



Interview with President Jacques Dupré



Jacques Dupré was elected to serve as the seventh President of Tennis Europe at the organisations' Annual General Meeting in Copenhagen last month.

Mr. Dupré, 65, has had a distinguished career in tennis administration with experience in a diversity of roles at club, regional and national association level. He currently also holds the post of General Secretary of the French Tennis Federation, and is the first man from France to hold the position of Tennis Europe President in the 33-year history of the organisation. He will oversee a newly elected Board of Management with delegates from an additional eight of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations.

We spoke to the new President to find out his reaction to the election win, and his plans for the future of the ITF's largest regional association.

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European Junior Individual and Team Championships

Europe's top junior players are gearing up for a busy summer of action on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, highlighted by European Championship events for individuals and teams, ranging across all age categories from 12 & Under to 18 & Under.

In addition the 14 & 16 Summer Cup events will once again serve as the European qualifying event for the ITF World Junior Tennis and Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas competitions.

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Congratulations on your election as President of Tennis Europe. What was your motivation in deciding to stand for the role?

As John James could not run for a new mandate, I took the decision to stand as a candidate for the presidency of Tennis Europe, with the aim of continuing a joint venture that I had already undertaken within the Board the last three years, and also to put at the disposal of Tennis Europe some of my experience acquired as General Secretary of the French Tennis Federation.

What do you hope to achieve during your term in office?

My objectives for this mandate were clearly explained in my wide-ranging manifesto. I would like to achieve greater efficiency in our role as a "resource centre" servicing the nations on the levels of sport organisation and administration. Secondly, I'd like to foster greater solidarity, in order to enable a general and harmonious exercise of our sport by as many people as possible. Thirdly, to continue to initiate innovative projects that can be taken as blue prints. Next, to focus on the education of young managers, the promotion of values inherent to sport (especially to tennis), and an awareness of the role that the sport has to play in issues of sustainable development. Finally, and most importantly, my wish is that Tennis Europe be recognized as an indispensable driving force within and towards the various international bodies, on whom the future of our sport depends.

You have been a Board of Management member for 6 years. Can we expect to see a continuance of existing policies?

Yes - it was a great pleasure for me to sit on the board during the last six years and obviously there will be some continuity in our policy. However, as already stated, I hope that in agreement with the new Board, my programme will be totally realised, as it was endorsed by the vast majority of the voting delegates.

Since 2002 you have served as the Chairman of the Development Committee, an area that you feel strongly about. Will the area of development continue to be a priority for you?

Yes, of course development will still be a priority for



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me, if not *the* priority. The structuring of the National Associations, the high level education of teachers, coaches, officers, the practice of our sport accessible to everybody without exception, these are the guarantees for the success of our sport and the continuous renewal of its top players.

You have been the General Secretary of the French Tennis Federation for some fifteen years now. How will this experience help you in your new role with Tennis Europe?

I think that the experience I acquired as General Secretary during four successive mandates should be useful in various fields, and I have no doubt that some of my accomplishments and ideas there could be used by Tennis Europe.

However, I think that in an organisation such as Tennis Europe involving 49 diverse countries, all in different situations and with sometimes totally different problems, it is difficult and even unacceptable to rely on one existing system as a model. Those are the inherent challenges of the job and the limits of an experience obtained within one Federation, even if it is one as big as the FFT...

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How will you manage to combine the two roles?

This is a good question, which I will be able to answer in a few months...

Seriously though, I think that these two functions are compatible without too many problems, as the two organisations are perfectly structured with efficient and competent staff, and have some very 'hands-on' elected people.

As far as Tennis Europe is concerned, I intend to delegate some tasks to the Board Members, particularly concerning representative duties, which will allow me to dedicate more time to the progress of projects and to limit travelling a little bit.

Can you tell us a little bit about your own life in tennis? How did you get involved in the sport, and what does it mean to you?

I have to tell you that my story as tennis player is more than modest as I started to play at the age of 35 with my children and I reached a third "serie" ranking. Pre-

viously I practiced athletics and football at a reasonable level. Within tennis, I have essentially been involved as a volunteer and have been busy in all possible positions starting from the tennis club: initiator, referee, club secretary, club president, event organiser (the Soisbault Cup was one such event), general secretary of "department" [county], president of department, general secretary and president of "ligue" [regional association], up to general secretary of the FFT...

Finally, answering your last question, I have to tell you that I had always a passion for sport, in fact all sports, and have always been a strong advocate of the educational values of sport, on individual or collective basis.

I always believed and still believe that sport can and should be a fantastic way to erase differences, whether they are racial, physical or social differences, and also to favour fraternity and solidarity between people. On the whole, this is what motivates me as a volunteer servicing our sport.

Juan Maria Tintoré Honoured in Barcelona

Juan Maria Tintoré, President of the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona-1899 and Honorary Treasurer of Tennis Europe, was presented with a special award from the International Tennis Hall of Fame at the club's recent Open Sabadell Atlántico ATP tournament.

The Golden Achievement Award is given to people who have made important contributions to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion or education, and have devoted long and outstanding service to the sport, and recognises his work as President of the club over the past 15 years, in which time the club and its tournament have gone from strength to strength. Prior to his role as Club President, Mr. Tintoré was the Spanish delegate to the International Tennis Federation from 1977-1984, and from 1994-2002.

Former world #1 Arantxa Sánchez Vicario presented the award at the ceremony, which was attended by a great number of friends and family. Mr Tintoré thanked those present for their affection and recognition of his work in charge of the club with a special mention for those who have supported him and worked with him throughout his long career trajectory.



Amongst those present at the ceremony were Francesco Ricci Bitti, President of the International Tennis Federation, Pedro Muñoz, President of the Spanish Tennis Federation, Francesc Orriols, President of the Catalan Tennis Federation, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Honorary President of the International Olympic Committee, Josep Oliu, President of the Banc Sabadell Atlántico, Tournament Director Sixte Cambra and International Tennis Hall of Fame Committee Member Sir James Harvie-Watt.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships

The 2008 ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships were held in Haskovo, Bulgaria recently. Hosted by the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, the ten-day event took place in two stages from 8 - 17 April. Players from 18 Eastern European countries took part in Championships, which took the form of two consecutive tournaments to ensure maximum playing benefits.

