

## Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Champions Crowned



Europe's indoor junior team tennis champions for 2008 have been crowned following an intense three weeks of qualifying and final round action which culminated at three venues across the continent, concluding a record-breaking event which saw competition from 122 of Europe's national teams.

Russia's 14 & Under girls' team (pictured left) extended their nations unprecedented streak of having won at least one Tennis Europe Winter Cups title each year since 1998, with victory in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, though they were made to work hard to defend their title by their British opponents.



British #2 Jessica Ren - already a veteran of the competition having competed at the final rounds for three consecutive years despite still being in the 14 & under age group - put the Brits in the driving seat by upsetting Polina Leykina 75 16 61 to clinch the opening rubber.

The second match was a repeat of January's 'Les Petits As' final, as European #1 Daria Gavrilova took on Laura Robson. The Winter Cups match produced exactly the same result as in France, with Gavrilova conceding just six games.

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Just as in their semi final meeting last year, the tie moved to a deciding doubles match. The teams were level until 5-5 in the first set, when a break for the Russians opened the floodgates. Gavrilova, joined by Russian #3 Irina Khromacheva then broke Robson and Joanna Henderson twice in the second set to round off a 75 61 win, and seal a seventh Russian Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD victory in the past nine years in the Girls 14 category.

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## Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



B14 winners Belgium show off their trophies in Pruhoňice.

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Russia also reached the final of the boys 14 & Under event, held alongside the 16's in Pruhoňice, Czech Republic, where they faced second seeds Belgium in the championship match.

Jeroen Vanneste put the Belgian team ahead with a 63 61 win over Russian #3 Maxim Lunkin in the opening singles rubber before European 14 & under #1 Evgeny Karlovskiy levelled the tie, beating fifth-ranked Julien Cagnina 61 64 to set the stage for a decisive doubles match.

Cagnina and Vanneste returned to the court for Belgium, whilst Russian #2 Konstantin Gerlakh joined Karlovskiy. The Russians did not feel the benefit of the rested player however as the more experienced Belgian partnership paid dividends, and the pair emerged with a 63 64 win.

Commenting on the win, Belgian coach Sebastien Lecloux remarked, "I'm really happy for the team. They have worked hard ever since the qualifying rounds, and really wanted this victory. They deserved it."

In the boys' 16 & Under event, unseeded Hungary capped a weekend of upsets by winning the nation's first ever Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 16 & Under title with a revenge win over four-time champions Italy.

The final match was a repeat of the final match of qualifying, in which the Italian team had enjoyed home advantage and topped the group with a 2-1 win. Hun-



Czech G16 team in Ronchin, © Stéphane Martinache, tennisphotos.org

garian #3 Marton Fucsovics surprised Federico Gaio 64 62 to open the tie with a routine win before Mate Zsiga clinched the Cup with an inspired reversal of his qualifying rounds loss to Italian #1 Alessandro Colella in the second singles match.

Hungarian team captain Sandor Papp "The team has played very well this week, against opponents of an extremely high level. We had a very tough semi final and are really pleased with the final result. It's interesting because after the final in Parma we were determined that if we played them again here we would win, and the team has done that. This is important for Hungarian tennis, as we particularly need good young male players, so it's a great achievement."

Hungary was appearing at the final rounds in this category for the first time since 1996.

At the girls' 16 & under finals in Ronchin, France, Karolina and Kristyna Pliskova teamed up to win the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD for the Czech Republic for the second time in three years, though the win was the first victory in this age category for the nation.

The twin sisters - who also triumphed in the 14 & Under category in 2006 - returned to Winter Cups action in style after missing the event in 2007, and had to rely on their experience as a doubles team as their Italian opponents forced the tie to a decisive third rubber.

Nastassja Burnett put Italy in charge by winning the opening match, outlasting Kristina 62 16 63. Karolina levelled things up with a 64 61 win over Tennis Europe

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## Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD

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Junior Masters runner-up Martina Trevisan before all four players returned to the court for the doubles, won by the twins – already regular partners on the ITF Junior and Professional circuits - for the loss of just three games.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää expressed his satisfaction with the event, which was the second to be presented by the organisation's main sponsor, HEAD. "We'd like to thank HEAD for helping us to make the 2008 event the biggest yet. There were some unforgettable ties at these final rounds, and I congratulate all 32 finalists, but especially our champions, who worked particularly hard for their titles this year. History has shown that the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD has enabled us to see the emergence of possible future Davis and Fed Cup teams, and I have no doubt that some of this year's star players will soon be making their mark in those competitions as well."

