

Ukraine Score First Ever European Summer Cups Win



Ukraine coach Andriy Lutsenko takes to the podium alongside Elena Svitolina (centre) and Kateryna Kozlova, who scored wins in each of the six ties played.

Ukraine's 14 & Under girls team are celebrating the nation's first ever European Summer Cups victory, after surprising top seeds Russia at the final rounds of the junior team competition in Loano, Italy last week, sealing a place at next month's prestigious ITF World Junior Tennis championships in the process.

Having been in commanding form throughout the competition, in which they had dropped just one live match in five ties prior to the final, Ukraine had to work hard for victory, coming from behind to defeat top seeds Russia in a marathon doubles match.

Russian #2 Yulia Putintseva (ranked #5 in Europe) put her team on course to improve on their 2007 final

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Nadal Dethrones Federer at Wimbledon

The tennis world has been talking about what many are calling the greatest final ever at Wimbledon, in which Rafael Nadal ended Roger Federer's five year reign on the lawns of SW19. The tournament was the most successful ever for Europe's men, who accounted for all eight quarterfinalists. Turn to Page 6 for a full report.



European Summer Cups



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finish, scoring a 61 26 62 win over Kateryna Kozlova in the first singles match. Elina Svitolina struck back, upsetting European #1 Daria Gavrilova 26 60 61 to level the match.

The four players returned to the court for the decisive doubles match, eventually won by the Ukrainian pair 64 57 62.

At the boy's event in Valencia, Spain, unseeded France shocked defending champions Russia 2-0 to win the Copa del Sol title for a record eighth time, reversing the result of the 2007 final.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour #288 Mathias Bourgue scored a remarkable win over #4 Konstantin Gerlakh for the loss of just four games to give the French team the lead before 11th-ranked Lucas Pouille upset European #1 Evgeni Karlovskiy 64 64 to put the tie beyond the reach of the winners of the last two

editions.

The 2008 competition attracted entries from 32 boys and 31 girls teams, making it one of the strongest in the competitions' 27-year history.

The table below shows the final standings from the 14 & Under European Summer Cups. The teams in bold have qualified to join host nation Czech Republic at the ITF World Junior Tennis championships in Prostějov in early August.

European Summer Cups events for Under 16s and Under 18s will take place during the weekends of 30th July-01 August (qualifying) and 04-06 August (final rounds). The 16 & Under event also serves as the European qualifying competition for the Junior Davis and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, whilst the 18 & Under event counts towards the ITF Junior ranking.

Full draws and results can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

GIRLS 14 & UNDER EUROPA CUP Final Standings

1	UKRAINE
2	RUSSIA
3	BELGIUM
4	GREAT BRITAIN
5	SERBIA
6	FRANCE
7	ITALY
8	SLOVENIA

BOYS 14 & UNDER COPA DEL SOL Final Standings

FRANCE
RUSSIA
GREAT BRITAIN
CROATIA
GERMANY
SERBIA
ITALY
LATVIA

Tennis Europe Committees

At the first meeting of the newly-elected Tennis Europe Board of Management on 7th May, a number of key decisions were taken regarding the committee structure of the organisation. In order to promote an efficient decision-making process, the eight Board of Management members working with President Jacques Dupré were appointed the following responsibilities:

Michele Brunetti: Vice President (Member Nations, Constitutional and Legal matters)

José Antonio Senz de Broto: Vice President (Tennis

Development)

Aleksei Selivanenko: Vice President (Sport Performance)

Peter Bretherton: Honorary Treasurer. Remaining board members each have responsibility for committees, as detailed below.

The full list of committee members, plus the re-convened Officiating Working Group for the period until the 2011 Annual General Meeting can be found below.

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Seniors Tennis Round-Up

The 51st European Outdoor Senior Championships were held at their traditional home of the 'Rot-Weiss' club in Baden Baden from June 9-15th, and saw a total of 215 players from 26 countries contest men's and women's events in four age categories.

World #3 Robert Eisele successfully defended his Men's 40 title, with a crushing 61 60 win over Croatia's Ivica Tolic in the final. Eisele dropped just one set during the course of the tournament, in a closely contested semi final win over Portugal's Mauro Elias.

The Men's 45 field saw some major changes, with only 8 of last years starting line up of 30 players competing again. Stefan Burchard eventually emerged victorious, defeating German compatriot Stefan Heckmanns for the loss of just three games in the final. Burchard was in dominant form all week, winning his first two matches with double-bagel scorelines, and was only really tested in a 60 46 75 semi final match against third seed Girts Dzelde of Latvia.

Maris Rozentals caused a shock to win the Men's 50 event. The unseeded Latvian player scored a succession of upset wins to take the title, including third seed Gary Thoroughgood (AUS), 2007 finalist and sixth seed Klaus Liebthal (GER) and eighth seed Herbert Legat, who had earlier ousted defending champion and world #1 Pierre Godfroid to reach the final.

As usual, the Men's 55 event featured the most extensive draw, headlined by world #1 Andrew Rae of Australia. Rae did not disappoint, taking the title with a 63 76 win over sixth seed Sepp Baumgartner to cap a week in which he did not concede a single set.

The Women's 40 event saw the crowning of a new champion as Lucie Zelinka came through in style to win her first European Senior Championships title. The Austrian had a tricky path to the trophy, beating 2007 finalist and world #1 Olga Shaposhnikova (RUS) in the semi finals, and the defending champion and world #5 Anke Wurst in the final, conceding just five games to both rivals.

A new champion was assured in the Women's 45 event in the absence of 2007 champion Maria Rosa Bruno, and it was to be last year's finalist Barbara Koutna who would take the title, surviving a spirited fightback from Dutch opponent Liselot Prechtl to win a marathon final 62 67 64.



Maris Rozentals (LAT) surprised the field to take the Men's 50 title in Baden Baden

In the Over 50s event, Claudia Thomalla Adam failed to win her third consecutive title when she was forced to withdraw from her quarterfinal match with eventual finalist Monika Hartl of Germany whilst trailing 46 04. Hartl herself was forced to withdraw from her final match, handing the Championship to Brazil's Patricia Summers Medrado on a walkover. Medrado had earlier disposed of second seed Lynn Mortimer of Australia for the loss of just two games.

Heidi Eisterlehner defended her Women's 55 title once again, recording a fourth consecutive win with a 62 63 victory of Eugenia Birukova of Italy.

The European Outdoor Super Seniors Championships (60+ to 85+) were held just a few weeks later and saw Spain's Jorge Camina Borda score his 23rd consecutive clay court win to win the Men's 60 event. Meanwhile Peter Pokorny (AUT) added an incredible 28th title to his tally of European Championship wins to take the Men's 65 event. Tennis Europe Senior Committee member Bodo Nitsche took the Men's 70s title.

Another Austrian, Sofia Garaguly, swept to the women's title without the loss of a set, whilst overseas visitors dominated the elder women's categories, with Nola Collins (AUS) and Marlette Boswell (USA) winning the 70s and 75s.

Full draws and results from all the European Outdoor Seniors Championships events held so far can be found here: www.tenniseurope.org/VeteransTennis/Vet_Te_European-Outdoor-Champs_About.aspx

Play + Stay Red Court Tournaments Across Europe



First-ever red court tournaments have been staged recently in three European nations, organized under the umbrella of the Tennis Europe 'Competitions for All' project, a part of the ITF Play and Stay campaign.