The boys' event was dominated by Evgeniy Akhmadeev (UKR) who won both tournaments without dropping a set. In the first final Lithuanian Lucas Mugevicius put up a strong first set challenge before fading 64 61. In the second final, the challenger came from another small country, Cyprus. On his way to the final, thirteen year old Cypriot Sergios Kyratzis came back from the brink of defeat to beat Mugevicius 16 75 60 in the quarterfinals, before rolling past Danylo Kelanichenko (UKR) 60 62 in the semis. Kyratzis then repeated the dominant 64 61 scoreline of the first week's final, this time handing a loss to Akhmadeev.

In the girls' events, Victoria Tomova from Bulgaria cruised through the first tournament and overcame her only real challenge in the the second set of the quarterfinal match against Danka Kovinic (MNE), which she eventually won 60 75.

Danka underlined her credentials in the second event when she beat Tomova in the semis 75 16 60, raising her game to play her best tennis in the third set. Fifth seeded Ganna Pozniarenko (UKR) surprised the field and on her way to the finals, defeating third seed Anita Husaric (BIH) 62 26 61 in the quarters and Julia Kulibaba (LAT) 67 62 64 in the semis. Despite long battles in the previous matches Ganna was fresh for



Players prepare for the opening ceremony in Haskovo.

her final match, and won against Danka Kovinic in straight sets 63 63.

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, said: "Since the start of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programmes, the Development Championships have been one of the most important events. Aside from providing ten singles and doubles matches for each participant over two weeks, the 16 most promising players will be invited to take part in the ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Touring Teams in Europe this summer."

Full draws and results from the 2008 ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships can be found at <http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/Development-Champs2008.aspx>

16 & Under ITF/Tennis Europe Touring Team Announced

The eight team members and circuit schedule for the forthcoming 16 & Under ITF/Tennis Europe Touring Team have been announced.

Two coaches will join Ciprian Porumb (ROU), Dovydas Sakinis (LTU), Pavel Filin (BLR), Danil Proskura (EST), Damir Dzumhur (BIH), Ingrid Radu (ROU), Iva Lepcevska (MKD) and Salome Kvitchashvili (GEO) for initial training camp from 28th May - 1st June, before the group sets off to compete at some of the Tennis

Europe Junior Tour's most prestigious clay court events.

The Team will call in at tournaments in Montecatini and Milan in Italy before heading to La Baule, Le Pontet and Paris in France.

Play and Stay Workshop in Finland



A Play and Stay workshop was recently held in Finland, supported by the ITF and Tennis Europe as a 'Competitions for All' Specific Project.

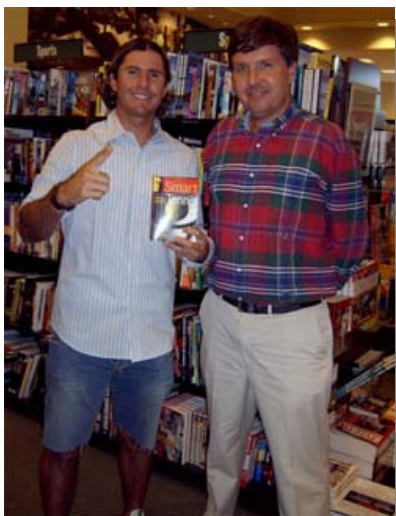
The three day intensive course, which was conducted by ITF expert Mark Tennant at the Pujalahti Training Centre, provided an overview and introduction to midi tennis for a group of 41 national coaches and 12 players, of whom 8 were exclusively mini-tennis players and four were from the national U12 team.

Midi-tennis differs from its namesake mini tennis in that it represents the next step as players progress to full tennis, using a larger court surface, different balls and a 'Total Tennis' methodology.



Aside from the introduction of midi-tennis, the event was also designed to provide examples of modern training methodologies and tournament organisation for those in attendance.

Sports Psychology Workshop in London



Dr John F. Murray and pro player Vince Spadea present their book.

Dr. John F. Murray, the sport psychologist who has worked with over 100 tennis pros on the ATP and WTA tours, will conduct his 7th annual full-day sport psychology workshop on June 20 in London, England, on the Friday before the start of The Championships at Wimbledon.

The event will be held again at the unique Sutton Ten-

nis Academy, 4 miles from Wimbledon. The superb center meets the training and practice requirements of professional, full-time or aspiring junior performance players and is a training base for many world-ranked players.

The context of Dr. Murray's event is tennis, but the lessons and principals benefit anyone in a high performance situation including but not limited to other sports, performing arts or business. Acceptable ages

are 11 to adult, but children will need to be accompanied by an adult to provide consent. The workshop will take place from 9AM to 5PM with a break for lunch. Dr. Murray conducts this personally and participants receive:

- 1) Signed copy of Dr. Murray's best-selling book *Smart Tennis: How to Play and Win the Mental Game*, cover endorsed by Wimbledon champion Lindsay Davenport
- 2) Full powerpoint presentation on 8 mental skills for success
- 3) Discussion, exercises and strategies for higher performance on and off the court
- 4) Full professional sport psychology evaluation followed by an 8 page written report with advice
- 5) Full year of mental coaching support via email and tracking forms over the internet based on the report

To book your place for this exciting event, please send an email to Dr. John F Murray at johnfmurray@mindspring.com or call 561-596-9898 in the USA. Cost for workshop, signed copy of the book, evaluation, 10 page report and year of training is £275, payable in advance by credit card using paypal. If you would just like to attend for the day, and not receive the evaluation or year of mental training, the cost is just £99. A professional sport psychology evaluation alone normally costs £300. See the main website at: <http://www.JohnFMurray.com>

Centre Internacional de Tennis News



A total of fourteen players and three coaches from the New Zealand Tennis Federation have arrived in Barcelona to begin training at Tennis Europe's Official

Academy Partner, the Centre Internacional de Tennis de Cornellà (CIT), following the previously reported signing of an agreement between the Catalan Tennis Federation, owners of the CIT, and the New Zealand federation, under which the CIT becomes their official European training base.

