

Czech Republic and France dominate 2010 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



Europe's biggest indoor junior team tennis competition has come to an end for another year, with the Czech Republic and France recording historic wins, wrapping up both of the girls' and boys' competitions respectively.

The final round stages of both the 14 and 16 & Under girls' categories were staged in Pruhonice, Czech Republic, where the two teams from the host nation repaid the home support by giving the local fans plenty to cheer about.

The Czechs began the final day with a battle of two unseeded teams against Great Britain in the 14 & Under final.

Kristyna Rouckova put the hosts ahead, scoring a 6-2 6-3 win over Katie Boulter in the opening match. The British team had recovered from the loss of the first singles match in both of their previous final round ties (against Croatia and Germany), but could not repeat the trick for a third time, as Europe's #9-ranked player Katerina Siniakova went on to score a minor upset over #8 Eleanor Dean 6-3 6-4 to seal the tie for the Czechs.

Speaking after the win, Czech captain Daniel Filjo said "It's a great feeling. We did not really expect the victo-



Czech girls' 14 & Under team celebrates in Pruhonice.

ry and so we appreciate it much more. The other teams to reach the finals were all very strong, and we expected to finish somewhere around fifth to eighth."

The victory marks a third Winter Cups title for the Czech Girls' 14 & Under team, following on from wins in 1994 and 2006. Czechoslovakia also won this age category in 1993. Great Britain has now lost in the final in two of the last three years. In the play-off for third place, Ukraine beat Germany 3-0.

In the 16 & Under event, the Czechs were in command throughout the weekend after surviving a tough opening match against Russia, during which they >>

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<< were forced to come from behind, with Petra Rohanova defeating European #1 Daria Gavrilova before team-mates Pernila Mendesova and Tereza Smitskova secured a three set doubles win to decide the tie.

In the remaining two ties, the Czechs did not concede a match, blasting past France for the loss of just thirteen games in the semi finals, and seeing off 2004 champions Belarus in Sunday's final.

Tournament veteran Rohanova – appearing at the final rounds for a third consecutive year (though first in this age group) - was once again the star of the show, sealing the win with a 7-5 6-0 win over Darya Lebesheva, following on from Mendesova's three-set opening win over Ilona Kremen.

It is the second time in three years that Czech Republic has won the 16 & Under event. In adding the 16 & Under title to the 14 & Under event won earlier in the day, Czech Republic becomes just the third nation in the 30-year history of the event to capture both titles in the same year. The feat was previously only achieved by Germany (1982 and 1992) and Russia (2000-2002, 2005).

Czech team captain Vladimir Volejnik admitted that he had not expected his team to win the event, saying, "I hoped that we would manage to reach the semifinals and make third place. The girls showed a great team spirit. They were very well-balanced, and Petra in particular performed very well without any mistakes. These results [the dual 14/16 Under wins] are a great success for the Czech Tennis Association, and their remarkable work with young players."

France overcame the Slovak Republic in a hotly-contested boys' 14 & Under final in Ascoli, Italy, to regain the title for the first time since 2004.

Thomas Brechemeier gave the French team an early lead with a straightforward 6-4 6-4 win over Slovak #2 Martin Blasko in the opening singles rubber.

European #2 Oliver Nagy then levelled the tie, surviving a second set fight back to outlast arguably the most impressive player of the recent indoor season, 'Les Petits As' champion Quentin Halys 7-6(4) 3-6 6-2. >>



Clockwise, from top left, Czech girls' 16 & Under team with their trophies in Pruhoř. France's winning Boys 14 & Under team in Ascoli, with CT Morelli Vice President Sestilio Meloni (left) and President Emilio Pocci (right). France's Boys 16 & Under celebrate their win in Ronchin. Players posed for portraits at the players' party in Pruhoř.



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<< French #3 Maxim Janvier then joined Halys for the deciding doubles match, and the pair comfortably despatched Blasko & Nagy for the loss of just four games to seal the victory.

The win is the fifth title overall in this age category for France, who also defeated defending champions Great Britain in the qualifying rounds. Britain went on to finish in fifth place overall.