The Master Class Tennis Club in Yerevan, Armenia was the location of a red court tournament for players aged 8 & Under on 25th May. The event, organised by the **Armenian Tennis Federation**, saw a group of 40 children from 3 different clubs (Hayastan, Ararat and Master Class) take part.

National JTI Coordinator Anna Gasparian, together with the coaches from Master Class Tennis Club and ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic, took the class of 5-8 year olds through their first steps on the 'red court' and was delighted with the results, commenting; "It was a great experience for the kids to take part in such an event and I am sure that it was the first tournament of their lives! I was really surprised how well the kids controlled the ball and adjusted to the court size! It was the first experience for them but I am sure not the last. We are convinced that organizing practice and competitions on Red and Orange courts with appropriate balls will improve the quantity as well as quality of our 10 & Under players."

The Armenian Federation is planning to organize another two events this year, with the next one set to take place at the Ararat Tennis Club in July.

The **Macedonian Tennis Federation** organised their first mini tennis tournament at the mini tennis centre of the TC Jug in Skopje on 7th June. The event attracted 86 participants from four of the capital's clubs, TC Jug, TC MTP, TC As, TC ABC and TC Astibo of nearby Stip, and was the first of four events foreseen for this year.

The events' motto was 'Awarding every good tennis idea!' The concept is designed to animate and encourage children aged 4-10 with a competitive and educational programme that includes their parents and the organizational staff from seven 10&U Macedonian tennis centres.

Vilma Markovska, President of the Macedonian Development Committee commented: "It was a great pleasure for me to participate in this event, enjoying the



Macedonian children enjoy their first red court event.

creativity and the quality of these new tennis formats. The kids played, and fought for every point, without the pressure of winning and losing. Together with my team I have tried to provide the children with a positive competitive experience that will motivate them to play, compete and stay in our sport for good."

A first Belarussian red court tournament for players aged 8 & Under took place in Minsk on 15th June. Thirty seven youngsters from Minsk, Iida and Borisov took part in the tournament, organised by the **Belarus Tennis Association** under the supervision of National red court competition coordinator Irena Chichmarova, with the support of the National Tennis Centre and Tennis Europe.

Ms. Chichmarova commented: "This tournament was an important step in implementing the "Play and Stay" concept in Belarus. It was great looking at the children's faces and seeing how they enjoyed the game! We believe that this next 'Play and Stay' generation of young players will remain interested in the sport from now on."

Following the success of the initial event, the Belarus Tennis Association is planning to organize around ten red, orange and green court tournaments during the coming year.

Wimbledon 2008

Rafael Nadal has been crowned as Wimbledon champion after the longest final in the tournament's history. Twice interrupted by rain delays and completed with both players straining to see the ball as darkness fell, Nadal becomes the first Spanish man to win Wimbledon in the Open era, having finally wrested the title from five-time defending champion Roger Federer at the third attempt.

Pundits are already calling the match one of the greatest finals in Grand Slam history. Aside from the quality of the tennis, the sheer drama of a match that lasted close to five hours and included a comeback from a two-set deficit, the saving of two championship points in the fourth set, the intervention of the weather (a mischievous last laugh for the rain before the club's new roof comes into operation for the 2009 event), an injury scare and the possibility of play being suspended for the day was exhausting for the absorbed spectators, never mind the two players involved.

With the five-set win, Nadal inches closer to usurping Federer's world #1 ranking, having finished three consecutive seasons in second place. The left-hander is now comfortably ahead in the ATP Race, having become the first player since Bjorn Borg to win both Roland Garros and Wimbledon in the same year. Nadal described the win as "a dream... For me, it was the most emotional match I ever played in, probably the best"

The entire men's event had been a triumph for European players, who accounted for all eight quarterfinal spots for the first time in the Open era. Marat Safin and Rainer Schuettler combined to bring the event its first unseeded semi finalists since 1997 before being despatched in straight sets by Federer and Nadal respectively.

The women's tournament has traditionally been a less successful hunting ground for Europe's players, and the pattern was repeated as Venus Williams defended her title with a hard fought straight sets win over sister Serena for her fifth Wimbledon title overall.

Both players were back to producing their best tennis during a curious fortnight which witnessed some of the biggest shocks in women's tennis history, with all of the top four seeds losing prior to the quarter finals for the first time ever. Pre-tournament favourite Maria Sharapova went down to 123-ranked Alla Kudryavtseva, #2 Ana Ivanovic lost to wild card and



eventual semi finalist Jie Zheng, #3 Jelena Jankovic to Tamarine Tanasugarn and #4 Svetlana Kuznetsova to Agnieszka Radwanska, the newest entry to the world's top ten.

Venus' win marks the eighth time in ten years that an American woman has won on the lawns of SW19. Serena will have taken some consolation from winning the doubles title together with Venus for the third time in their careers. The pair, who were confirmed a spot on the US Olympic doubles squad during the Championships, overcame the US/Australian partnership of Lisa Raymond and Sam Stosur in less than an hour to win the championship without the loss of a set. It was the fifth consecutive year that the women's doubles would go to a non-European team.

Playing with a broken bone in his left wrist, Nenad Zimonjic continued Serbia's run of winning titles at all Grand Slam titles so far this year by winning the men's doubles event, partnering Canada's Daniel Nestor to a four set win over Kevin Ullyett (ZIM) and Jonas Bjorkman (SWE). Zimonjic injured himself running into a line-judge in the semi finals but ignored the pain which affected his ball toss to record his maiden Grand Slam men's doubles victory. The win was arguably bigger news for Nestor, who ascends to the world #1 spot and becomes only the sixth player to complete a career Grand Slam of doubles titles.

Sam Stosur recovered from the disappointment of losing the women's doubles final to partner America's Bob Bryan to the mixed doubles title, beating Bob's twin brother Mike and partner Katarina Srebotnik 75 64 in a match moved to court #1 and completed as the light faded for the last time on the 2008 Championships. The

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win was the second mixed doubles Slam for Stosur, and a fifth for Bryan, though the first at Wimbledon for both.

The junior events gained more than their usual share of publicity, largely thanks to 14-year old Brit Laura Robson, who gave the home crowd something to cheer as she blitzed her way through the girls singles field to become the first home winner in 24 years. Ranked just #36, Robson – usually more at home on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's 14 & Under circuit – capitalised on a solid grass court season, avenging a loss to top seeded Melanie Oudin (her conqueror in the Roehampton final just prior to Wimbledon) in the second round before recording a string of upsets to reach the most important final of her young career. The final was televised live on BBC television and played in front of a busy Court One, even though it took place simultaneously to the women's final. Despite some mid-match jitters, Robson did not disappoint, defeating 17-year old Thai Noppawan Lertcheewakarn to become the youngest Wimbledon winner since Martina Hingis in 1994.

The girls doubles was won by sixth seeds Polona Hercog (SLO) and Jessica Moore (AUS), who followed up their Roland Garros title with a second consecutive Junior Slam. The boy's doubles also saw repeat Slam winners, as Cheng-Peng Hsieh and Tsung-Hua Yang of Taipei recovered from a set down to win 46 62 12-10, securing their second Junior Slam title of the year, having won in Australia in January.

Ninth seeded Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov clinched his first Junior Grand Slam title with a 75 63 win over Finland's Henri Kontinen. Dimitrov, a 2005 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Player of the Year and European Junior Champion breezed through his matches without the loss of a set.

