

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Launches Online Entries



Tennis Europe's recently announced changes to the entry procedures for all Tennis Europe Junior Tour events from 2010 onwards have come into effect, with the project being hailed as a great success so far as the initial implementation phase draws to a close.

Over 1,000 players have signed up in the first month of availability in order to enter some of the first events set to take place using the new system, under which all players must manage their own entries and withdrawals to junior tour events online with the use of an ITF IPIN (International Player Identification number), as is currently the case with other major circuits.

Also in recent weeks, the new Tournament Planner (TP) programme for referees, which is set to be introduced at all Tennis Europe Junior Tour events next year, had a successful first 'live' testing at the recent tournament in Göteborg. by Anders Wennberg, Member of the working group who has masterminded the adaptation of the software for the junior tour commented, "The Referee had never worked with any of the TP products before but was pleasantly surprised at how it facilitated his work. To



Ulf Borjeson (Referee, at the screen) and Tom Henriksen (Assistant Referee) at the Göteborg 14&Under sign-in.

give an example, we finalised the acceptances for a 48-draw Boys and 32-draw Girls Qualifying event, made the two draws and had the Order of Play printed and ready within 35 minutes after the sign-in closed, something of a record time for a junior event with a complex draw functionality, a full distribution of nationalities and with everything according to the new rules. Later on, when the doubles draws were made, the colour coded Order of Play screens helped the referee to avoid clashes due to having players scheduled for singles and doubles matches too close in time."

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Under the terms of the deal, HEAD will be recognised as the Official Racquet, Tennis Ball, String, Bag, Accessory, Footwear and Apparel Partner of the European Tennis Federation for an additional year, as well as continuing their title sponsorship of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups and Tennis Europe Nations' Challenge. Turn to page 2 for the full story.

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Tennis Europe and HEAD renew partnership for another year

Tennis Europe has announced the extension of their current partnership with leading equipment manufacturer HEAD Racquet Sports through 2010. The agreement between HEAD and Tennis Europe was made following the ATP World Tour Finals in London, where executives convened to discuss the successful partnership that began in 2007.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "We are delighted to continue our partnership with HEAD for another term. Over the past three years this relationship has helped us to enhance our flagship events, also establishing new ones, and has been instrumental in the continued growth and investment in the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. It has also been a pleasure to work with the HEAD team, and we look forward to exploring further ways of developing the partnership in 2010."

"The popularity of the sport of tennis continues to gain momentum throughout Europe" said Robert Marte, Executive Vice President, Racquets Sports Division. "Since the partnership began in 2007, Tennis Europe has aided HEAD's mission to introduce new technologies and products to the European market and focus attention on the future stars of tennis – the junior players. In light of Tennis Europe's favorable impact on our business we are very happy to prolong this partnership."

As part of the partnership, HEAD will continue to be recognized as the 'Official Racquet, Tennis Ball, String, Bag, Accessory, Footwear and Apparel' partner of Tennis Europe and will be the presenting sponsor of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups, the sports largest junior indoor team tennis competition, and the Tennis Europe Nations Challenge.



Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää and Ottmar Barbian, International Director, Sales & Marketing, HEAD Racquet Sports.

HEAD will also continue to be recognised as the official ball of the European Junior Championships and the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters. The HEAD ATP tennis ball will continue as the 'Recommended Ball' of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, which includes more than 320 junior events across Tennis Europe's 49 member nations.

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<< All European referees who work on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour should receive the tournament planner software on time for their first tournament.

This week sees a number of firsts under the new procedures, with the new acceptance system coming into effect, followed by the first 'window' periods for national associations and tournament organisers. The first acceptance lists for tournaments scheduled for the first week of January will be published online on 14th December. With the Tennis Europe website due to be re-launched in the spring, integrating the new Junior tour features, a revolutionary amount of information will be available online for National Associations, tournament organizers, players, coaches, parents and followers of junior tennis.

Full details of the new procedures can be found [here](#). Players can manage their entries and withdrawals,

check updates tournament acceptance lists and apply for their IPIN and Tennis Europe memberships [here](#).

Rankings

2010 will see a new Tennis Europe Junior Ranking system, which will use one combined points system for all age groups. The aim is to have a ranking system that shows the relative strengths of all players regardless of where they have achieved their results and picked up points. Separate 16 and 14 & Under lists will be derived from this master ranking. There will continue to be no rankings for those aged 12 & Under, though unpublished 'starting points' accumulated by players in this age group will be used to facilitate their transfer into the 14 & Unders.

For full information, see the rankings section on the Players Guide page of the Tennis Europe website.

Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting in London

The 33rd edition of the Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting was hosted by the Lawn Tennis Association in London on 25th-26th November, and was opened by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, who welcomed 40 delegates from almost 30 countries.

The annual two-day conference provides an important opportunity for executives from Tennis Europe's constituent national federations to network, discuss current issues and to share knowledge and experiences through presentations and participation in working groups.

Wednesday's first key session was kicked off with presentations from Tony Scott and Lorenzo Martinez. Mr. Scott, of IFM Sports Marketing Surveys gave an update on sports industry matters and Mr. Martinez of La Manga Club in Murcia, Spain presented an inside look at the management of a premium tennis facility.

Also making a presentation was PGA Europe's CEO Ian Randell, who pointed out the many similarities between golf and tennis and how tennis may benefit from various policies adopted by the PGA.

The morning session was wrapped up with the focus exclusively back on tennis. Fabrizio Caldarone of Tennis Consulting gave details on the management of professional players and Dave Miley Executive Director Development of the ITF explained the organisation's 'Play & Stay' and 'Tennis10s' campaigns.

The afternoon session saw delegates divided into working groups, each looking into the various membership schemes offered by Europe's national federations and later discussing the ITF's 'Play and Stay' campaign. Concluding the group meetings, Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF / Tennis Europe Development Officer, then presented the competitive structure of 10 & Under in Europe.

A productive first day was rounded off with a fabulous dinner hosted by the LTA, which was attended by all speakers, delegates, some LTA staff and top British player Anne Keothavong. The entertainment highlight of the evening was the musical group "Incognito", singing songs ranging from La Traviata and Dean Martin, all the way to Queen to the delight of all in attendance.

The second morning, saw LTA's CEO Roger Draper delve into the area of commercial support. Mr. Draper outlined the organisation's 'blueprint' and the steps taken by the LTA to secure the landmark sponsorship deal with Aegon.



