Europe's President, Jacques Dupré, representatives of European national tennis federations at the recent AGM were asked to express their support (or otherwise) for a motion from the International Tennis Federation outlining four basic principles of the Davis and Fed Cup competitions which, it says, are unchangeable. These tenets – that the event is played on an annual basis, with home and away ties, that national associations are responsible for team selections and that the event follows the official Rules of Tennis – are the cornerstones of a competition that has existed for 110 years. All 36 nations present at the Meeting responded favourably, as did all nations attending the Tennis Asia meeting one week beforehand. So if the organisations that run tennis are so happy with the event, why is there so much debate about its future?

### The player commitment myth

With the Davis and Fed Cups, controversies are guaranteed to emerge several times a year; usually when a famous player is unavailable for a key tie, whether it is due to injury, another commitment, or lack of interest. On each occasion, the absence is hailed as evidence of a crisis in the sport's biggest team event. But on closer inspection, this argument fails to hold water. In recent years, 90% of the Top 20 players have participated in the Davis Cup during the season – a figure on a par with, or better than, any other tennis event. While the absence of a Top 5 player is a blow to any team and more than worthy of its place in the headlines, suggestions that the biggest names do not care about the event require a certain degree of journalist licence.

The only top player to rule himself out of the competition for the whole year in 2010 is Andy Roddick, a player whose commitment to the event throughout the rest of his long career has been unquestionable, and is attempting to limit surface changes in order to protect a delicate knee. Other top players have their own individual views about the competition; Andy Murray has said that he prefers to decide upon his participation on a tie-by-tie basis, as he doesn't see



the benefit for his non-playing teammates if he wins all of his matches but the team still loses. Roger Federer shares a similar philosophy; often skipping the first round and then stepping in to save Switzerland from relegation later in the year.

Though star names are a crucial component, there is little doubt that the competition is bigger than the players, and the Davis Cup has in the past made household names out of many unheralded players who have become national heroes by scoring unexpected wins on the big stage.

### Who is calling for change, and why?

The attacks on the Davis Cup typically come from parties with vested interests: promoters and agents whose job it is to maximise the earning potential of their players and would naturally like a share of the revenue of the events in which they participate. The Davis Cup is no more of an inconvenience for players than the mandatory tour events that they are obliged to play – arguably less so, because there is no formal penalty for not participating in team competitions, which goes some way to explaining why 90% of the top players took part in the event last year. The players also request changes – perhaps influenced by the agents who would prefer them to be doing something more profitable with their time – even though many of them have benefitted directly from the Davis Cup; many gained vital early international experience in the junior edition of the competition or were supported by their national federations as up-and-comers.

So what appears to be a battle for the future of the competition can clearly also be framed as a battle of economics. One important attribute of the Davis Cup that has been consistently ignored by the media and players in their campaigns to change the competition format is what promoters would do with any proceeds from an alternative competition. Hosting home ties allows national tennis federations >>

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<< (non-profit organisations who re-invest their money for the development of the sport, just as the International Tennis Federation does) to earn considerable revenue.

Of course, there can be considerable expenses too, and not all countries boast the players and facilities necessary for a headline grabbing, money-spinning tie, but incentives are offered by the ITF to alleviate these financial worries. Many followers of the competition are completely unaware that prize money is on offer to participating nations. Almost \$10 million will be divided between the nations competing in 2010, money that will be used to help offset costs, reinvested by the national associations, or used to reward players for their commitments.

### The potential cost to development

An assessment of the economic and commercial effects of the Davis Cup was carried out in 2008, and found that the commercial value of the event was \$53 million, with a global economic impact of \$184 million. The impact of the final alone on the city of Barcelona in 2009 was estimated to be \$37 million. It is perhaps inevitable with such sums that promoters wish to establish other team events on their own terms, enabling them to share the proceeds, but what happens to the future development of the sport? The ITF reports that not one of the proposals it has received so far has had a formal financial statement.

Davis Cup ties were hosted in 60 nations last year. In many of those nations, it was the only professional tennis event held during the season. In 2008, 567,000 spectators attended the event and there was a cumulative television audience of 1 billion, yielding \$692 million worth of brand exposure for the events many sponsors. These are not unsubstantial statistics.

One suggestion has been to reduce the competition to being a biannual event, similar to golf's Ryder Cup. Calendar changes every two years would be problematic for tournaments, who would have to shift their position in the calendar and players would find themselves in the position of having to decide how/whether to defend points or forget about them, possibly several times a year. Not to mention that the change, aside from the logistical difficulties, could potentially halve the aforementioned income that would be reinvested to the sport.

### Easily replaced?

In an increasingly commercial sport with continually expanding opportunities for lucrative exhibitions, would an alternative competition to the Davis Cup be as prestigious or inspirational to the players? It is doubtful, but not impossible. Many such events have come and gone over the years, but few catch the public imagination. Tennis is a traditional sport, and over a century of history is difficult to sweep aside, as the ATP would attest; the organisation faced a storm of protest from players when they tried to downgrade the Monte Carlo and Hamburg Masters events. And the Cup itself continues to inspire players like no other. After sealing Spain's fourth Davis Cup victory in Barcelona last December, captain Albert Costa – a former champion as both a player and as a captain, underlined why he was so strongly committed to the competition: "In Spain there is a lot of tennis tradition, from the federation and the clubs...but this is the ultimate competition, and the toughest to win. It might seem routine to some, but to win twice is spectacular."

Summing up the organisation's ongoing commitment to the competition, ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti said, "Davis Cup by BNP Paribas remains the largest annual international team competition in sport because it has both meaning and magic. Difficult to win, it inspires players to achieve at the highest level and, because it is a national team competition played on the essential home-and-away basis, it attracts large audiences, live, on television and on the web, major media coverage and a full complement of top quality sponsors. It is a serious competition, with players nominated by their national association and played under the Rules of Tennis, designed to protect and preserve the traditions of our sport. Davis Cup is also a great tool for development, giving nations a chance to increase revenue through successful home ties, to inspire their players to achieve and rewards their volunteers for years of dedication to tennis. I was pleased, but not surprised, by the support of our nations, including Tennis Europe, because the nations fully recognise the enormous role that Davis Cup by BNP Paribas plays around the world in growing and enhancing tennis."

## Play and Stay: Red Court Competitions in Bulgaria

The Bulgarian Tennis Federation recently held their first ever Red Court tournaments for players aged 10 & Under. The event was held in Plovdiv on the 10th and 11th of April, and was opened by Bulgarian Tennis Europe Development Committee member George Krumov.