And so, just as Roger Federer ended Rafael Nadal's record-breaking clay court winning streak at 81 matches in 2007, it would be Nadal to end Federer's five-year 69-match unbeaten streak on grass. Both players continue to push the other to greater heights as they revel in a rivalry that is the talk of the sporting world. The result poses some interesting questions for the rest of the season, as Federer has the tough task of defending the US Open title – now the sole Grand Slam in his possession – whilst first hoping to rescue his season with Olympic victory next month.



Laura Robson celebrates her girl's singles title.

Final Results - Wimbledon 2008

Men's Singles:

(2) Rafael Nadal (ESP) d. (1) Roger Federer (SUI) 64 64 67(5) 67(8) 97

Women's Singles:

(7) Venus Williams (USA) d. (6) Serena Williams (USA) 75 64

Men's Doubles:

(2) Nestor (CAN)/Zimonjic (SRB) d. (8) Bjorkman (SWE)/Ulyett (ZIM) 76(12) 67(3) 63 63

Women's Doubles:

(11) Williams/Williams (USA) d. (16) Raymond (USA)/Stosur (AUS) 62 62

Mixed Doubles:

Stosur (AUS)/B. Bryan (USA) d. Srebotnik (SLO)/M. Bryan (USA) 75 64

Boys' Singles:

Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) d. Henri Kontinen (FIN) 75 63

Boys' Doubles:

Hsieh/Yang (TPE) d. Reid/Tomic (AUS) 64 26 12-10

Girls' Singles:

Laura Robson (GBR) d. (3) Noppawan Lertcheewakarn (THA) 63 36 61

Girls' Doubles:

(8) Hercog (SLO)/Moore (AUS) d. Holland/Peers (AUS) 63 16 62

Men's Wheelchair Doubles:

(1) Ammerlaan/Vink (NED) d. Houdet/Peifer (FRA) 67 (6) 61 63

Men's Wheelchair Doubles (Quads):

Kruszelnicki (POL)/Legner (AUT) d. Phillipson/Reid (GBR) 64 62

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In the Spotlight: Dr. John F. Murray

One of the world's leading sports psychologists, Dr. John F. Murray, was in London on the eve of Wimbledon in order to conduct his annual workshop for European players. A former tennis professional and coach, he went on to become a clinical and sports performance psychologist and has helped a number of stars from the across the sporting world, famously working with pro Vince Spadea as he recovered from a ranking of #300 and the longest losing streak in ATP Tour history to break into the world's top twenty. We caught up with him to find out more about the importance of sports psychology for tennis players.

Tell us about your recent London Workshop, how did it go?

It was a great success. I've been holding the workshop for several years now, and I really enjoy it. I tend to meet with an exclusive group of around 12-15 serious tennis players and we have a day devoted to defining and understanding the mental skills that are critically important to success in tennis. I combine lectures with on court exercises and a group imagery session. Some of the players then decide to go on working with me throughout the year, and they have personal evaluations. There is some discussion and problem solving and challenges, followed by a tournament and at the end of the day everyone gets a signed copy of my book. So it's a really fun day, but also with some serious goals behind it.

What can you achieve in a day-long workshop in terms of results?

I think that it's more of a stimulus. No book, workshop or speech alone is going to change a lifetime's habits, but it serves as a good starting point and a motivation to continue working on mental skills, and clearly shows how players can put theory into practice.

What kind of tennis players come to you looking for help?

I get a lot of juniors, looking to improve their rankings and their performance. There are a lot of professional players too; whose living is on the line...college students who are part of a team, sometimes even the entire team. But most of the time it's serious performance players, at one level or another, and perhaps their parents or support teams.



How would I know that a sports psychologist could help me, if I'm reading this and thinking about seeing one?

There are four things that I think are essential for success in tennis. Firstly there's strategy and technique, provided by the coach. You also need good solid nutrition and medical help. Then there's physical conditioning; for which you need a trainer. You also need the fourth component, which is solid mental skills, and a sports psychologist provides that.

Are there players or coaches who are reluctant to accept a need for professional help?

These days, you don't have to convince people that to be successful you need to have confidence and focus and you need to be in control of your emotions. Using imagery and being resilient and being passionate and working hard: those are all elements that in sport today are no longer viewed as a luxury but more as a necessity for success. The problem is that there are relatively few providers of this service.

Is sports psychology something that's more readily embraced in the US, or is that is a misconception?

It's hard to say. I think that perhaps initially it took off more in the States, but now I'm not really struck by any clear differences. I've travelled a lot to Europe and see more and more people interested in it each time. The majority of my media work and interviews does come from within the US, so perhaps it has pervaded

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the public consciousness a bit more here.

Do you think that coaches in general understand enough about sports psychology?

I don't think that they have been exposed to it enough; I know that back when I was a coach I was not. Back in the '80s there were a couple of people who would occasionally contribute articles to tennis magazines, like Jim Loehr, who also had a book out. I've tried to fill that role a little bit, with self-help articles on sites such as www.tennis.com and www.britishtennisparents.com as well as my own books. But, you know, having spent seven years at graduate school after being a professional tennis coach, I don't know how a coach could possibly have a thorough understanding of sports psychology because I certainly didn't. You're exposed to books and occasional ideas about how to do things but sports psychology is a professional discipline and it requires significant training. It's not surprising that coaches might lack knowledge or interest, and it doesn't necessarily make them poor coaches, but to tackle that and try to educate them about sports psychology is only going to make them a better coach.

Are some people more likely to benefit from working with a sports psychologist than others?

Well, yes, you need to have an open mind to some extent and be prepared to put the work in. There are a couple of myths which still affect people's perceptions, the first is that if you're seeing a sports psychologist it must mean you have a problem. On the contrary – you go to see a specialist in this area because you're trying to be the best. Professional golfer Brad Faxon said, "In 1984, if you were going to see a sports psychologist, people thought you were kind of weird. Now, if you're not going, people think you are weird!" That summarises the evolution of the field. Traditionally psychology was located in a hospital and used to treat ill people, but that's not why I got into this field: I got into this because I wanted to help athletes maximise their abilities and be more successful. Yes, if there's an underlying psychological problem we can deal with it, players often have relationship difficulties, trauma or stress, but 90% of my work is focused on performance issues. The second myth is that there is a quick fix. Mental training should be part of any ongoing training program, just like physical training. The mind needs to be trained as well as the body.

Do people usually come to you to try to fix a certain problem?

Well yes, typically there's a reason for the initial referral. When people come to see me the most common thing is that they are having trouble playing like they do in practice when they're in competition, or problems closing out matches, or anger issues. There's also players who are just in a funk, like Vince Spadea when I started working with him, who already have a team but don't know how to take the next step. But on the other hand there are players who are looking for the complete package and are very clear about the potential benefits of working on a long-term basis with a sports psychologist.

I guess financial restrictions can make sports psychologists something of a luxury for many young players. How can parents help young performance players?

I spoke to a very well known sports psychologist twenty years ago when I was becoming interested in the topic, and I asked him what the biggest and most common problem was, and he told me "Overbearing parents". People who are living vicariously through their children, or in their limelight, or whose financial security depends on the success of their children. Children are being pressured into becoming professional athletes. Parents have to be very careful, because they can easily tip the balance and put too much pressure on a child without meaning to. A parent plays a vital role because they make all the decisions, but also they need to know when to take a step back and to trust in the views of professionals and not expect immediate results, instead of micromanaging every aspect of their kids' lives.

