

France and Russia extend dominance of 14 & Under European Summer Cups

The two most successful teams in the history of the European Summer Cups 14 & Under age category once again came out on top at the final rounds of the competition held during the first weekend of July.

In Loano, Italy, Russia upset defending champions Ukraine to regain the girls' Europa Cup title, thanks to a 2-1 win on the final day of the competition.

In a rematch of the 2008 final, Viktoriya Kan scored the first point for Russia, coming from behind to record a 36 61 62 win over Anna Shkudun. European #2 Yulia Putintseva, competing at the final rounds for a second consecutive year, then settled the tie with a 62 63 victory over Yuliya Lysa, before the Ukrainians scored a consolation doubles victory.

Both teams had to survive decisive doubles matches in their semi finals, as Ukraine fought back to beat France and Russia held off the Czech Republic.

The win marks the sixth occasion in the 29-year history of the event that Russia has lifted the trophy (in addition to once as the USSR), giving them one more win than the former Czechoslovakia and cementing their position as the most successful nation in the tournament's history.



The French team display their medals alongside captain Philippe Pech in Seville.

Meanwhile, in the Spanish city of Seville France successfully defended their boys' Copa del Sol title. The French team was forced to dig deep for the win; having cruised through the qualifying competition without the loss of a match, the second seeds had to come from behind in both their quarter and semi final matches against Russia and Israel respectively.

The final match saw them take on Portugal, who were making their first appearance in a Summer >>

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Federer marches on at Wimbledon

Just three weeks on from winning his first ever Roland Garros title, Roger Federer regained the Wimbledon crown to return to the top spot in the world rankings and win a record-breaking 15th Grand Slam.

Serena Williams won the latest battle of the sisters to keep the women's title in American hands while Europe's juniors accounted for a great deal of the silverware.

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<< Cups final across all age groups, and had upset hosts Spain and top seeds Czech Republic on their way to the championship tie.

France's #2 Julien Delaplane put the second seeds in front with a 63 64 win over Rodolfo Pereira in the opening match. The second encounter proved to be a titanic battle as the #3 ranked European U14 Enzo Py outlasted Portuguese #1 Federico Silva 64 67(5) 97 to secure the title, a record tenth for his country in this age category of the European Summer Cups.

France's dominance of this age group is such that their 10 Copa del Sol titles are twice as many as nearest rivals, Sweden and Germany.

The 14 & Under Summer Cups also serve as the European qualifying event for the ITF World Junior Tennis competition. Girls teams from Czech Republic, France, Bulgaria and the Netherlands will join Russia and Ukraine at the competition finals in Prostějov (CZE) from 3-8 August, whilst in the boys event, France and Portugal will be joined by teams from Spain, Israel, Czech Republic and Russia.

A total of 60 national teams participated in the 2009 competition, which saw qualifying take place at eight European venues from the 28th-30th June.



Above: (top) Russia's 14 & Under girls team at the opening ceremony in Loano, Beneath, the French team celebrates Enzo Py's marathon win.

Further information including full draws and results from the competition can be found at the Tennis Europe website, along with photo galleries from the qualifying and final rounds.

14 & Under European Summer Cups: Final Standings

	Europa Cup (Girls)	Copa del Sol (Boys)
01	RUSSIA	FRANCE
02	UKRAINE	PORTUGAL
03	CZECH REPUBLIC	SPAIN
04	FRANCE	ISRAEL
05	BULGARIA	CZECH REPUBLIC
06	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA
07	GREAT BRITAIN	GERMANY
08	BELARUS	SERBIA

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

Germany storms to early lead in Race to the European Tennis Trophy presented by Lindström



Russia faces what is likely to be its toughest challenge for several years in the fight to maintain their European Tennis Trophy dominance.

As the Race to the European Tennis Trophy reaches its halfway mark, Germany has forged a surprising lead thanks to strong performances across three categories in the period from January - June 2009. The country has also been confirmed as the first nation to clinch a title, having accumulated a points margin significant enough to secure the Senior Tennis Trophy for a 19th year.

Those points, combined with those from Professional and Junior Tennis give Germany a 500-point lead over defending champions Russia, with Czech Republic in third place. Russia is seeking to become the first nation to win the trophies for Professional Tennis and Overall Performance for five consecutive years, though they face an uphill battle in 2009 having already been ousted from the Davis and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas competitions, events which contribute greatly to national points totals at the end of the season.

Russia is also under pressure in the field of Junior Tennis, where France holds the lead at the halfway stage of the season, thanks to strong performances in



German players (l-r Hamm, Löffler, Nitsche, Haas) dominated the recent European Outdoor Seniors Championships.

the team events to have been decided so far this season, the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD and 14 & under Summer Cups. Other nations to be doing well include Israel (currently at a record high of seventh overall) and Ukraine (up from 15th at the end of 2008 to 8th).

Points have yet to be allocated in the Wheelchair Tennis discipline, with its contributing competitions reaching a climax in the second half of the season. The first Trophy Race update of 2009 includes all points earned by nations prior to this week, and includes Sony Ericsson WTA Race points. Rankings that use a rollover 52-week system are not included at this stage. The final European Tennis Trophy presented by Lindström results will be revealed at the end of the year.

2009 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY presented by Lindström

	Overall Performance	Overall Points (Jan-June 2009)	Professional Tennis	Junior Tennis	Senior Tennis
01	GERMANY	2311.5	RUSSIA	FRANCE	GERMANY
02	RUSSIA	1768.5	CZECH REP.	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA
03	CZECH REP.	1331.5	ITALY	BELGIUM (3=)	RUSSIA
04	FRANCE	1219	SPAIN	GT BRITAIN (3=)	NETHERLANDS
05	ITALY	1122.5	FRANCE	UKRAINE (3=)	ITALY
06	SPAIN	869	GERMANY	HUNGARY	HUNGARY
07	ISRAEL	582.5	ISRAEL	GERMANY	DENMARK
08	UKRAINE	581.5	CROATIA	BELARUS (8=)	CZECH REP. (8=)
09	AUSTRIA	557.5	SERBIA	SPAIN (8=)	SWEDEN (8=)
10	SERBIA	539.5	UKRAINE	PORTUGAL	FINLAND

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

This year's ITF / Tennis Europe 16 & Under A Team recently took part in a 6-week tour of Italy and France. The tour began on 27th May with a training camp helped at the Vavassory Academy in Palazzolo, Italy, where the team of 5 girls (Ganna Poznikhirenko (UKR), Marijana Novakovic (BIH), Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR), Julija Kulibaba (LAT) and Nino G Sujashvili (GEO)) and 3 boys (Dimitar Kuzmanov (BUL), Alen Salibasic (BIH), Aleksandre Metreveli (GEO)) practised together for 4 days.

The training camp gave the opportunity for the players and their coaches Rudi Visser (NED) and Goran Shevchenko (MKD) to get to know each other before undertaking a five event tour of some of the top Tennis Europe Junior Tour events of the summer. The tour kicked off at the Category 1 Montecatini event, before moving on to other Italian tournaments in Avvenire/Milan and Crema. The fourth week of the tour saw the players move to France for the prestigious Le Pontet and Mondial Paris Cadets events.

Marijana Novakovic began the circuit in style, winning the first girls tournament in Montecatini while Ganna Poznikhirenko from Ukraine reached the semi-final. Dimitar Kuzmanov reached the boys' singles final beating team mate Aleksandre Metreveli in the quarter finals. Aliaksandra Sasnovich teamed with ITF International Team member Ran Tian of China to win the girls' doubles tournament.

The tournament in Milan was again a successful one for the team. Dimitar Kuzmanov improved his previous result by winning the boys singles tournament while girls Ganna Poznikhirenko and Aliaksandra Sasnovich reached the quarter finals. For the second week running, Sasnovich and Tian teamed up to win the girls' doubles.

