

Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting in Hamburg

Europe's premier annual meeting of the sports leading administrators, the Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting, was held from 10th-11th October at the Rothenbaum stadium in Hamburg, hosted by the German Tennis Federation. 44 delegates from 27 countries were in attendance at the event, where a wide range of topics was discussed.

The conference consisted of three distinct key sessions, each focusing on specific areas of interest to national federations. The first of these looked at specific projects and programmes in Europe and featured several contributions from ITF Executive Director of Tennis Development Dave Miley, who gave a general development update, as well as special sessions on the Positioning of Alternative competition Formats, and on the ITF's major project for 2007, the 'Play and Stay' campaign. Tennis Europe Managing Director, >>



Erik Ballauff of the German Tennis Federation addresses the delegates in Hamburg.

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Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD

The dates and venues of the 2008 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD have been announced, along with a record entry list of 122 national teams hoping to lift the coveted European team championship trophies.

As usual, the event will take place on indoor courts in February, with qualifying rounds scheduled to take place during the weekends of 8th-10th or 15-17th, and final rounds following from 22nd-24th.

For a full list of venues, please refer to page seven.



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<< External Affairs, Olli Maenpää informed the delegates about EU Sporting Matters, and on the rise of Beach Tennis, while Des Allen of Tennis Ireland shared his experiences of Ireland's successful National Tennis Forum, which is scheduled to be held for the second time this November.

The second day kicked off with a session on commercial issues affecting the European game, featuring guest speakers John Bushell and Sophie Teixeira of Sports Marketing Surveys, who gave an update on the state of the tennis industry as well as introduction to an ongoing series of research projects undertaken in cooperation with Tennis Europe.

Robert Summer, HEAD Racquetsports' Advertising and Communications Manager then provided an overview of the industry from a manufacturer's perspective, and was followed to the podium by Nike's General Manager Tennis, Hans-Martin Reh, who made a thought-provoking presentation on tennis clubs and how they can engage with the next generation of young players.

The final session focused on Tennis Europe member nations, and saw presentations from the hosting German Tennis Federation's Executive Director Erik Ballauff and Marketing Sponsor Relations' Grit Bluethmann, as well as Roger Draper from the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain, who discussed the recent restructure of the organisation.

The session was brought to a close by the International Tennis Federation's Executive Vice-President



Juan Margets, who gave his traditional update on the activities of the sports' governing body.

Prior to the commencement of the conference, a special working session was also held for member nations part of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme. Further time was also scheduled for group discussions and interaction.

Tennis Europe Vice President, Jacques Dupré remarked, "It has been an extremely productive event, and we are delighted to have exceeded the previous attendance records, underlining the importance of the event to the decision makers of tennis federations big and small across the continent. We'd especially like to thank the German Tennis Federation for hosting the event, and also with our guest speakers, whose commitment and contributions we greatly appreciate."

ITF Launches Beach Tennis Tour

Following the success of the inaugural European Beach Tennis Championships earlier this year, the International Tennis Federation has announced the launch of the ITF Beach Tennis Tour in 2008. The calendar, details of which are yet to published, will consist of National Association sanctioned and/or organized tournaments offering international ranking points. Players will receive an individual ranking based on results in doubles events only.

The official Beach Tennis Rules and Rules of the Beach Tennis Tour, together with application forms to stage ITF-approved Beach Tennis tournaments can all be found on the new ITF beach tennis weblet: www.itftennis.com/beachtennis.



European Summer Cups

Russia successfully defended their 18 & Under Reina/ Soisbault Cup title at the final rounds held in Lleida, Spain from 26th-28th September.

The Russian team, consisting of junior world #2 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, former #3 Alisa Kleybanova and 2005 Tennis Europe Junior Masters champion Ksenia Lykina, was in dominant form throughout the event, losing a combined total of just eighteen games in six matches throughout their quarter final and semi final ties.

Their final round opponents, the Slovak Republic, also has few problems progressing to the final, though they were forced to a deciding doubles match against France in the semi finals.

Lenka Jurikova briefly threatened an upset in the first match of the final, fighting back from a set down to level against Pavlyuchenkova, but the Russian rediscovered her range and fired through the final set without the loss of a game. Kleybanova then dispatched Slovak #1 Klaudia Kucova 63 62 to seal the victory, Russia's third consecutive win in this age category.

The 18 & Girls' category was the final of this years Summer Cups events to be completed, and sees Russia join France as multiple winners of the event, having also captured the Boys' 14 & Under Copa del Sol. France won the 14 & Girls Europa Cup and 18 & Under Boys Galea/Valerio Cup. Croatia and the Nether-



lands took home the 16 & Under Boys and Girls titles respectively.

In other Summer Cups news, the dates of the final rounds of the 2008 16 and 18 & Under events have been put back by one day in order to allow extra rest and travelling time for competing teams. The finals of each event are now scheduled to take place from August 4th-6th, preceded by the qualifying rounds from July 30th-1st August.

EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS - 18 & UNDER GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS

1	RUSSIA
2	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
3	CZECH REPUBLIC
4	FRANCE
5	ITALY
6	UKRAINE
7	CROATIA
8	SLOVENIA

Henin on Top in Zurich

World #1 Justine Henin (pictured) won the Zurich Open for the second time in her career, with a hard fought straight sets victory over Tatiana Golovin at the 6,300-capacity Hallenstadion.

A Tennis Europe partner event, the Zurich Open (the 24th European Indoor Tennis Championships) is the final WTA Tier 1 event of the season, and featured a strong draw as the Tour's top stars battled for a share of the \$1,340,000 prize money, and places at the season-ending WTA Championships. Several of the major contenders suffered early upsets though, with #3 Jelena Jankovic, #4 Ana Ivanovic and #6 Serena Williams losing their opening encounters to Nicole Pietrangeli, Tatiana Golovin and Patty Schnyder respectively.

Henin marched through the early rounds confidently, but was stretched to the limit by Pietrangeli in the semi final, eventually emerging 36 63 75 to set up a re-match of the Stuttgart final, where two weeks previously Golovin had taken a one-set lead before being overpowered.

Both Zurich titles have been crucial to Henin's ranking; victory at the event in 2003 saw her ascend to the top spot for the first time, while this most recent victory



assures that she will end 2007 as the world #1, stretching her lead over WTA #2 Svetlana Kuznetsova to over 2,000 points. With the victory, the Belgian recorded several new milestones, including the most titles in a season of her career (9), and a career-best annual prize money total of \$4,365,086. A good performance at the Sony Ericsson WTA Championships in Madrid will see Henin smash the previous record for most prize money won in a year, currently held by compatriot Kim Clijsters, who won \$4.46m in 2004.

Photo: André Springer/ZurichOpen.net

Dinamo Brasov win Landmark Club Championships Title

Dinamo Brasov became the first team from Romania to win the European Club Championships, earning a 3-1 win over TED Club Istanbul in the final. The top seeded Romanian team featured four ATP-ranked players, who dominated their opposition throughout the week, earning 5-0 wins in each of the three ties leading to the final.

A whitewash final looked likely as Andrei Mlendea, Gabriel Moraru and Dacian Craciun recorded straight sets victories over their Turkish opposition to seal the match before Artemon Apostu-Efremu scored a morale-boosting upset win over Victor Crivoi in the dead fourth rubber to pull the score back to 1-3.

Brasov thus become the first team from Eastern Europe to win a Men's Club Championships title – the 32 previous editions of the competition having been shared between just five nations – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

TED Club Istanbul also reached the final of the European Club Championships for Women earlier in the year.



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Development News

The last few weeks have been a busy period of development activities in Europe with a number of projects taking place across the continent.

Level One Coaches and Tutors Course, Latvia

Twenty coaches and six national tutors from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia took part in the Level 1 Coaches' and Tutors' Course in Jurmala, Latvia from 24 September until 4 October 2007 (pictured, top). The 9-day course was conducted under the supervision of Mark Tennant (GBR) and ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic.

The Level 1 Course is designed for coaches working with beginners and intermediate players. Coaches cover topics such as tactics, technique; applied psychology for beginners; development of basic motor skills; and teaching methodology. One day prior to the course, national tutors practiced creating course environment, group management and presentation skills needed for on and off court presentations during the Level 1 Coaches Course.

ITF/Tennis Europe expert Mark Tennant commented: "It was both challenging and exciting to work simultaneously with coaches and tutors during the Course. I feel that we were able to exchange ideas between tutors and to present the Course content in different ways. The new ideas that I got from the other tutors will surely help me in my future courses".

Local Development Training Camp, Albania

ITF/Tennis Europe expert Nicolas Kelaidis oversaw a seven-day Local Development Training Camp in Tirana, Albania from 2nd-8th October. The camp, which was aimed at players of national level and coaches who work at clubs and schools, and who train and accompany players selected by the federation (pictured, second from bottom).

Six coaches and eleven players took part in the event, with two daily sessions including an average of five hours per day on court.

TTF Second Training Camp

From there, Mr. Kelaidis moved on to Antalya Manavgat, where the Club AliBey was the venue of the second training camp of the Turkish Tennis Federation's National Junior Development Programme for players of 12 & under.

The event, held from 11th-18th October saw participation from 18 players and 22 coaches (pictured, second from top), who focused on baseline game footwork, physical development of 12 & under players and a general workshop.

Local Development Training Camp, Azerbaijan

In September ITF/Tennis Europe expert Goran Sevcenko conducted a Training Camp for intermediate 12 & Under players at the Idman Tennis Complex in Baku (pictured, bottom). Fourteen players and four coaches took part in the five day course, which focused on fitness training and player development, amongst other issues.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

Following the recent season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters, the year end edition of the **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings** were published on 20th September.

16 & Under #1 **Carlos Boluda** of Spain (pictured) officially became the first player in the history of the Tour to end the season as #1 in two different age categories in successive seasons, having finished 2006 as the top 14 & Under.