Dr. Murray's best selling book, 'Smart Tennis: How to Play and Win the Mental Game' is available now from www.amazon.com, or you can find more practical help at www.johnfmurray.com.

Beyond the Baseline...

Teams from a total of 29 European nations will participate at the **Olympic Games** in Beijing from 10th-17th August following the announcement of the player acceptance lists for what will be the strongest Olympic tennis event yet. Fifty six players are entered based on their singles ranking of June 9th, with a limit of four singles players per country. Also competing in singles at the Games thanks to special invitations are Jonas Bjorkman (SWE), Max Mirnyi (BLR), Maria Koryttseva (UKR), Nuria Llagostera (ESP) and Stephanie Vogt (LIE). Seventeen of the world's top 20 men and eighteen of the top 20 women are set to compete at the Games. Further information can be found at the ITF's Olympic website: www.itftennis.com/olympics

Clare Wood has been appointed as the London Organising Committee's Sport Competition Manager for Tennis at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Spanish Tennis Federation has announced that Madrid will host the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** final against Russia during the weekend of September 13-14. The Club de Campo Villa de Madrid will be the venue for the tie, which will be played on clay with a seating capacity for 4,000 people.

Europe's top trio, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic have already qualified for the ATP World Championships in Shanghai.

Sweden's **Jonas Bjorkman**, a former world doubles #1 and singles world #4, has announced that he will retire at the end of the season.

Ricoh has extended its role as the Official office Solutions Provider of the ATP for another three years. The company supplies digital office equipment to support the on site needs of European ATP events, and will also sponsor the ATP MatchFacts and Hawkeye graphics at selected ATP Masters Series events in Europe.

The first-ever **ITF Beach Tennis Tour** rankings have been published, following the completion of the first

three events of the circuit. The first ever #1s are Alan Maldini and Luca Meliconi (mens) and Franca Bruschi and Laura Olivieri (womens'). All players are Italian, reflected the location of the first three events of the circuit. The tour will also call in on Spain and Portugal later in the summer.

The **Tennis Foundation**, a charitable organisation affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, has launched the first of five planned 'Hotspots'; specific areas across the UK which will serve as case studies for the development of community tennis in parks and schools and for the disabled.

Rafael Nadal has been voted the best Spanish athlete of all time in a new poll of readers of sports news publication Marca, overtaking legendary cyclist Miguel Indurain to take first place.

Chief WTA Tour sponsor **Sony Ericsson** will be honoured for its ongoing contribution to tennis with the Joseph F. Cullman 3rd Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame at the organisation's annual Legends Ball in September.

The all-Williams sister **Wimbledon** final was a ratings boost for US TV networks, with the audience share up 21% on the 2007 final. Meanwhile, the epic men's final between Nadal and Federer attracted a UK audience of 12.7 million, an impressive 45% audience share.



Fast Facts



Wimbledon is the Tennis event that attracts the most interest from European Tennis fans, followed by the French Open.

Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Tennis Shipment Reports.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

There has been a change of dates for the final rounds of the forthcoming **Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD** girls' event, which have been moved forwards by two days. The event, due to be held in Ajaccio, will now take place from August 5th—8th.

Over 500 images have recently been added to the **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Photo Gallery**. New tournament galleries include Chisinau (U14 & U16), Koper (U12), Harkiv (U14), Prague (U14), Sarajevo (U12), Siauliai (U12, U14 & U16), Zagreb (U14) and Zenica (U16). Click [here](#) to view the gallery.

The **ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Touring Team** has set off on a five-week tour of some of Europe's toughest summer events. The team, whose tour was preceded by a three day training camp in Paris in order for teammates and coaches to get to know each other and prepare for the clay court events, will call in on the following events:

7-12 July: Paris BNP Paribas Cup
 14-19 July: Leeuwarden Windmill Cup Carl Gantois
 21-26 July: Reuil-Malmaison Hauts de France
 28 Jul-2 Aug: Köln Jungsten Cup
 4-9 Aug: Hasselt Laperre Young Champions Cup.

The team consists of four boys - Evgeny Akhmadeev (UKR), Sergios Kyratzis (CYP), Plamen Mitev (BUL), Lukas Mugevicius (LTU), and five girls - Victoria Tomova (BUL), Ganna Poznikhirenko (UKR), Julija Kulibaba (LAT), Danka Kovinic (MNE) and Anita Husaric (BIH) will be accompanied by coaches Rudi Visser and Irina Chichmareva on the tour.

Meanwhile, the **ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under 'A' Team** has recently completed a six-week tour of Europe, calling in at a series of Category 1 events in Italy and France after an initial training camp.

Nearly all of the players involved saw their rankings climb significantly as a result of their performances. The most notable climber of the boys was former 14 &



ITF 16 & Under Touring Teams from around the world take a break from competition

under #1 **Ciprian Porumb** of Romania, who leapt from #91 to #7 over the six weeks, having reached the final at La Baule and semi finals in Paris.

Astonishing progress was also made by **Ingrid Radu** of Romania, whose ranked jumped from #340 to #9, thanks to a title win in La Baule (beating top seed Daniela Seguel and surviving a final set tie break against Solene Fichoux in the final), which she followed up with a runner-up spot in Le Pontet the following week.

Players from other ITF Touring Teams also took advantage of their inclusion to advance in the rankings, with players from Argentina, Chile and Thailand all climbing into the Tennis Europe Junior Tour top tens.

Following the conclusion of the 14 & Under European Summer Cups last week, Russian girls occupy the top four positions in the 14 & Under rankings for the first time.

The venue for the 18 & Under European Junior Championships has been confirmed as Bad Hofgastein, Austria, during the week of July 21-27th.



TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR - DID YOU KNOW?

In 1999, French Open finalist Dinara Safina achieved the rare feat of winning titles on both the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's 14 & Under (Livorno) and 16 & Under circuits (Moscow) in the same season.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

Lucas Pouille of France (pictured) is the newest entry to the boys' 14 & under European top ten thanks to his role in the French victory at the European Summer Cups. Pouille has been in good form since the beginning of the year, winning the Category 1 Livorno event, and finishing as runner-up in doubles at Tarbes.

The rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org, and can be found in both alphabetical and numerical formats, as well as in printable versions.
Rankings below as of 10th July 2008.



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	630
2	▼	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	600
3	▼	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	590
4	▼	Polina LEIKINA	RUS	520
5	▼	Nastja KOLAR	SLO	515
6	▲	Elina SVITOLINA	UKR	475
7	▲	Leolia JEANJEAN	FRA	450
8	▼	Pernilla MENDESOVA	CZE	440
9	▼	Jessica REN	GBR	435
10	NEW	Kateryna KOZLOVA	UKR	430

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Evgeni KARLOVSKI	RUS	605
2	▶	Julien CAGNINA	BEL	600
3	▶	Liam BROADY	GBR	530
4	▲	Jeroen VANNESTE	BEL	495
5	▼	Konstantin GERLAKH	RUS	485
6	▶	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	485
7	▲	Jannis KAHLKE	GER	480
8	▼	Maxim LUNKIN	RUS	455
9	NEW	Lucas POUILLE	FRA	435
10	NEW	Ivan LEVAR	CRO	425

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Cristina Dinu of Romania (pictured) has shot to the top spot of the girls' European 16 & under rankings, thanks to stunning run of form in May and June which brought her titles in Montecatini, Milan, Paris and Pribram, and an unbeaten record in singles competition on the 16 & Under circuit in 2008.