Images from London...(top) Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré greets LTA President Derek Howorth. Below, PGA Europe CEO Ian Randell.

Ottmar Barbian of HEAD Racquet Sport Division informed the delegates about the strategic alignment carried out by HEAD in order to highlight the characters and emotions of tennis players, followed by Polar's Lucy Johnson, who made a presentation on their marketing strategy and branding.

The final presentations included International Tennis Federation Executive Vice-President Juan Margets' traditional update on the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, while Tennis Europe's Carola Löffler discussed about Beach Tennis.

The second day was brought to a close by President Dupré who commented, "I would like to thank all speakers and participants for the quality of the presentations and fruitful discussions. We had a productive event, in the way we are serving tennis, and to which we dedicate a lot of time using our competences for the interest of our federations. Thanks again to the LTA and their President Derek Howorth for their wonderful hospitality. I believe the evening they hosted last night will long live in all our memories."

The conference was wrapped up with all delegates and presenters taking a boat ride to the O2 Arena to watch the ATP World Tour Finals Thursday evening.

Italy and Spain triumph at Davis & Fed Cup by BNP Paribas finals

Spain captured a fourth Davis Cup by BNP Paribas title with a decisive 5-0 win over Czech Republic at the finals at Barcelona's Palau Sant Jordi last weekend, becoming the first nation to successfully defend the title since Sweden in 1998.

Rafael Nadal had put the hosts in the driving seat on day one, back to his clay court best in a 7-5 6-0 6-2 win over Tomas Berdych. David Ferrer and Radek Stepanek followed the pair onto the specially constructed court, producing the match of the weekend, with Ferrer fighting back to win a seemingly lost cause. Stepanek took just over an hour to establish a 6-1 6-2 lead, at which point the Spaniard later confessed to having "cried with anger" in the dressing room. Slowly Ferrer began to work his way into the match, cutting down on unforced errors and gaining in confidence with the support of an increasingly vociferous local crowd. Having levelled at two sets all, the final set was electric, both players holding serve with relative ease until the end of the match approached. Some increasingly nervous serving produced opportunities for both players, but it was Ferrer who eventually broke through, taking advantage of problems with Stepanek's hand to break serve in the thirteenth game before serving out for an unforgettable 8-6 win.

The final live rubber of the tie featured Spanish doubles stalwarts Feliciano López and Fernando Verdasco, who settled the tie, turning in a hard-fought straight sets win over the surprise pairing of Berdych and Stepanek, late substitutes for the expected Czech team of Lukas Dlouhy and Jan Hajek.

Spain's win also marked a first Davis Cup title for Albert Costa as Spanish captain. The former Roland Garros champion joins an elite band of three players (the others being Guy Forget and John Fitzgerald) to have won the title as both player and captain since the introduction of the World group in 1981, having been on the side when Spain first won the event in 2000. The Spanish Tennis Federation later confirmed that Costa's captaincy would be renewed for another year.

Spain and the Czech Republic retain their positions at # and #4 respectively in the Davis Cup rankings. Spain has more than twice as many points as second-placed USA. The team will have little time to celebrate their success though, with 2010's opening tie against Switzerland, and a potential match between the world's top two players, set to take place in February.

Three weeks previously, Italy beat the United States 4-0 to capture the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas title for the



second time in four years at the finals of the event in Reggio Calabria.

The win ended a run of nine successive defeats to the competition's most successful team and means that Italy becomes one of just eight nations to have won more than one Fed Cup title.

Italian #1 Flavia Pennetta and team-mate Francesca Schiavone combined to secure the Cup after three singles wins, each achieved without the loss of a set. Fittingly for Pennetta, who has had the best season of her professional career, becoming the first Italian woman to reach the top ten earlier in the year, it was she who settled the tie, wrapping up a 75 62 win over US #1 Melanie Oudin. The score was virtually identical to Schiavone's opening day win over Oudin, which maintained Schiavone's unbeaten run in 2009 in the competition and gave the host nation the perfect opening day, following Pennetta's 63 61 demolition of Alexa Glatch.

With the tie decided, the fourth singles rubber was not played, but Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci took to the court for Italy to score a surprise 46 63 [11-9] win over Liezel Huber and Vania King.

With the win, Italy moved into the top spot of the Fed Cup Nations Ranking for the first time.

In the Spotlight: LTA Chief Executive Roger Draper

Three years into his role as Chief Executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, Roger Draper recently gave a keynote presentation at Tennis Europe's Top Executives' Meeting, where he outlined the massive changes made by Britain's governing body in recent years. Tennis Europe News caught up with him to find out why the LTA sees a bright future for British tennis.

Despite disappointment in the Davis Cup, it's been a good year for British tennis. Do you think you are starting to see the results of the LTA's 'Blueprint'?

Yes. I think that the transformation of a sport is a ten-year process, and we've been through three years of change so now we're heading towards the five-year mark of really hard work to make it happen. We had a disappointing Wimbledon and Davis Cup this year, but when you look closer there were a lot of high points: The numbers of people participating in the sport are very high - there are now half a million playing every week, the commercial deals, the number of top juniors, we've gone from three players in the top 100 singles and doubles last year to nine players this year, some of our women players broke into the top 50 and top 100, Andy Murray got to #2 and we reached the final of the junior Davis Cup. There have been a few lows this year but an awful lot of positives, so we are seeing the continuity of what we set out to achieve with the blueprint, but I believe that it will only come to full fruition in a few years' time.

So what do you expect to see in the next two to five years?

We have several key measures of success. Firstly, is the sport growing? Are more people playing tennis? Our target is to grow the number of adults playing weekly by 150,000. Have we got more juniors competing? We've gone from 10,000 to 30,000 - an increase of 350% and we want to go further. Are the best juniors converting into top professionals? And as a result giving us higher ranked players. Will we be back in the world groups of Davis Cup/Fed Cup? Whether its growing the sport or winning I expect us to be doing both. When both of those things collide, British Tennis will be really flying.

Some time ago you set the target of five British players in the top 100 by the time of the London Olympics. Do you still think this is realistic?

This year we've had four in the top 100, and five for doubles so I think so. Hopefully Andy will still be at his peak, and some of the girls like Anne Keothavong, Elena Baltacha and Katie O'Brien will still be playing.



Above: Roger Draper discusses the LTA's 'Blueprint' at the recent Top Executives Meeting in London.

Some of our juniors will also have come through like Laura Robson and Heather Watson, Eleanor Dean and on the boys side some of the players who are already breaking into the top 500 having been juniors last year.