"The 2008 Tennis Europe Winter Cup has shown to be a quality competition and a great success as an event and for us as sponsors," said Robert Marte, Division Manager of HEAD Racquetsports. "This partnership strengthens HEAD's relationship with one of the most

respected organizations in the European tennis community and we are looking forward to continuing our partnership for the next two years."

A total of 122 national teams took part in the 2008 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD, including Montenegro, which made its debut in the event. The competition gives Europe's top junior players a unique opportunity to compete in a top-level team competition in indoor conditions, and have traditionally seen participation from some of the greats of game. Players such as Amélie Mauresmo, Justine Henin, Anna Chakvetadze, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray have all led their national teams in the event in previous years.

Further information, including full draws, results, team information and photo galleries can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

### TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD 2008 FINAL STANDINGS

	BOYS 14	GIRLS 14	BOYS 16	GIRLS 16
1	BELGIUM	RUSSIA	HUNGARY	CZECH REPUBLIC
2	RUSSIA	GREAT BRITAIN	ITALY	ITALY
3	FRANCE	CZECH REPUBLIC	GERMANY	FRANCE
4	UKRAINE	SLOVENIA	RUSSIA	RUSSIA
5	GREAT BRITAIN	BELARUS	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS
6	SERBIA	BELGIUM	CROATIA	HUNGARY
7	ITALY	SERBIA	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN
8	SPAIN	UKRAINE	CZECH REPUBLIC	BULGARIA



## In the Spotlight: Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Winners

Hot on the heels of their European team championship wins, Tennis Europe's Manager, Junior Tennis, Stephanie Kamberi caught up with the two victorious boy's teams in Pruhonice for their reactions.

### Congratulations on your wins! How do you feel?

*Kimmer Coppejans (Belgium):* Thanks, I'm really glad about today, and that we've won.

*Jeroen Vanneste (Belgium):* I feel really good. I'm happy to have played in such a nice team, it's much better than playing alone.

*Julien Cagnina (Belgium):* It was really great to win as a team. The final doubles match was very stressful as it was the decider.

*Mate Zsiga (Hungary):* The final match was very hard, with some great points, which were very long. I can't believe that we are the European Team Champions. I want to thank the rest of the team, the captain and the fans here in Pruhonice who supported us.

*Marton Fucsovics (Hungary):* The semi final match was very hard. If I lost that match we would have lost the title.

*Laszlo Sendroi (Hungary):* Relieved! It was so close! I'm very happy to be a part of this success, it's great that we have won the Winter Cups for the first time.

### Has being part of a team, representing your country, had an effect on your performance?

*Vanneste:* Yes, it did. I felt much better mentally – I don't know why. I was playing for the others as well.



*Team Hungary (clockwise, from top left): Laszlo Sendroi, Captain Sandor Papp, Mate Zsiga, Marton Fucsovics)*

*Fucsovics:* Yes, it's better as you are playing with friends. We are one team and that's very important.

*Sendroi:* Yes, it's a very good feeling and something special to play for Hungary.

*Zsiga:* For me, it did. It's very difficult at times when you are alone, it's better in a team.



*Team Belgium (clockwise, from top left): Jeroen Vanneste, Captain Sébastien Lecloux, Julien Cagnina, Kimmer Coppejans)*

### What are your plans for the coming months?

*Vanneste:* Shortly I will play an exhibition, and then the Tennis Europe Junior Tour event in Livorno.

*Cagnina:* Now I'm going to train for three weeks and then play Tennis Europe Junior Tour events in Livorno and Pavia.

*Coppejans:* I will be training, and playing some more Tennis Europe Junior Tour events.

*Zsiga:* I will mix some Tennis Europe tournaments, some national events and some ITF Junior Circuit.

*Sendroi:* I'll be playing a few Tennis Europe Junior Tour events, and some ITFs.