Both federations hope that further collaborations will follow.

The best junior players from New Zealand - David Clifford, Elliot Darling, Tutere Durie, Jamie Eccleton (ITF junior ranking #1194), Matthew Johnson (ITF #1176), Andrew Van Der Vyver, Jamie Yates, Leela Beattie (ITF #1269), Gabrielle Grady, Deanna Hammi, Alice Laing, Briar Preston (ITF #485), Geraldine Prisk and Heidi Stewart - are now training at the CIT, alongside their coaches Niki Tippens, Angela Swinkles, and Werner Venter.

Scheduled to attend the CIT until mid-June, the players have a month of work ahead of them, in which they will undergo intensive specialized clay-court training with the objective of improving their play on the surface. For the task, their trainers will be joined by the Academy's technicians, under the supervision of director Paco Ferrer.

Each day of training consists of split sessions – two and a half hours of on-court activities in the morning followed by an hour of physical work. The afternoon sees the players return to the courts for a further hour



and a half. The training programme is combined with social activities planned by the FCT. The New Zealand players will conclude their stay in Europe by competing at the ITF RUC Tennis Junior Open Casablanca in Morocco at the end of May.

Owned and managed by the Catalan Tennis Federation and situated close to Barcelona airport in Spain, the Centre is home to some of Europe's finest training facilities, including 14 Greenset, 13 clay and 4 indoor tennis courts, as well as a 300m2 gym, swimming pool, full medical centre and restaurant. In recent months, the Centre has also seen the inauguration of a new female residency, ensuring the ample provision of on-site accommodation for both boys and girls.

Special prices are available for those Tennis Europe member nations wishing to take advantage of the CIT facilities and benefit from the vastly experienced coaching team headed by former Spanish David Cup Captain and Olympic silver medallist Jordi Arrese. For further information about the CIT and its services, visit <http://centreinacional.fctennis.org/eng/>



TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR - DID YOU KNOW?

Twelve years ago this month, winners on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour included future top ten players **Justine Henin**, **Guillermo Coria** (Open des Jeunes, France U14) and **Elena Dementieva** (Reggio, Italy U16)



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EUROPEAN JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



and 18 & Under.

The 12 & Under Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD celebrates its second year with a total of 60 national teams taking part, up from 53 last year.

As usual, the 14 & Under Summer Cups serve as the European qualifying competition for the World Junior Tennis Competition, with the top five teams (plus the host nation) qualifying for the finals in Prostějov (CZE). A record number of 65 teams have entered these events.

The 16 & Under boys' and girls' Summer Cups serve as European qualifying for the Junior Davis Cup and

A complete list of dates, venues and the repartition of nations for the remaining 2008 junior team championships can be found below. This year, for the second time, European Championship events will be held for juniors aged 12, 14, 16

Junior Fed Cup by BNP Paribas respectively. Again, the top five teams plus the host nation will qualify, from a total of 64 entered nations.

The 18 & Under European Summer Cups feature 48 national teams. Performances at this event contribute towards the players ITF Junior Rankings.

In addition to the team events, the European Junior Championships look set to be as tough as ever, with an increase in participation across all age categories.

The 14 & Under event will be held in Pilsen (CZE) whilst the continents' top 16 & under players return to Moscow (RUS) for the second consecutive year. Austria will host the 18 & under event, at a venue to be confirmed.

All age categories will be played during the week of July 21-27.



TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD - BOYS 12&U - QUALIFYING (24-27 Jul)

Zone A - RAKOVNIK (CZE)	Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Hungary, Israel, Moldova, Romania, Slovak Rep, Turkey
Zone B - TALLINN (EST)	Belarus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine
Zone C - SALO (ITA)	Austria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia
Zone D - HAREN (NED)	Belgium, Cyprus, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
Finals - ALGHERO (ITA)	07-10 August

TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD - GIRLS 12&U - QUALIFYING (24-27 Jul)

Zone A - SLIVEN (BUL)	Bulgaria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary, Malta, Moldova, Russia
Zone B - PRAGUE (CZE)	Belarus, Belgium, Czech Rep, Estonia, Great Britain, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden
Zone C - SALO (ITA)	France, Italy, Israel, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Rep, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone D - HAREN (NED)	Austria, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey
Finals - AJACCIO (FRA)	07-10 August

EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS

COPA DEL SOL - BOYS 14&U - QUALIFYING (29 Jun– 01 Jul)

Zone A - SAINTES (FRA)	Belarus, Czech Rep, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland
Zone B - SASSARI (ITA)	Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Rep Cyprus and Estonia to play prequalifying round on 28th June. (drawn by lot)
Zone C - VELENJE (SLO)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova, Russia, Slovenia, Ukraine. Latvia and Montenegro to play prequalifying round on 28th June. (drawn by lot)
Zone D - VALENCIA (ESP)	Croatia, Great Britain, Israel, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey
Finals - VALENCIA (ESP)	06-08 July Defending champions: Russia

EUROPA CUP - GIRLS 14&U - QUALIFYING (29 Jun– 01 Jul)

Zone A - HEVERLEE (BEL)	Belgium, Estonia, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Netherlands, Sweden
Zone B - SOFIA (BUL)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine
Zone C - HONFLEUR (FRA)	Czech Rep, Finland, France, Israel, Poland, Russia, Slovak Rep, Switzerland
Zone D - SALERNO (ITA)	Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain
Finals - LOANO (ITA)	06-08 July Defending champions: France

BOROTRA CUP - BOYS 16&U - QUALIFYING (30 Jul-01 Aug)