Around 70 young players were on site to take part in the event. They were joined by young Bulgarian promise Dimitar Kuzmanov, a Tennis Europe 16 & Under Player of the Year last year, who was on hand to spar with the Under 10s. In addition to tournament play, the event combined to serve as venue for meetings with parents and coaches from the region.

A second event was held in Sevlievo in the region of Pleven during the first weekend of May, where over 80 children took part. Around 30 of those were playing tennis for the first time.

Bulgarian Tennis Federation President Stefan Tzvetkov commented, "Following last year's launch of green court competitions in Bulgaria, this represents a step forward in the 10 & Under project, and we are very happy with the way in which it was welcomed by all of the children, parents and coaches. We are convinced that this project will have a great impact on the development of tennis in our country and it will help us to maintain tennis' position as the country's second most popular sport in terms of number of players".

The ITF's pioneering 'Play and Stay' scheme is designed to introduce players to the sport in stages, facilitating the ability to 'serve, rally and score' from the very first lesson, making the game easier and more enjoyable for beginners. Players progress



Above: Tennis Europe Junior Tour star Dimitar Kuzmanov hits with the Under 10s in Plovdiv. Below, players at the second event in Sevlievo.



from small 'red' courts, which use specially adapted 'red' balls, through to bigger orange courts, before moving on to compete on full size 'green' courts, using normal tennis balls. More information can be found at [www.tennisplayandstay.com](http://www.tennisplayandstay.com).

## 2010 European Coaches Symposium in Moscow



Tennis Europe member nations have been sent 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.

The event will focus on developing successful players for the future

and will cover a variety of development strategies by comparing 'east' and 'west' European approaches, exchanging information about the use of modern training equipment, and discussing the best practices in developing players' tactical, technical and mental skills.

As always, the conference is open to a maximum of two participants from each of Tennis Europe's member nations. Delegates are reminded that the entry deadline is 20th August. For further information, please contact Jonathan Jobson ([jonathanj@tenniseurope.org](mailto:jonathanj@tenniseurope.org)).

## Training Camp in Ukraine

The Ukrainian Tennis Federation recently hosted a week-long training camp for junior players which focused on clay court training and tactical efficiency.

The event was held from 3-10 April at the National Training Centre for Paralympic and Deaflympic Games in Evpatoriya and was attended by the best players of the 2009 Ukrainian Tennis Tour, alongside members of national junior teams. A total of 37 young players aged 12 to 16 years took part in the training camp, where they were given an understanding of the importance of tactics as a tool for optimal performance.

The players engaged in tennis and general physical training, and also attended lessons on tactic play, swimming classes, and did exercises with the step aerobics coach. All participants of the spring camp reached qualifying standards on physical training and passed tennis and physical tests that had been specially prepared for them by the best Ukrainian coaches, who also took the opportunity to meet with ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic.

The camp program was conducted under the guidance of ITF/Tennis Europe expert Nicolas Kelaidis of Greece. A former coach of the national teams of Greece and Switzerland, and having spent over 10

years working with top professional players at the French National Training Centre at Roland Garros, Mr. Kelaidis took to the courts alongside the juniors and also shared his wealth of experience with the coaches present.

Whilst the juniors were undergoing thorough tests of their tennis abilities, physical capacities, mental and psychological characteristics and medical issues, the coaches focused on enhancing their knowledge of clay court tactics as applied by today's top players.

Summing up his week at the camp, Mr. Kelaidis commented, "This has given us an excellent opportunity to work with the best Ukrainian juniors, and some very important lessons were learned by the participants, who benefited from changing their partners and working with coaches with whom they have not previously worked with. There was a very full programme of continuous training and tests, but the children were very dedicated and I was pleasantly surprised that there were no complaints about the unfavorable weather conditions or gruelling training. The camp was excellently prepared and conducted, and I think it has been very beneficial to the players, who began to think on court and had a break from the sometimes excessive parental guardianship that can affect all players."

## ITF/Tennis Europe Touring Teams

The 2010 ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under A Touring Team to Europe begin a six-week trek through some of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's most prestigious events this week.

The team is comprised of four boys - Lukas Mugevicius (LTU), Sergis Kyratzis (CYP), Maksim Yersh (BLR) and Pylyp Kekercheni (UKR) - and five girls - Maria Irina Bara (ROU), Nastassia Rubel (BLR) and Bladica Babic (MNE). The players will be accompanied by coaches Goran Shevchenko (MKD) and Irina Chichmarova (BLR).

The Team's Tour begins with a training camp this week at the Vavassori Academy in Palazzolo Sull'Oglio in Italy, before the players move on to compete at events in Montecatini, Milan, Crema, Le Pontet and Paris in successive weeks.



Sergis Kyratzis (CYP)



## European Summer Cups 14 & Under: Preview

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour's outdoor team championship events, the European Summer Cups, will begin shortly, with qualifying rounds for the 14 & Under events set to take place at the end of June.

A total of 62 national teams have entered the 14 & Under competition this year. All-time leaders France will be aiming to win the boys' title for a third consecutive year, having successfully defended their title in Sevilla in 2009.

Russia and Ukraine have met in the final of the girls' event in Loano for the last two years, with one win apiece. Should Russia successfully defend their title, they will become the first nation to win the Europa Cup on seven occasions.

Both the Copa del Sol and the Europa Cup serve as the European qualifying event for the ITF World Junior Tennis competition, which will be held in Prostějov (CZE) during the first week of August.

The 16 and 18 & Under European Summer Cups get underway during the last week of July, reaching their conclusion in early August. We'll have a full



2009 Champions Russia on the podium

preview in next month's edition, alongside a look ahead to the European Junior Championships and the 12 & Under Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD.

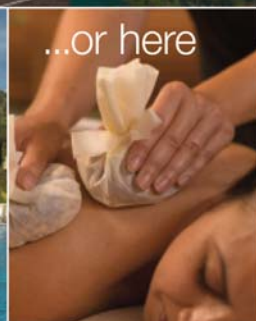
Team nominations for the 14 & Under events will be posted online at the Tennis Europe website next week. Full results from the European Summer Cups can be found online throughout the competition, alongside photos from both the qualifying and final rounds.