The next tournament in Crema was arguably the most successful for the Tennis Europe Team. Dimitar Kuzmanov again showed that he is probably the best player on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour right now by taking his second consecutive singles title. In addition, Aliaksandra Sasnovich from Belarus found her best form and won the girls event before once again teaming with partner Tian to win a third consecutive doubles title.

Next the players moved to France, where the transition to hard courts did little to slow their progress. Dimitar Kuzmanov reached his 4th singles final in a row, but had to settle for a runner-up spot, losing to COSAT team member Ricardo Rodriguez of Venezuela. Ganna Poznikhirenko and Aliaksandra



Above: the 16 & Under team, Below: doubles stars Ran Tian (CHN) & Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR)



Sasnovich reached the semi finals in the girls' singles tournament. Maintaining their incredible run, Aliaksandra and Tian won their fourth doubles title of the tour.

The Tour was concluded in Paris, where Kuzmanov, Sasnovich and Kulibaba all posted semi final finishes. In the girls doubles draw, Sasnovich and Tian reached an incredible fifth consecutive final but came up second best against COSAT team members Victoria Bosio and Patricia Ku.

The team coach, Goran Shevchenko was delighted with the success of his players, commenting "This year we had a great team. This was one of the most successful Tours ever for a Tennis Europe Team. All of the players showed a capacity to improve day by day and gave 100% effort to reach the goals set during the training camp. With the exception of the last tournament Tennis Europe Team players won in singles and doubles at every event. Excellent Team spirit and hard work were keys to success of our Team. I feel privileged to get the opportunity to be apart of this great success."



European Junior Individual & Team Championships



The coming few weeks see a heavy schedule of European Championship activity for the continents' top juniors. The week of 20-26th July sees the European Individual Championships take place at three venues; Pilzen, Czech Republic (14 & Under), Moscow, Russia (16 & Under) and Villach, Austria (18 & Under). The tournament is traditionally the tour's toughest event, with a massive 250 ranking points on offer to the winner as well as the prestige of following in the footsteps of the nine former world #1s to feature amongst the past winners.

Last year's 14 & Under girl's champion, and current European #1 Petra Uberalova is the only player set to attempt to defend her title, amidst a strong draw which features most of the European top 20. Only one player has ever successfully defended the 14 & Under title, a certain Steffi Graf in 1982-83.

2008 16 & Under winners Timea Babos (HUN) and Henri Laaksonen (FIN) will both feature in the 18 & Under event this time. Joining them will be junior Wimbledon runner-up and 2007 14 & Under champion Kristina Mladenovic of France, currently ranked #2 in the ITF junior world rankings.

Immediately following the event, many of the same players will travel in their teams to participate in the European Summer Cups team events. Full details of venues and the repartition of nations can be found on the next page.

For a third year, the Under 12s also have their own team event, the Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD. Full draws, results, player nominations and the latest photos from all European Championship events can be found at www.TennisEurope.org



Petra Uberalova (SVK) receives the 2008 trophy.

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by Head Boys 12&U - (Qualifying 26-29 Jul)

Zone A	Rakovnik (CZE)	Austria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Rep, Estonia, France, G. Britain, Slovenia
Zone B	Salo (ITA)	Bosnia & H, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden
Zone C	Haren (NED)	Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Netherlands, Russia, Spain
Zone D	Izmit (TUR)	Bulgaria, Latvia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Ukraine
Finals	Alghero (ITA)	06-09 August

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by Head Girls 12&U - (Qualifying 26-29 Jul)

Zone A	Sliven (BUL)	Bosnia & H, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey, Ukraine
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Belgium, Croatia, Czech Rep, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Slovakia, Switzerland
Zone C	Brescia (ITA)	France, Hungary, Italy, Israel, Malta, Moldova, Serbia, Sweden
Zone D	Haren (NED)	Austria, Cyprus, Finland, Great Britain, Latvia, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain
Finals	Ajaccio (FRA)	06-09 August



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European Summer Cups Boys 16&U Borotra Cup - (Qualifying 29-31 Jul)

Zone A	Arezzo (ITA)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Romania
Zone B	Wroclaw (POL)	Belarus, Denmark, Great Britain, Latvia, Poland, Ukraine
Zone C	Castellón (ESP)	Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Spain
Zone D	Beringen (SUI)	Austria, Czech Rep, France, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey
Finals	Le Touquet (FRA)	03-05 August

European Summer Cups Girls 16&U Helvetie Cup - (Qualifying 29-31 Jul)

Zone A	Pleven (BUL)	Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Hungary, Poland, Romania
Zone B	Queenswood (GBR)	Belarus, Great Britain, Latvia, Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden
Zone C	Kfar Saba (ISR)	Czech Rep, France, Greece, Israel, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine
Zone D	Trani (ITA)	Croatia, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Malta, Serbia, Slovenia
Finals	Leysin (SUI)	03-05 August

European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS Boys 18&U - (Qualifying 29-31 Jul)

Zone A	Opava (CZE)	Belarus, Czech Rep, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Serbia
Zone B	Venice (ITA)	Croatia, Great Britain, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey
Zone C	Piestany (SVK)	France, Poland, Slovak Republic, Ukraine
Zone D	Ptuj (SLO)	Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Greece, Russia, Slovenia, Sweden
Finals	La Rochelle (FRA)	03-05 August

European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS Girls 18&U - (Qualifying 29-31 Jul)

Zone A	Sandanski (BUL)	Bulgaria, Greece, Slovenia, Ukraine
Zone B	Frydlant (CZE)	Czech Rep, Denmark, Hungary, Slovakia, Spain
Zone C	Maglie (ITA)	Croatia, France, Italy, Portugal, Sweden
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Russia, Serbia, Turkey
Finals	Lleida (ESP)	25-27 September

South East Training Camp in Ankara

The sixth edition of the ITF/Tennis Europe South East Regional Training Camp for players aged 12 & under was held in Ankara, Turkey recently under the supervision of ITF expert Rolf Bühler of Switzerland. The camp, which ran from 2 – 10 July, attracted thirty three players and eight coaches from seven countries in the Balkan and Caucasus region (Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYR Macedonia, Bulgaria, Albania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Turkey).

During the five days of the camp, players had the opportunity to improve their tactical, technical and fitness skills whilst paying special attention to the clay court game, with a focus on topics such as balance, sliding and inside-out forehands. During the mornings, players worked on the basics of the daily topics, and in the afternoon were able to put what they had learnt into practice in match situations.

In addition to the camp, the players had the opportunity to take part in the international 12 & Under Development Championships, which took place in Ankara Tennis Club upon completion of the training camp. The Championships were played in multiple round-robin competition format. The 4 best boys and girls from qualifying rounds played against each other in order to determine the most successful one.

Martin Dimitrov of Bulgaria won the boy's competition, finishing top of his group with a 2-1 win/loss record. Zina Mehikic of Bosnia and Herzegovina dominated the girls group, scoring three consecutive straight set wins to top the group with ease.



On court in Ankara

Birol Vural, representative of the host nation and organizer of the South East Regional Training Camp, professed his satisfaction with the events, commenting: "The camp was a great success. The ITF Expert, coaches and players showed great dedication during the camp. All of the players were keen to take advantage of the chance to compare themselves with players of other countries' of a similar age, whilst the coaches were keen to share their knowledge and experience with each other. I can say that our players and the coaches got a lot of experience and benefit from the camp, as well as some good friendships and cultural exchanges among them. All the players left the camp with a lot of good memories."

The Turkish Tennis Federation wishes to express their thanks to the ITF and Tennis Europe for being given the chance to organize this important development event in Turkey.

European Beach Tennis Championships



The third annual European Beach Tennis Championships will be held in Cagliari, Italy, during the weekend of 4th-6th September.