The five best singles results, plus the two best doubles results and the best (one) team competition result count towards a players' ranking. The top eight European players at the end of each season qualify to compete at the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters. This year's event will be held during the weekend of 3-5th October in Orbetello, Italy.

Rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below as of 10th July 2008.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	NEW	Cristina DINU	ROU	565
2	NEW	Daniela SEGUEL	CHI	485
3	▼	Sviatlana PIRAZHENKA	BLR	455
4	▲	Dorothea ERIC	SRB	410
5	▲	Despoina PAPAMICHAIL	GRE	400
6	NEW	Luksika KUMKHUM	THA	380
7	▼	Natalia PINTUSAVA	BLR	355
8	NEW	Jelena SIMIC	BIH	350
9	NEW	Ingrid RADU	ROU	345
10	NEW	Fernanda BRITO	CHI	345

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	510
2	▲	Pavel FILIN	BLR	505
3	NEW	Andrea COLLARINI	ARG	500
4	NEW	Agustin VELLOTTI	ARG	495
5	►	Damir DZUMHUR	BIH	395
6	▼	Konstantin MIKOS	GRE	385
7	NEW	Arturs KAZIJEVS	LAT	370
8	NEW	Ciprian PORUMB	ROU	357
9	▼	Adrian PARTL	SVK	350
10	▼	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	330

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

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Date	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-02	Koper (SLO)		D Gostincar (SLO)	M Tekavec (SLO)	64 64	Tekavec/Gostincar (SLO)
			S Vorih (CRO)	A Kuzmenkova (RUS)	62 62	Pogorevcnik/Rejc (SLO)
Jun-02	Maglie (ITA)		S Merzetti (ITA)	F Baldi (ITA)	60 63	Baldi/Carli (ITA)
			B Lombardo (ITA)	G Pairone (ITA)	64 63	Pairone/Tonetti (ITA)
Jun-02	Balashiha (RUS)		A Rublev (RUS)	B Bobrov (RUS)	63 76(6)	Kadiev/Agarval (RUS)
			K Sharifova (RUS)	P Yuzefovich (RUS)	62 63	Ayzatulina/Sharifova (RUS)
Jun-02	Hradek Nad Nisou (CZE)		T Neugebauer (CZE)	N Taravan (KYR)	62 60	Taravan (KYR)/Slezak (CZE)
			M Mayerova (CZE)	N Cvackova (CZE)	61 31 ret	Mayerova/Cvackova (CZE)
Jun-02	Vilnius (LTU)		D Popko (RUS)	D Medvedev (RUS)	64 62	Medvedev/Popko (RUS)
			J Ostapenko (LAT)	A Parazinskaite (LTU)	64 63	Hendsel/Vorobjova (EST)
Jun-09	Lecce (ITA)		R Chessari (ITA)	F Baldi (ITA)	63 26 64	Baldi/Carli (ITA)
			A Avalis (ITA)	G Pairone (ITA)	61 76(4)	Cheisa/Pairone (ITA)
Jun-16	Iasi (ROU)		B Borza (ROU)	B Apostol (ROU)	62 46 64	Prisacaru/Rosca (ROU)
			A Zmau (ROU)	A Ghitescu (ROU)	63 62	Belehuz/Zmau (ROU)
Jun-30	Trieste (ITA)		S Ofner (AUT)	F Baldi (ITA)	36 76(7) 60	Baldi/Chessari (ITA)
			L Tanfin (FRA)	A Avalis (ITA)	62 26 76(3)	Pairone/Chiesa (ITA)
Jun-30	Riga (LAT)		T Goldengoren (ISR)	A Ozelis (LTU)	62 75	Bugailiskis/Ozelis (LTU)
			J Mikulskyte (LTU)	G Kerezaite (LTU)	63 63	Krivoshapov/Shuval (ISR)



Images from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour in June. Left; Domen Gostincar (SLO) celebrates winning the boy's 12 & Under title in Koper. Centre, Karim Hossam of Egypt won the boy's 14 & Under event in Harkiv, Ukraine. Right, boys and girls finalists at the Under 16 event in Chisinau, Moldova. More photos are available at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Photo Gallery.

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Week	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-02	Pescara (ITA)	2	K Hossam (EGY)	K Coppejans (BEL)	63 61	Mensurado/Silva (POR)
			P Martins (POR)	S Albano (ITA)	60 63	Daniel (JPN)/Martins (POR)
Jun-02	Oslo (NOR)	3	M Torpegard (DEN)	B Ebkom (SWE)	61 62	O'Mara/Stevenson (GBR)
			L Maetschke (GER)	C Hoedt (NED)	76(3) 63	Leivo/Heino (FIN)
Jun-09	Tuzla (BIH)	2	M Jankovic (SRB)	P Krstin (SRB)	46 63 62	Papik/Brenk (CZE)
			N Kostic (SRB)	M Novakovic (BIH)	67 63 63	Radojkovic (SRB)/Pera (CRO)
Jun-09	Harkiv (UKR)	2	K Hossam (EGY)	M Deviatarov (UKR)	43 ret	Kekercheni/Kryvoy (UKR)
			K Kozlova (UKR)	A Shkudun (UKR)	75 64	Kozlova (UKR)/Svitolina (RUS)
Jun-09	Szczecin (POL)	3	P Cias (POL)	T Wrede (GER)	64 63	Cias/Okrutny (POL)
			L Maetschke (GER)	K Matysova (GER)	75 76(4)	Maetschke/Matysova (GER)
Jun-09	Istanbul (TUR)	3	G Quinzi (ITA)	D Durmus (TUR)	63 63	Erun (TUR)/Quinzi (ITA)
			B Bencic (SUI)	F Atilgun (TUR)	62 62	Arantekin/Eraydin (TUR)
Jun-16	Vilnius (LTU)	3	L Mugevicius (LTU)	I Fomkins (LAT)	63 63	Mugevicius (LTU)/Zubov (RUS)
			A Sasnovich (BLR)	J Kulibaba (EST)	76 61	Knyazeva (RUS)/Sasnovich (BLR)
Jun-16	Skopje (MKD)	3	D Celovsky (SVK)	D Zelenkov (MKD)	w/o	Margitfalvi/Madarasz (HUN)
			E Bauer (SRB)	E Tiel (NED)	61 63	Tiel/Kluiving (NED)
Jun-16	Reykjavik (ISL)	3	T Horning (GER)	M Blaho (GBR)	60 60	Colautti/Throm Jones (GBR)
			K Dunne (GBR)	S Watts (GBR)	63 64	Watts/Watts (GBR)
Jun-16	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	S Napolitano (ITA)	G Quinzi (ITA)	64 62	Mushayev/Tavor (ISR)
			O Korashvili (UKR)	A Ganjalyan (ARM)	61 61	Blecher/Patiuk (ISR)
Jun-16	Mostar (BIH)	3	I Divkovic (BIH)	M Goles Babic (CRO)	36 63 63	Krajnc (SLO)/Suica (CRO)
			K Tsu Ji (JPN)	I Bago (CRO)	63 60	Becirovic/Muminovic (BIH)
Jun-16	Rivne (UKR)	3	P Kekercheni (UKR)	O Shumakov (UKR)	61 64	Byelinsky/Kekercheni (UKR)
			V Mun (BLR)	M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	64 63	Romanyshyn/Zanosiyenko (UKR)
Jun-16	Nastola (FIN)	3	H Pollanen (FIN)	M Donati (ITA)	62 61	Pollanen/Nietosvaara (FIN)
			V Laskutova (RUS)	S Azeez (GBR)	61 63	Azeez/Leiu (GBR)
Jun-23	Birkeroed (DEN)	3	B Ekblom (SWE)	C Drakeford Lewis (GBR)	06 64 76(3)	Ekblom/Zetterberg (SWE)
			M Ulvefelt (SWE)	A Hopkins (GBR)	75 60	Lohan (IRL)/Ulvefelt (SWE)