Zone A - AREZZO (ITA)	Bulgaria, Croatia, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Romania FYR Macedonia and Moldova to play prequalifying round on 29th June. (drawn by lot)
Zone B - WROCLAW (POL)	Austria, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Slovak Rep.
Zone C - TORRELAVEGA (ESP)	Belarus, Cyprus, Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine
Zone D - BERINGEN (SUI)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Rep, France, Germany, Israel, Serbia, Slovenia
Finals - LE TOUQUET (FRA)	04-06 August Defending champions: Croatia

HELVETIE CUP - GIRLS 16&U - QUALIFYING (30 Jul-01 Aug)

Zone A - QUEENSWOOD(GBR)	Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Sweden
Zone B - LIVORNO (ITA)	Bosnia/Herzegovina, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland
Zone C - SOPOT (POL)	Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovak Rep, Ukraine
Zone D - IZMIR (TUR)	Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Israel, Moldova, Turkey
Finals - LEYSIN (SUI)	04-06 August Defending champions: Netherlands

GALEA/VALERIO CUP - BOYS 18&U - QUALIFYING (30 Jul-01 Aug)

Zone A - OPAVA (CZE)	Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia, Spain
Zone B - LA ROCHELLE(FRA)	Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Portugal, Sweden
Zone C - PIESTANY (SVK)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Great Britain, Greece, Israel, Poland, Slovak Rep, Ukraine
Zone D - KOPER (SLO)	Belarus, Croatia, Moldova, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey
Finals - VERONA (ITA)	04-06 August Defending champions: France

REINA/SOISBAULT CUP - GIRLS 18&U - QUALIFYING (30 Jul-01 Aug)

Zone A - PLOVDIV (BUL)	Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Slovenia, Ukraine
Zone B - OSTRAVA (CZE)	Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Moldova, Slovak Republic
Zone C - MAGLIE (ITA)	Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Serbia, Turkey
Zone D - LLEIDA (ESP)	France, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden
Finals - GRANVILLE (FRA)	04-06 August Defending champions: Russia

Beyond the Baseline...

World #1 **Justine Henin** of Belgium shocked the tennis world this week by announcing her retirement from the sport with immediate effect, bringing down the curtain on a career which saw her win seven Grand Slam singles titles and accrue just short of \$20 million in prize money.

Veteran players **Felix Mantilla** of Spain and **Davide Sanguinetti** of Italy have also hung up their racquets for good. Mantilla reached the top 10 in 1998 following his semi final showing at Roland Garros, while Sanguinetti won two career singles titles from six finals and reached a high of #42.

The **Lawn Tennis Association** has confirmed some changes to the grass court season in the run-up to Wimbledon for 2009, which will see the current Nottingham ATP event moved to Eastbourne, and held simultaneously with the successful WTA event there.

The ITF has published the **Beach Tennis** calendar. Full details of European events can be found at the European Tennis Calendar. The ITF Beach Tennis Tour kicked off last week with an event running parallel to the ATP Masters Series event in Rome. A women's event continues this week alongside the WTA Tier 1 event there.

The draw for the **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group Play offs features European teams in all but one of the ties, which are set to take place during the weekend of September 19-21. Winning nations secure places in the 2009 World Group. The draw is as follows (host nations first, seeds in capitals):

Chile v AUSTRALIA
Great Britain v AUSTRIA
Switzerland v BELGIUM
CROATIA v Brazil
ISRAEL v Peru
Netherlands v KOREA, REP
ROMANIA v India
SLOVAK REPUBLIC v Serbia

Meanwhile, the semi final venues have been confirmed as Madrid (Spain vs. USA) and Buenos Aires (Argentina vs. Russia).

Also in Davis Cup news, the ITF and ATP have confirmed that rankings points will be awarded to participating players from next year, ranging from 5 points for a singles victory in a playoff tie to 75 points for a win in the Davis Cup final.

Russia will travel to Spain for the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** final on September 13-14. The defending champions saw off a depleted US team 3-2 to reach their fourth final in five years, while Spain recorded a 4-1 win away in China.

Madison Brengle and **Wayne Odesnik** have earned wild card entries to Roland Garros after winning a play-off competition in Florida, thanks to a reciprocal wild card arrangement between the French Tennis Federation and the USTA.

Roland Garros organisers expect record attendance this year after rebuilding the C Stand of the Philippe Chatrier court, increasing capacity to 14,845 seats. The four tribunes have been renamed to commemorate the famed 'Musketeers' of French tennis, Jacques Brugnon (Stand A), Jean Borotra (Stand B), René Lacoste (Stand C) and Henri Cochet (Stand D).

Russian sporting goods brand **BoscoSport** has signed to become a international sponsor of the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas, and will provide outfits for lines-people and ballkids at all Fed Cup ties.

Former world #2 **Anastasia Myskina** of Russia gave birth to a baby boy, Zhenya on April 28th.

Andrew Jarrett has been appointed chief of Officiating for the International Tennis Federation.

EUROPEAN TENNIS CALENDAR
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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.



European Lifetime Senior Champions

Tennis Europe has announced the introduction of a special new award that recognizes the longevity and performances of Europe's best Senior Tennis players. The **European Lifetime Senior Champion** Award will be given to an elite band of players who win at least five World Championship and ten European championship titles during their Senior Circuit careers.

The recipients of the very first **European Lifetime Senior Champion** Awards, to be presented at a ceremony at Roland Garros on Tuesday 27th May 2008, are Heide Orth of Germany, Peter Pokorny of Austria and Marie Pinterova of Hungary (pictured). Istvan Gulyas of Hungary receives the award posthumously.



HEIDE ORTH

8 World Championships
24 European Championships
(15 Indoors,
9 Outdoors)

11 Tennis Europe
Player of the Year
Titles



PETER POKORNY

5 World Championships
27 European Championships
(19 Indoors,
8 Outdoors)

11 Tennis Europe
Player of the Year
Titles



MARIE PINTEROVA

11 World Championships
24 European Championships
(12 Indoors,
12 Outdoors)

5 Tennis Europe
Player of the Year
Titles



ISTVAN GULYAS

7 World Championships
15 European Championships
(9 Indoors,
6 Outdoors)

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

Petra Uberalova (pictured) had a successful tournament at Trnava in her home nation of Slovak Republic, winning the doubles event and finishing as runner-up in the singles to break into the top ten. Uberalova won the tournament in Milovice in January beating Pernilla Mendesova of the Czech Republic. The roles were reversed in Trnava, where Mendesova scored her first title of the year, and enters the top ten at #6 as a result.