The event is open to all Tennis Europe member nations, each of whom may enter a maximum of four male and four female players (to comprise up to two men's, two women's and two mixed doubles teams) before the July 24th entry deadline. For further information, contact Carola Löffler (carolal@tenniseurope.org),



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Competition

Each year, Tennis Europe holds a competition rewarding the tournament directors deemed to have best represented the Tennis Europe Junior Tour in their promotional and professional efforts. The prize for the winners is a trip to a European Grand Slam event, and this year's recipients were Claudine and Jean-Claude Knaebel, organisers of the world famous 'Les Petits As' event in Tarbes.

We asked them for their impressions of their trip to Wimbledon, provided by Tennis Europe.

Firstly, we would like to thank again the President, Jacques Dupré, the Chairman of the Junior Committee, Ayda Uluç as well as all the staff to have rewarded us with that fantastic 3-days trip in Wimbledon.

As life long tennis lovers, we have been told that Wimbledon is THE reference point in terms of tradition as we soon realized why. The atmosphere is very pleasant, smooth and quiet. Everything is clean and well-cared for. There were no fanatics in the paths between the courts, only tennis lovers, experts and respectful spectators, surely more than anywhere else.

The opening of the doors at Wimbledon is a very special moment: the crowd, hushed and organized, follows religiously the path marked by the security guards and stewards to the centre of the grounds before dispersing down the different alleys.

The key word in Wimbledon is: Tradition. Indeed, from the world number 1 to the very lowest ranked, every player is dressed in white. Sponsors are here as well but with discretion, no huge advertising. The logo size on tee-shirts, caps, shorts or any other clothes is strictly limited. Rolex, for example, is just mentioned on the scoreboard whereas Slazenger only appears on the court backdrop.

On the side-courts, no electronic boards, the score is still changed manually! It gives a very nostalgic feeling. From the stands of the centre court, half-covered by the new roof, or the Court #1, we noticed during the rallies that the balls fly like rockets, much faster than on the Parisian clay.

Referees as well are in the same spirit, wearing a smart hat, tie and jacket. There is no VIP Village nor sponsors' booth or stand here. The public is very well catered for: on offer are kilos of creamy strawberries, champagne and of course the famous 'Pimm's', the unofficial beverage of the tournament.



Les Petits As organisers Claudine and Jean-Claude Knaebel at the doors of the All-England Club.

The ones who didn't have the chance to get a centre courts ticket just sit down on 'Murray Mount' to see the game from the grassy hill on a huge screen eating the local fish and chips or drinking a cup of tea with scones.

But there are many other food points, very large, where you can find fast food or more gastronomical delights. Shops are also very numerous and big but inside you can only find registered products of Wimbledon, for men and women. The British know what business means!

To conclude, we have thoroughly enjoyed Wimbledon and its unique characteristics, but we also love Roland Garros and its evolutions as we have been visiting there for 30 years.

Finally, we thank Olli Mäenpää, Carola Löffler and Jonathan Jobson of Tennis Europe for the meeting we had on site.

All tournament directors are eligible to enter the 2009 competition, which is already underway. To have a chance of winning a trip to Roland Garros in 2010 or one of many other smaller prizes, just send us a dossier containing and press coverage of your event, player and/or general photographs from the tournament. For more information, please contact Magnus Grönvold at magnusg@tenniseurope.org.

In the Spotlight: Luca Appino, author of 'the World of Rafael Nadal'

Luca Appino is a well-known name throughout the tennis world, having worked for many years with racquet manufacturer Babolat, and currently as the coach of Estonia's #1 player, Kaia Kanepi. He has recently authored a book, 'The World of Rafael Nadal' in which he explores the secrets of the success of the Spanish #1. We caught up with him to ask about the project.

How did you first come to know Rafa and his family?

I met them in Mallorca when he was 12 years old. He had been scouted by a local sport store and I was working as the Sport Marketing Director for a famous tennis racquet brand.

At this time he was having a lot of success on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour – was it clear to you even at that stage that Rafa was a future world #1?

I immediately had the feeling of a young talent with a great potential. He was amongst the best I had seen, with an important plus: a lot of margin to improve. From there it was impossible to say 'this is a future #1'; there was a long way to go.

Why did you decide to produce this book?

My tennis life and activity puts me in contact with a lot of young players, parents and coaches and I often have the feeling there is one important component missing: common sense.

The book's subtitle is '30 Tips for Moving Forward'. Can it be described in some way as a coaching manual?

I'd say yes, in the sense that, in my opinion, knowledge and experience should help to keep things simple in order to help the players to make the most of their potential. A lot of time I see coaches and/or parents quite willing to "use" the players in order to reach their own goals or to please themselves.

You cooperated with Rafa's uncle and coach Toni on the book. How do you think Toni has managed to become such an exceptional tennis coach, after having a primary career as a footballer?

Toni is a great and very smart guy, but Rafael also has unbelievable qualities. The two together have been successful, that's just a matter of fact. It takes two to tango!

With injury scares and a very physical playing style, many observers fear that Rafa's career may be prematurely curtailed. What are his prospects for a long career?



Luca Appino (left) with Rafa Nadal and uncle/coach Toni, who collaborated on 'The World of Rafael Nadal'

Every player has his own way with good and bad luck, but so far Rafael is having a great career, for the future only time will tell, as usual.

Now you are coaching Estonia's #1 female player, Kaia Kanepi. Have you been able to apply any of the advice given in the book to her training?

Yes, of course, she already reached her highest career ranking of eighteenth in the world before having a couple of small physical problems. But I'm sure that working properly and seriously always pays off.

What's next for you? More books, more coaching, the tennis industry..?

I enjoy action and being active and creative, besides coaching I'm working on a couple of projects you'll soon hear about!

The book is available to purchase online at www.rafabook.com for a special price of €21. We have five copies to give away to our readers. Simply mail contactus@tenniseurope.org with your address and the answer to the following question: Which player ended Rafa's world-record breaking 81-match clay court win streak at last year's Rome Masters?

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Juan Carlos Ferrero.

A winner will be picked at random and announced in next month's issue of Tennis Europe News.

Record-breaker Federer a winner again at Wimbledon

Wimbledon broke from tradition in 2009, unveiling the much-heralded roof to its centre court, enabling organisers to ensure uninterrupted coverage of the tournament. The events themselves did little to break free from tradition, with former champions returning to the men's and women's winners circles, and both doubles pairings successfully defending their titles.

As in 2008, the lasting impression of the event will be that of the men's final. A year on from losing what was widely regarded as the best ever tennis match against Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer triumphed in what would be the longest ever Grand Slam final in terms of games played, winning a 77-game encounter over Andy Roddick to grab a record 15th Grand Slam title, and return to the top of the world rankings.

Despite a 2-18 win/loss record against Federer, Roddick started the final with high hopes of an upset, having scored impressive wins over in-form opponents Lleyton Hewitt and Andy Murray earlier in the week. The American was the better player early in the contest, forcing the only break of the opening three sets to take the first set 7-5 before impressing in the second on his way to a 5-2 tie break lead. A couple of fluffed opportunities enabled Federer to level at a set apiece, to Roddick's palpable disappointment. When Federer clinched the third in another tiebreak Roddick steeled himself for his own comeback, breaking the Swiss in the fourth game to claw back to 2 sets all. The fifth set was monumental, its' 95 minutes and 30 games were the longest fifth set of any Grand Slam final in history. Both players held serve with seeming ease, though Federer made more of an impression on his opponent, creating half chances upon which he was unable to capitalise. Roddick's best chance appeared at 8-8, when a backhand down the line created two break points for the American. Federer saved one of them with an ace, one of an incredible 50 served by the Swiss throughout the afternoon, just one shy of the Wimbledon record for aces in a match, and a personal best for Federer. Serving to stay in the match for an incredible twelfth time, Roddick finally slipped, with a series of unforced errors giving the Swiss a first match point, which he duly converted for his first break of the four and a half hour encounter.