In Ronchin, France, the stage was set for a historic result, as the final between the host nation and Czech Republic would produce either a double boys' win for France, or an unprecedented 'hat-trick' of Winter Cups titles for the visitors.

Grégoire Barrere put the home team ahead with a 6-0 6-4 win over Vaclav Safranek in the opening singles match before Europe's #10 player Mathias Bourgue settled the tie with a 6-0 7-6 victory over Czech #1 Marek Jaloviec. The two players then returned to the court for the dead doubles match, in which Bourgue teamed with Lucas Pouille to defeat Jaloviec and Adam Pavlasek 7-5 7-5 and complete a 3-0 rout.

Seeded #2 this year, France has now won four of the last six editions of this age category of the competition, and has won the event more times than any other nation with a total of twelve 16 & Under titles. In addition, France becomes just the third team ever to win both boys' titles in the same year, a feat achieved previously only by Spain (in 2002) and Germany (1983-84).

Serbia beat Portugal, who were playing at the final rounds for the first time, 3-0 to take third place.

A total of 118 national teams took part in the 2010 competition, which marked the 30th edition of the 14 & Under event. Former participants during that time have included Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic, Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin and Dinara Safina.

Tennis Europe Junior Committee Chairperson Ayda Uluç expressed her satisfaction with the event, saying "Once again the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD has been an exceptionally tough but rewarding competition for the players, and I have no doubt that we have seen some future Davis and Fed Cup teams in action over the last three weeks. We'd like to thank all of the member nations that took part, especially the 11 countries to have hosted qualifying and final round ties, as without their help this massive event would not be possible. I'd also like to thank HEAD for their continuing support for the event."

Full draws and results from the event, plus photo galleries and team profiles can be found at the junior tennis section of www.TennisEurope.org.

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Final Positions - 2010

	Girls 14 & Under	Girls 16 & Under	Boys 14 & Under	Boys 16 & Under
01	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE	FRANCE
02	GREAT BRITAIN	BELARUS	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	CZECH REPUBLIC
03	UKRAINE	GERMANY	RUSSIA	SERBIA
04	GERMANY	FRANCE	ITALY	PORTUGAL
05	FRANCE	RUSSIA	GREAT BRITAIN	DENMARK
06	CROATIA	UKRAINE	POLAND	ISRAEL
07	NETHERLANDS	ITALY	SLOVENIA	ROMANIA
08	ITALY	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	BELARUS	GREAT BRITAIN

Obituary – Lothar Schrögel

Tennis Europe is greatly saddened to report the recent passing of Lothar Schrögel, who passed away on Monday 15th February after a long illness at the age of 73.

Working as a volunteer, Mr. Schrögel had made an enormous contribution to Tennis Europe over the years. Aside from a number of national honorary posts, he was a valued member of the Tennis Europe Junior Committee from 2002 - 2010.

He also served for 11 years as Vice-President of the German Tennis Federation, where his role also took in the chairmanship of the junior department.

Tennis Europe extends its sympathy and best wishes to Mr. Schrögel's family.

European Senior Club Championships

Dates and venues for the European Senior Club Championships have been confirmed. All the success of the event last year, all three womens age categories will return to Vale do Lobo in Portugal where they will be held simultaneously.

Only the Mens' 45 & Over event, due to be held in Great Britain, remains to be confirmed.

Full details can be found below. Further information, including fact sheets and entry forms will be published at the Tennis Europe website in due course.



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Dates and Venues

Category	Venue	Date	Defending Champions
Men 35 & Over	Salzburg (AUT)	17 - 21 July	Not held in 2009.
Men 45 & Over	GBR (tbc)	tbc	Thorpe Wood (GBR)
Men 50 & Over	Elba (ITA)	22 - 26 September	Lingener TV GW (GER)
Men 55 & Over	Arosa (SUI)	14 - 18 September	TC WB Herner (GER)
Men 60 & Over	Salzburg (AUT)	12 - 16 July	TC Wolfsburg Pforstheim (GER)
Men 65 & Over	Rakovnik (CZE)	2 - 6 August	CT Palermo (ITA)
Men 70 & Over	Karlsruhe (GER)	8 - 12 September	Karlsruhe ETC (GER)
Women 40 & Over	Vale de Lobo (POR)	20 - 24 September	RCT Barcelona-1899 (ESP)
Women 50 & Over	Vale de Lobo (POR)	20 - 24 September	Wimbledon Club (GBR)
Women 60 & Over	Vale de Lobo (POR)	20 - 24 September	Lagardere Paris (FRA)