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 15th May 2008.



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	675
2	►	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	590
3	►	Polina LEIKINA	RUS	580
4	►	Nastja KOLAR	SLO	565
5	►	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	500
6	NEW	Pernilla MENDESOVA	CZE	415
7	►	Tamara CUROVIC	SRB	405
8	▼	Laura ROBSON	GBR	400
9	▼	Leolia JEANJEAN	FRA	400
10	NEW	Petra UBERALOVA	SVK	400

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Evgeni KARLOVSKI	RUS	580
2	►	Liam BROADY	GBR	530
3	▲	Julien CAGNINA	BEL	460
4	▼	Konstantin GERLAKH	RUS	455
5	▲	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	450
6	▼	Maxim LUNKIN	RUS	430
7	▼	Lucas POUILLE	FRA	405
8	▼	Moos SPORKEN	NED	400
9	▼	Jeroen VANNESTE	BEL	395
10	▼	Jannis KAHLKE	GER	375

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Konstantin Mikos of Greece (pictured) smashes into the Boys 16 & under top ten this week thanks to back-to-back tournament wins at Category 2 events in Budapest and Brno in April, adding to the two he already holds, Sofia and Bals.

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 15th May 2008.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Ema BURGIC	BIH	480
2	▲	Camila SILVA	CHI	470
3	▼	Sviatlana PIRAZHENKA	BLR	455
4	►	Xin WEN	CHN	390
5	▲	Natalia PINTUSAVA	BLR	355
6	►	Dorothea ERIC	SRB	350
7	►	Despoina PAPAMICHAIL	GRE	350
8	▲	Aleksandra MITROVSKA	BUL	325
9	NEW	Agnes BUKTA	HUN	312.5
10	►	Johanna HYÖTY	FIN	310

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	570
2	►	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	520
3	►	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	380
4	▲	Pavel FILIN	BLR	380
5	NEW	Konstantin MIKOS	GRE	370
6	▲	Damir DZUMHUR	BIH	365
7	▲	Laszlo SENDROI	HUN	320
8	▲	Aleksandre KONDULUKOV	RUS	320
9	▼	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SRB	315
10	NEW	Dovydas SAKINIS	LTU	295

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DATE	TOURNAMENT	CAT.	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES WINNERS
Apr-14	Bressuire (FRA)		J Ondo Obiang (FRA)	J Tatlot (FRA)	63 26 61	Ashley/Hutman (GBR)
			K Sharifova (RUS)	O Dodin (FRA)	61 60	Dean/Boutler (GBR)
Apr-21	Calvia (ESP)		P Dominguez (ESP)	M Marko (SVK)	64 64	Nagy/Marko (SVK)
			V Peña (ESP)	MJ Luque (ESP)	62 62	Peña/Sorribes (ESP)
Apr-21	Rakovnik (CZE)		E Ymer (SWE)	D Windahl (SWE)	75 62	Ymer/Windahl (SWE)
			I Csoregi (ROU)	N Cvackova (CZE)	64 64	Mayerova/Cvackova (CZE)
Apr-21	Antalya (TUR)		B Bobrov (RUS)	C Hizlialp (TUR)	61 61	Bobrov/Myschanka (RUS)
			A Federova (RUS)	E Makarova (RUS)	63 63	Karagoz (TUR)/ Stoilkovska (MKD)
Apr-28	Cakovec (CRO)		D Gostincar (SLO)	F Kraljevic (CRO)	75 76(2)	Gostincar/Krizaj (SLO)
			I Primorac (CRO)	D Paocic (BIH)	62 16 75	Bekefi/Matyak (HUN)
Apr-28	Le Passage (FRA)		G Quinzi (ITA)	B Daubigny (FRA)	62 64	Not played
			E Cascino (FRA)	L Tanfin (FRA)	62 62	Not played

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Mar-31	Pavia (ITA)	2	J Cagnina (BEL)	M Palma (ITA)	76(8) 61	Saville/Thompson (AUS)
			D Salnikova (RUS)	C de Bernardi (FRA)	63 61	Masini/Zauli (ITA)
Apr-07	Haskovo (BUL)	2	E Akhmadeev (UKR)	L Mugevicius (LTU)	64 61	Akhmadeev/ Kalenichenko (UKR)
			V Tomova (BUL)	J Kulibaba (EST)	61 62	Arantekin/Eraydin (TUR)
Apr-14	Haskovo (BUL)	2	S Kyratzis (CYP)	E Akhmadeev (UKR)	64 61	Podzus/Fomkins (LAT)
			G Poznikhirenko (UKR)	D Kovinic (MNE)	63 63	Tomova/Botusharova (BUL)
Apr-14	Iteuil (FRA)	3	G Barrere (FRA)	L Lokoli (FRA)	63 75	Kanar/Lokoli (FRA)
			S Gauvain (FRA)	L Brouleau (FRA)	75 62	Dunford (GBR)/Valle Costa (POR)
Apr-14	Vincovci (CRO)	3	C Perinti (ITA)	M Goles Babic (CRO)	60 60	Kondulkov (RUS)/ Perinti (CRO)
			R Zenhausern (SUI)	I Bago (CRO)	64 62	Bara (ROU)/ Szlavikovics (HUN)
Apr-21	Zagreb (CRO)	3	J Schretter (AUT)	I Levar (CRO)	62 61	Bambridge/Bunting (GBR)
			M Novakovic (BIH)	E Bauer (SRB)	62 61	Jeresic/Ljubic (CRO)
Apr-21	Trnava (SVK)	2	A Pavlasek (CZE)	C Toth (HUN)	60 46 75	Brenk/Safranek (CZE)
			P Mendesova (CZE)	P Uberalova (SVK)	26 62 62	Kucharova/Uberalova (SVK)
Apr-28	Adana (TUR)	2	K Edmund (GBR)	D Durmus (TUR)	76(6) 46 75	Durmus/Ider (TUR)
			B Eraydin (TUR)	M Lebedeva (RUS)	76(3) 64	Eraydin/Arantekin (TUR)
Apr-28	Prague (CZE)	2	M Jankovic (SRB)	M Jaloveic (CZE)	76(4) 60	Stanek/Cabela (CZE)
			Y Putintseva (RUS)	P Mendesova (CZE)	46 63 60	Palmigiano (ITA)/Van de Graaf (NED)