Federer admitted to being "staggered" by his latest Grand Slam success, saying, "I never expected I could be the player I am now. I never thought I could be this consistent." Commenting on the match, he said, "It was a crazy match with an unbelievable end. My head's still spinning, but it's an unbelievable moment in my career."

A day previously, Serena Williams had ensured that



US players would account for at least some of the silverware, turning the tables on older sister Venus to score a straight sets win over the five-time champion to win the Wimbledon crown for a third time.

The first set of their final was of particularly high quality, with both players facing just one break point. A flash of brilliance allowed Serena to edge in front in the deciding tie break, and she never looked back, breaking Venus in the sixth game of a second set in which the defending champion looked increasingly shaky on serve as the match wore on.

Whilst still occupying the world #2 spot, Serena Williams has once again reasserted her position as the dominant player on the women's tour, and now holds three of the four Grand Slam titles. The win marks her eleventh Slam in total, moving her to seventh on the all-time list and just one title behind Billie Jean King's total. Whilst expressing surprise at still being ranked #2, Williams said "I feel like I'm still really young and I'm only thinking about continuing my career. To be mentioned in the same sentence as such great champions is a real honour for me."

For a second consecutive year, the pair returned to the court hours later to contest the women's doubles final and were given a stern test by the Aussie pairing of Sam Stosur and Rennae Stubbs. Having recovered from a 2-4 deficit in the first set, the sisters secured a tie break win with some inspired shot making at just the right moments before definitively breaking the serve of the Australians in the seventh game of the second set. The win was their fourth Wimbledon doubles title, a ninth Grand Slam together, and marked the first time that the pair had defended a doubles Slam title.

Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic also retained their doubles title, though they had a difficult encounter with over the American Bryan brothers, Bob and Mike in the men's final. Having split the first three sets in tie breaks, Nestor and Zimonjic earned the only break of

Record-breaker Federer a winner again at Wimbledon

the match in the seventh game of the fourth set to secure the win, increasing their win/loss record to 6-3 against the world's best pair. The win was the second Grand Slam title of Serbian Zimonjic's career and the fifth for Canada's Nestor.

The mixed doubles resulted in a first Wimbledon win for Anna-Lena Groenefeld and Mark Knowles, who upset top seeds Cara Black and Leander Paes. The win marks a first mixed Slam for both players, and completes Bahaman Knowles' set of having won at least one title at all four Grand Slams.

Noppawan Lertcheewakarn of Thailand was another player who improved on a 2008 final loss to leave SW19 with a title in 2009. The junior world #4, who lost to Laura Robson in the deciding match twelve months ago, fought back from a set down to oust former European Junior Champion Kristina Mladenovic of France. Mladenovic, the top seed, had been gunning for her second consecutive junior Slam having won at Roland Garros last month, but received treatment from the trainer for an injury to her right knee in the second set and was unable to put up much resistance after that.

As in the women's event, the two players returned to court for the girls doubles final, where the Thai player once again bested her French rival, teaming with Australian Sally Peers to score a resounding 61 61 win over Mladenovic and Croatian Silvia Njiric. It is the second consecutive junior doubles Slam for Lertcheewakarn, who also won at Roland Garros a few weeks earlier.

Andrey Kuznetsov deposed of a host of higher ranked players – including highly rated Australian Bernard Tomic in the semifinals - on his way to becoming the first Russian ever to win the Wimbledon boy's title. His final opponent was American qualifier Jordan Cox, who wilted after a fine start while the Russian found his range in a 46 62 62 win that lasted an hour and half in front of a packed Court #1.

The boys doubles event featured the only all-European final of the Championships. The match was yet another nailbiting affair, with Franco-German pair Pierre Hugues Herbert and Kevin Krawietz eventually ousting Frenchmen Julien Obry and Adrian Puget 12-10 in the third set, with the marathon ending keeping the Court 1 crowds rapt in attention as the cheers for the thrilling conclusion of the Federer-Roddick match echoed across the grounds from the centre court



Wimbledon 2009 - Final Results

Men's Singles

(2) Roger Federer (SUI) d. (6) Andy Roddick (USA) 57 76(6) 76(5) 36 16-14

Men's Doubles

(2) Nestor (CAN)/Zimonjic (SRB) d. (1) Bryan/Bryan (USA) 76(7) 67(3) 76(3) 63

Women's Singles

(2) Serena Williams (USA) d. (3) Venus Williams (USA) 76(3) 62

Women's Doubles

(4) Williams/Williams (USA) d. Stosur/Stubbs (AUS) 76(4) 64

Mixed Doubles

(9) Groenefeld (GER)/Knowles (BAH) def. (1) Black (ZIM)/Paes (IND) 7-5 6-3

Boys' Singles

Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS) d. Jordan Cox (USA) 46 62 62

Boys' Doubles

Herbert (FRA)/Krawietz (GER) d. Obry/Puget (FRA) 67(3) 62 12-10

Girls' Singles

(4) Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (THA) d. (1) Kristina Mladenovic (FRA) d. 36 63 61

Girls' Doubles

Lertcheewakarn (THA)/Peers (AUS) d. (2) Mladenovic (FRA)/Njiric (CRO) 61 61

Wheelchair Men Doubles

(1) Houdet/Jeremiasz (FRA) d. Ammerlaan (NED)/Kuneida (JPN) 16 64 (7-3)

Wheelchair Women's Doubles

(1) Homan/Vergeer (NED) d. Di Toro (AUS)/Shuker (GBR) 61 63

Beyond the Baseline...

The Sony Ericsson WTA Tour has announced that Stacey Allaster, the organisation's President since 2006, will take on the new role of Chairman and CEO with immediate effect.

Having retired in 2008, former top-50 player Raemon Sluiter has had some success on his reentrance to professional tennis, becoming the lowest ranked player ever to reach an ATP final at 'tHertogenbosch, then ranked just #866.

Jelena Dokic's stop-start year continues. Having followed up her Australian Open quarter final spot with a string of early losses, the former world #4 has been diagnosed with mononucleosis and is likely to be out for several weeks. Meanwhile, former #1 Ana Ivanovic will be out for several weeks as she rests the left thigh tear that saw her retire from Wimbledon.

Organisers of the ATP World Tour Valencia Open 500 event due to be played in November have launched a competition on social networking site Facebook in which fans will be able to choose the colour of the court.

19-year old Caroline Wozniacki has been selected to become the new face of Stella McCartney's adidas tennis line, and will debut the apparel from the US Open onwards.

Thanks to his Wimbledon victory, Roger Federer is confirmed as the second man to qualify for the Barclays ATP World Tour finals in London which begins on November 22nd. He and Rafael Nadal are so far the only players to clinch spots, whilst Daniel Nestor & Nenad Zimonjic and Bob & Mike Bryan have secured their doubles places.

The USTA has announced that the total US Open prize money fund will top \$21.6 million, plus bonuses for US Open Series winners.

Spanish 1972 Roland Garros champion Andres Gimeno and nine-time Grand Slam champion Monica Seles were amongst the players inducted

into the International Tennis Hall of Fame recently.

IFM Sports Marketing Surveys has revealed that Wilson received almost 130 hours of coverage on the two main show courts of the Wimbledon championships in 2009, with HEAD and Babolat runners-up in terms of exposure.

The Davis Cup by BNP Paribas features an all-European semi final line-up. Croatia will host the Czech Republic, while Spain will attempt to maintain their 16 consecutive home match winning streak alive against first-time semi finalists Israel.

The International Tennis Federation has announced that NH Hoteles has extended their sponsorship of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas for an additional three years.