Do you follow the results from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour?

Every day! It's an important factor for us, not just to follow the ATP and WTA. This year we were very proud of the fact that a lot of our players got to the finals of the 14 & Under and 16 & Under events - players like Kyle Edmund, Evan Hoyt and Eleanor Dean... I follow them because I'm passionate about it, but I also need to know what they're doing and to have a good relationship with them because they'll be our senior players in the not too distant future. The Tennis Europe events are really important to us.

The ATP World Tour finals in London this week have been a big success. How important was it for the LTA to get an event of this stature in the UK?

It's fantastic. The ATP have brought this event to London because we have what we think is the best tournament in the world at Wimbledon in the summer, but in order to convince people that tennis is an all-year round sport, we needed another big event in November or December. Now we have two of the most important events on the calendar. And it's great not just because we have Andy here as one of the top eight players, but also for our fans and our members and juniors, and our other senior players, to be able to come and see the top players in the world at the O2, a rock n roll venue with 17,500 people coming to see each session is just phenomenal. When you start a new event you never know how it is going to go but it has already been a big success and we're hoping >>

In the Spotlight: LTA Chief Executive Roger Draper

<< to build on that. Hopefully the people who come and see it will be inspired to fill the parks or clubs when they go home.

Over the past year or two, the LTA has streamlined its portfolio of sponsors. What were the reasons behind this and has it had the desired effect?

Yes, this has been one of our biggest success stories. Previously we had around 40 minor sponsors all sponsoring different initiatives and when we looked at it we decided that the ideal structure would be to have one overall Lead Partner for British Tennis, with four official supporters underneath that, and, ultimately eight suppliers. Obviously we were delighted to announce AEGON's sponsorship last year, which has gone really well. The partnership has many aspects from grass roots to the elite level: not just the AEGON Championships, but also AEGON Schools, a programme that has put 120,000 balls and 60,000 racquets into schools and AEGON Parks. And we've been very lucky to have other sponsors like Highland Spring, BNP Paribas and Intercontinental Hotels. It is now a much more focussed approach and we have really strong relationships with all the partners; all of which helps us to grow.

Has that already had any discernable effect for the image of the LTA?

Having a major brand willing to invest in British Tennis was good from a confidence point of view, but also from AEGON's point of view. We are a growth sport; the tennis industry in the UK is worth £1.72 billion. AEGON know the direction we're heading in, not just with Murray and the juniors, but they want to tap into

the half million adults that play tennis every week, the 1 million who play every month, the four million who play every year and the ten million who follow the sport. As we heard in the conference today, tennis is a healthy sport, holding an equal attraction for men and women. It's a sport for life and those are the ingredients that sponsors like to be associated with. So I think that not just in Britain, but all across Europe we should be a bit more confident that we have a wonderful sport and if you get your sales approach and tactics right there's no reason why more big sponsors won't come on board.

How important is the Top Executives' Meeting for you, and to be able to meet with colleagues from other federations to exchange views?

I was lucky in my last job as Chief Executive of Sport England because I looked after all the sports, so I learnt a lot about what they were doing in cycling, sailing, cricket or rugby. Now in tennis I'm always interested in, for example, the French Tennis Federation, as a Grand Slam nation, who are doing a really great job of growing the sport and also at winning, but it's also interesting to hear from the KNLTB, with what they are doing in terms of technology or ratings and rankings, or what the Germans are doing, or the Swedes or whoever. This is a really good forum to share examples of good practice. At the end of the day although we are all in competition with each other in the Davis and Fed Cups, our goals are all the same, so if someone has a good idea about how to get more people playing tennis in Finland, then why shouldn't we consider that to get more people playing in the UK? And it's always really nice for us here at the LTA to work with our colleagues at Tennis Europe!

2010 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

The 2010 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia 14-16 January.

Join contemporaries from Australia and around the world at this premier professional development event for coaches, where you can learn from the world-class speakers who will present on topics ranging from the latest tactical and technical training techniques to invaluable business skills.

Speakers include: Mike Barrell, Miguel Crespo, Ken DeHart, Wayne Elderton, Professor Bruce Elliot, Dr. Damian Farrow, Dr. Machar Reid, Ray Ruffels, Dan Santorum, Narelle Sibte, Craig Tiley & Todd Woodbridge.

And when you have finished learning from the best, stick around to watch the best in action as Melbourne



Park hosts the first Grand Slam tournament of 2010, the Australian Open.

Visit www.tennis.com.au/coachesconference for more information or to register online now. Contact coachesconference@tennis.com.au for further information.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year powered by Polar

The 2009 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year have been announced, following the conclusion of the Junior Masters and subsequent publication of the year-end rankings list.

As usual, the title recognises the annual achievements of the three best-ranked European players in the 14 and 16 & Under age categories of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. The #1 player in each category is presented with a state of the art RS800 CX computerised training wristwatch, worth €400, courtesy of Polar.

The accolade has proven to be a useful indicator of future success: many of today's top players earned early recognition with the award, including stars such as Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic, Mario Ancic, Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin and Alexandra Dulgheru. The class of 2009 can be found below:

14 & Under



Winner: Petra Rohanova (CZE)
2. Victoriya Tomova (BUL) 3. Darya Lebesheva (BLR)

Rohanova restricted her play to the Tour's biggest events in 2009, winning Cat. 1 Rakovnik, and reaching at least the semi finals of 5 other events, including a runner-up spot at the European Championships.



Winner: Nikola Milojevic (SRB)
2. Marek Routa (CZE) 3. Robin Stanek (CZE)

The outstanding Tour player of 2009 across all age groups, Milojevic won 5 of the 6 events he played, securing the year-end #1 spot as early as July when he established an insurmountable lead by winning the European Championships.

16 & Under



Winner: Elena Cadar (ROU)
2. Simona Ionescu (ROU) 3. Jovana Jaksic (SRB)

In reaching the finals of three Cat. 1 events, winning Ulm, and also picking up a title in Brno, Elena helped to ensure Romanian players would finish in the top two positions for a second consecutive year.



Winner: Dimitar Kuzmanov (BUL)
2. Axel Alvarez (ESP) 3. Miki Jankovic (SRB)

A remarkably consistent year saw Kuzmanov reach the final of five of his seven events, winning three titles in the process.

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European University Championships

British teams did the double at the recent European University Tennis Championships, recording home victories in both the mens and womens events to notch up the first-ever British titles at the tournament.