### Copa del Sol Boys 14 & Under - Qualifying (27-29 June)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Royan (FRA)</b>	<b>Cyprus, Czech Rep, Denmark, Estonia, France, Netherlands, Slovenia, Ukraine</b>
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Sassari (ITA)</b>	<b>Bosnia &amp; H, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Israel, Russia, Switzerland, Sweden</b>
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Cluj Napoca (ROU)</b>	<b>Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia</b>
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Magaluf (ESP)</b>	<b>Belarus, Germany, Great Britain, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Turkey</b>
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Magaluf (ESP)</b>	<b>2 - 4 July</b>

### Europa Cup Girls 14 & Under - Qualifying (27-29 June)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Heverlee (NED)</b>	<b>Belgium, Estonia, Great Britain, Hungary, Latvia, Russia, Serbia</b>
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Rakovnik (CZE)</b>	<b>Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Poland, Turkey</b>
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Castellammare (ITA)</b>	<b>Bosnia &amp; H, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine</b>
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Timisoara (ROU)</b>	<b>Belarus, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Romania, Spain, Switzerland</b>
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Loano (ITA)</b>	<b>2 - 4 July</b>



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## Beyond the Baseline...

**Martina Hingis** and **Anna Kournikova** have accepted a place at the Ladies Invitational event at Wimbledon later this year. Both players are former doubles world #1s and the pair won two Australian Open titles together in 1999 and 2002.

**Li Na** donated all of her recent Madrid prize money to the earthquake relief efforts in Yushu, China.

The British **Lawn Tennis Association** has announced a partnership agreement with Thomson Reuters, who become the organisation's Official Statistics and Information Partner until 2012.

**Kim Clijsters** and **Justine Henin** will play an exhibition match in their native Belgium on 8th July at the King Baudouin Stadium to mark the start of Belgium's EU Presidency. It is hoped that the match will feature the biggest crowd in tennis history

US Open champion **Juan Martín del Potro** has had surgery on a wrist injury, ruling out a return to action in time to defend his title. It is unclear as to whether he will be able to return before the end of the year.

The **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** ECM Prague Open will be held for the final time this July.

Americans **Bob and Mike Bryan** won the recent Madrid Masters 1000 event to tie the all-time record for doubles titles as a team, previously held solely by Australians Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge.

The **Madrid Masters** 1000 finals were shown across Spain at selected cinemas in 3D.

**Yanina Wickmayer** has been named as the latest winner of the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas 'Heart' award for her performance in the most recent tie, when Belgium regained its World Group spot for the first time since 2007.

In **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi final action, Italy beat the Czech Republic 5-0 and the USA beat Russia 3-2, to set up a repeat of last year's final. This time, defending champions Italy will travel to the United States for the final, which is set to take

place on November 6th-7th. The draw for the 2011 event will be held at Roland Garros on Wednesday, June 2nd.

The men's draw at **Roland Garros** has suffered from a heavy number of withdrawals. Amongst the players to miss out on the year's second Grand Slam were Nikolay Davydenko, Mario Ancic, Igor Andreev, Tommy Haas, Ivo Karlovic, David Nalbandian, Carlos Moyá, James Blake, Gilles Simon and Radek Stepanek.

**Sebastian Grosjean** has announced his retirement from professional tennis. The French former world #4 will compete in the doubles at Roland Garros before winding down his career, with his final tournament expected to be the Paris Masters at the end of the season.

**Raemon Sluiter** has also retired. The Dutchman returned to action last year but has been forced to give up the professional game due to an elbow injury.

The **Wimbledon** Championships will be visited by Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 24th June, the first time that the British monarch has attended the event in 33 years. Organisers have also announced that the event will feature a 'Championships Poet', in the form of British poet Matt Harvey, who will create a topical poem each day during the event.

**Martina Navratilova** has announced that she is free of breast cancer, following treatment in the United States. The 53-year old is now in Paris to commentate on the French Open and intends to climb Mount Kilimanjaro later this year.

Former world #1 **Dinara Safina** is reported to have split with coach Zeljko Krajan.

**Goran Ivanisevic** ended **Thomas Enqvist**'s unbeaten run on the ATP Champions Tour in Barcelona last month, wrapping up a straight sets win to record his first tournament title on the circuit since 2008. Enqvist returned to winning ways at the next event, in Sao Paolo to return to the top of the rankings. The next event is scheduled for early August in Graz, Austria.

### Fast Facts



Italy accounts for 12.5% of Europe's recreational tennis players, and organises more international tennis events than any other European country, with 140 in 2009.

Source: 2010 Tennis Europe Member Nations Report.

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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](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

### Overall Girls' Ranking

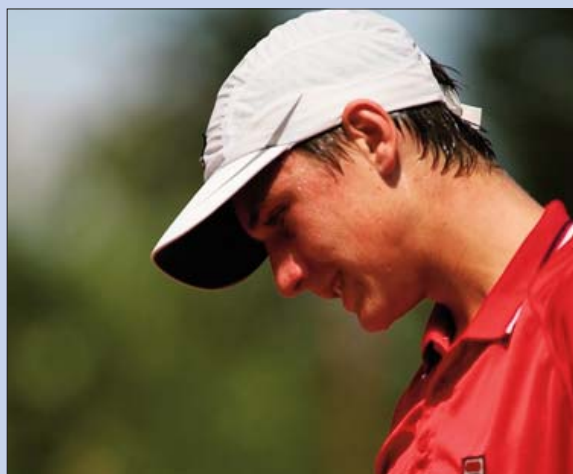
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Daria GAVRILOVA</b>	RUS	1826
02	►	<b>Irina KHROMACHEVA</b>	RUS	1738
03	NEW	<b>Nastya KOLAR</b>	SLO	1636
04	NEW	<b>An-Sophie MESTACH</b>	BEL	1451
05	▲	<b>Yulia PUTINTSEVA</b>	RUS	1414
06	NEW	<b>Tamara CUROVIC</b>	SRB	1370
07	NEW	<b>Laura ROBSON</b>	GBR	1319
08	NEW	<b>Z. RAZAFIMAHATRATRA</b>	MAD	1220
09	▼	<b>Aliaksandra SASNOVICH</b>	BLR	1199
10	NEW	<b>Sophia KOVALETS</b>	UKR	1170



Laura Robson (GBR)

### Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	<b>Mathias BOURGUE</b>	FRA	1212
02	▼	<b>Miki JANKOVIC</b>	SRB	1116
03	NEW	<b>Pedja KRSTIN</b>	SRB	774
04	NEW	<b>Gregoire BARRERE</b>	FRA	765
05	▲	<b>Igor SMILANSKY</b>	ISR	708
06	NEW	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	705
07	NEW	<b>Marin SUICA</b>	CRO	700
08	▲	<b>Artem OGANESYAN</b>	RUS	698
09	NEW	<b>Or RAM-HAREL</b>	ISR	693
10	▼	<b>Enzo PY</b>	FRA	685



Igor Smilansky (ISR)



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

As the Tour gears up for a busy summer there are some major changes in the rankings this month. Both Tamara Pichkhadze (Jerusalem 1 & 2) and Polina Yusefovich (Rakovnik, Prague and Pavia) have won more than one title in recent weeks to propel themselves in the girls' top ten.