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DATE	TOURNAMENT	CAT.	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES WINNERS
Apr-28	Opalenica (POL)	2	P Fabian (SVK)	K Kaczynski (GER)	61 63	Jakubski/Lutkowski (POL)
			K Schmiedlova (SVK)	P Czarnik (POL)	46 64 60	Ostrozlikova/Schmiedlova (SVK)
May-05	Pecs (HUN)	2	M Jankovic (SRB)	F Veger (CRO)	75 61	Biro/Madarasz (HUN)
			C Kandler (AUT)	S Staschenko (UKR)	63 63	Doroshina (RUS)/Ostrozlikova (SVK)

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Apr-14	Antalya (TUR)	3	D Belfer (ISR)	E Hecht (ISR)	64 46 64	Korchevskyy/Miroshnichenko (UKR)
			K Kozlova (UKR)	E Svitolina (UKR)	76(5) 63	Kozlava/Svitolina (UKR)
Apr-14	Novi Sad (SRB)	2	M Zsiga (HUN)	D Dzumhur (BIH)	63 61	Pavic/Brkic (CRO)
			A Kyrylova (UKR)	I Papageorgiou (GRE)	63 63	Eric/Slijepcevic (SRB)
Apr-21	Pancevo (SRB)	3	A Campo (ITA)	B Zdravkovic (SRB)	61 63	Petrovic/Zdravkovic (SRB)
			E Kordolaimi (GRE)	B Soares (POR)	60 60	Fiala/Knobel (SUI)
Apr-21	Brno (CZE)	2	K Mikos (GRE)	M Zsiga (HUN)	75 62	Strnad/Hradsky (CZE)
			M Biryukova (RUS)	D Hegedus (HUN)	75 62	Kaluzik (GER)/Bartova (CZE)
Apr-28	Budapest (HUN)	2	K Mikos (GRE)	A Partl (SVK)	64 75	Partl (SVK)/Pydyszewski (RUS)
			A Bukta (HUN)	B Szavay (HUN)	62 64	Szavay/Szlavikovics (HUN)
May-05	Pinsk (BLR)	2	P Filin (BLR)	A Bulitski (RUS)	62 60	Miroshnichenko/Malyshev (UKR)
			A Kyrylova (UKR)	Y Artsiomava (BLR)	76(2) 10 ret	Vavulina/Artsiomava (BLR)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Mar-31	Exmouth (GBR)	\$10,000	J Goodall (GBR)	C Niland (IRL)	64 76(3)	Heliovaara/Kontinen (FIN)
Mar-31	Rome (ITA)	\$10,000	P Rusevski (MKD)	G Di Meo (ITA)	63 46 61	Gonzalia/Villar (ARG)
Mar-31	Loja (ESP)	\$10,000	R Machado (POR)	P Riba (ESP)	63 36 61	Clar/Olaso (ESP)
Mar-31	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Gorban (MDA)	D Brown (JAM)	63 61	Brown (JAM)/Steinberger (GER)
Apr-07	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000	A Sidorenko (FRA)	S de Chaunac (FRA)	67(7) 62	Marx/Uebel (GER)
Apr-07	Bergamo (ITA)	\$15,000	M Montcourt (FRA)	A Veic (CRO)	62 75	Gonzalia/Migani(ARG)
Apr-07	Moscow (RUS)	\$15,000	M Kukushkin (RUS)	J Mertl (CZE)	67(4) 76	Demekhine/Kravchuk (RUS)
Apr-07	Malaga (ESP)	\$15,000	G Fraile (ESP)	D Diaz Ventura	76(6) 64	Fornell (ESP)/Rice (GBR)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit						
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Apr-07	Malaga (ESP)	\$15,000	G Fraile (ESP)	D Diaz Ventura	76(6) 64	Fornell (ESP)/Rice (GBR)
Apr-14	Grasse (FRA)	\$15,000	N Coutelot (FRA)	D Veronelli (ARG)	63 36 63	Dalla-Santa/Pujo (FRA)
Apr-14	Francavilla (ITA)	\$10,000	T Fabbiano (ITA)	V Ionita (ROU)	62 62	Pinheiro/Romboli (BRA)
Apr-14	Tyumen (RUS)	\$15,000	P Chekhov (RUS)	I Marchenko (RUS)	76(4) 64	Arsenov/Donskoy (RUS)
Apr-14	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	G Kretschmer (GER)	K Lejnieks (LAT)	64 57 75	Gutierrez Ferrol (ESP)/Rice (GBR)
Apr-14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Moraru (ROU)	Y Martens (BEL)	46 63 64	Maamoun/Sabry (EGY)
Apr-21	Padova (ITA)	\$15,000	A Veic (CRO)	S Vagnozzi (ITA)	62 67(4)	Vagnozzi (ITA)/Zampieri (BRA)
Apr-21	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	J Genaro Martinez	T Reid (AUS)	61 75	Canudas/Clar (ESP)
Apr-21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Gorban (MDA)	M Ilhan (TUR)	64 16 60	Maamoun/Sabry (EGY)
Apr-28	Bournemouth	\$15,000	C Niland (IRL)	P Metenier (FRA)	75 60	Skupski (GBR)/Walter (FRA)
Apr-28	Aosta (ITA)	\$10,000	S Ianni (ITA)	G Hormazabal (CHI)	36 63 64	Hormazabal/Podlipnik (CHI)
Apr-28	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	R Sabau (ROU)	J Millman (AUS)	75 63	Craciun/Ionita (ROU)
Apr-28	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	A Flock (GER)	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	64 63	Boje Ordonez/Martin Adalia (ESP)
Apr-28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Eysseric (FRA)	M Ilhan (TUR)	36 64 64	Balazs/Balazs (HUN)
May-05	Doboj (BIH)	\$10,000	A Slovic (SRB)	D Pavlovs (LAT)	62 63	Pavlovs (LAT)/Tosic (MNE)
May-05	Sofia (BUL)	\$10,000	I Traykov (BUL)	S Ivanov (BUL)	61 62	Leonte (ROU)/Vanni (ITA)
May-05	Teplice (CZE)	\$10,000	R Jebavy (CZE)	M Vacek (SVK)	46 75 75	Jebavy/Zeman (CZE)
May-05	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$15,000	A Da Col (ITA)	D Alvarez (ARG)	64 61	Evans/Milton (GBR)
May-05	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	R Ghedin (ITA)	S La Porte (USA)	63 62	Danilovic (MNE)/Lejnieks (LAT)
May-05	Mogyorod (HUN)	\$10,000	G Balazs (HUN)	A Balazs (HUN)	63 63	Balazs/Balazs (HUN)
May-05	Vicenza (ITA)	\$15,000	G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	V Ionita (ROU)	76(1) 63	Aguilar (CHI)/Avellan (ECU)
May-05	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	S Demekhine (RUS)	S Krotiouk (RUS)	57 61 64	Apostou/Gavrile (ROU)
May-05	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	J Genaro Martinez	V Ignatik (BLR)	64 75	Cervantes/Diaz (ESP)