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Week	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-23	Birkeroed (DEN)	3	B Ekblom (SWE)	C Drakeford Lewis (GBR)	06 64 76(3)	Ekblom/Zetterberg (SWE)
			M Ulvefelt (SWE)	A Hopkins (GBR)	75 60	Lohan (IRL)/Ulvefelt (SWE)
Jun-23	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	S Napolitano (ITA)	M Kravtsov (RUS)	61 60	Mushayev/Cohen (ISR)
			O Korashvili (UKR)	V Lushkova (UKR)	62 62	Blecher/Patiuk (ISR)
Jun-23	Cacak (CRO)	3	O Vasiljevic (SRB)	P Tomic (SRB)	64 36 76(9)	Knezevic/Merunka (BIH)
			K Tsu Ji (JPN)	K Ostojic (SRB)	60 62	Banicevic/Dzinic (SRB)
Jun-23	Riga (LAT)	2	M Khomentovskiy (RUS)	P Licciardi (ITA)	64 26 64	Jakimic (CZE)/Lazutin (RUS)
			S Stashchenko (UKR)	M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	62 63	Zakarlyuk/Zakarlyuk (UKR)
Jun-23	Tallinn (EST)	3	M Donati (ITA)	F Ronduda (POL)	61 60	Lombardi/Campagnucci (ITA)
			A Kontaveit (EST)	D Crompton (GBR)	64 62	Crompton (GBR)/Khval (BLR)
Jun-30	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	M Torpegard (DEN)	A Zetterberg (SWE)	64 61	Holm Jensen/Stentoft (DEN)
			V Laskutova (RUS)	H Odegaard (NOR)	36 62 75	Pantuckova (CZE)/Maetschke (GER)
Jun-30	Velp (BEL)	3	A Kokorev (RUS)	A De Meo (ITA)	26 75 63	Clemens/Klein (GER)
			M Bosnjak (GER)	E Balan (BEL)	61 46 75	Balan/Chapelle (BEL)

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Jun-02	Montecatini (ITA)	1	A Velotti (ARG)	P Filin (BLR)	63 64	Colella/Gaio (ITA)
			C Dinu (ROU)	D Seguel (CHI)	76 61	Brito/Segurl (CHI)
Jun-02	Zabrze (POL)		W Lutkowski (POL)	R Howe (AUS)	75 63	Howe (AUS)/Lutkowski (POL)
			A Baranska (POL)	A Petrzalkova (SVK)	75 61	Bandarovich (BLR)/Petrzalkova (SVK)
Jun-02	Oslo (NOR)	3	M Engsted (DEN)	S Hart (NED)	57 64 64	Nagelstad/Steiro (NOR)
			U Eikeri (NOR)	C Rohde-Moe (NOR)	62 76(9)	Eikeri/Funnemark (NOR)
Jun-02	Chisinau (MDA)	3	M Dubarencu (MDA)	M Malyshev (UKR)	63 57 62	Chilea/Ignat (ROU)
			O Terteac (MDA)	G Porubin (MDA)	62 63	Cucu/Stepu (ROU)
Jun-09	Milano (ITA)	1	A Velotti (ARG)	A Collarini (ARG)	62 62	Collarini/Velotti (ARG)
			C Dinu (ROU)	D Seguel (CHI)	61 63	Betancourt (MEX)/Kumkhun (THA)
Jun-09	Hradek Nad Nisou (CZE)	3	K Kinal (HUN)	M Jedruszczak (POL)	63 75	Kobza/Zednik (CZE)
			M Biryukova (RUS)	M Trousilova (CZE)	64 64	Hercikova/Matouskova (CZE)
Jun-16	La Baule (FRA)	1	A Collarini (ARG)	C Porumb (ROU)	62 61	Kwok/Volmari (AUS)
			I Radu (ROU)	S Fichoux (FRA)	67(5) 64 76(2)	Brito/Segurl (CHI)
Jun-16	Foggia (ITA)	2	K Mikos (GRE)	G Micolani (ITA)	62 63	Giacolone/Micolani (ITA)
			G Pasini (ITA)	F Bernardi (ITA)	64 64	Carrozzo/Mossi (ITA)