*Fucsovics:* Now I'll go back to my academy, then play some ITF tournaments and Futures. The most important thing is to practice.

### What are your ultimate goals in tennis?

*Coppejans:* I'd like to be a top 100 pro.

*Vanneste:* I'd like to get into the top 80 ATP rankings.

*Cagnina:* I want to reach the ATP top 100 by the time I am 19.

*Sendroi:* To win a Grand Slam.

*Zsiga:* To win the Davis Cup, and a Grand Slam.

*Fucsovics:* I want to be a professional player, to reach the top 50 or better and to win Grand Slams and ATP tournaments.

## Coaching for High Performance: International Conference

Växjö, Sweden is the location for an international conference focusing on leadership in elite sports. The conference targets sporting leaders, researchers and others interested in issues concerning coaching and leadership.

Tennis will play a significant part in the 3-day programme, with speakers including Stefan Edberg, Jonas Svensson, Bob Brett and Magnus Larsson.

The conference language is English. A full event brochure can be downloaded here. The closing date for entries is February 29<sup>th</sup>. Visit <http://www.vxu.se/idrott/success/english/> to register (use the following registration code: User name: TENNIS, Password: WIMBLEDON), or contact Christer Sjoo at the Swedish Tennis Association for further information:

[christer.sjoo@tennis.se](mailto:christer.sjoo@tennis.se)



## 2008 European Seniors Club Championships Venues

Dates and venues have been revealed for this summer's European Senior Club Championships. 2008 sees the inaugural championships for two new age groups, Men 35/40 and Men 50, which travel to Düren and Barcelona respectively.

Fact sheets and further information will be posted at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org) as soon as they are made available.

Category	Venue	Dates
Women 40	Vale do Lobo (POR)	21-26 September
Women 50	Vale do Lobo (POR)	21-26 September
Women 60	Budapest (HUN)	19-24 May
Men 35/40	Düren (GER)	12-15 September
Men 45	TBC	TBC
Men 50	Barcelona (ESP)	15-19 September
Men 55	Arosa (SUI)	16-20 September
Men 60	Modena Carpi (ITA)	17-21 September
Men 65	Berlin (GER)	6-11 July
Men 70	Karlsruhe (GER)	15-18 September

## Tennis New Zealand to Send Players to CIT



The **Centre Internacional de Tennis** has announced a partnership with Tennis New Zealand.

In an effort to provide opportunities for aspiring New Zealand players to develop their games in a tough European environment, to train amongst talented players from across Europe, and to experience match play in tough clay court environments, the Catalan partnership has been formed. The New Zealand players selected to attend the centre, will have access to; clay court training and coaching, clay court tournaments, strength and conditioning, gym and pool, on-site accommodation and meals, sport science and medical support at a heavily reduced weekly fee.

Serbia's **Janko Tipsarevic**, currently ranked #42 in the world, recently chose the indoor courts of the Centre Internacional de Tennis to undergo specialised preparation for his nation's Davis Cup by BNP Paribas first round tie against Russia, where he teamed with Novak Djokovic.

Trained by Catalan coach Josep Perlas, Tipsarevic is one of the fastest rising players on the circuit at the start of the 2008 season, having reached the last sixteen at last year's Wimbledon and taken world #1 Roger Federer to a 10-8 final set in the third round of the Australian Open.

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 courts, as well as a 300m<sup>2</sup> gym, swimming pool, full medical centre and restaurant. In recent months, the



*Janko Tipsarevic (right) takes a break from practicing with fellow pro Teimuraz Gabashvili at the CIT.*

Centre has also seen the inauguration of a new female residency, ensuring the ample provision of on-site accommodation for both girls and boys.