In the boys list, British players Joshua Sapwell and Peter Ashley have also have a productive spring;

Ashley won singles and doubles in Maia before adding a final spot in Maribor, while Sapwell won singles and doubles in Maribor, as well as reaching the Livorno final.

Rankings below are as of May 25th 2010.

Full ranking lists, as well as the new 'Race to the Junior Masters' rankings, can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Valeria PATIUK</b>	ISR	705
02	▲	<b>Ksenia SHARIFOVA</b>	RUS	675
03	▼	<b>Oleksandra KORASHVILI</b>	UKR	635
04	▲	<b>Katerina SINIAKOVA</b>	CZE	590
05	▲	<b>Ulyana AYZATULINA</b>	RUS	560
06	NEW	<b>Tamara PICHKHADZE</b>	RUS	475
07	NEW	<b>Marianna ZAKARLYUK</b>	UKR	470
07	NEW	<b>Belinda BENCIC</b>	SUI	470
07	NEW	<b>Polina YUSEFOVICH</b>	RUS	470
10	▼	<b>Viktoriya LUSHKOVA</b>	UKR	460



Polina Yusefovich (RUS)

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	705
02	▲	<b>Andre BIRO</b>	HUN	630
03	▼	<b>Olivier NAGY</b>	SVK	525
04	▲	<b>Martin BLASKO</b>	SVK	505
05	▶	<b>Danil MEDVEDEV</b>	RUS	485
06	▼	<b>Alexander LEBEDYN</b>	UKR	480
07	NEW	<b>Joshua SAPWELL</b>	GBR	465
08	NEW	<b>Peter ASHLEY</b>	GBR	455
09	▼	<b>Quentin HALYS</b>	FRA	435
10	▼	<b>Alexandr CHEPELEV</b>	RUS	425



Gianluigi Quinzi (ITA)



# Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

## 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar-29	Maglie (ITA)	F Mora (ITA)	M Zanchi (ITA)	75 75	Mora/Zanchi (ITA)
		M Pratesi (ITA)	C Castelli (ITA)	63 75	Avgeri/Christofi (GRE)
Apr 04	Azores (POR)	A Grolleau (FRA)	A Fernandez Canovas (ESP)	64 63	Berbel/Davidovich Fokina (ESP)
		A Welti (SUI)	B Lopez Albarracin (ESP)	64 62	Lopez (ESP)/Soica (FRA)
Apr 12	Bressuire (FRA)	K Raisma (EST)	M Mila Rafi (ESP)	64 20 ret	Guell/Mila (ESP)
		G Taylor (GBR)	J Payola Sucarrats (ESP)	64 76(1)	Simpson/Taylor (GBR)
Apr 12	Gomel (BLR)	A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	T Igamberdyev (RUS)	w/o	Dubrivnyy/Shainyan (RUS)
		A Kalinskaya (RUS)	U Grib (BLR)	61 61	Kryvatulava/Yedzelkina (BLR)
Apr 19	Antalya (TUR)	A Sentay (TUR)	C Soke (TUR)	75 64	Ceylan/Sentay (TUR)
		P Sokolova (RUS)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	3-0 ret	Kruzhkova/Sokolova (RUS)
Apr 26	Rakovnik (CZE)	M Yemer (SWE)	M Valkusz (HUN)	62 63	Randpere/Siimar (EST)
		A Semashko (RUS)	K Brozova (CZE)	63 62	Kupkova/Kuzmova (SVK)
May-03	Cakovec (CRO)	M Valkusz (HUN)	G Kokalj (SLO)	61 62	Atanasov (BUL)/Grolleau (FRA)
		T Kupkova (SVK)	M Curnic (CRO)	61 46 64	Kupkova/Kuzmova (SVK)
May-10	Le Passage (FRA)	K Raisma (EST)	U Humbert (FRA)	62 61	Matuszewski/Slowik (POL)
		J Plews (GBR)	E Salas (FRA)	62 61	Burez/De Ryck (BEL)
May-10	Dmitrov (RUS)	D Shatalin (RUS)	R Khunarikov (RUS)	64 60	Dubrivnyy/Shainyan (RUS)
		A Pospelova (RUS)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	76(4) 62	Semashko/Tretyak (RUS)
May-10	Tbilisi (GEO)	T Igamberdyev (RUS)	L Gurman (ISR)	63 62	Gigi (ISR)/Igamberdyev (RUS)
		K Gegeshidze (GEO)	A Akhalkatsi (GEO)	62 60	Akhalkatsi/Bolkvadze (GEO)
May-17	Rome (ITA)	G Moroni (ITA)	G Blancaneaux (FRA)	64 36 10 ret	Calvano/Vallefuoco (ITA)
		L Simpson (GBR)	J Plews (GBR)	63 61	Bryzgalova (RUS)/Fridman (UKR)
May-17	Arad (ROU)	D Cozma (ROU)	L Andriamasilalao (FRA)	76 75	Cozma/Manda (ROU)
		I Ivascu (ROU)	G Craciun (ROU)	61 62	Ivascu/Rosca (ROU)
May-17	Prokuplje (SRB)	M Kechmanovic (SRB)	B Butulija (SRB)	64 64	Gigic (SRB)/Manasov (MKD)
		J Vukovic (SRB)	K Miletic (SRB)	62 62	Mijatovic/Vukovic (SRB)
May-17	Bucha (UKR)	D Zachariansky (UKR)	V Chumak (UKR)	61 61	Chumak/Lobak (UKR)
		N Malenko (UKR)	M Tymchyna (UKR)	63 60	Malenko/Vlasova (UKR)