ITF Women's Circuit						
Mar-31	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	V Sulpizio (ITA)	M Koek (NED)	63 63	Matei (ROU)/Sulpizio (ITA)
Mar-31	Civitavecchia	\$25,000	B Jozami (ARG)	P Hercog (SLO)	62 62	Cravero/Jozami (ARG)
Mar-31	Hamburg (GER)	\$25,000	K Barrois (GER)	A Vrljic (CRO)	62 ret	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Voegele (SUI)
Mar-31	Patra (GRE)	\$50,000	M Rybarikova (SVK)	A Keothavong (GBR)	63 75	Obziler (ISR)/Yakimova (BLR)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit						
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	
Mar-31	Torhout (BEL)	\$75,000	E Baltacha (GBR)	I Benesova (CZE)	67(5) 61 64	Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)/Wickmayer (BEL)
Apr-07	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Gerards (NED)	V Sulpizio (ITA)	75 46 64	Balsamo/Sulpizio (ITA)
Apr-07	San Severo	\$10,000	A Virgili (ITA)	A Remondina (ITA)	64 06 64	Davato/Sabino (ITA)
Apr-07	Sibenik (CRO)	\$10,000	K Kosinska (POL)	T Stojkovic (CRO)	75 61	Kosinska (POL)/Sedenkova (CZE)
Apr-07	Telde (ESP)	\$10,000	C Ewijk (NED)	D Ripoll (GER)	62 75	Ewijk/Harmsen (NED)
Apr-07	Biarritz (FRA)	\$25,000	K Woerle (GER)	S Sfar (TUN)	61 63	Muller (GER)/Wheeler (AUS)
Apr-07	Monzon (ESP)	\$75,000	P Kvitova (CZE)	Y Wickmayer (BEL)	26 64 75	Fujiwara (JPN)/Gagliardi (SUI)
Apr-14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Gerards (NED)	E Kostova (BUL)	62 26 76	Gerards/Koek (NED)
Apr-14	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	F Haring (FRA)	64 75	Broady (GBR)/Sadikovic (SUI)
Apr-14	Fuerteventura (ESP)	\$10,000	J Jegiolka (POL)	I Rehberger (ESP)	63 62	Curtis (GBR)/Rehberger (ESP)
Apr-14	Bari (ITA)	\$25,000	A Rus (NED)	A Brianti (ITA)	26 75 63	Brianti/Floris (ITA)
Apr-21	Hvar (CRO)	\$10,000	P Mayr (AUT)	L Jurikova (SVK)	64 62	Mayr (AUT)/Vierin (ITA)
Apr-21	Naples (ITA)	\$10,000	C Wheeler (AUS)	L Sabino (ITA)	64 76(4)	Haidner (AUT)/Savarise (ITA)
Apr-21	Torrent (ESP)	\$10,000	M Muñoz (ESP)	M Gabarrus (ESP)	63 62	Pioppo/Verardi (ITA)
Apr-28	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	L Tsurenko (UKR)	V Segnini (BRA)	46 61 61	Velieva/Velieva (BUL)
Apr-28	Bournemouth	\$10,000	L Mekel (NED)	C Sapene (FRA)	57 62 63	Clarke/Thomas (GBR)
Apr-28	Brescia (ITA)	\$10,000	L Sabino (ITA)	P Mayr (AUT)	63 63	Pioppo/Sabino (ITA)
Apr-28	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	S Halep (ROU)	E Bagdan (ROU)	61 63	Halep/Iova (ROU)
Apr-28	Makarska (CRO)	\$50,000	S Vogt (LIE)	A Pivovarova (RUS)	62 63	Hercog (SLO)/Vogt (LIE)
May-05	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$10,000	M Koek (NED)	B Schoofs (NED)	61 46 63	Curtis/Thomas (GBR)
May-05	Michalovce	\$10,000	K Boczova (SVK)	R Tabakova (SVK)	62 63	Jurikova (SVK)/Piter (POL)
May-05	Mostar (BIH)	\$10,000	J Konta (AUS)	J Toljan (AUT)	63 36 64	Behram/Eriksson (SWE)
May-05	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	L Sabino (ITA)	A Orlik (BLR)	w/o	Davato/Sabino (ITA)
May-05	Antalya (TUR)	\$25,000	K Milevskaya (BLR)	M Gerards (NED)	62 62	Klaffner (AUT)/Milevskaya (BLR)
May-05	Florence (ITA)	\$25,000	J Dokic (AUS)	L Hradecka (CZE)	61 63	Nagy (HUN)/Sassi (ITA)
May-05	Bucharest (ROU)	\$50,000	P Cetkowska (CZE)	S Cirstea (ROU)	76(5) 76	Cetkowska/Sromova (CZE)
May-05	Zagreb (CRO)	\$75,000	S Arvidsson (SWE)	S Bremond (FRA)	76(0) 62	Czink (HUN)/Rao (IND)

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European Rankings

Stanislas Wawrinka's run to the final of the recent Masters Series event in Rome catapults the Swiss #2 into the European (and world) top ten for the first time after the 21-year old leapt from 21st to 10th in the ATP rankings. This week marks the first time that two Swiss players have featured in the European men's top 10.