Eight mens and eight womens teams from across the continent progressed from qualifying rounds to take part in the finals at Gosling IHPC. In the mens finals, Loughborough University took on top seeds and defending champions Rouen of France, and quickly swept to a 3-0 lead. A fight back looked on the cards as Loughborough failed to convert five match points before losing a final set tie break 14-12 to concede the fourth tie, but the northern English team recovered to record a 4-1 win.

Loughborough also reached the final of the women's event, but fell short of achieving a double success, falling to Leeds Metropolitan, who won the all-British final 4-2.

Organisers declared themselves pleased with the event, with ECTA Director Jamie Pilkington commenting "This is the third year that ECTA have ran an European University Tennis League. The event was the biggest so far and a complete success."

Euan McGinn added, "None of this would have been possible without the use of the Gosling International HPC, coupled with the massive support given by the Director of Tennis Matt Willcocks. There is talk now of an even larger event next year at Gosling IHPC with more teams and played over a longer period."

Tennis Europe once again supported the event, which serves to highlight the high standard of university tennis, as well as the programmes on offer to students. On the day of the semi finals, organizers gave a seminar for parents on the pathways into and post-university, with a presentation from Euan McGinn (Stirling) Jamie Pilkington (Dublin City University) and Steve McGouchlin (Leeds Carnegie) outlining the various



Above: Loughborough University Mens Team celebrate their win. Below: all participants at the finals at Gosling HPC.

tennis programmes on offer and the necessary sporting and academic requirements to gain acceptance to the universities and to secure a place on the team. Matt Willcocks outlined the pathways that lead to university Tennis.

The key message from all four presenters was that the level of tennis programme offered at the most tennis orientated of universities is comparable to a high level HPC programme. The players on the top programmes play futures level events. Players can head from University into full time employment in a range of industries and some players like Colin Fleming head back to the tour and experience great success. Tennis abilities and success may be the USP that secures you a place on the course, so keep playing and make best of all the opportunities because more competitive success will open doors to universities and feedback from employers is that sporting success and tennis success in particular demonstrate an acquisition of skills that is very appealing when recruiting people for the highly sought after graduate recruitment programmes.

For more information about University Tennis, visit www.ectatennis.com



Centenary Tennis Clubs News

The Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs held their 2009 Seniors Competition at three European venues during the autumn months.

The first group to be completed was held in Geneva, Switzerland, where the winning teams of the 2008 groups - TC Geneve, TC Parioli, Wiener Park Club and Fitzwilliam LTC convened. Defending champions TC Parioli of Rome managed to retain their title after a thrilling battle with the host club, eventually won by the Italians 5-4.

The first weekend of October saw several teams travel to Greece's Athens Lawn Tennis Club, where the host club took the title after three days of spirited competition, which included 4-3 wins over RCT Barcelona and Villa Primrose Bordeaux, the latter of which was settled by a nail-biting doubles tie which finished late into the night. Barcelona and Bordeaux took second and third place respectively, followed by Haagsche Lawn Tennis Club Leimonias in fourth position.

At the official dinner, held in the club grounds on the mild October night, guests were treated to a view of the Parthenon at the Acropolis of Athens and the Temple of Olympian Zeus, situated close to the Club.

During the same weekend, the Real Sociedad de Tennis La Magdalena hosted another group, submitting their own 'A' and 'B' teams, alongside visitors from Rochusclub Dusseldorf, Carrickmines Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, Dublin Chelsky Lawn Tennis Club, Real Club de Polo de Barcelona. The teams split into two groups, with two Spanish clubs - RC Polo and Real Sociedad 'A' coming through to contest the final, from which the host club eventually emerged triumphant following a 5-2 win.

The Junior CTC Competition was held earlier in the year and saw double success for CLTK Prague, who won the Under 12 event at Carrickmines CLTC in Dublin before adding the 14 & under title as hosts. The 17 & Under event was also claimed by the host club, Fitzwilliam LTC of Dublin.

A Tennis Europe affiliate, the Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs was founded in 1996 by



Players at the Senior tournament in Athens, with CTC President Juan Maria Tintoré (front)

eight European clubs who shared the aim of creating an international organisation to support the tradition of the tennis. Each of the eight founder clubs had a history dating back at least one hundred years, as well as significant tennis and sporting traditions and important social roles in their communities.

A competition was organised for the original eight clubs, hosted each year at a different founder club. As increasing numbers of clubs joined the association, the Geographical Areas Club Competition was approved by the General Assembly in 2005, with a founders' group competition every three years, enabling all member clubs to participate in the competition. Membership has grown to the extent that by 2009, a total of 50 clubs from all five continents have fulfilled the requirements to become members.

The CTC is governed by a General Assembly, which meets once a year at the association's headquarters at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Secretary of the Association is located at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona, and the Secretary is Mr. Carlos Mercé, General Manager of the Club. The President of the Centenary Club Association is Mr. Juan Maria Tintoré, former president of the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona.

Beyond the Baseline...

Roger Federer's wins at the ATP World Tour Finals in London were enough to ensure that the Swiss would end the year at #1 for a fifth time. The achievement marks just the second time that a player has managed to recapture the year-end #1 spot after losing it the previous year. Bob and Mike Bryan's victory in the doubles final also ensured a fifth year-end #1 spot for the American twins.

The success of the ATP World Tour Finals has been well documented: already recognised as the best-attended indoor tennis event in history, the ATP has confirmed that the event, which was screened in 180 countries, had the most ever traffic for an ATP tournament.

Former top ten regular Magdalena Maleeva was recently named Bulgarian Ambassador for Climate Change, travelling to Copenhagen for the UN Summit.

The 65-year old Kitzbühel ATP event will not feature on the calendar in 2010. The event's slot on the calendar has been given to the French city of Nice, which will host a tournament for the first time since 1995.

Amèlie Mauresmo heads a list of well known players to have announced their retirement from professional tennis in recent weeks, citing a lack of motivation to continue training. Joining the two time Grand Slam champion in hanging up their racquets are former ATP #1 Marat Safin (RUS), Fabrice Santoro (FRA), Frederic Niemeyer (CAN). 35 year old Spanish former doubles #1 Virginia Ruano Pascual has announced her decision to retire from singles competition with immediate effect, though she will continue to play doubles.

After almost a year on the sidelines with what were expected to be career-ending injuries, Carlos Moyá has announced that he is coming out of retirement, and will return to the courts in January for what he expects to be a full season of ATP play. The former world #1 will have a protected ranking of #50.