For further information about the CIT and its services, visit <http://centreinternacional.fctennis.org/eng/>

## Obituary - Francesco Constantino

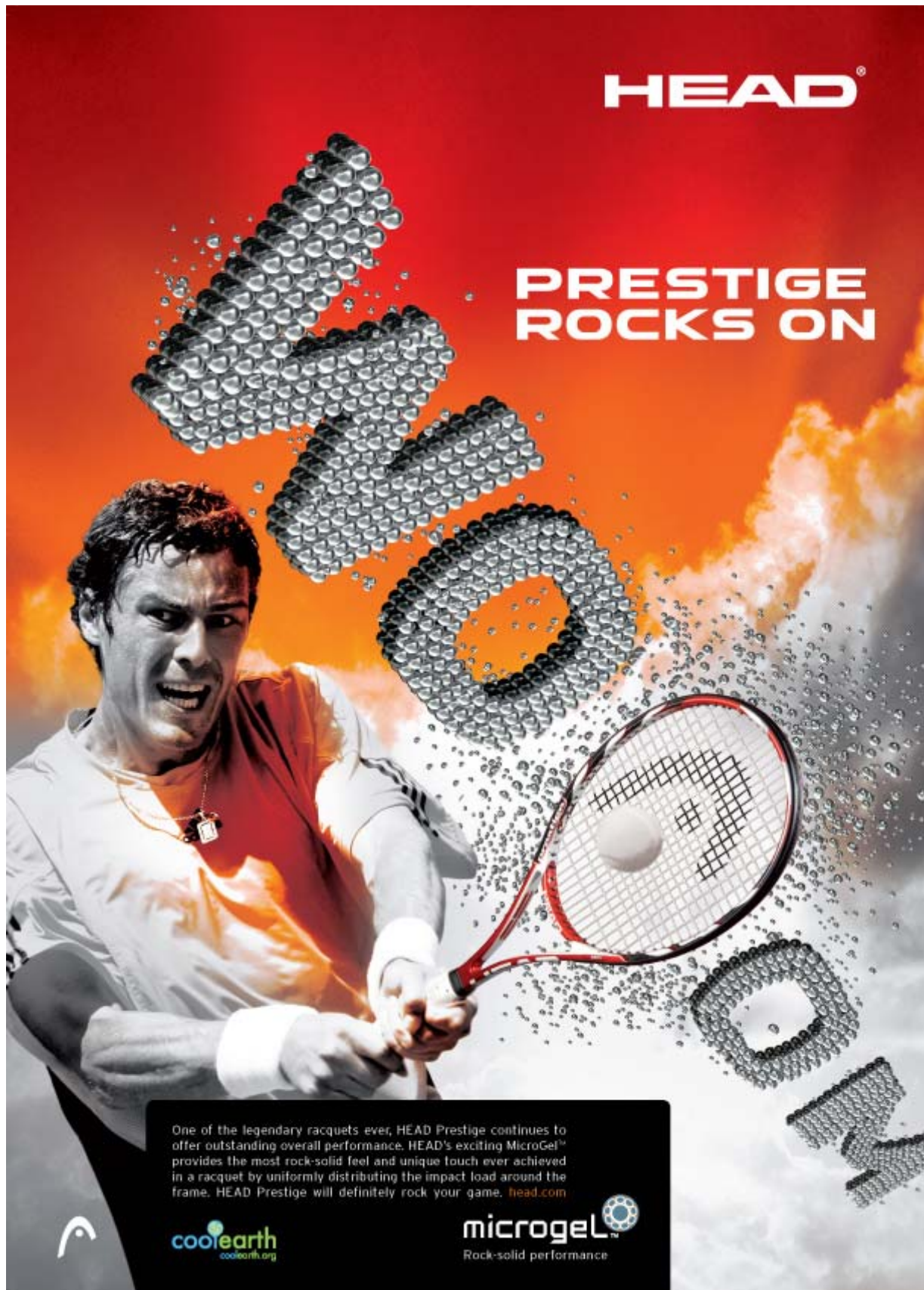
Tennis Europe is greatly saddened to report the death of Francesco Costantino, who passed away on Sunday 24th February at the age of 74.

Mr. Constantino served as a member of Tennis Europe's Women's and Junior's Committees for many years, and was a member of the Board of the Italian Tennis Federation for over two decades. In 2003 his

outstanding contribution to the European game was recognised by the ITF in 2003 with their Award for Services to the Game.

The staff of Tennis Europe extended their deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Constantino.








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## Beyond the Baseline...