The Rocco Polimeni Tennis Club in Reggio Calabria will be the venue of the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas final between Italy and the United States during the weekend of 7-8 November.

Following their Wimbledon success, the Williams sisters have been in action in World Team Tennis matches in the US. Both suffered surprise singles defeats, with Serena losing 5-1 to 14 year old Madison Keys and Venus losing 5-3 to 16-year old Sloane Stephens. Serena then on to a White House meeting with US President Barack Obama.

Having missed the grass court season to rest his chronic knee injury, Rafael Nadal will regain training next week with the aim of returning to the ATP World Tour in time to defend his Montreal title in August.

Kim Clijsters has confirmed that she will play at the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour event in Luxembourg as part of her comeback later this year. The former world #1 has a 26-1 lifetime record at the event.

Judy Murray, mother of world #3 Andy is setting up her own tennis academy in central Scotland.

Fast Facts

One third of children (33%) from 'established' tennis nations list winning Wimbledon as the most prestigious achievement in the sport, compared to one quarter (24%) from 'emerging' markets. More than twice as many juniors from emerging markets (10%) see the Olympic Gold medal as the ultimate achievement, while roughly 50% believe the accolade goes to attaining the world #1 spot.

Source: Tennis Europe/Sports Marketing Surveys 'Next Generation Survey', for further information contact Carola Löffler - carola.l@tenniseurope.org





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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

July is a busy month for Europe's top Under 14s, with no less than eight Tennis Europe Junior Tour events taking place last week alone. The busy schedule is reflected in the latest rankings which see several new entries to the boy's top ten. Amongst them is in-form Igor Smilanski of Israel. The Summer Cups semi finalist went on to reach the final of the BNP paribas Cup in Paris last week to burst into the top ten just ahead of Portugal's Frederico Silva, who scored his best result so far on the tour anchoring his

team to the final of the Summer Cups.

In the girls list, Darya Lebesheva's three titles so far this year push the Belarus player up to fourth, while Austria's Barbara Haas enters at #10, becoming the youngest player in the list.

The top eight European players at the end of the season qualify to take part in the TennisEurope Junior Masters event due to be held in Napoli from October 2-4.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Petra UBERALOVA	SVK	760
02	▲	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	550
03	▲	Victoriya TOMOVA	BUL	545
04	▲	Darya LEBESHEVA	BLR	520
05	▼	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	515
06	▼	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	505
07	▶	Gabriela PANTUCKOVA	CZE	480
08	▶	Katy DUNNE	GBR	410
09	▶	Sonja LIASKOVA	CZE	370
10	NEW	Barbara HAAS	AUT	370



Darya Lebesheva (BLR)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	660
02	▲	Enzo PY	FRA	565
03	▼	Evan HOYT	GBR	540
04	NEW	Igor SMILANSKI	ISR	485
05	▶	Stefano NAPOLITANO	ITA	450
06	NEW	Frederico SILVA	POR	435
07	▼	Matteo DONATI	ITA	435
08	▼	Borna CORIC	CRO	435
09	NEW	Marek ROUTA	CZE	430
10	▼	Luke BAMBRIDGE	GBR	420



Frederico Silva (POR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 16 & Under

There have been some significant changes to the rankings this month following a six-week period of intense activity on the Tour, including several high-yielding Category 1 events. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, Aliaksandra Sasnovich climbs to #2 thanks to her recent title run in Crema. She also holds a tour-leading five doubles titles.

Two ITF/COSAT Touring Team members make a splash on the boy's rankings in July with Chilean

Benjamin Ugarte winning the coveted Paris Cadets title, a week after team-mate Ricardo Rodriguez of won in Le Pontet to become the first Venezuelan boy to feature in the Tennis Europe Junior Tour top ten. The pair also teamed up to win the doubles in Le Pontet.

Rankings are updated each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org and are available in alphabetical and numerical formats. Rankings below as of 16.07.2009.

16 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Jovana JAKSIC	SRB	445
02	▲	Aliaksandra SASNOVICH	BLR	421
03	▶	Timea BABOS	HUN	380
04	▲	Elena CADAR	ROU	370
05	NEW	Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO	UKR	355
06	▼	Agnes BUKTA	HUN	350
07	▲	Marijana NOVAKOVIC	BIH	335
08	▼	Tjasa SRIMPF	SLO	321
09	NEW	Simona IONESCU	ROU	305
10	▼	Cristina DINU	ROU	300



Aliaksandra Sasnovich (BLR). Photo: Stephane Martinache.

16 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Dimitar KUZMANOV	BUL	500
02	NEW	Benjamin UGARTE	CHI	405
03	▲	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	405
04	▼	Axel ALVAREZ	ESP	385
05	▲	Mate PAVIC	CRO	365
06	▶	Dominic THIEM	AUT	360
07	▼	Roberto CARBALLES	ESP	345
08	▼	Mate DELIC	CRO	345
09	NEW	Ricardo RODRIGUEZ	VEN	335
10	▼	Vladislav MANAFOV	UKR	320



Benjamin Ugarte (CHI). Photo: Stephane Martinache.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jun-08	Sarajevo (BIH)	N De Fraia (ITA)	V Rados (BIH)	61 62	De Fraia/De Fraia (ITA)
		A Chikalkina (RUS)	M Mone (ITA)	63 76(3)	Atzori/Mone (ITA)
Jun-15	Cacak (SRB)	D Vukicevic (SRB)	F Grbic (SRB)	26 75 76(5)	Ito/Itsusaki (JPN)
		M Vuckovic (SRB)	A Chikalkina (RUS)	64 61	Vuckovic/Debeljak (SRB)
Jun-22	Riga (LAT)	T Babelis (LTU)	N Johansen (FIN)	62 64	Niklas Salminen/Johansen (FIN)
		I Shymanovich (BLR)	G Kerezaite (EST)	62 63	Shymanovich/Tsylinskaya (BLR)
Jun-29	Prijedor (BIH)	B Habul (BIH)	A Gracin (CRO)	63 64	Habul (BIH)/Gracin (CRO)
		N Jovic (BIH)	E Delibegovic (BIH)	61 75	not played
Jun-29	Trieste (ITA)	A Tabilo (CAN)	S Desmuc (IND)	64 61	Mosciatti/Siccardi (ITA)
		J Pieri (ITA)	A Iska (IND)	36 62 62	Potocnik/Zidansek (SLO)
Jun-29	Pinsk (BLR)	A Halinko (BLR)	A Andruhau (BLR)	62 64	Bandaryk/Halinko (BLR)
		I Shymanovich (BLR)	A Semashko (BLR)	63 61	Shymanovich/Tsylinskaya (BLR)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Cat. Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jun-08	Vilnius (LTU)	3 L Gorecky (CZE)	A Slobodkins (LAT)	61 60	Radziukynas/Veliamovic (LTU)
		J Ostapenko (LAT)	A Zablotskaya (BLR)	61 67(4) 62	Cepelyte/Parazinskaite (LTU)
Jun-15	Mostar (BIH)	3 N Serdarusic (CRO)	F Bakalovic (BIH)	64 64	Kijametovic/Marinovic (BIH)
		S Matekova (CZE)	D Muminovic (BIH)	64 75	Cesnekova (SVK)/Cuk (SLO)
Jun-15	Skopje (MKD)	3 L Illic (SRB)	N Milosevic (SRB)	62 46 60	Ilic/Milosevic (SRB)
		E Tiel (NED)	A Alzate (NED)	57 63 61	Tiel/Alzate (NED)
Jun-15	Nastola (FIN)	3 V Telinkangas (FIN)	T Colautti (GBR)	75 46 61	Colautti/Boden (GBR)
		I Chernaya (RUS)	S Savvest (EST)	62 61	Vorobjova/Savvest (EST)
Jun-15	Tbilisi (GEO)	3 G Dzavakhishvili (GEO)	A Davlianidze (GEO)	26 63 62	Pechkin (RUS)/Davlianidze (GEO)
		M Katsitadze (RUS)	L Nadibaidze (GEO)	1-0 ret	Gogelashvili/Ugrelidze (GEO)
Jun-22	Riga (LAT)	2 B Savransky (ISR)	P Hovorka (CZE)	61 61	Savransky/Guilenson (ISR)
		M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	A Danilina (RUS)	61 46 62	Sergheeva (MDA)/Zakarlyuk (UKR)
Jun-22	Birkerod (DEN)	3 D Windahl (SWE)	P Andriuc (ROU)	62 46 61	Karahemic (NOR)/Burr (DEN)
		H Odegaard (NOR)	K Boulter (GBR)	63 63	Mogilnitskaya/Yuzefovich (RUS)
Jun-22	Tbilisi (GEO)	3 A Davlianidze (GEO)	G Dzavakhishvili (GEO)	76 61	Pechkin (RUS)/Davlianidze (GEO)
		S Hopper (AUS)	M Katsitadze (RUS)	62 62	Katsitadze/Bokhua (RUS)