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Week	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-16	Cakovec (CRO)	2	G Brkic (CRO)	M Pavic (CRO)	57 61 75	Brkic/Pavic (CRO)
			L Sporea (ROU)	S Husic (BIH)	64 64	Ljubic/Vajdic (CRO)
Jun-16	Nastola (FIN)	3	M Rajamaki (FIN)	R Lanne (FIN)	62 62	Polyakov (RUS)/ Glasspool (GBR)
			N Kuvakina (RUS)	E Verho (FIN)	61 61	
Jun-16	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	3	A Nikitin (RUS)	V Eremeev (RUS)	62 64	Yakovenko/Yakolev (RUS)
			D Mironova (RUS)	A Peregudova (RUS)	61 63	Borodatova/Peregudova (RUS)
Jun-16	Siauliai (LTU)	3	M Podzus (LAT)	O Steiro (NOR)	75 63	Nagelstad/Steiro (NOR)
			L Padegimaite (LTU)	J Kulibaba (LAT)	57 61 62	Knyazeva (RUS)/ Kulibaba (LAT)
Jun-23	Le Pontet (FRA)	1	P Filin (BLR)	A Collarini (ARG)	62 62	Filin (BLR)Porumb (ROU)
			L Kumkhun (THA)	I Radu (ROU)	26 64 63	Betancourt (MEX)/ Kumkhun (THA)
Jun-23	Riga (LAT)	3	A Kazijevs (LAT)	M Libietis (LAT)	61 62	Kazijevs/Libietis (LAT)
			E Kordolaimi (GRE)	G Veinberga (LAT)	76(6) 63	Bandarovich (BLR)/ Mihailova (LAT)
Jun-23	Szazhalombatta (HUN)	3	M Voscek (SVK)	P Nagy (HUN)	76(4) 61	Farcas/Voscek (SVK)
			L Butkovska (SVK)	L Sporea (ROU)	62 60	Butkovska/Petrzalkova (SVK)
Jun-23	Tallinn (EST)	3	M Donati (ITA)	F Ronduda (POL)	61 60	Lombardi/Campagnucci (ITA)
			A Kontaveit (EST)	D Crompton (GBR)	64 62	Crompton (GBR)/Khval (BLR)
Jun-23	Birkerød (DEN)	3	J Lenz (GER)	C Melskens (DEN)	63 76(4)	Vetter/Lenz (GBR)
			I Kiupers (NED)	S Loebel (GBR)	67 63 64	Finke/Loebel (GER)
Jun-23	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	A Metreveli (GEO)	M Malyshev (UKR)	62 75	Kushnarev (RUS)/ Metreveli (GEO)
			A Amiraghyan (ARM)	D Davitaia (GEO)	46 62 63	Mebuke/Davitaia (GEO)
Jun-23	Mali Losinj (CRO)	3	M Delic (CRO)	M Cutura (CRO)	36 63 63	Sabanov/Sabanov (CRO)
			N Koprcina (CRO)	K Semenova (RUS)	62 26 64	Koprcina/Paskvan (CRO)
Jun-30	Paris (FRA)	1	A Velotti (ARG)	A Collarini (ARG)	76(6) 62	Collarini/Velotti (ARG)
			C Dinu (ROU)	F Brito (CHI)	62 63	Brito/Seguel (CHI)
Jun-30	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-30	Kranj (SLO)	3	A Partl (SVK)	L Gorjup (SLO)	62 62	
			E Bertoia (ITA)	S Jazbinsek (SLO)	75 63	
Jun-30	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	S Lindmark (SWE)	H Norregaard (DEN)	63 63	Lindmark/Wikberg (SWE)
			E Sjolund (SUI)	S Loebel (GER)	76(0) 62	Monter/Warnoe Nelsen (DEN)
Jun-30	Riga (LAT)	2	A Kazijevs (LAT)	M Libietis (LAT)	61 62	Kazijevs/Libietis (LAT)
			V Smochin (MDA)	A Runca (LAT)	64 61	Lewandowska (POL)/ Smochin (MDA)
Jun-30	Svilengrad (BUL)	3	S Micov (MKD)	Y Tsanev (BUL)	64 61	Micov/Zelenkov (MKD)
			S Zhelyazkova (BUL)	L Stornetta (BUL)	63 76(2)	Georgieva/Stornetta (ITA)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit						
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-09	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	V Ignatik (BLR)	D Pavlovs (LAT)	61 20 ret	Ebden/Klein (AUS)
Jun-09	Ingolstadt (GER)	\$15,000+	E Chvojka (CAN)	J Masson (BEL)	61 57 61	Chvojka (CAN)/Sadecky (SUI)
Jun-09	Bassano (ITA)	\$10,000	P Prader (ITA)	B Paire (FRA)	75 63	Ferrer/Perez (ESP)
Jun-09	Skopje (MKD)	\$10,000	S Markovic (BIH)	B Beks (NED)	64 63	Maric (BIH)/Savic (SRB)
Jun-09	Apeldoorn (NED)	\$15,000	T de Bakker (NED)	S Robert (FRA)	76(2) 61	Fransen/Frantzen (NED)
Jun-09	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	R Ghedin (ITA)	S Boretti (NOR)	16 63 61	Martin (FRA)/Vodicka (USA)
Jun-09	Focsani (ROU)	\$10,000	T Craciun (ROU)	K Maamoun (EGY)	61 62	Anagnostopol/Eric (ROU)
Jun-09	Koper (SLO)	\$10,000	G Zemlja (SLO)	B Kavcic (SLO)	26 61 62	Mrakar/Repasek (SLO)
Jun-09	La Palma (ESP)	\$10,000	I Cervantes (ESP)	D Canudas (ESP)	64 46 64	Coll/Rexach (ESP)
Jun-09	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	L Vanni (ITA)	D Molchanov (UKR)	64 63	Molchanov/Smirnov (UKR)
Jun-16	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	B Klein (AUS)	S Betau (BLR)	76(5) 61	Duclos (CAN)/Sitak (RUS)
Jun-16	Blois (FRA)	\$15,000+	N Coutelot (FRA)	N Renavand (FRA)	76(5) 63	Jeanpierre/Pujo (FRA)
Jun-16	Marburg (GER)	\$15,000+	M Marrai (FRA)	D Novak (CZE)	16 75 62	Jebavy/Novak (CZE)
Jun-16	Dublin (IRL)	\$15,000	M Koning (NED)	C O'Brien (IRL)	63 75	Pomeroy (USA)/Walter (FRA)
Jun-16	Trieste (ITA)	\$10,000	T Tenconi (ITA)	M Radschnitting	76(2) 61	Fava/Viola (ITA)
Jun-16	Alkmaar (NED)	\$15,000	T de Bakker (NED)	M v Gernerden (NED)	46 61 62	Desein/Masson (BEL)
Jun-16	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	S Boretti (NOR)	E Tveit (NOR)	64 62	Ghedin (ITA)/Krkoska (CZE)
Jun-16	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	V Ionita (ROU)	R Varga (HUN)	26 62 60	Enev/Grozdanov (BUL)
Jun-16	Belgrade (SRB)	\$10,000	A Balazs (HUN)	N Mekic (CRO)	67(1) 61	Mekic/Zovko (CRO)
Jun-16	Santa Cruz (ESP)	\$10,000	J Insausti (FRA)	A Boje-Ordenez	63 64	Boje Ordenez/Martin Adalia (ESP)
Jun-16	Illyichevsk (UKR)	\$10,000	E Donstoy (RUS)	D Molchanov (UKR)	67(10) 76	Molchanov/Smirnov (UKR)
Jun-23	Vandans (AUT)	\$10,000	F Zeman (CZE)	R Roshardt (SUI)	63 62	Marrone (ITA)/Roberts (USA)
Jun-23	Toulon (FRA)	\$15,000	N Coutelot (FRA)	S Robert (FRA)	64 64	Fabre/Pudico (FRA)
Jun-23	Trier (GER)	\$10,000	D Brown (JAM)	T Clemens (GER)	75 67(6)	Brown (JAM)/Seifert (GER)
Jun-23	Limerick (IRL)	\$15,000	C Niland (IRL)	H Mankad (IND)	63 64	Koning (NED)/Nielsen (DEN)
Jun-23	Castelfranco	\$10,000	F Torresi (ITA)	A Comporto (ITA)	76(1) 61	Petrizzuolo/Torresi (ITA)
Jun-23	Breda (NED)	\$15,000+	A Flock (GER)	A Sidorenko (FRA)	62 63	Huta-Galung/Middelkoop (NED)
Jun-23	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	T Nieminen (FIN)	S Boretti (NOR)	63 64	Martin (FRA)/Vodicka (USA)
Jun-23	Medias (ROU)	\$10,000	G Moraru (ROU)	V Ionita (ROU)	75 62	Leonte/Mlendea (ROU)
Jun-23	Belgrade (SRB)	\$10,000	A Slovic (SRB)	A Balazs (HUN)	76(4) 06	Cacic/Lajovic (SRB)
Jun-30	Telfs (AUT)	\$10,000	A Sandbilcher (AUT)	M Sieber (GER)	75 60	Palmanhofer (AUT)/Roberts (USA)
Jun-30	Montauban (FRA)	\$15,000+	N Coutelot (FRA)	N Renavand (FRA)	63 62	Jeanpierre/Perlant (FRA)
Jun-30	Kassel (GER)	\$15,000+	M Verkerk (NED)	F Parada (CHI)	64 76(11)	Brown (JAM)/Seifert (GER)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
Jun-30	Bologna (ITA)	\$15,000	T Tenconi (ITA)	L Vanni (ITA)	67(5) 64	Lojda (CZE)/Torresi (ITA)
Jun-30	Bals (ROU)	\$10,000	G Moraru (ROU)	A Mlendea (ROU)	75 75	Mlendea/Moraru (ROU)
Jun-30	Alicante (ESP)	\$15,000	A Ramos (ESP)	M El Aarej (MAR)	46 50 ret	Ollivier Baquero/Rexach (ESP)
Jun-30	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	M Ilhan (TUR)	S Rieschick (GER)	63 57 75	A Asanov (UZB)/Ilhan (TUR)