The ITF has launched a new **Junior Tennis School** website at [www.itfjunior Tennisschool.com](http://www.itfjunior Tennisschool.com). The site targets young players with a series of e-learning modules designed to educate players in all areas of the game, with topics as diverse as physical training, diet, injury prevention, rules and regulations, career management and media training. The 17 modules, which can be downloaded as Podcasts, viewed as narrated Powerpoints, or printed for studying at leisure, are currently available in English, French and Spanish, with French and Spanish versions of the site going online in mid-March.

**Joachim Johansson** of Sweden has announced his retirement. The 25-year old former top ten player has been forced to give up the professional game as a result of chronic shoulder injuries which have so far required three operations. Dutch veteran **Raemon Sluiter** also hung up his racquets after participating in his home event, the ABN/AMRO Championships in Rotterdam recently. Having slipped out of the top 20, former world #1 **Amelie Mauresmo** has also claimed that she will consider retirement if her poor run of form continues. Less surprising was **Monica Seles'** recent confirmation that will never return to the courts as a professional.

Scottish mineral water brand Highland Spring, currently high-profile sponsors of British #1 Andy Murray, have opted to extend their involvement in British tennis, becoming an official supplier to the **Lawn Tennis Association**. Meanwhile, as part of a streamlining effort, the LTA has reduced the number of commercial partners from 48 to 10.

The **BlackRock Tour of Champions** will expand within Europe in 2008, travelling to new venues in Istanbul (TUR) and Budapest (HUN) bringing the total number of events in Europe to 12. The full list of events can be found online on Tennis Europe's European Tennis Calendar.

The **ITF** and **ATP** have announced that rankings points will be awarded at the forthcoming Olympic Tennis Event in Beijing. Depending on the singles rankings of their players, nations can be eligible for up

to four entries into the singles and up to two doubles teams. A top-10 ranked doubles player is eligible to receive an automatic entry if nominated assuming a qualified partner. By virtue of this agreement, the maximum number of players on-site per gender and per country is raised from four to six. Six of the additional eight singles places will be selected by the ITF's Olympic Committee taking into consideration the geographic distribution of nations entered and a player's singles ranking.

The **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** quarterfinal venues have been announced. Scheduled to take place during the weekend of April 11-13, France will travel to North Carolina to take on the USA. Russia will host the Czech republic on clay at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. Sweden travel to Argentina where they will be faced with a clay court at the Estadio Parque Roca. Finally Germany will host Spain at the AWD Dome in Bremen. The Russian Federation will once again use the Luzhniki Stadium two weeks later for the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi final against the USA. Spain will travel to China for the their semi final, to be played at the International Tennis Centre in Beijing.

The All-England Club's **Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum** is the new home of the eight terracotta 7-foot statues commissioned by the ATP of the players to qualify for last year's Tennis Masters Cup.

The **ABN/AMRO World Tennis Tournament** in Rotterdam has been named ATP Tournament of the Year, voted for by a panel of ATP professionals.

European tennis stars were once again the big winners at the **Laureus World Sports Awards**. Roger Federer was named World Sportsman of the Year for an unprecedented fourth time. Justine Henin claimed her second World Sportswoman of the Year Award, while wheelchair tennis ace Esther Vergeer won World Sportsperson of the Year with a Disability.

Recently retired former World #1 Kim Clijsters has given birth to her first child. Daughter Jada was born on February 27th.

### Fast Facts



21% of German Tennis players said that to spend time with their friends was their main reason for playing tennis, while 4% said they played to keep fit. In the UK, only 7% of tennis players said they wanted to spend time with friends, while 31% played to keep fit.

*Source: Sports Marketing Surveys European Player & Fan Study 2007.*

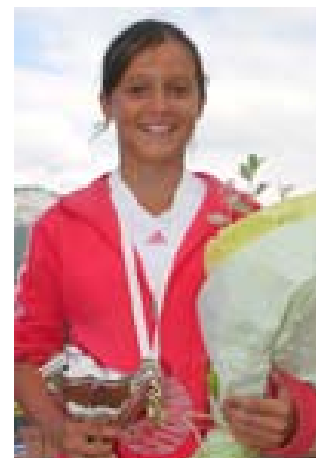


## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

Great Britain's Laura Robson (pictured, right) has had a productive few weeks during the indoor season, improving her Under 14 ranking to fifth, her best ever position. Robson reached the final of the season's second Category 1 event, in Tarbes, in January and followed that up by anchoring her team to the final of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD. She was beaten on both occasions by Daria Gavrilova, who this month has tightened her grip on the #1 spot.