A recent ITF investigation into the financial effect on tourism and other industries in host nations found

that the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas generates an annual economic impact of \$184 million, plus an additional \$53 million worth of commercial income for the ITF and member nations each year.

Martina Hingis has confirmed that she will participate in World Team Tennis in the summer of 2010. The Swiss star also played in the competition in 2005 before announcing a return to the WTA tour the following year.

Vera Zvonareva has undergone minor surgery to remove scar tissue on her right ankle.

Novak Djokovic has left adidas, and will be wearing Sergio Tacchini apparel in 2010. Djokovic will be replaced on the adidas team by Andy Murray.

Thomas Muster beat Sybille Bammer 63 62 in an Austrian 'Battle of the Sexes' exhibition in Salzburg, winning \$100,000 in the process.

The Spanish Tennis Federation has relaunched its website, offering more content and improved online services: www.rfet.es.

Justine Henin has revealed that the main reason for her imminent comeback is her ambition to capture an elusive Wimbledon crown. The former world #1 last week beat compatriot Kirsten Flipkens and current world #12 Flavia Pennetta, both by the score of 6-4 6-4 to win an exhibition event in Belgium.

Organisers of the London Golf Show have announced that next year's event will be combined with tennis. The London Golf & Tennis Show will be staged at ExCel from April 30th-May 2nd.

Five of the world's top ten players; Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Nikolay Davydenko, Robin Soderling and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, plus 20th-ranked Stanislas Wawrinka will begin their 2010 season at the Abu Dhabi Capitala World Tennis Championship exhibition, due to begin on 31st December.

The International Olympic Committee has approved the inclusion of a mixed doubles event at the 2012 London Olympic Games.



Next Month: European Tennis Trophy presented by Lindström

At the mid-way point of the season, Germany led four-time defending champions Russia by 500 points in the race to become top the continent's league table of annual achievements. Find out they can hold on the top spot, or if a late season flourish from Spain can prevent Russia from writing more European Tennis Trophy history.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

13-year old Gianluigi Quinzi of Italy makes the biggest impact at the top of the rankings this month, having sealed his second Category 1 title (and third overall) of the year at the recent Kremlin Cup in Moscow. Top seed Quinzi beat Ukraine's Oleksander Lebedyn for the title, adding the doubles with Belgium's Clement Geens for good measure.

In the girls' list, Victoriya Tomova of Bulgaria returns to the top spot despite not playing recently, as for-

mer #1 Petra Rohanova loses points earned at the end of last year, Oleksandra Korashvili of Ukraine rises to eighth on the strength of her Moscow performances, where she was runner-up in the singles event, and teamed with compatriot Valeriya Boyanovska to win her first Tennis Europe Junior Tour doubles title.

Rankings below are as of December 3rd, 2009. Full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Victoriya TOMOVA	BUL	730
02	▼	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	715
03	▶	Darya LEBESHEVA	BLR	560
04	▶	Gabriela PANTUCKOVA	CZE	510
05	▶	Barbara HAAS	AUT	495
06	▲	Lisa-Marie MAETSCHKE	GER	465
07	▼	Valeria PATIUK	ISR	465
08	▲	Oleksandra KORASHVILI	UKR	455
09	▼	Ksenia SHARIFOVA	RUS	435
10	▼	Indy DE VROOME	NED	425



Victoriya Tomova (BUL)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	780
02	▶	Marek ROUTA	CZE	615
03	▶	Robin STANEK	CZE	595
04	▶	Enzo PY	FRA	565
05	NEW	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	545
06	▼	Frederico SILVA	POR	540
07	▲	Evan HOYT	GBR	510
08	▼	Artem OGANESYAN	RUS	505
09	▶	Kyle EDMUND	GBR	500
10	▼	Luke BAMBRIDGE	GBR	490



Gianluigi Quinzi (ITA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 16 & Under

With November being a particularly quiet month on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's 16 & Under circuit, there are no changes to the top ten in either the boys or girls rankings this month.

Shooting up the rankings further down the lists are a pair of Israelis. Valeria Patiuk, currently also ranked in the 14&U top ten, recently won her second 16 & Under title in Ashkelon, and Or Ram won back to back boys' events over two weeks in the same city.

Cornelia Lister of Sweden became a third player to win her second 16 & Under title in recent weeks, taking both singles and doubles at Gothenburg's Category 3 event.

The full end of year rankings for 2009 are now available at www.TennisEurope.org. The rankings are published each Thursday and are available in downloadable alphabetical and numerical formats.

16 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Elena CADAR	ROU	495
02	▶	Simona IONESCU	ROU	470
03	▶	Aliaksandra SASNOVICH	BLR	430
04	▶	Jovana JAKSIC	SRB	395
05	▶	Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO	UKR	395
06	▶	Tjasa SRIMPF	SLO	360
07	▶	Agnes BUKTA	HUN	350
08	▶	Borislava BOTUSHAROVA	BUL	325
09	▶	Irina Maria BARA	ROU	315
10	▶	Andreea BADILEANU	ROU	305



#4 Jovana Jaksic (SRB) and #10 Andreea Badileanu (ROU)

16 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Dimitar KUZMANOV	BUL	500
02	▶	Axel ALVAREZ	ESP	455
03	▶	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	440
04	▶	George TSIVADZE	GEO	430
05	▶	Oriol ROCA BATALLA	ESP	420
06	▶	Benjamin UGARTE	CHI	405
07	▶	Roberto CARBALLES	ESP	400
08	▶	Elmar EJUPOVIC	BIH	380
09	▶	Lloyd GLASSPOOL	GBR	355
10	▶	Lukas MUGEVICIUS	LTU	345



Lloyd Glasspool (GBR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct-26	Gradignan (FRA)	M Tetart Chague (FRA)	A Muller (FRA)	62 63	
		F Ferro (FRA)	H Tan (FRA)	76 64	
Nov-02	Antalya (TUR)	N Frunza (ROU)	D Shatalin (RUS)	63 64	
		E Sedunova (RUS)	I Ivascu (ROU)	62 60	
Nov-23	Tel Aviv (ISR)	T Igamberdyev (RUS)	O Maler (ISR)	36 64 76(4)	Kotliarker/Shats (ISR)
		D Kunin (ISR)	S Arol (ISR)	36 60 61	Brites (POR)/Arol (ISR)
Nov-30	Tel Aviv (ISR)	G Blacaneaux (FRA)	T Igamberdyev (RUS)	62 62	Igamberdyev (RUS)/Zwillinger (ISR)
		S Arol (ISR)	I Cohen (ISR)	60 60	Arol/Mamistvalov (ISR)



Above: left to right - Doubles winners David Kotliarker and Alon Shats and finalists Guy Bar Natan and Omri Maler at the Tel Aviv Hever Cup 12 & Under tournament.