Elsewhere in the list, Novak Djokovic continues to look likely to break the three-year stranglehold of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal on the top two positions. With relatively few points to defend and his rivals in questionable form, the Serbian could conceivably reach #1 after Roland Garros.

Maria Sharapova leaps from 5 to 2 in the women's rankings after winning her first career clay court title in Amelia Island, and having lost just two matches so far this year. The Russian is certain to regain the #1 spot next week following the shock retirement of current leader Justine Henin.

Compatriot Elena Dementieva is also reclaiming the rankings, thanks a final showing at the Berlin Tier 1 event, where she lost to Fed Cup team-mate Dinara Safina, who knocks at the door of the European Top ten this week, peaking at #11.

Rankings as of May 12th, 2008.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Justine HENIN	BEL	1	5695
2	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	3968
3	▼	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	3	3922
4	▼	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	4	3755
5	▼	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5	3605
6	▲	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	7	2670
7	▼	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	8	2596
8	▼	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	10	2257
9	▼	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	11	2178
10	►	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	12	1915

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6825
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5435
3	►	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	5125
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4	3290
5	►	David FERRER	ESP	5	2780
6	►	Richard GASQUET	FRA	9	1660
7	NEW	Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	10	1545
8	▼	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	11	1490
9	NEW	Carlos MOYA	ESP	12	1440
10	▼	Mikhail YOUZHNY	RUS	13	1410

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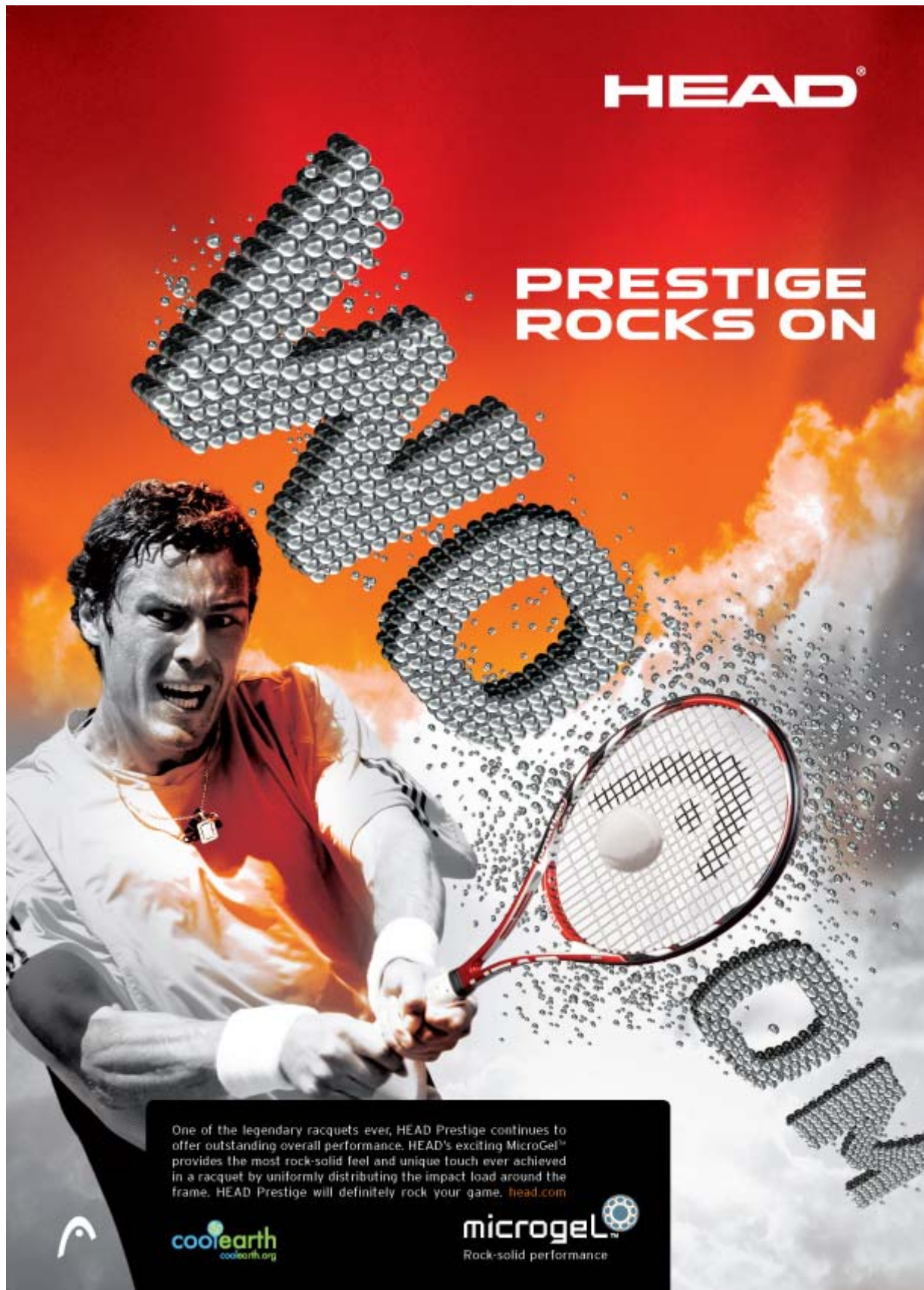


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