The rankings are published each Thursday at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org), and can be found in both alphabetical and numerical formats, as well as in printable versions.

Rankings below as of 28th February 2008.



14 & Under Girls	Player	Country	Points Total
1	► Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	675
2	▲ Polina LEIKINA	RUS	580
3	▼ Nastja KOLAR	SLO	570
4	► Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	530
5	NEW Laura ROBSON	GBR	480
6	▼ Tamara CUROVIC	SRB	450
7	► Natalija KOSTIC	SRB	390
8	▲ An Sophie MESTACH	BEL	390
9	▼ Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	390
10	NEW Jessica REN	GBR	385

14 & Under Boys	Player	Country	Points Total
1	► Evgeni KARLOVSKI	RUS	580
2	► Konstantin GERLAKH	RUS	455
3	► Liam BROADY	GBR	440
4	▲ Maxim LUNKIN	GER	430
5	► Julien CAGNINA	BEL	390
6	NEW Jeroen VANNESTE	BEL	365
7	NEW Edward NGUYEN	CAN	360
8	▼ Jannis KAHLKE	GER	350
9	NEW Marat DEVIATAROV	UKR	320
10	NEW Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	315

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Having reached the semi final of the Tennis Europe winter Cups by HEAD, Marko Krickovic (GER) is one of two new entries to the Boys 16 & under top ten this month.

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](http://www.TennisEurope.org). Rankings below as of 28th February 2008.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Sviatlana PIRAZHENKA	BLR	505
2	►	Ema BURGIC	BIH	480
3	►	Camila SILVA	CHI	470
4	►	Xin WEN	CHN	390
5	▲	Dorothea ERIC	BLR	370
6	▼	Natalia PINTUSAVA	SRB	355
7	NEW	Despoina PAPAMICHAIL	GRE	335
8	NEW	Klara NEMECKOVA	CZE	330
9	NEW	Aleksandra MITROVSKA	BUL	325
10	▼	Zarina DIYAS	KAZ	325

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	570
2	▲	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	470
3	▲	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	380
4	▼	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	375
5	▼	Pavel FILIN	BLR	370
6	▼	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SRB	365
7	▼	Damir DZUMHUR	BIH	330
8	NEW	Laszlo SENDROI	HUN	320
9	NEW	Marko KRICKOVIC	GER	320
10	▼	Aleksandre KONDULUKOV	RUS	320

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 14 & UNDER

DATE	TOURNAMENT	CAT.	WINNER	RUNNER-UP	SCORE	DOUBLES WINNERS
Jan-28	Tarbes (FRA)	1	E Nguyen (CAN)	L Broady (GBR)	64 75	Cagnina/Vanneste (BEL)
			D Gavrilova (RUS)	L Robson (GBR)	63 63	Gavrilova/Khromacheva (RUS)
Feb-11	Oetwil (SUI)	2	J van Dooren (BEL)	M Bogner (GER)	63 76	Mastrelia/Zitarosa (ITA)
			K Rozenberg (RUS)	S Hönigova (CZE)	64 46 62	Afanasyeva/Doroshina (RUS)
Feb-11	Farum (DEN)	3	K Coppejans (BEL)	D Masur (GER)	75 16 76(4)	Donati (ITA)/Schorner (GER)
			Y Lysa (UKR)	J Kral (GER)	62 36 62	Tran (AUS)/Eccel (ITA)
Feb-18	Helsingborg (SWE)	3	M Johannson (SWE)	J Jakubski (POL)	60 62	Andersson/Johannson (SWE)
			B Njuki (SWE)	I De Vroome (NED)	64 76(3)	Allgurin/Njuki (SWE)