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## 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar-29	Livorno (ITA)	1 A Biro (HUN)	J Sapwell (GBR)	61 62	Gresk (POL)/Nagy (SVK)
		G Brescia (ITA)	I Csoregi (ROU)	75 75	Chiesa/Pairone (ITA)
Mar-29	Jerusalem (ISR)	3 T Goldengoren (ISR)	J Cash (GBR)	75 62	Cash (GBR)/Yanchenko (UKR)
		T Pichkhadze (RUS)	A Yakovleva (RUS)	62 61	Pichkhadze/Yakovleva (RUS)
Apr 04	Maia (POR)	1 P Ashley (GBR)	A Barroso Campos (ESP)	76(5) 60	Ashley/Manji (GBR)
		S Sorribes Tormo (ESP)	A Gradinaru (ROU)	62 75	Ducu(ROU)/Ostapenko (LAT)
Apr 04	Pavia (ITA)	2 O Nagy (SVK)	O Salman (BEL)	64 76(7)	Haeteis/Wörner (GER)
		P Yuzefovich (RUS)	J Grabher (AUT)	76(1) 62	Klesar/Pirok (HUN)
Apr 04	Jerusalem (ISR)	2 F Ragot (FRA)	J Cash (GBR)	63 64	Kagna/Leshem (ISR)
		T Pichkhadze (RUS)	A Yakovleva (RUS)	60 62	Pichkhadze/Yakovleva (RUS)
Apr 04	Nottingham (GBR)	3 L Roskilly (GBR)	O Pope (GBR)	75 60	Egan Morriss/Glynn (GBR)
		L Rush (GBR)	M Blackwell (GBR)	64 62	Gardella/Gisonna (ITA)
Apr 12	Iteuil (FRA)	2 J Tatlot (FRA)	F Ragot (FRA)	61 64	Safiullin/Tyurnev (RUS)
		M Faure (FRA)	V Maitre (FRA)	61 57 61	Armitano/Faure (FRA)
Apr 12	Vinkovci (CRO)	2 M Tekavec (SLO)	B Borza (ROU)	75 63	Hannestad/Soendergaard (DEN)
		M Stanikova (SVK)	J Fett (CRO)	61 63	Grammatikopoulou(GRE)/Kasatkina(RUS)
Apr 19	Zagreb (CRO)	2 O Salman (BEL)	M Tekavec (SLO)	46 62 76(3)	Lovakovic/Popovic (CRO)
		D Muminovic (BIH)	J Fett (CRO)	63 75	Cuk/Potocnik (SLO)
Apr 19	Magaluf (ESP)	3 D Uspensky (USA)	J Munar (ESP)	67 63 60	Cutuli/Callegari (ITA)
		A Pirok (HUN)	A Marti (ESP)	64 16 62	Komardina/Mudrik (RUS)
Apr 19	Trnava (SVK)	2 O Nagy (SVK)	M Blasko (SVK)	16 62 76(5)	Gresk (POL)/Nagy (SVK)
		B Bencic (SUI)	N Cyackova (CZE)	62 61	Hercegova/Jablonovska (SVK)
Apr 26	Solin (CRO)	3 M Tekavec (SLO)	O Krstev (CZE)	61 60	Domazet/Schloffer (AUT)
		A Konjuh (CRO)	A Rame (FRA)	62 64	Aponasenko (RUS)/Kozub (POL)
Apr 26	Adana (TUR)	3 A Lebedyn (UKR)	A Rublev (RUS)	61 75	Lebedyn (UKR)/Liutarevich (BLR)
		A Komardina (RUS)	V Zlatanova (BLR)	46 62 62	Durmus/Kayrun (TUR)
May-03	Opalenica (POL)	2 D Popko (RUS)	O Michalek (POL)	16 61 61	Majchrzak/Zielinski (POL)
		M Stanikova (SVK)	R Sramkova (SVK)	26 60 60	Ivanichenko/Sviripa (UKR)
May-03	Prague (CZE)	2 D Medvedev (RUS)	M Blasko (SVK)	63 62	Medvedev/Mnushkin (RUS)
		P Yuzefovich (RUS)	S Jurakova (SVK)	64 76(4)	Jurakova/Kotelesova (SVK)
May-03	Rome (ITA)	3 F Baldi (ITA)	R Chessari (ITA)	63 76(6)	Baldi/Chessari (ITA)
		D Chiesa (ITA)	J Fett (CRO)	26 60 61	Rosca/Simion (ROU)
May-03	Farum (DEN)	3 S Soendergaard (DEN)	A Zverev (GER)	26 62 76(3)	Braschinsky (EST)/Burr (DEN)
		M Ditlev (DEN)	J Noe (DEN)	62 61	Ditlev/Hoyer (DEN)
May-03	Antalya (TUR)	3 A Pechkin (RUS)	E Tyurnev (RUS)	62 63	Adanali/Sertkaya (TUR)
		V Kudermetova (RUS)	A Yakovleva (RUS)	61 60	Komardina/Yakovleva (RUS)



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
May-10	Rakovnik (CZE)	1 J Haerteis (GER)	M Blasko (SVK)	63 63	Biro (HUN)/Medvedev (RUS)
		P Yuzefovich (RUS)	U Ayzatulina (RUS)	64 62	Keddie (GBR)/Yuzefovich (RUS)
May-10	Kiev (UKR)	2 A Hebras (FRA)	A Lebedyn (UKR)	64 75 61	Khyzhkin/Ladygin (UKR)
		V Boyanovska (UKR)	B Velehan (UKR)	75 62	Episheva/Lodikova (RUS)
May-10	Maribor (SLO)	2 M Tekavec (SLO)	P Ashley (GBR)	64 63	Manji/Sapwell (GBR)
		A Griffin (GBR)	M Zmau (ROU)	63 61	Kralj/Palcic (SLO)
May-10	Zabrze (POL)	2 P Gresk (POL)	K Majchrzak (POL)	62 63	Majchrzak/Zielinski (POL)
		A Intert (GER)	N Tomanova (CZE)	36 64 63	Lewandowska/Stanisz (POL)
May-10	Niksic (MNE)	3 P Rogan (MNE)	D Grosescu (ROU)	26 61 63	Not played
		E Popova (RUS)	J Jung (GER)	61 61	Alay/Koval (RUS)
May-17	Piestany (SVK)	1 A Biro (HUN)	G Quinzi (ITA)	64 61	Biro (HUN)Quinzi (ITA)
		M Stanikova (SVK)	I Primorac (CRO)	62 36 64	Ducu (ROU)/Fett (CRO)
May-17	Maribor (SLO)	2 J Sapwell (GBR)	E Ymer (SWE)	60 63	Windahl/Ymer (SWE)
		A Konjuh (CRO)	A Griffin (GBR)	64 75	Pislak/Rejc (SLO)
May-17	Skopje (MKD)	3 D Volfson (CAN)	S Jakovljevic (SRB)	64 63	Jakovljevic (SRB)/Volfson (CAN)
		V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	M Armitano (FRA)	75 61	Armitano (FRA)/Stoilkovska (MKD)



Photos: winners Ana Konjuh (CRO) and Maks Tekavec (SLO) and finalists Alice Rame (FRA) and Ondrej Krstev (CZE) at the Salona 14 & Under Open. Right, Tbilisi 12 & Under winner Timur Igambardiyev (RUS). For more images from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, visit the gallery at: <http://gallery.tenniseurope.org/gallery.aspx>