Full drawsheets from all Tennis Europe Junior Tour events can be found online.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jun-22	Cacak (SRB)	3	L Ilic (SRB)	L Djere (SRB)	w/o	Ilic/Milosevic (SRB)
			V Jankovic (SRB)	M Markovic (SRB)	w/o	Gradinaru/Dascalu (ROU)
Jun-29	Liepaja (LAT)	2	P Hovorka (CZE)	D Medvedev (UKR)	60 60	Savransky/Guilenson (ISR)
			I Ducu (ROU)	A Kalinina (UKR)	62 ret	Vorobjova/Savvest (EST)
Jun-29	Velp (NED)	3	O Salman (BEL)	S Van Triest (NED)	76(4) 63	Bhatia/Naruka (IND)
			C Übelhör (GER)	A Lottner (GER)	64 75	Luterbacher (SUI)/Überhör (GER)
Jun-29	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	J Willems (GER)	L Kepser (GER)	46 62 62	Burr/Hannestad (DEN)
			S Senger (GER)	M Pedersen (GER)	64 64	Lohan (IRL)/Grabher (AUT)
Jun-29	Yerevan (ARM)	3	M Kravtsov (RUS)	B Bobrov (RUS)	62 61	Bobrov/Kravtsov (RUS)
			M Tsakanyan (RUS)	P Novoselova (RUS)	61 62	Sheshtokva (UKR)/Rostiasvili (GEO)
Jul-06	Paris (FRA)	1	E Py (FRA)	I Smilanski (ISR)	36 62 63	Osterling/Panta (PER)
			V Tomova (BUL)	I Fontanarosa (FRA)	61 60	Haas (AUT)/Krejciikova (CZE)
Jul-06	Edinburgh (GBR)	3	S Manji (GBR)	R Frankel (GBR)	57 62 62	Frankel/McIntosh (GBR)
			H Dart (GBR)	B Folland (GBR)	62 63	Keddie/Millar (GBR)
Jul-06	Meppel (NED)	3	D Felix (GER)	S Stevens (BEL)	63 62	Mante/Van Triest (NED)
			A Lottner (GER)	M Cremont (FRA)	tbc	Luttikis/Rikkert (NED)
Jul-06	Bergheim (AUT)	3	D Baumann (GER)	J Oravec (SVK)	63 64	Fink/Zottl (AUT)
			M Margulis (RUS)	K Sharifova (RUS)	63 64	Flink/Margulis (RUS)
Jul-06	Tallinn (EST)	3	D Medvedev (RUS)	A Slobodkins (LAT)	60 76(4)	Slobodkins (LAT)/Veliamovic (LTU)
			U Ayzatulina (RUS)	J Ostapenko (LAT)	57 75 76(3)	Mikulskyte/Vysniauskaite (LTU)
Jul-06	Corradino (MLT)	3	A Massara (ITA)	S Trovato (ITA)	75 62	Lucchese/Massara (ITA)
			I Soylu (TUR)	J Jebawy (GER)	75 63	Napolitano/Tricarico (ITA)
Jul-06	Yerevan (ARM)	3	T Goldengorn (ISR)	D Volfson (CAN)	60 62	Avetisyan (ARM)/Pervolarakis (CYP)
			R Asatryan (USA)	A Morozova (RUS)	61 67(3) 61	Anastryan (USA)/Minasyan (MDA)

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

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Date	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jun-15	Crema (ITA)	2	D Kuzmanov (BUL)	F Mantilla (COL)	64 67(10) 61	Rodriguez (VEN)/Ugarte (CHI)
			A Sasnovich (BLR)	S Eccel (ITA)	63 46 62	Sasnovich (BLR)/Tian (CHN)
Jun-15	Nastola (FIN)	3	S Leskinen (FIN)	D Hodgetts (GBR)	60 63	Heimonen/Nietsovaara (FIN)
			E Leivo (FIN)	A Rasmussen (DEN)	61 75	Sillanpaa/Leivo (FIN)
Jun-15	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	G Tsivadze (GEO)	D Khutsishvili (GEO)	64 62	Tsivadze/Khutsishvili (GEO)
			B Machaidze (GEO)	B Eristavi (GEO)	63 36 63	Ganjalyan/Khachatryan (ARM)
Jun-15	Cakovec (CRO)	2	M Leljak (SLO)	D Racic (BIH)	46 64 61	Levar/Pavic (CRO)
			I Mekovec (CRO)	S Jeresic (CRO)	61 46 64	Bago/Drazic (CRO)
Jun-15	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	3	I Puzakov (RUS)	I Akhmaev (RUS)	76(4) 63	Kravtsov/Puzakov (RUS)
			A Tarasova (RUS)	A Peregudova (RUS)	3-3 ret	Afanasyeva/Peregudova (RUS)
Jun-15	Siauliai (LTU)	3	J Gotovskis (LTU)	L Antropikas (LTU)	63 64	Ivashka (BLR)/Aliyev (AZE)
			J Eidukonyte (LTU)	V Popko (RUS)	62 60	Eidukonyte/Cepelyte (LTU)
Jun-22	Le Pontet (FRA)	1	R Rodriguez (VEN)	D Kuzmanov (BUL)	64 36 61	Rodriguez (VEN)/Ugarte (CHI)
			B Luz (POR)	Z Razafimhatratra (MAD)	36 75 60	Sasnovich (BLR)/Tian (CHN)
Jun-22	Szazhalombatta (HUN)	3	G Madarasz (HUN)	C Hadjigeorgiou (CYP)	64 16 76(4)	Augeri (ITA)/Photiades (CYP)
			A Petrzalkova (SVK)	L Matuskova (SVK)	62 61	Matuskova/Zilincova (SVK)
Jun-22	Mali Losinj (CRO)	3	Z Podvinski (CRO)	A Marincic (CRO)	75 62	Draganja/Srdanovic (CRO)
			N Coprcina (CRO)	T Rupert (SLO)	76(5) 63	Delic/Koprcina (CRO)
Jun-22	Riga (LAT)	2	L Mugevicius (LTU)	M Gresinski (POL)	26 76(6) 62	Matcinkas/Gotovskis (LTU)
			J Eidukonyte (LTU)	A Runcha (LAT)	75 62	Eidukonyte/Cepelyte (LTU)
Jun-22	Birkerod (DEN)	3	L Erhart (AUT)	K Gerlach (RUS)	26 64 61	Erhart/Wohlgennant (AUT)
			D Stavriankou (GRE)	K Papaikonomou (GRE)	62 62	Papaikonomou/Panaelpoulou (GRE)
Jun-22	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	N Dolidze (GEO)	D Khutsishvili (GEO)	64 61	Tsivadze/Khutsishvili (GEO)
			B Eristavi (GEO)	A Gogvadze (GEO)	61 57 63	Gogvadze/Eristavi (GEO)
Jun-29	Paris (FRA)	1	B Ugarte (CHI)	A Fouche (FRA)	75 64	Nguyen/Vieira (CAN)
			C Dinu (ROU)	S Ionescu (ROU)	61 61	Bosio (ARG)/Ku (PER)
Jun-29	Mamaia (ROU)	3	S Ionescu (ROU)	V Nicolescu (ROU)	60 61	Ghilea/Ionescu (ROU)
			R Platon (ROU)	L Sporea (ROU)	62 63	Lupu/Platon (ROU)
Jun-29	Kranj (SLO)	2	D Vertot (SLO)	R Bonadio (ITA)	76(1) 62	Ahne/Hausler (AUT)
			M Smic (SLO)	E Bauer (SLO)	63 62	Germek/Rupert (SLO)
Jun-29	Svilengrad (BUL)	3	S Trifonov (BUL)	I Karmadzha (BUL)	64 64	Mitev/Trifonov (BUL)
			D Maxl (AUT)	L Gjorceska (MKD)	46 62 64	Gjorceska/Trajkova (MKD)
Jun-29	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	L Erhart (AUT)	S Hutt (GBR)	64 57 61	Hutt/Hodgetts (GBR)
			L Pedersen (GER)	E Elsvad (DEN)	75 63	Kopf (AUT)/Pedersen (GER)
Jun-29	Yerevan (ARM)	3	D Khutsishvili (GEO)	N Dolidze (GEO)	75 63	Kvach (RUS)/Khutsishvili (GEO)
			B Eristavi (GEO)	A Gogvadze (GEO)	64 67 64	Komakhidze/Machaidze (GEO)