### 16 & UNDER

Jan-28	Marcq-en-Barouel (FRA)	1	G Mina (FRA)	T Groll (FRA)	62 76(4)	Berzins (LAT)/Levandi (EST)
			A Bogdan (ROU)	J Adam (FRA)	61 63	Ficheux/Seateun (FRA)
Feb-04	Taverne (SUI)	3	A Patracchini (ITA)	L Margaroli (SUI)	76(4) 46 64	Cajigal Cuartero (ESP)/Margaroli (SUI)
			J Simic (BIH)	E Bertoia (ITA)	61 63	Camplone (ITA)/Knijnenberg (SUI)
Feb-11	Farum (DEN)	3	M Watkins (GBR)	M Engsted (DEN)	64 16 64	Levandi (EST)/Poverinov (RUS)
			H Salonen (FIN)	L Kruse-Uterman (GER)	46 64 75	Djurdjevic (SRB)/Konstantinido (GRE)
Feb-18	Siauliai (LTU)	3	D Sakinis (LTU)	M Malyshev (UKR)	62 60	Mugevicius/Sakinis (LTU)
			E Fayner (RUS)	Z Zarina (LAT)	76(4) 76(5)	Baryshpolets/Kyrylova (UKR)
Feb-18	Helsingborg (SWE)	3	A Bettles (GBR)	P Wiklund (SWE)	63 63	Levandi (EST)/Poverinov (RUS)
			A Baranska (POL)	A Camplone (ITA)	76(3) 64	Pomortseva (RUS)/Shilova (SWE)

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan-28	Bergheim (AUT)	\$10,000	P Gojowczyk (GER)	U Vico (ITA)	64 64	Sancic/Visak (CRO)
Jan-28	Feucherolles	\$10,000	JC Faurel (FRA)	J Haehnel (FRA)	36 63 62	Oger/Walter (FRA)
Jan-28	Mettmann (GER)	\$15,000	S Greul (GER)	A Beck (GER)	62 36 62	Brown (JAM)/Danilovic (MNE)
Jan-28	Tipton (GBR)	\$10,000	G Burquier (FRA)	A Flock (GER)	67(1) 64	Krkoska (CZE)/Raja (IND)
Jan-28	Albufeira (POR)	\$10,000	V Ionita (ROU)	A Sitak (RUS)	63 64	Craciun/Ionita (ROU)
Jan-28	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	M Fornell Mestres (ESP)	62 42 ret	Salva Vidal (ESP)/Sousa (POR)
Feb-04	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000	M Rodrigues (FRA)	T Oger (FRA)	75 60	Charroin/Reix (FRA)
Feb-04	Schwieberdingen	\$10,000	S Greul (GER)	J Masson (BEL)	64 64	Brown (JAM)/Sadecky (SUI)
Feb-04	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	N Coutelot (FRA)	M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	64 62	Dimitrov (BUL)/Poch Gradin (ESP)
Feb-11	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	F Skugor (CRO)	M Klizan (SVK)	63 62	Eaton (GBR)/Kunnapp (EST)
Feb-11	Bari (ITA)	\$10,000	R Machado (POR)	D Stoehr (GER)	62 63	Brizzi/Volante (ITA)
Feb-11	Torre Pacheco	\$10,000	N Coutelot (FRA)	A Chadaj (POL)	63 62	Fransen/Frantzen (NED)
Feb-18	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	P Snobel (CZE)	M Ilhan (TUR)	61 36 63	Cinkus/Martinovic (CRO)
Feb-18	Trento (ITA)	\$15,000	P Lorenzi (ITA)	P Oswald (AUT)	76(7) 76	Lorenzi/Petrazzuolo (ITA)
Feb-18	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	61 75	Poch Gradin/Trujillo Soler (ESP)

### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan-28	Belfort (FRA)	\$25,000	J Coin (FRA)	V Pichet (FRA)	60 63	Hlavackova/Hradecka (CZE)
Feb-04	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Hercog (SLO)	I Ferrer Suarez	63 61	Sabino/Sulpizio (ITA)
Feb-04	Vale do Lobo	\$10,000	D Nociarova (SVK)	E Chalova (RUS)	62 60	Avdiyenko (UKR)/Bratchikova
Feb-04	Sutton (GBR)	\$25,000	J Larsson (SWE)	A Hlavackova (CZE)	75 60	Hlavackova/Hradecka (CZE)
Feb-11	Arezzo (ITA)	\$10,000	E Mayr (ITA)	A Grymalska (ITA)	64 63	Gatto Monticone/Quercia (ITA)
Feb-11	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Hercog (SLO)	S Vogt (LIE)	46 61 63	Hercog (SLO)/Vogt (LIE)
Feb-11	Stockholm	\$25,000	J Larsson (SWE)	B Zahlavova	06 61 76	Larsson (SWE)/Smith (GBR)
Feb-18	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	T Arefyeva (UKR)	D Mladenova (BUL)	61 76(1)	Caciotti/Clerico (ITA)
Feb-18	Capriolo (ITA)	\$25,000	A Keothavong (GBR)	V Manasieva (RUS)	61 26 63	Anderson (RSA)/Borwell (GBR)

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## European Rankings

After a busy start to the season in Australia, many of Europe's top players have been relatively quiet during the first weeks of February, something reflected by this month's largely static European rankings.

Justine Henin opted to play the final edition of the Antwerp event in her native Belgium rather than defend her Doha title. Despite her victory the world #1 sacrifices some points from her total but is still unlikely to be threatened for pole position before Wimbledon.

Doha champion Maria Sharapova strengthens her grip on the #5 spot, thanks to a 14 match unbeaten streak (including Fed Cup) in which she has won the

two richest prizes of the Tour so far this year.

Carlos Moyá of Spain has returned to the men's top ten for the first time in three years thanks a strong start to the season in which he has reached the semi finals of Chennai and was runner up in Costa do Sauipe. Inconsistency costs Andy Murray the chance to advance in the rankings. The Scot has the odd distinction of either winning events or losing in the first round so far this year, having done so on two occasions each.

Rankings as of February 25th, 2008.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Justine HENIN	BEL	1	6530
2	►	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	2	3822
3	►	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	3	3725
4	►	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	4	3670
5	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	5	3526
6	►	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	6	2835
7	►	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	7	2677
8	►	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	9	2198
9	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	11	1915
10	NEW	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	12	1751

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6630
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5980
3	►	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	5070
4	▲	David FERRER	ESP	4	2695
5	▼	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5	2640
6	►	Richard GASQUET	FRA	7	1885
7	▲	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	10	1695
8	▼	Mikhail YOUZHNY	RUS	11	1670
9	►	Andy MURRAY	GBR	12	1625
10	NEW	Carlos MOYÁ	ESP	13	1585

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN COPENHAGEN

Member nations are reminded of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark during the weekend of March 28-30th. Nomination lists for Board elections, scheduled to take place at the Meeting, will be sent to National Federations this week.

## NEWS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The **Lithuanian Tennis Union** recently appointed a new Board of Management. The Union's new President is Mr. Liutaurus Radzevicius. Vice-Presidents are Mr. Remigijus Balzekas, Mr. Ramunas Grusas and Mr. Rimvydas Kalkaris.

Mr. Teet Kallasvee has been appointed as the new General Secretary of the **Estonian Tennis Association**.

Dr. David Farrugia Sacco is the new President of the **Malta Tennis Federation**. Vice-Presidents are Mr. David Valenzia and Mr. Stephen Carauna. Carol Cassar Torreggiana is the organisation's Secretary General.

## EUROPEAN RACQUET STRINGERS' ASSOCIATION

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### HEAD Partners with Registro Profesional de Tenis

HEAD International has announced the start of a four year partnership with RPT (Registro Profesional de Tenis), an organization based in Spain that offers educational programs and services to tennis coaches and tennis training centers world-wide. Furthermore, RPT organizes around 200 tournaments throughout the year for juniors and adults.

"This partnership strengthens HEAD's focus and commitment to work with coaching organizations around the world on a grass roots level," says Robert Marte, Executive Vice President of the Racquetsports Division. "We value the opportunity to bring our innovative designs and new technologies to the 11,500 Registro Profesional de Tenis members in 112 countries."

"We are thrilled to be able to count upon the commitment and enthusiasm of HEAD - a brand synonymous with innovation, quality and high performance," said RPT President Luis Mediero. "We are very confident that this partnership will be very successful for both HEAD and RPT."



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