For more photos from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, visit the [online gallery](#).



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Nov-02	Moscow (RUS)	1 G Quinzi (ITA)	O Lebedyn (UKR)	64 75	Geens (BEL)/Quinzi (ITA)
		V Kan (RUS)	O Korashvili (UKR)	64 62	Korashvili/Boyanovska (UKR)
Nov-02	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 T Goldengorn (ISR)	K Ioannides (CYP)	61 60	Ioannides/Chrysochos (CYP)
		S Respen (BEL)	N Potocnik (SLO)	63 64	Chikalkina/Yakovleva (RUS)
Nov-02	Davos (SUI)	3 J Haerteis (GER)	A Bodmer (SUI)	60 63	Bodmer (SUI)/Weirather (LIE)
		B Bencic (SUI)	G Dixon (GBR)	64 75	Ditlev (DEN)/Piirtola (FIN)
Nov-09	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 N Shaked (ISR)	M Simonian (ISR)	62 62	Khachanov (RUS)/Tamir (ISR)
		D Lodikova (RUS)	P Novoselova (RUS)	76(8) 60	Bogoslavets (UKR)/Ghitescu (ROU)
Nov-16	St. Genevieve (FRA)	1 T Brechemier (FRA)	F Reboul (FRA)	63 63	Haerteis/Worner (GER)
		E Cascino (FRA)	K Siniakova (CZE)	63 63	Ayzatulina (RUS)/Kalinina (UKR)
Nov-16	Stavanager (NOR)	2 J Sapwell (GBR)	J Johansson-Holm (SWE)	62 62	Karamehic (NOR)/Carli (ITA)
		G Dixon (GBR)	D Chernyshkova (RUS)	62 61	Dixon/Rusg (GBR)
Nov-30	Gothenberg (SWE)	3 E Ymer (SWE)	D Windahl (SWE)	64 75	Hjertonsen/Mridha (SWE)
		A Rychagova (RUS)	C Melsted (DEN)	62 61	Dixon (GBR)/Melsted (DEN)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct-26	Biel (SUI)	2 P Krstin (SRB)	D Kapric (SRB)	60 63	Kapric/Novotny (GER)
		K Kennel (SUI)	M Benoit (BEL)	61 75	Kennel/Rossi (ITA)
Nov-02	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 O Ram (ISR)	D Auritei (ROU)	61 61	Jorge/Pereira (POR)
		V Patiuk (ISR)	L Or (ISR)	60 62	Blecher/Patiuk (ISR)
Nov-09	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 O Ram (ISR)	T Sulea (ROU)	62 62	Jorge/Pereira (POR)
		N Rubel (BLR)	J Sergheeva (MDA)	61 62	Santos/Valle Costa (POR)
Nov-30	Gothenberg (SWE)	3 A Vasilenko (RUS)	C Benito (ESP)	76 63	Bergegvi/Jigrup (SWE)
		C Lister (SWE)	E swenson-Bäckelin (SWE)	62 61	Lister (SWE)/Paalma (EST)

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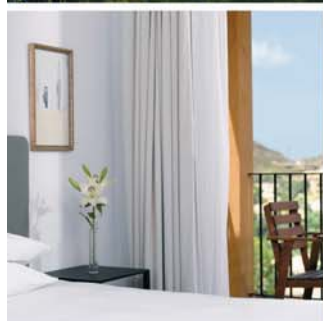
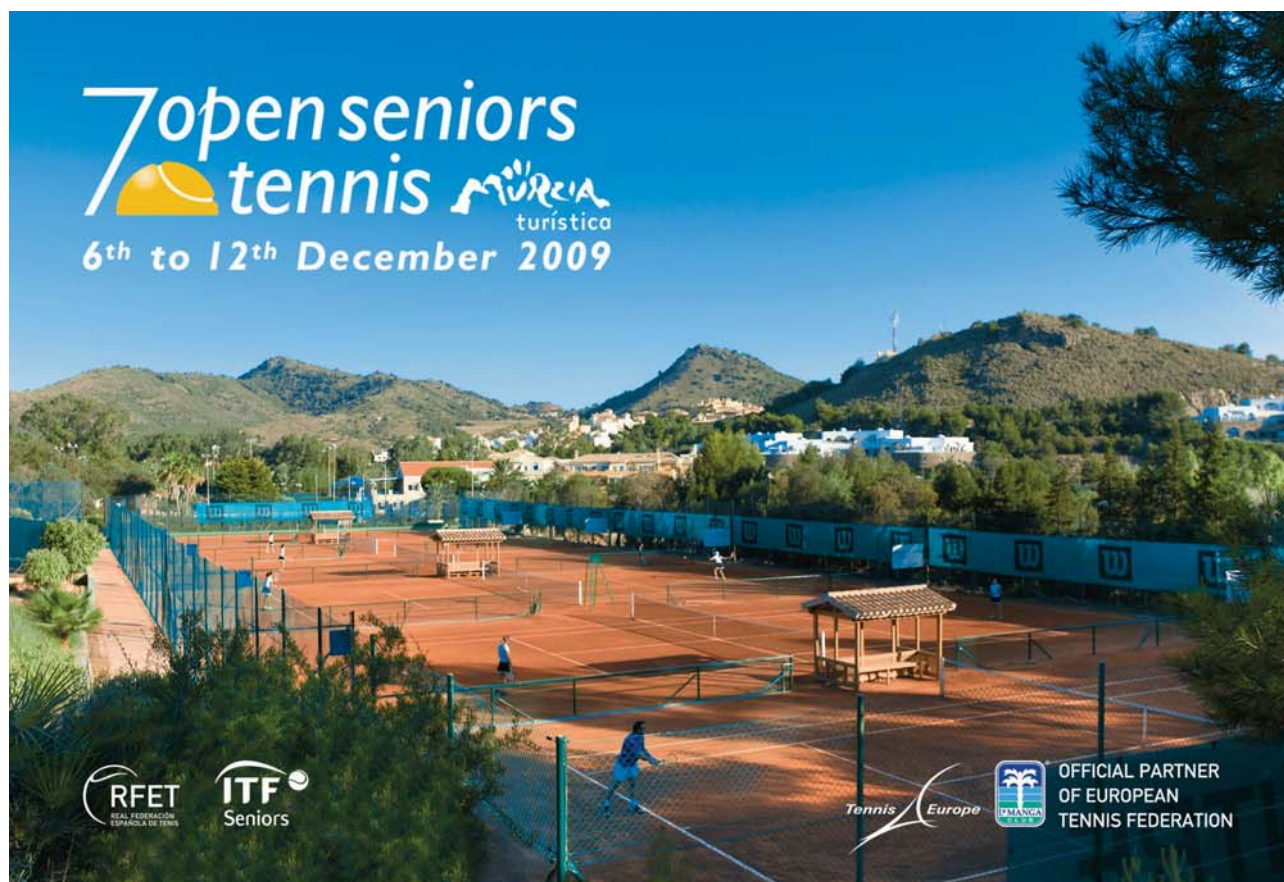
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ITF Pro Circuits in Europe