In the Spotlight: Günther Lang

Chairman of Tennis Europe's Development Committee, Günther Lang has been involved in the sport all his life, from his earliest days as a runner-up at the junior team championships in Bavaria, and is still dedicated to inter-club play. Now entering his 14th year as Vice-President of the German Tennis Federation, he has been a member of Tennis Europe's Development Committee since 2005 and the Board of Management since 2008. We met up with him to find out about the work of the development committee.

A lot of people might not be familiar with the work of the Development Committee? What are its roles and aims?

Well, it is the role of the Committee to shape Europe's development policies through the discussion of issues related to the development of the sport and to suggest topics, tasks and projects to the Board of Management. We are also responsible for the spending of the budget allocated to us by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) each year, and ensuring that this money is invested as effectively as possible to increase tennis participation and performance all over Europe.

Europe's share of the ITF/Grand Slam Development Fund has declined in the recent years compared to other continents/regions. Do you think that this reflects improvements within Europe or can be attributed to greater demands for development aid from other regions?

It's important to note that in real terms, Europe's share is more or less stable, but you're right that the proportion is less than it historically has been. However, there is still a great need for more funds for development in Europe. Since 1990, there has been a great proliferation in the number of countries, and of course many of the younger nations have not inherited satisfactory infrastructures and need more help than we are currently able to give. Of course, other regions all have similar problems.

As you mentioned, Europe has changed significantly in the past 20 years. How has this impacted Tennis Europe's development work?

It has led to a great number of requests for help, and calls for many new projects. Some of the "new" countries are very active in developing tennis and our goal is to support those countries in the best way possible. For this reason, the budget is spent in an increasingly wide variety of ways; ranging from travel grants, training camps and Touring Teams to

equipment distribution, coaches courses and research. It is not sufficient to just provide financial support; more important is the exchange of know-how and the willingness to learn.

The biggest initiative globally in recent years has been the Play and Stay scheme. Do you feel that this has been a success, and what evidence have we seen for this in Europe?

It has been a great success. It is wonderful to see the same methods being used in such a diverse array of countries, and also that so many countries have been eager to adopt the principles of the scheme. 'Play and Stay' has been good not just for developing countries, but even for the most advanced nations.

One of Tennis Europe's principal development activities since Day 1 has been the European Coaches Symposium. What are the plans for this year, and why is coaches' education given such priority?

Well, coaches' education is fundamental to tennis development and to almost all of our development initiatives. Without well-educated tennis coaches, there is no way to successfully develop tennis in any country, so this is why we give it such a priority. This year the ECS will be in Moscow, Russia for the first time, and given the successes of Russian tennis in recent years, I am excited to see how the programme can inspire those in attendance.

In the past few years, TE has been funding specific projects from national federations. Can you explain why this policy has been adopted?

Well, there are a number of reasons, but in order for us to gauge how successful any given development project has been, it is important to see a plan for the project and to have regular reports on progress. Federations must therefore present a 5-year plan to us before they will be considered for such project funding. Another side effect is that results and experience can be shared, and other nations can >>



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<< benefit from previous projects.

Which specific projects are currently underway?

There are several projects going on at the moment. Related to the Play and Stay scheme, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia and Lithuania are all focusing on developing opportunities for 10 & Under tennis, for example. Other nations are focusing on coaches' education with their projects.

The ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development

Championships will take place next month in Antalya, what is the aim of this special event?

It's one of the few closed events on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and gives selected kids from developing nations the chance to compete in back-to-back championships, with consolations draws and a doubles event, guaranteeing two weeks of high-level Tour competition. A number of well-known players have been able to benefit from taking part at the event in the past, such as Marcos Baghdatis, Kaia Kanepi and the up-and-coming Grigor Dimitrov.



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Beyond the Baseline...