European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

The main news this month is the return of Roger Federer to the European - and world - top spot, following his second Grand Slam win of the season. The Swiss regains the top ranking in the absence of injured Rafael Nadal, who has lost some 4,000 ranking points in the last six weeks. The Spaniard is expected to return to action for the US hardcourt season, where he'll also be under pressure from 3rd ranked Andy Murray.

Despite failing to capture her first Grand Slam title at Wimbledon, Dinara Safina has extended her

lead in the women's list, where she stands some 4,000 points (the equivalent of two Slam wins) ahead of her nearest European rival.

Dominica Cibulkova of the Slovak Republic makes her debut on the list, consolidating on her first Slam semi final at Roland Garros with a third round finish at Wimbledon. Ana Ivanovic went on round further on the grass to re-enter the list at #9.

Rankings are as of July 13th, 2009.

European Women

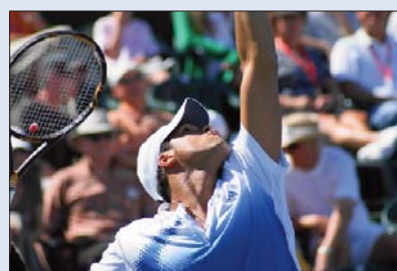
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	10521
02	▶	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6591
03	▶	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	6071
04	▶	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	6100
05	▶	Vera ZVONARENVA	RUS	5360
06	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	4746
07	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	4350
08	▶	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	3760
09	▲	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	3272
10	▲	Dominica CIBULKOVA	SVK	3221

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Roger FEDERER	SUI	11220
02	▼	Rafael NADAL	ESP	10735
03	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	9450
04	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	7860
05	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	4000
06	▲	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	3600
07	▼	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	3500
08	▶	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	2935
09	▶	Robin SODERLING	SWE	2935
10	▶	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2610



Dominica Cibulkova (SVK)



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)



Ana Ivanovic (SRB)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jun-15	Alcobaca (POR)	\$10,000	S Golds (AUS)	C Sanchez (ESP)	75 61	Golds/Patterson (AUS)
Jun-15	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	R Hogenkamp (NED)	B Botto (PER)	76(5) 63	Botto (PER)/Chala (FRA)
Jun-15	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	M Mokh (RUS)	V Larriere (FRA)	57 63 76(5)	Larriere (FRA)/Linhova (CZE)
Jun-15	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	C Buyaukakcay (TUR)	G Fokina (RUS)	62 63	Fokina/Morgina (RUS)
Jun-15	Lenzerheide (SUI)	\$10,000	M Gerards (NED)	A Sadikovic (SUI)	62 75	Gerards/Koek (NED)
Jun-15	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	G Gaspari (ITA)	A Naydenova (BUL)	75 64	Jakupovic (SLO)/Zlochova (SVK)
Jun-15	Montpellier (FRA)	\$25,000	A Laurendon (FRA)	M Salerni (ARG)	63 62	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Siegemund (GER)
Jun-15	Padova (ITA)	\$25,000	E Fernandez (ESP)	N Vierin (ITA)	62 16 75	Kapros (HUN)/Klemenschits (AUT)
Jun-22	Davos (SUI)	\$10,000	S Martinovic (BIH)	A Remondina (ITA)	61 63	Knoll/Sadikovic (SUI)
Jun-22	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	A Evain (FRA)	Z Linhova (CZE)	75 75	Larriere (FRA)/Linhova (CZE)
Jun-22	Rotterdam (NED)	\$10,000	I Kuryanovich (BLR)	D Harmsen (NED)	64 62	Kuzmina (LAT)/Pashkova (RUS)
Jun-22	Torino (ITA)	\$10,000	A Vaideanu (ITA)	M Di Giuseppe (ITA)	63 64	Baronova (UZB)/Pimkina (RUS)
Jun-22	Kristinehamn (SWE)	\$25,000	A Tatishvili (GEO)	R Jani (HUN)	61 75	Jensen (DEN)/Larsson (SWE)
Jun-22	Perigueux (FRA)	\$25,000	J Vakulenko (UKR)	S Ferguson (AUS)	62 75	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Lykina (RUS)
Jun-29	Cremona (ITA)	\$10,000	L Sabino (ITA)	X Knoll (SUI)	64 76(3)	Davato/Sabino (ITA)
Jun-29	Prokuplje (SRB)	\$10,000	V Nemeth (HUN)	K Jovanovic (SRB)	64 26 75	Jovanovic (SRB)/Obrez (SLO)
Jun-29	Mont-de-Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	A Gerasimou (GRE)	S Sfar (TUN)	75 63	Cravero/Irigoyen (ARG)
Jun-29	Stuttgart (GER)	\$25,000	Z Diyas (KAZ)	K Marosi (HUN)	61 62	Marosi (HUN)/Siegemund (GER)
Jun-29	Torun (POL)	\$25,000	O Kalashnikova (GEO)	K Milevska (BLR)	36 64 62	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Milevska (BLR)
Jun-29	Ystad (SWE)	\$25,000	L Wienerova (SWE)	M Klaffner (AUT)	61 76(3)	Arvidsson/Roma (SWE)
Jun-29	Pozoblanco (ESP)	\$50,000	A Kerber (GER)	K Kucova (SVK)	63 64	Hlavackova (CZE)/Savchuk (POL)
Jun-29	Cuneo (ITA)	\$100,000	P Hercog (SLO)	V Lepchenko (USA)	61 62	Amanmuradova (UZB)/Kustova (BLR)
Jul-06	Brussels (BEL)	\$10,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	K Piter (POL)	06 75 75	Dobra/Vankova (CZE)
Jul-06	Felixstowe (GBR)	\$10,000	A Smith (GBR)	T Babos (HUN)	75 36 64	Rae/Windley (GBR)
Jul-06	Gaziantep (TUR)	\$10,000	M de Lattre (POR)	M Shapakhidze (GEO)	76(6) 63	Abduraimova (UZB)/Hopper (AUS)
Jul-06	Imola (ITA)	\$10,000	A Remondina (ITA)	A Balducci (ITA)	62 75	Davato/Sabino (ITA)
Jul-06	Prokuplje (SRB)	\$10,000	D Zafirova (BUL)	A Krunic (SRB)	63 76(3)	Krunic/Polic (SRB)
Jul-06	La Coruña (ESP)	\$25,000	N Silva (POR)	V Manasieva (RUS)	63 61	Irigoyen/Molinero (ARG)
Jul-06	Zagreb (CRO)	\$75,000	S Zahlavova (CZE)	A Sevastova (LAT)	61 76(4)	Jurak (CRO)/Voracova (CZE)
Jul-06	Biarritz (FRA)	\$100,000	J Goerges (GER)	E Dzhalevich (BLR)	75 60	Chan (TPE)/Rodionova (RUS)