The 2009 ITF Pro Circuits draw to a close next week, having seen a total of 497 events take place during the year. Comprised of 248 men's Futures events with prize money of \$10,000 or \$15,000, and 249 Women's Circuit event, with prize money ranking from \$10,000 to \$100,000, European events make up the bulk of the worldwide total tournament on the circuit and offer a combined total of \$8.5 million in prize money.

2009 proved to be a particularly interesting year for followers of the circuit, who had the chance to see some of the game's former elite players battling their way back to top alongside the stars of tomorrow.

Amongst the winners of Women's circuit events this year were two former Wimbledon semi finalists, Jelena Dokic and Kimiko Date-Krumm. After reaching the Australian Open quarter finals in January, Dokic struggled from injuries throughout the year but did well in Europe in the autumn, winning top-tier ITF Circuit events in Athens and Poitiers to reach her highest ranking in several years. Date-Krumm of Japan returned to professional tennis after a 12-year break and won the \$75,000 Monzon event before going on to WTA Tour success in Seoul. She also became the oldest tournament winner since Tennis Europe started recording the ITF pro circuit stats in 2000.

Another player to win on both the ITF Pro Circuit and the WTA Tour was Alexandra Dulgheru (ROU), who won ITF titles before and after her first ever main tour triumph in Warsaw.

Quick Facts:

ITF Pro Circuit titles won by former European Junior Champions: 22

Unranked tournament winners: 10 (1 man, 9 women)

Tournaments won by players aged under 18: 39 (2 mens, 37 womens)

Men's tournaments won by players benefitting from Special Exempt status: 3

Tournaments in Israel won by members of the national Davis Cup team: 5.

Singles titles won by Wild Cards: 26 (13 mens, 13 womens).



Kimiko Date-Krumm (JPN), one of several former top players to use the ITF Pro Circuit to launch successful comebacks in 2009.

Most Titles Won by Player

- 6 **David Guez (FRA)**
- 5 **Aljaz Bedene (SLO), Nikola Pietrangeli (CRO), Adrian Menendez Maceiras (ESP)**
- 4 **Johannes Ager (AUT), Pedro Clar (ESP), Uladimir Ignatik (BLR), Lukas Lacko (SVK), Noam Okun (ISR), Alexander Sadecky (SUI), Goran Tosic (MNE), Julia Babilon (GER), Sarah Gronert (GER)**

Most Titles Won by Country

No.	Men's Circuit	Women's Circuit.
37	SPAIN	26 ITALY
24	FRANCE	22 GERMANY
15	ITALY	19 RUSSIA
14	GERMANY	18 SPAIN
14	SLOVAKIA	18 FRANCE

Oldest/Youngest players to win titles

Age	Name
38 years, 7 months	Kimiko Date-Krumm (JPN)
36 years, 8 months	Anthony Dupuis (FRA)
17 years, 6 months	Nikoloz Basilashvili (GEO)
15 years, 8 months	Zarina Diyas (KAZ)

Highest-ranked winner

Rank	Name
62	Jelena Dokic (AUS)
157	Pere Madrid-Riba (ESP)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct-26	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$10,000	B Davato (ITA)	N Uitert (NED)	62 36 61	Gatto Monticone/Quercia (ITA)
Oct-26	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	K Shlomo (ISR)	P Rodionova (RUS)	57 64 75	Astrogo/Shlomo (ISR)
Oct-26	Volos (GRE)	\$10,000	G Gaspari (ITA)	J Jegiolka (POL)	76(2) 62	Brozda/Jegiolka (POL)
Oct-26	Vila Real (POR)	\$10,000	N Piquion (FRA)	K Laisne (FRA)	63 75	Lablans (NED)/Laisne (FRA)
Oct-26	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	M Ani (EST)	J Larsson (SWE)	75 67(5) 62	Bratchikova (RUS)/Palkina (KGZ)
Oct-26	Poitiers (FRA)	\$100,000	J Dokic (AUS)	S Arvidsson (SWE)	64 64	Coin (FRA)/Pelletier (CAN)
Oct-26	Ortisei (ITA)	\$100,000+H	B Zahlavova Strcova (CZE)	K Zakopalova (CZE)	76(1) 63	Bacszinsky (SUI)/Garbin (ITA)
Nov-02	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	S Soler Sola (ESP)	R Oprandi (ITA)	36 64 62	Avdiyenko/Lytovchenko (UKR)
Nov-02	Sunderland (GBR)	\$10,000	T Babos (HUN)	M Mezak (CRO)	76(2) 64	Ren/Ren (GBR)
Nov-02	Ismaning (GER)	\$50,000+H	B Zahlavova Strcova (CZE)	K Barrois (GER)	64 46 76(5)	Daniilidou (GRE)/Woehr (GER)
Nov-02	Nantes (FRA)	\$50,000+H	A Rus (NED)	R Voracova (CZE)	63 62	Hradecka/Pastkova (CZE)
Nov-09	Le Havre (FRA)	\$10,000	E Kostova (BUL)	S Haas (GER)	60 64	Buzarnescu (ROU)/Melnikova (RUS)
Nov-09	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	M di Giuseppe (ITA)	L Pous Tio (ESP)	63 63	Oprandi (ITA)/Pous Tio (ESP)
Nov-09	Jersey (GBR)	\$10,000	M Mezak (CRO)	T Babos (HUN)	62 63	Bertens/Harmsen (NED)
Nov-09	Minsk (BLR)	\$10,000	A Lapushenkova (RUS)	L Kichenok (UKR)	57 76(3) 62	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Nov-16	Equeurdreville (FRA)	\$10,000	C Sibille (FRA)	A Beck (GER)	64 62	Lechemia/Sibille (FRA)
Nov-16	Opole (POL)	\$25,000	S Zahlavova (CZE)	A Jovanovic (SRB)	60 62	Jovanovic (SRB)/Ozga (GER)
Nov-16	Bratislava (SVK)	\$50,000	E Rodina (RUS)	R Voracova (CZE)	64 62	Arvidsson (SWE)/Krajicek (NED)
Nov-23	Vall D'Uxo (ESP)	\$10,000	L Thorpe (FRA)	A Carreras (GBR)	62 62	Arruabarrena (ESP)/Carreras (GBR)
Nov-30	Prerov (CZE)	\$25,000	C Feuerstein (FRA)	K Lykina (RUS)	67(5) 63 64	Klemenschits (AUT)/Klepac (SLO)

ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct-26	Rodez (FRA)	\$10,000+H	R Chaki (MAR)	G Burquier (FRA)	64 57 76(7)	Blandin/Stouff (FRA)
Oct-26	Cardiff (GBR)	\$15,000	H Kontinen (FIN)	Y Mertens (BEL)	76(4) 75	King/McGee (IRL)
Oct-26	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$10,000	M Fornell (ESP)	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	26 64 62	Lopez Jaen/Trujillo Soler (ESP)
Oct-26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Huta Galang (NED)	A Mlendea (ROU)	61 61	Gavrila/Mlendea (ROU)
Nov-02	Vilafranca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar (ESP)	J Sousa (POR)	61 63	Coll/Granollers (ESP)
Nov-02	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Huta Galang (NED)	A Mlendea (ROU)	30 ret	Grozdanov/Halachev (BUL)
Nov-09	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Bedene (SLO)	A Setkic (BIH)	63 64	Bjelica/Slovic (SRB)
Nov-16	Roznov (CZE)	\$15,000	J Mertl (CZE)	D Olejniczak (POL)	64 75	Matsukevitch (RUS)/Olejniczak (POL)
Nov-23	Opava (CZE)	\$15,000	P Snobel (CZE)	D Matsukevitch (RUS)	16 75 61	Jebavy (CZE)/Martin (SVK)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep-21	Mostar (BIH)	\$15,000	M Sieber (GER)	B Knittel (GER)	75 75	Hizak/Zmak (CRO)
Sep-21	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+H	R Bemelmans (FRA)	P Ysern (FRA)	67 61 75	CharroinRenard (FRA)
Sep-21	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	T Angelinos (GRE)	A Zguns (LAT)	63 46 62	Di Ienno/Grassi (ITA)
Sep-21	Alghero (ITA)	\$10,000	V Pospisil (CAN)	F Piccari (ITA)	63 67(5) 63	Gaio/Giannessi (ITA)
Sep-21	Espinho (POR)	\$15,000	P Clar (ESP)	M Phillips (GBR)	64 46 63	Falcao/Sousa (POR)
Sep-21	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	R Bautista (ESP)	T Schoorel (NED)	64 63	Frantzen/Schoorel (NED)
Sep-21	Falun (SWE)	\$15,000	P Figueroa (SWE)	F Nielsen (DEN)	63 46 62	Emmrich (GER)/Siljestrom (SWE)
Sep-28	Mostar (BIH)	\$15,000	J Semrajc (SLO)	M Sieber (GER)	60 61	Draganja/Marcan (CRO)
Sep-28	Sarreguemines (FRA)	\$10,000	M Koning (NED)	L Walter (FRA)	76(5) 63	Koning (NED)/Van Haasetran (AHO)

European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Surprisingly, the recent season-ending ATP and WTA events had very little effect on the European rankings. Of the players in action, only Robin Soderling manages to climb the rankings, advancing to a career high of sixth in Europe after capitalising on a lucky entry to the ATP World Tour Finals due to the withdrawal of Andy Roddick. his run, which included wins over Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic, was bettered by eventual champion Nikolay Davydenko, who beat Nadal, Soderling, Federer and Del Potro on the way to the biggest title of his career. The Russian is in good stead to improve

his ranking even further in 2010, having missed the first four months of 2009 due to injuries.

In the women's list, Flavia Pennetta pays the price of opting to play in the Fed Cup finals rather than travelling to Bali for the Tournament of Champions as Bali finalist Marion Bartoli leapfrogs into the ninth position. Dinara Safina retains her #1 spot, though following injury at the Sony Ericsson Championships is still a doubt for January's Australian circuit. Rankings as of December 7th.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	7800
02	▶	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	6141
03	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	5875
04	▶	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5585
05	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	4820
06	▶	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3965
07	▶	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	3560
08	▶	Agnieska RADWANSKA	POL	3450
09	▲	Marion BARTOLI	ITA	3415
10	▼	Flavia PENNETTA	FRA	3150

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	10550
02	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	9205
03	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	8310
04	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	7030
05	▶	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4930
06	▲	Robin SODERLING	SWE	3410
07	▶	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	3300
08	▼	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2900
09	NEW	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	2625
10	NEW	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2610



Robin Soderling (SWE)



Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)



Marion Bartoli (FRA)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Tennis Europe Christmas Opening Hours

Please note that the Basel office will be closed from 24th December, reopening on Monday January 4th.

National Associations

Ayda Uluç has been elected as President of the Turkish Tennis Federation.

The Estonian Tennis Association has a new address: Marsi str. 4, Tallinn 11316, Estonia.

The Serbian Tennis Federation has a new email address: office@teniskisavez.com

European Racquet Stringers Digest

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HEAD extends ATP Partnership

HEAD NV has announced the extension of their partnership with the ATP until end of 2012. The agreement between HEAD and the ATP was made following meetings at the Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in London where executives from the two organisations met for discussions. The renewal of the partnership, which began in 1994, further extends the relationship as the longest agreement of any current partner of the ATP.

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Above, left: Johan Eliasch (CEO HEAD N.V.) meets Adam Helfant (ATP Executive Chairman & President).

in 2008. "When it comes to quality and performance, the HEAD/Penn tennis balls are second to none," said World No. 4 Andy Murray. "It is great to see HEAD and Penn continue their partnership as the official ball of the ATP because I want to use the best tools possible when I am out there competing."

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