The **ATP World Tour** has announced a long-term agreement with Corona Extra. The company will become the official beer sponsor of the Tour, and will receive a prominent presence at ATP World Tour events, including net branding and other marketing rights.

Justine Henin has accepted a wild card invitation to enter the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, starting on 8th March. The former world #1 will re-appear on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour rankings following the event, her third tournament back since returning to the sport in January.

Italy and USA will host the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi finals, after winning away matches against Ukraine and France respectively in the first round. Italy will next face Czech Republic, whilst USA will take on Russia during the weekend of 24-25 April. The draws for the play-offs have also been conducted. The World Group ties see Belgium host Estonia, Ukraine host Australia, Germany host France and Serbia host the Slovak Republic. In World Group II action, Spain travel to Poland, Sweden host China, Slovenia host Japan and, in the only tie not to feature a European team, Argentina travels to Canada.

The ITF has announced that **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** Europe Zone Group III event will be held on clay in Athens, Greece during the week beginning May 10th, with teams from Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro and San Marino due to compete.

Kim Clijsters became the first ever athlete to be immortalised as a Barbie doll, with the product on show at a recent European toy fair.

Just three months on from his retirement as a professional, former world #1 **Marat Safin** has already committed to the senior circuit, and will make his debut on the Champion's Tour in Rio de Janeiro from March 12-14.

Jelena Jankovic has announced that she will move her training base from Bradenton, Florida to Dubai.

Flavia Pennetta and **Ana Ivanovic** have both signed

deals with **adidas** recently. Ivanovic's deal is said to be an all-encompassing 'lifetime' partnership, with the former world #1 obliged to promote the brand after her retirement from the sport.

The pre-Wimbledon grass court in s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, has changed its name from the Ordina Open to the **UNICEF Open** in order to raise awareness of the charity.

Tommy Haas has gained US citizenship. The German former world #2 will continue to represent his birth country in international competition.

Rafael Nadal makes a guest appearance in the video for the new single 'Gypsy' by Colombian singer Shakira.

Tennis players once again feature prominently in the nominations for the upcoming **Laureus World Sports Awards**, due to be held in Abu Dhabi next month. World #1s Roger Federer and Serena Williams are both up for the prestigious Sportsman/woman of the Year prize. Tennis also features strongly in other categories, with Juan Martin Del Potro (Breakthrough of the Year), Kim Clijsters (Comeback of the Year) and Shingo Kuneida (Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability) also nominated.

Federer came out on top at the **ATP World Tour Awards**, taking the Player of the Year award for the fifth time, and winning the Stefan Edberg Sportsmanship Award for a record sixth consecutive year. The Swiss star also won the ATPWorldTour.com Fans' Favourite for a seventh year in a row. Bob & Mike Bryan won the doubles equivalent for a fifth year running.

Wimbledon Village will be home to a new Hollywood-style 'Walk of Fame' featuring contributions from the legends of the sports.

Dubai champion Venus Williams will join reigning Grand Slam champions Svetlana Kuznetsova and Kim Clijsters, plus Ana Ivanovic (a late replacement for Serena Williams) at the **Billie Jean King Cup** at Madison Square Garden, New York on March 1st. One-set semi finals will be followed by a best of three-set final with \$1.2 million prize money on offer.

Fast Facts



Among TV tennis fans in Europe the most popular event is Wimbledon, followed by the French Open and the Davis Cup. The Australian Open is the least interesting Grand Slam to European fans.

Source: IFM SMS International Sports Events Survey 2009.



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

With effect from January 2010, Tennis Europe has 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. For more information on the rankings system, including a full explanation of the changes for 2010, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as of February 23rd, 2010.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	1178
02	NEW	Polina LEYKINA	RUS	864
03	▼	Aliaksandra SASNOVICH	BLR	822
04	►	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	773
05	▲	Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO	UKR	758
06	▲	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	760
07	▼	Irina KHROMACHEVA	CZE	717
08	▲	Elena CADAR	ROU	716
09	▼	Nastja KOLAR	SLO	706
10	NEW	Darya LEBESHEVA	BLR	697