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jun-15	Blois (FRA)	\$15,000+H	B Balleret (MON)	A Gorban (MDA)	36 63 62	Jeanpierre/Renavand (FRA)
Jun-15	Marburg (GER)	\$15,000+H	N Langer (GER)	E Prodon (FRA)	61 46 64	Knittel/Rieschick (GER)
Jun-15	Dublin (IRL)	\$15,000	A Sadecky (SUI)	B King (IRL)	46 62 61	Brezac/Stouff (FRA)
Jun-15	Padova (ITA)	\$15,000	P Oswald (AUT)	A Comporto (ITA)	63 63	Renard (FRA)/Torresi (ITA)
Jun-15	Alkmaar (NED)	\$15,000	G Kretschmer (GER)	I Belyaev (RUS)	62 67(4) 61	Hensel/Hubble (AUS)
Jun-15	Belgrade (SRB)	\$10,000	G Tosic (MNE)	A Setkic (BIH)	16 63 75	Danilovic/Tosic (MNE)
Jun-15	Puerto de la Cruz (ESP)	\$15,000	J Sousa (POR)	A Falgheri (ITA)	67(2) 75 63	Boje/Menendez (ESP)
Jun-22	Toulon (FRA)	\$15,000	D Guez (FRA)	V Rudnev (RUS)	64 76(4)	Brown (JAM)/Deden (GER)
Jun-22	Fitzwilliam (IRL)	\$15,000	C Brezac (FRA)	R DeHeart (USA)	62 64	Kumar (USA)/Siljestrom (SWE)
Jun-22	Castelfranco (ITA)	\$10,000	A Kellner (HUN)	D Goffin (BEL)	64 67(9) 63	Torresi/Vanni (ITA)
Jun-22	Rotterdam (NED)	\$15,000	F Dustov (UZB)	L Azzaro (ITA)	63 64	Rizza (USA)/Statham (NZL)
Jun-22	Gausdal (NOR)	\$15,000	D Cox (GBR)	S Krotiouk (RUS)	76(1) 63	Rosenholm/Sekulic (SWE)
Jun-22	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno (ESP)	A Vivanco Guzman (ESP)	64 64	Coll/Vivanco (ESP)
Jun-29	Montauban (FRA)	\$15,000+H	A Haider (AUT)	J Dasnieres de Veigy (FRA)	62 64	Brezac/De Bonnevie (FRA)
Jun-29	Kassel (GER)	\$15,000+H	J Ager (AUT)	K Deden (GER)	76(7) 62	Dustov (UZB)/Rizza (USA)
Jun-29	Bologna (ITA)	\$15,000	K Capkovic (SVK)	S Galvani (ITA)	67(4) 63 61	Jebavy (CZE)/Klizan (SVK)
Jun-29	Medias (ROU)	\$10,000	V Ionita (ROU)	R Sabau (ROU)	06 64 75	Agafonov (UKR)/Kozin (RUS)
Jul-06	Vandans (AUT)	\$10,000	J Ager (AUT)	A Martin (SVK)	62 60	Begelmann/Poerschke (GER)
Jul-06	Bourg-en-Bresse (FRA)	\$15,000+H	D Guez (FRA)	M Meijer (NED)	61 62	Haider (AUT)/knittel (GER)
Jul-06	Römerberg (GER)	\$10,000	P Luncanu (ROU)	R Jebavy (CZE)	63 64	Chvojka (CAN)/Jebavy (CZE)
Jul-06	Felixstowe (GBR)	\$15,000	A Sadecky (SUI)	B Paire (FRA)	61 63	Jones/Smeets (AUS)
Jul-06	Carpi (ITA)	\$15,000	F Aldi (ITA)	A Ungur (ROU)	61 76(1)	Beninca(Giustino (ITA)
Jul-06	Iasi (ROU)	\$10,000	V Ionita (ROU)	G Granollers Pujol (ESP)	46 62 61	Alekseenko/Alekseenko (UKR)

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Notes and news from National Federations

The Polish Tennis Association has announced that Wojciech Radomski has been appointed as General Secretary.

The Romanian Tennis Federation has announced a new email address: office@ftr.ro

10 & Under Tennis Conference in Rotterdam

Member nations are reminded that the entry deadline for the forthcoming Tennis 10's Conference is August 28th. Further details can be found here: <http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/ESTC.aspx>

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HEADlines

HEAD Launches the YouTek Radical Series

Radical changes are ahead for one of the best selling frames in the world, as HEAD announces the launch of the new YOUTEK™ Radical Series. The legendary frame, made famous by tennis great Andre Agassi, features updated technologies that have tennis stars, including Robin Soderling, Marin Cilic, Amelie Mauresmo, Patty Schnyder and Alize Cornet lining up to make a racquet switch before Wimbledon.

World No. 3 player Andy Murray will also switch to the YOUTEK™ Radical Pro within the next few weeks. He is often cited as the game's fittest athlete and picks up where former No. 1 Andre Agassi left off: Successfully wielding the Radical as his weapon of choice as HEAD launches the next generation in the frame series.

"I've always looked up to Andre Agassi as a player and man so it's a privilege to carry on the tradition of the Radical racquet which he made so famous," said Murray. "With the new YOUTEK Radical, I know that I'm getting the right technical support and latest technology to support my style of play."

The Radical series is powered by YOUTEK™, which combines superior technologies to give you the individual benefits you need to match your playing style. Not only does YOUTEK™ meet your individual needs but it enhances your performance on the court and brings out the best in "you".

"Like our Speed Series, the new Radical racquets feature HEAD's YOUTEK technology which will enhance performance and meet each player's individual needs," said Johan Eliasch, CEO of the HEAD N.V. Group. "With the YOUTEK™ Radical, you receive all of the benefits of the original racquet plus an advanced technology to boost performance on the court."

YOUTEK™ incorporates d3o™, a "smart material" which dramatically changes its behavior under dynamic loading or impact. Located in the shaft of the racquet, d3o™ reacts to the needs of a player in nano seconds, providing a softer touch and better feel on slow speed impacts, like a slice or a drop shot, and increases stiffness necessary to create power on high speed impacts, such as a serve and passing shots.

Another feature of YOUTEK™ is the introduction of HEAD Grommets with Teflon® friction reducing polymer, which allow minimal string friction and creates a bigger "sweet spot" through the even distribution of tension across the entire string bed.

Now available, the YOUTEK Radical series includes the following racquets:

Ø YOUTEK™ Radical Pro: This is Andy Murray's rac-



quet of choice for extra power. An open-string pattern provides extra-pop and spin and features a leather grip for ultimate tour performance.

Ø YOUTEK™ Radical MP: The YOUTEK Radical MP provides a perfect combination of power and control.

Ø YOUTEK™ Radical OS: The oversized version of Andy Murray's racquet provides a larger sweet spot, making it a racquet you will be truly addicted to.

Ø YOUTEK™ Radical Lite: A lighter version of Murray's. Its excellent maneuverability and feel appeal to a wide range of players. The open-string pattern provides the extra spin you are looking for.

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