ITF Women's Circuit

Jun-09	Craiova (ROU)	\$10,000	V Sulpizio (ITA)	A Zucchini (ITA)	62 64	Andrei/Enache (ROU)
Jun-09	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	N Ryzhonkova (RUS)	M Koek (NED)	36 76(6)	Koek/Tigu (NED)
Jun-09	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	P Ozgen (TUR)	E Gorgodze (GEO)	64 76(1)	Astogo (ISR)/Duko (BLR)
Jun-09	Lenzerheide (SUI)	\$10,000	K Boczova (SVK)	M Gerards (NED)	63 61	Gerards/Meddens (NED)
Jun-09	Montemor (POR)	\$10,000	M Gloria (CAN)	M Koehler (POR)	67(2) 63	Gloria (CAN)/Sainz (ESP)
Jun-09	Campobasso	\$25,000	M Zec-Peskirc (SLO)	A Schaefer (GER)	63 63	Irigoyen (ARG)/Vaisemberg (BRA)
Jun-09	Marseille (FRA)	\$75,000+	K Flipkens (BEL)	S Foretz (FRA)	76(4) 62	Szatmari (ROU)/Vedy (FRA)
Jun-09	Zlin (CZE)	\$75,000+	A Groenveld (GER)	J Kostanic Tosic	63 46 61	Dobra/Hladickova (CZE)
Jun-16	Alcobaça (POR)	\$10,000	E Kostova (BUL)	A Carreras (GBR)	36 63 62	Litvak (USA)/Zabala (COL)
Jun-16	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	A Groenveld (GER)	M Meddens (NED)	61 61	Harmsen/Reinhard (NED)
Jun-16	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	M Buzarnescu (ROU)	F Di Sarra (ITA)	62 62	Andrei/Buzarnescu (ROU)
Jun-16	Davos (SUI)	\$10,000	A Sadikovic (SUI)	M Pochabova (SVK)	76(5) 76	Marosi (HUN)/Tavares (BRA)
Jun-16	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	N Ryzhonkova (RUS)	U Eikeri (NOR)	63 61	Koek/Tigu (NED)
Jun-16	Montpellier (FRA)	\$10,000	V Spiegel (ARG)	J Lu (CHN)	76(5) 64	Lu (CHN)/Spiegel (ARG)
Jun-16	Torino (ITA)	\$10,000	K Palkina (KGZ)	G G Monticone (ITA)	60 64	Kapshay (BLR)/Razumova (RUS)
Jun-16	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	S Gehrlein (GER)	A Rodionova (RUS)	62 63	Mircic (SRB)/Tvaroskova (SVK)
Jun-23	Breda (NED)	\$10,000	O Kalyuzhnaya (RUS)	D Harmsen (NED)	46 62 64	Harmsen/Reinhard (NED)
Jun-23	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	D Ripoll (GER)	A Filipovski (HUN)	64 46 60	Lee (NZL)/Nemeth (HUN)
Jun-23	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	T Mrdeza (CRO)	J Kajtazovic (SLO)	63 60	Cacotti (ITA)/Urbancic (SLO)
Jun-23	Getxo (ESP)	\$25,000	E Cabeza (ESP)	C Ewijk (NED)	64 64	Coin (FRA)/Yates (USA)
Jun-23	Kristienhamn	\$25,000	S Halep (ROU)	A Schaefer (GER)	63 62	Mayr (AUT)/Tvaroskova (SVK)
Jun-23	Padova (ITA)	\$25,000	N Ozegovic (CRO)	K Palkina (KGZ)	75 63	Perianu/Ungur (ROU)
Jun-23	Perigueux (FRA)	\$25,000	A Groenveld (GER)	F Haring (FRA)	63 63	Groenveld (GER)/Senoglu (TUR)
Jun-30	Cremona (ITA)	\$10,000	K Perkovic (GER)	A Vedy (FRA)	61 64	Guskova/Kulikova (RUS)
Jun-30	Oviedo (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarreno (ESP)	H Brhane (GER)	76(2) 64	Cabrera/Rehberger (ESP)
Jun-30	Prokuplje (SRB)	\$10,000	A Krunic (SRB)	T Germanlieva (BUL)	64 61	Avramovic/Jovanovic (SRB)
Jun-30	Bastad (SWE)	\$25,000	K Boczova (SVK)	A Schaefer (GER)	16 62 62	Boczova (SVK)/Thyssen (NED)
Jun-30	Mont de Marsan	\$25,000	A Yakimova (BLR)	A Gerasimou (GRE)	63 16 64	Senoglu (TUR)/Silva (POR)
Jun-30	Stuttgart (GER)	\$25,000	S Gehrlein (GER)	Y Savranska (UKR)	60 62	Barrois/Siegemund (GER)
Jun-30	Torun (POL)	\$25,000	E Dzehalevich (BLR)	D Nociarova (SVK)	63 26 76	Brozda/Kiszczyńska (POL)

European Rankings

The first post-Wimbledon European rankings reflect the career best performances of the top players during the grass court season. Eastbourne champion Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland enters the women's list for the first time, having backed up the biggest title win of her career to date with a Wimbledon quarterfinal spot, her second Grand Slam quarter final of the season.

Four European players (Ivanovic, Jankovic, Sharapova and Kuznetsova) remain within the equivalent of one Tier 1 tournament title away from the world #1 spot, setting the stage for an exciting summer on the US hardcourts.

The march of the Spaniards is the surprising story of the men's rankings, with four of the country's stars recording career-best grass court results over the past months. Rafael Nadal edges ever closer to the top spot thanks to titles at Queen's and Wimbledon, whilst David Ferrer rises to #4 as a result of his first ever grass court title in s'Hertogenbosch.

#8 Nicolas Almagro won a Wimbledon match for the first time in four attempts this year, while new entry Fernando Verdasco recorded a career best 8 grass court wins, losing an epic fourth round match at Wimbledon, having reached the final of Nottingham the week before.

Rankings as of July 7th, 2008.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	1	3828
2	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	RUS	2	3685
3	▼	Maria SHARAPOVA	SRB	3	3626
4	►	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	4	3455
5	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6	3105
6	►	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	8	2486
7	►	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	9	2287
8	NEW	Agnieszka RADWANSKA	POL	10	2171
9	NEW	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	11	1972
10	▼	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	12	1927

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6600
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	6055
3	►	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	4945
4	▲	David FERRER	ESP	4	3045
5	▼	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5	2970
6	▲	Andy MURRAY	GBR	9	1805
7	▼	Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	10	1760
8	▲	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	11	1515
9	NEW	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	12	1430
10	NEW	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	13	1375

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<http://www.tenniseurope.org/ProfessionalTennis/EuroBeachTennisChamps08.aspx>

2008 EUROPEAN COACHES' SYMPOSIUM

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New Power Loaded Racquet Technology from HEAD

HEAD has launched its latest revolutionary technology: **CrossBow**. This Power Loaded technology features the world's first and only dynamic bridge racquet construction.

The new CrossBow Technology will be found in five new racquets from HEAD for the coming season, including the **CrossBow 10**, the **CrossBow 6**, as well as the next-generation of Airflow racquets designed for women including the **Airflow 7**, **Airflow 5**, and **Airflow 3**.

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Airflow 5: An oversized, lightweight racquet with the perfect balance of power and control complete with CrossBow Technology.

Airflow 3: Offering extra control for longer swing styles, the Airflow 3 is perfectly balanced for excellent maneuverability.

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