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## 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar-22	Trencianske (SVK)	3 M Kianicka (SVK)	J Oravec (SVK)	64 75	Kulich/Oravec (SVK)
		B Krejckikova (CZE)	I Banicevic (SRB)	75 63	Ilavska/Juakova (SVK)
Mar-29	London (GBR)	3 T Colautti (ITA)	C Pearce (GBR)	60 63	Croker/Stoute (GBR)
		R Willig (GER)	M Blackwell (GBR)	60 62	Frapolli (SUI)/Vaskova (SVK)
Apr 05	Rijeka (CRO)	3 A Biro (HUN)	D Delic (CRO)	64 62	Baummann (GER)/Colautti (GBR)
		V Babic (MNE)	J Stor (SLO)	75 61	Babic (MNE)/Stor (SLO)
Apr 12	Novi Sad (SRB)	2 L Djere (SRB)	C Companone (ITA)	64 61	Hadjigeorgiou/Kyratzis (CYP)
		I Bara (ROU)	V Babic (MNE)	76(5) 63	Ene/Enea (ROU)
Apr 12	Antalya (TUR)	2 G Quinzi (ITA)	A Oganessian (RUS)	64 63	Oganessian (RUS)/Quinzi (ITA)
		S Arantekin (TUR)	B Eristavi (GEO)	61 62	Arantekin (TUR)/Ayzatulina (RUS)
Apr 19	Pancevo (SRB)	2 L Djere (SRB)	A Zepeda (MEX)	64 64	Hernandez/Cepeda (MEX)
		C Ene (ROU)	I Banicevic (SRB)	63 76(5)	Jorovic/Stojanovic (SRB)
Apr 26	Brno (CZE)	2 V Safranek (CZE)	M Kianicka (SVK)	61 64	Kocourek/Varhanik (CZE)
		M Skramkova (SVK)	K Siniakova (CZE)	62 26 63	Marikova/Schweinerova (CZE)
Apr 26	Budapest (HUN)	2 P Toledo Bague (ESP)	A Biro (HUN)	63 63	Ajkay/Kaszas (HUN)
		R Muller (HUN)	S Szlavikovichs (HUN)	61 62	Barzo/Bekefi (HUN)
May-03	Baku (AZE)	3 M Khmiadashvili (GEO)	L Pilpani (GEO)	62 60	Davlianidze/Pilpani (GEO)
		A Gogvadze (GEO)	T Bokhua (RUS)	75 64	Ekimova/Smagina (RUS)
May-03	Pinsk (BLR)	2 M Kalovelonis (GRE)	V Kosolapov (BLR)	61 64	Kalovelonis (GRE)/Kosolapov (BLR)
		T Pichkhdze (RUS)	I Shymanovich (BLR)	75 62	Grigoryan/Grigoryan (RUS)
May-10	Kiev (UKR)	2 Y Kryvoy (UKR)	P Kekercheni (UKR)	61 76(4)	Kekercheni/Kryvoy (UKR)
		M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	O Koshman (UKR)	61 60	Korashvili/Magdenko (UKR)
May-10	Maribor (SLO)	2 D Weidinger (AUT)	E Hoyt (GBR)	64 75	Hoyt/Pearce (GBR)
		K Sharifova (RUS)	D Jonas (HUN)	62 62	Jonas/Maroki (HUN)
May-10	Lod (ISR)	3 I Smilansky (ISR)	O Ram Harel (ISR)	62 63	Ben Shabat/Mazor (ISR)
		L Mesh (ISR)	Y Shafir (ISR)	61 62	Krivoshapov/Levy (ISR)
May-10	Zenica (POL)	3 M Srdanovich (SRB)	M Psarros (GRE)	75 63	Butler (GBR)/Psarros (GRE)
		D Herdzelas (BIH)	D Muminovic (BIH)	63 75	Herdzelas/Muminovic (BIH)
May-17	Maribor (SLO)	2 M Suica (CRO)	E Hoyt (GBR)	16 62 61	Harris/Pearce (GBR)
		A Kazanova (RUS)	K Sharifova (RUS)	w/o	Kazanov/Sharifova (RUS)
May-17	Foggia (ITA)	2 P Toledo Bague (ESP)	L Campi (ITA)	62 62	Esposito/Prezioso (ITA)
		C Ene (ROU)	A Loveretti (ITA)	75 62	De cesare (THA)/Nanti (ITA)
May-17	Simferopol (UKR)	3 Y Kryvoy (UKR)	K Drobotey (UKR)	63 63	Kekercheni/Kryvoy (UKR)
		O Koshman (UKR)	N Krutova (UKR)	63 63	Krutova/Malikova (UKR)
May-17	Samsun (TUR)	3 B Firat (TUR)	M Khmiadashvili (GEO)	62 46 64	Davlianidze/Pilpani (GEO)
		I Soylu (TUR)	G Akisen (TUR)	60 61	Akgul/Soylu (TUR)

## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Mar-29	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	V Ivakhnenko (UKR)	D Harmsen (NED)	63 76(5)	Buzarnescu (ROU)/Zafirova (BUL)
Mar-29	Khanty M. (RUS)	\$50,000	A Lapushenkova (RUS)	L Kichenok (UKR)	62 62	Panova/Pervak (RUS)
Mar-29	Monzon (ESP)	\$75,000	A Yakimova (BLR)	Z Kucova (SVK)	64 46 63	Dulgheru (ROU)/Tanasugarn (THA)
Apr 05	Hvar (CRO)	\$10,000	M Gojnea (ROU)	E Burgic (BIH)	64 64	Meddens/Thyssen (NED)
Apr 05	Civitavecchia (ITA)	\$25,000	R Voracova (CZE)	A Floris (ITA)	63 63	Kustova (BLR)/Voracova (CZE)
Apr 05	Torhout (BEL)	\$50,000	M Barthel (GER)	R Marino (CAN)	26 64 62	Barthel/Ozga (GER)
Apr 12	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	D Banovec (CRO)	C Chala (FRA)	63 76(5)	Cadantu/Damaschin (ROU)
Apr 12	San Severo (ITA)	\$10,000	M Spremo (SRB)	E Zanchetta (ITA)	26 63 75	Barbieri/Grymalska (ITA)
Apr 12	Tessenderlo (BEL)	\$25,000	N Geuer (GER)	R Oprandi (ITA)	46 62 63	Kiszczyńska (POL)/Laine (FIN)
Apr 19	Sibenik (CRO)	\$10,000	M Gojnea (ROU)	C Perrin (SUI)	62 61	Cadantu (ROU)/Zafirova (BUL)
Apr 19	Torrent (ESP)	\$10,000	M Puig (PUR)	N Pipiya (RUS)	36 61 62	Davato (ITA)/kryvoruchko (UKR)
Apr 19	Bari (ITA)	\$25,000	Z Kucova (SVK)	Z Ondraskova (CZE)	64 62	Buryachok (UKR)/Pivovarov (RUS)
Apr 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	O Jabeur (TUN)	S Zaniewska (POL)	2-1 ret	Ozgen (TUR)/Zaniewska (POL)
Apr 26	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$10,000	R Tabakova (SVK)	L Whybourn (GBR)	61 67(7) 76(7)	Balducci/Caciotti (ITA)
Apr 26	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	I Rapisarda (ESP)	L Apaolaza (ESP)	63 75	Buzarnescu/tancu (ROU)
Apr 26	Brescia (ITA)	\$25,000	N Cavaday (GBR)	A Hlavackova (CZE)	62 64	Cavaday (GBR)/Pivovarov (RUS)
Apr 26	Cagnes-sur-Mer (FRA)	\$100,000+H	K Kanepi (EST)	M Zec Peskircic (SLO)	63 62	Jugic Salkic (BIH)/Jurak (CRO)
May-03	Badalona (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarrena (ESP)	Y Kryvoruchko (UKR)	64 63	Brozda/Sobaszkievicz (POL)
May-03	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$10,000	T Babos (HUN)	T Moore (GBR)	62 62	Elliott/Rae (GBR)
May-03	Wiesbaden (GER)	\$10,000	S Werner (GER)	E Tamaela (NED)	57 62 64	Bonic/Zoric (SRB)
May-03	Florence (ITA)	\$25,000	L Ungur (ROU)	P Pekhova (BLR)	63 75	Ani (EST)/Schruff (GER)
May-03	Kharkiv (UKR)	\$25,000	C Buyukakcay (TUR)	N Orlova (RUS)	64 61	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
May-10	Tortosa (ESP)	\$10,000	V Larriere (FRA)	A Mestach (BEL)	75 46 64	Silva (CHI)/Tsybysheva (RUS)
May-10	Caserta (ITA)	\$25,000	R Oprandi (ITA)	S Stephens (USA)	63 63	Dzehalevich (BLR)/Pavlovic (FRA)
May-10	Prague (CZE)	\$50,000	L Hradecka (CZE)	A Tomljanovic (CRO)	61 76(4)	Lykina (RUS)/Zec Peskircic (SLO)
May-10	Saint Gaudens (FRA)	\$50,000+H	K Kanepi (EST)	S Zhang (CHN)	62 75	Feuerstein/Foretz (FRA)
May-17	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	A Cadantu (ROU)	D Enache (ROU)	62 64	Andrei/Gojnea (ROU)
May-17	Rivoli (ITA)	\$10,000	N Lalami (MAR)	V Verardi (ITA)	64 62	Chieppa/Sulpizio (ITA)
May-17	Kharkiv (UKR)	\$25,000	L Kichenok (UKR)	E Svitolina (UKR)	62 46 61	Avdiyenko (UKR)/Milevskaya (BLR)
May-17	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	A Krunic (SRB)	N Ryzhonkova (RUS)	64 46 62	Marenko/Yakovleva (RUS)

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# ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



## ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Mar-29	Rovinj (CRO)	\$10,000	H Wiltschnig (AUT)	J Marti (ESP)	64 75	Draganja (CRO)/Stebe (GER)
Mar-29	Foggia (ITA)	\$15,000	A Di Mauro (ITA)	A Haider Maurer (AUT)	62 76(2)	Di Mauro/Vagnozzi (ITA)
Mar-29	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Mina (FRA)	G Granollers (ESP)	63 61	Coll/Granollers (ESP)
Apr 05	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno (ESP)	K Lejnieks (LAT)	75 67(5) 63	Brezac/Stouff (FRA)
Apr 05	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Mirnegg (AUT)	A Setkic (BIH)	63 62	Podlipnik/Urdua (CHI)
Apr 12	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	O Patience (FRA)	S de Chaunac (FRA)	62 64	Brezac/Stouff (FRA)
Apr 12	Vercelli (ITA)	\$15,000+H	T Schoorel (NED)	M Fischer (AUT)	64 63	Belyaev/Kuznetsov (RUS)
Apr 12	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	D Souto (VEN)	K Lejnieks (LAT)	64 76(4)	Burrieza/Marti (ESP)
Apr 12	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	J Zopp (EST)	A Gensse (FRA)	62 46 64	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Apr 19	Grasse (FRA)	\$15,000	O Patience (FRA)	R Jouan (FRA)	63 64	Charroin/Stouff (FRA)
Apr 19	Padova (ITA)	\$15,000	C Stebe (GER)	D Giorgini (ITA)	46 61 62	Nielsen (DEN)/Torresi (ITA)
Apr 19	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	L Rochette (FRA)	A Vivanco (ESP)	61 61	Boje/Martin (ESP)
Apr 19	Tarsus (TUR)	\$10,000	J Zopp (EST)	A Gfloie (BEL)	63 61	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Apr 26	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$10,000	E Prodon (FRA)	M Vasiliev (RUS)	76(3) 61	Grassi/Marrai (ITA)
Apr 26	Vicenza (ITA)	\$10,000	I Belyaev (RUS)	J Aranguren (ARG)	63 62	Remedi/Stoppini (ITA)
Apr 26	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	S Gutierrez-Ferrol (ESP)	B Paire (FRA)	26 75 75	Canudas/Martin (ESP)
May-03	Doboj (BIH)	\$10,000	M Schmid (CZE)	A Bedene (SLO)	57 62 76(4)	Linzer/Wiltschnig (AUT)
May-03	Varna (BUL)	\$10,000	A Cruciat (ROU)	A Folie (BEL)	64 36 62	Burrieza/Marti (ESP)
May-03	Teplice (CZE)	\$10,000	J Zopp (EST)	A Flock (GER)	46 62 75	Mertl (CZE)/Panfil (POL)
May-03	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$10,000	A Slabinsky (GBR)	M Radrigues (FRA)	76(4) 75	Cluskey/O'Brien (IRL)
May-03	Viterbo (ITA)	\$10,000	G Hormazabal (CHI)	D Evans (GBR)	57 63 64	Hormazabal (CHI)/trusendi (ITA)
May-03	Balaguer (ESP)	\$10,000	S Diez (CAN)	D Estruch (ESP)	62 61	Marse/Martin (ESP)
May-10	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	M Schmid (CZE)	G Rufin (FRA)	w/o	Lajovic/Zekic (SRB)
May-10	Varna (BUL)	\$10,000	J Marti (ESP)	A Cruciat (ROU)	62 61	Carpen/Cruciat (ROU)
May-10	Most (CZE)	\$10,000	D Bloemke (GER)	R Vik (CZE)	76(2) 61	Jebavy (CZE)/Kumantsov (RUS)
May-10	Newcastle (GBR)	\$10,000	E Prodon (FRA)	M Rodrigues (FRA)	63 36 61	Coll/Granollers (ESP)
May-10	Napoli (ITA)	\$15,000	A Di Mauro (ITA)	S Vagnozzi (ITA)	75 64	Aranguren/fabbri (ARG)
May-10	Lledia (ESP)	\$10,000	I Cervantes (ESP)	A Vivanco (ESP)	64 75	Lopez Jaen (ESP)/Perel (AUS)
May-17	Brcko (BIH)	\$10,000	G Tosic (MNE)	M Linzer (AUT)	75 63	Bjelica/Zekic (SRB)
May-17	Plovdiv (BUL)	\$10,000	T Grozdanov (BUL)	J Marti (ESP)	64 63	Grozdanov/Trayko (BUL)
May-17	Jablonec (CZE)	\$10,000	J Pospisil (CZE)	J Mertl (CZE)	75 67(5) 64	Hradsky/Satral (CZE)
May-17	Parma (ITA)	\$15,000	D Giorgini (ITA)	J Ager (AUT)	64 57 63	Brizzi/Montenet (ITA)
May-17	Katowice (POL)	\$15,000	A Flock (GER)	B Koniusz (POL)	67(5) 64 64	Garcia/Podlipnik (CHI)
May-17	Bucharest (ROU)	\$15,000	F Reynet (FRA)	A Smirnov (UKR)	62 36 61	Heinemann/Zimmermann (GER)
May-17	Valldoreix (ESP)	\$15,000	J Sousa (POR)	I Nedelko (RUS)	60 63	Canudas/Fornell (ESP)

## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

There are few changes at the top of the European rankings this month, though the clay court season has had a bigger impact on the men's list than the women's. Rafael Nadal's unprecedented streak of winning all three clay court Masters 1000 events (Monte Carlo, Rome and Madrid) sees his reclaim second spot, with the Spaniard set to Roger Federer challenge for the top position at the two European Grand Slams. Two other Spanish players to have performed well in recent weeks also progress; Monte Carlo and Nice finalist and Barcelona champion Fernando Verdasco climbs to

seventh, whilst David Ferrer is the only new entry to the list, reappearing in the Top Ten at #9.

The women's list sees former #1 Kim Clijsters return in seventh place, though the Belgian's progress is likely to be delayed following a tear to a muscle in her left foot which has kept her out of the French Open. Caroline Wozniacki retains her top spot, though the Dane is under pressure from her conqueror in the Indian Wells final, Jelena Jankovic.

Rankings as of May 25th, 2010.

### European Women

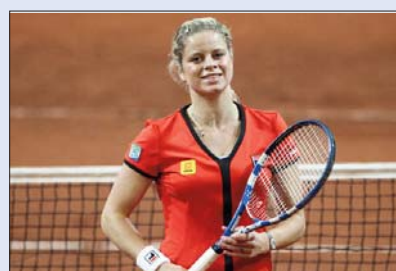
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	5630
02	▲	<b>Jelena JANKOVIC</b>	SRB	5160
03	▲	<b>Elena DEMENTIEVA</b>	RUS	4830
04	▼	<b>Svetlana KUZNETSOVA</b>	RUS	4661
05	▲	<b>Agnieszka RADWANSKA</b>	POL	4190
06	▼	<b>Dinara SAFINA</b>	RUS	4156
07	NEW	<b>Kim CLIJSTERS</b>	BEL	3890
08	▼	<b>Victoria AZARENKA</b>	BLR	3665
09	▼	<b>Maria SHARAPOVA</b>	RUS	3350
10	NEW	<b>Marion BARTOLI</b>	FRA	3186

### European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	10030
02	▲	<b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	6880
03	▼	<b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	6405
04	▼	<b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	5565
05	►	<b>Nikolay DAVYDENKO</b>	RUS	5145
06	►	<b>Robin SODERLING</b>	SWE	4755
07	▲	<b>Fernando VERDASCO</b>	ESP	3645
08	►	<b>Jo-Wilfried TSONGA</b>	FRA	3185
09	NEW	<b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	3010
10	▼	<b>Marin CILIC</b>	CRO	2945



David Ferrer (ESP)



Kim Clijsters (BEL)



Fernando Verdasco (ESP)

## Notes and news from Tennis Europe

### National Associations

Marcos Ramagosa has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Spanish Tennis Federation.

Yves Freson has been elected as the new President of the Belgian Tennis Federation.

### European Beach Tennis Championships

The venue for the European Beach Tennis Championships, set to be held in Turkey during the weekend of September 10th-12th, will be confirmed on June 8th.

### European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Stringers' Digest magazine has been published and is available for reading here:

<http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/rt22010.inddweb?viewMode=magazine>

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- \* As the play gets harder and faster, the Control Ring makes sure the player keeps a grip on his game.

- \* Thanks to its unique, smooth and sweat-absorbent non-slip surface, the new Multizone Grip offers greater comfort and control during game play. It enables for the first time to integrate the racquet design in the grip

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ity at very attractive price points, clearly summarized by the new slogan of the Youtek™ star series: "Performance amplified – More Power. More Control. More Comfort".

**YouTek™ Three Star** – This racquet combines the d3o™ with the inner QuadFace technology, and perfectly matches the needs of all occasional players aiming for higher ball speed.

**YouTek™ Five Star** – This racquet offers the perfect swing for more frequent players, as it incorporates d3o, QuadFace and two control rings. Furthermore, a Multizone Grip offers superior handling; the racquet offers not only more control, but also incomparable comfort.

**YouTek™ Six Star** – The YouTek Six Star series provides extra stability and swing to perfectly suit hard hitters who are still interested in maintaining comfort and control. It comes along with the brand new Multizone Grip, includes the d3o™ and QuadFace technologies, and stands out through four integrated Control Rings.

Look out for virals online featuring co-creators Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi, or visit HEAD.com to take part in a competition to play the 'Match of Your Life' with the tennis idols.

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