Polina Leykina (RUS). Photo courtesy of Stéphane Martinache

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	829
02	▼	Robin STANEK	CZE	734
03	NEW	Pedja KRSTIN	SRB	622
04	►	Marek ROUTA	CZE	616
05	►	Frederico SILVA	POR	605
06	▲	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	597
07	▼	Enzo PY	FRA	565
08	▼	Artem OGANESYAN	RUS	556
09	►	Igor SMILANSKY	ISR	537
10	▼	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	535



Miki Jankovic (SRB)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

There is much movement in the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 14 & Under rankings this month, as points from the recent Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD are added to the players totals. One of the biggest beneficiaries is France's Quentin Halys. The recent Tarbes champion went on to lead his side to victory in the team event, climbing to his highest ever ranking of #3 as a result.

In the girl's list Katerina Siniakova is another player to have excelled on indoor courts in recent weeks. Following her runner up spot at the Category 1 event in Ste. Genevieve des Bois in late November, Siniakova, played on the victorious Czech girls team at the Winter Cups, winning all her matches in the process.

Rankings below are as of February 23rd 2010. Full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Oleksandra KORASHVILI	UKR	595
02	▼	Valeria PATIUK	ISR	571
03	▼	Barbara HAAS	AUT	545
04	▲	Ksenia SHARIFOVA	RUS	485
05	▲	Indy DE VROOME	NED	475
06	NEW	Katerina SINIAKOVA	CZE	450
07	▲	Eleanor DEAN	GBR	445
08	▶	Viktoriya LUSHKOVA	UKR	430
09	NEW	Ulyana AYZATULINA	RUS	390
10	▼	Ioana DUCU	ROU	375



Katerina Siniakova (CZE)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	535
02	▶	Olivier NAGY	SVK	455
03	▲	Quentin HALYS	FRA	405
04	▲	Danil MEDVEDEV	RUS	385
05	NEW	Thomas BRECHEMIER	FRA	385
06	NEW	Alexandr CHEPELEV	RUS	360
07	NEW	Martin BLASKO	SVK	350
08	▲	Shakeel MANJI	GBR	340
09	▼	Borna CORIC	CRO	330
10	▼	Andre BIRO	HUN	315



Quentin Halys (FRA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

There have been no 12 & Under events since our last issue

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb-13	Farum (DEN)	D Windahl (SWE)	A Zverev (GER)	62 60	Burr/Hannestad (DEN)
		D Kasatkina (RUS)	J Cabaj Awad (SWE)	76(1) 64	Kasatkina (RUS)/Zubkova (BLR)
Feb-13	Taverne (SUI)	A Hebras (FRA)	O Michalek (POL)	62 75(5)	Huesler/Kostadinov (SUI)
		I Csoregi (ROU)	A Gradinaru (ROU)	63 75	Csoregi/Gradinaru (ROU)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb-13	Farum (DEN)	3 M Psarros (GRE)	S Butler (GBR)	76(3) 63	Ioannides (CYP)/Psarros (GRE)
		H Odegaard (NOR)	Y Alexandrova (RUS)	76(4) 67 63	Alexandrova/Karamalak (RUS)
Feb-13	Taverne (SUI)	3 L Clemens (GER)	D Valent (SUI)	62 62	Dafcik/Marterer (GER)
		N Stadler (SUI)	T Sugnaux (SUI)	64 26 76(5)	Missaglia/Quattrone (ITA)
Feb-13	Siauliai (LTU)	2 M Suica (CRO)	M Tersh (BLR)	62 64	Ivashka/Yersh (BLR)
		U Ayzatulina (RUS)	J Eidukonyte (LTU)	60 63	Ayzatulina/Chernaya (RUS)

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ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb-01	Belfort (FRA)	\$25,000	E Bovina (RUS)	R Oprandi (ITA)	76(3) 57 64	Bovina (RUS)/Pavlovic (FRA)
Feb-01	Sutton (GBR)	\$25,000	A Hlavackova (CZE)	M Cecil (USA)	61 46 64	Georgatou (GRE)/Savinykh (RUS)
Feb-01	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	V Kamenskaya (RUS)	G Muguruza Blanco (ESP)	76(4) 36 62	Kamenskaya/Kuchmina (RUS)
Feb-08	Stockholm (SWE)	\$25,000	O Lyubtsova (UKR)	L Tsurenko (UKR)	64 75	Milevskaia (BLR)/Tsurenko (UKR)
Feb-08	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	J Toljan (AUT)	J Cepelova (SVK)	61 62	Caciotti/Clerico (ITA)
Feb-08	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	G Muguruza Blanco (ESP)	K Kawa (POL)	36 62 60	Kvatsabaia (GEO)/Tsybysheva (RUS)
Feb-08	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	J Mayr (ITA)	M Koehler (POR)	61 61	Mayr/Mayr (ITA)
Feb-15	Albufeira (POR)	\$10,000	E Mayr (ITA)	E Kostova (BUL)	64 64	Cancelled

ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb-01	Feucherolles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	C Brezac (FRA)	P Luncanu (ROU)	62 61	Charroin (FRA)/Juska (LAT)
Feb-01	Nussloch (GER)	\$15,000	N Desein (BEL)	T Schoorel (NED)	67(2) 76(3) 76(6)	Jebavy/Lustig (CZE)
Feb-01	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Martin (SVK)	Z Zhang (CHN)	61 61	Parr/Paul (USA)
Feb-01	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	S Gutierrez-Ferrol (ESP)	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	75 64	Giorgini/Trusendi (ITA)
Feb-08	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	A Juska (LAT)	L Dlouhy (CZE)	64 63	Blandin/Martin (FRA)
Feb-08	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	M Mecir (SVK)	T Fabbiano (ITA)	64 76(6)	Cluskey (IRL)/Venus (USA)
Feb-08	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	64 62	Giorgini/Trusendi (ITA)
Feb-15	Baku (AZE)	\$15,000	E Eleskovic (SWE)	S Betau (BLR)	63 62	Luncanu (ROU)/Middelkoop (NED)
Feb-15	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	D Smethurst (GBR)	46 76(2) 62	Pollock (USA)/Savic (SRB)
Feb-15	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$15,000	D Olejniczak (POL)	A Setkic (BIH)	64 75	Oswald/Peya (AUT)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

There are few changes in the rankings this month as many of the top players opted for light schedules in February in preparation for the North American hard court season.

Following just the second tournament victory of her comeback from a chronic shoulder injury in Memphis last week, Maria Sharapova has re-entered the European top ten for the first time in a year. Dubai finalist Victoria Azarenka put some ground between herself and recent Paris winner Elena Dementieva as the pair inch closer to the top.

In the mens list, Rafael Nadal regains his #3 spot from Andy Murray, though both players have been inactive since the Australian Open. Murray's decision not to defend his title in Rotterdam cost him enough points for the Spaniard to overtake him once again. Rotterdam champion Robin Soderling consolidates his #6 spot, while Zagreb winner Marin Cilic became the first player this year to win two ATP World Tour titles, climbing to seventh and strengthening his reputation as the form player so far this year.

Rankings as of February 22nd, 2010.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	6420
02	►	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	5920
03	►	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5861
04	►	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	5300
05	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	4855
06	▲	Agnieszka RADWANSKA	POL	3880
07	▼	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3770
08	►	Flavia PENNETTA	ITA	3155
09	NEW	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	3105
10	▼	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	3000

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	11350
02	▲	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	8310
03	▲	Rafael NADAL	ESP	7370
04	▼	Andy MURRAY	ESP	7300
05	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5290
06	►	Robin SODERLING	SWE	3855
07	▲	Marin CILIC	CRO	2970
08	▲	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	2860
09	▼	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2825
10	►	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2430



Maria Sharapova (RUS)



Rafael Nadal (ESP)



Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Tennis Europe Staffing Changes

Carola Löffler has been promoted to the role of 'Manager, Marketing/CEO Relations'.

Fabiola Pasciullo has been promoted to 'Coordinator of Finance'.

National Associations

At the recent Malta Tennis Federation elections, Dr. David Farrugia Sacco was elected President. David Attard will serve as the organisation's new General Secretary.

Swiss Tennis has a new email address: info@swisstennis.ch

European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Tech magazine has been published and is available for download here: <http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/e-news2-2010>

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