Last year's #5 **Vivien Juhaszova** of Slovakia finishes 2007 as the top 14 & Under girl in Europe following an extremely consistent year in which she won one Category 1 event (Prague), and was runner-up at three more including the European Championships.

European Champion **Ciprian Porumb** (ROU) and Tennis Europe Junior Masters winner **Sviatlana Pirazhenka** (BLR) top the Boy's 14 and Girls 16 lists respectively.

Reflecting the ever-increasing diversity of nations taking part in Tour events, players from as far afield as Kazakhstan, Chile and China feature in the Girls 16 & under top ten. Players to have ended the year as Tennis Europe Junior Tour #1s in the past include Novak Djokovic, Fernando Gonzales, Richard Gasquet and Justine Henin.



For full printable versions of the year-end rankings from 2007 and those of previous years, visit http://www.tenniseurope.org/JuniorTennis/JunTe_Rankings_Year_End_Ranking_History.aspx

The 16 & under **Madeira Island Juve Cup** in Funchal, Portugal, previously scheduled to take place during the week of 17th December, has been cancelled.

The 2008 Tennis Europe Junior Tour 12 & Under Calendar will be published on Friday 26th October at the Tennis Europe website. The 14 & 16 Under calendars will be published online on October 31st.

2008 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Venues

	Qualifying Rounds (8th-10th or 15th-17th February)	Final Rounds (22nd-24th Feb)
Girls 14	Minsk (BLR), Rakovnik (CZE), Offenberg (GER), Istanbul (TUR)	Leeuwarden (NED)
Boys 14	Mons (BEL), Correggio (ITA), Bergen (NOR), tba (SWE)	tba, CZE
Girls 16	Maniago (ITA), Jurmala (LAT), Cholet (FRA), tba	Ronchin (FRA)
Boys 16	Ebreicsdorf (AUT), Frydlandt (CZE), Cholet (FRA), Moscow (RUS)	tba (CZE)

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CIT Prepares to Launch Female Residency



In a few weeks, the Centre Internacional de Tennis (CIT) will open its new on-site residency for female players, with a total of 13 places available in rooms for 2 or 3 players, com-

plementing the existing 32 male places. Located adjacent to the courts, the residency will have all home comforts, such as a living room with a WiFi area, TV and DVD room and study rooms with Internet access, as well as air conditioning, cleaning and laundry service and in-room telephones.

The residence will have a tutor responsible for discipline, staying at the residence from 8.00 P.M. to 8.00 A.M., seven days a week, as well as the male's residence. Tutors will report any incident or player's demand directly to the technical director in order to guarantee a comfortable stay at both residences.

The on-site restaurant and snack bar has a menu, which is supervised by doctors and dieticians in order to control player's alimentation.

Whilst constructing the new female residence, the CIT has also built a new gym exclusively dedicated to professional players, with all modern facilities supervised by physical trainers in order to develop personalized programs for each player, according to his or her age, level and needs.

The gym is complemented by a wellness area, which includes a swimming pool with retractable roof, spa, steam bath and sauna to help players recover from injuries or to relax. Cultural activities are programmed regularly, as well as visits to museums and galleries, sightseeing, city tours and cinema and theatre sessions, and also leisure activities not only in Barcelona

but in the surroundings like Universal's Port Aventura, Zoo, Aquarium and others.

All programs take into account the player's academic performance, which is accurately monitored and evaluated by academic staff. CIT has a classroom for players to attend different classes, such as learning Spanish, English or other languages, or to follow distance learning studies, thanks to an agreement with America International, an organization that offers High School and 1st and 2nd year College courses, certified by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Students can also prepare for the official American certificates of English as a Foreign Language SAT-I, SAT-II, GED and TOFEL.

With the launching of the female residence, the CIT fulfils its aim of becoming one of the best centres in the world with a full range of world-class facilities on-site in order to provide all the services that a player needs. Personalized programmes and individual assessment combining training and competition guarantee a complete training for young and professional players, following the successful Catalans and Spanish player methods and results over the years.

Tennis Europe's Academy Partner, the CIT is home to some of the best facilities in Europe, with 31 tennis courts, including greenset, indoors and clay. CIT is the only centre recognised by the International Tennis Federation and also hosts the Olympic Solidarity programme promoted by the International Olympic Committee, which welcomes players from all over the world.

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



Beyond the Baseline...

As the organising bodies continue to shape up the calendar from 2009, the **ATP Tour** recently announced the tournaments to have been awarded "500" status, with European events featuring heavily in the list.

Under the new Tour structure, the ten "500" events will complement the nine "1000" (current Masters Series) events, offering 500 points to the winner. Top players will be obliged to play all "1000" and four "500"-series events each year, including one post-US Open.

The 10 confirmed "500" events are Rotterdam, Dubai, Acapulco, Memphis, Barcelona, Washington DC, Beijing, Tokyo, Basel and Valencia.

Organised by the European Collegiate Tennis Association and supported by Tennis Europe, The **Barclay's European University Team Invitational Tournament** is set to take place in London at the LTA's National Tennis Centre from 16th-18th November. A full report will follow in the next issue.

The 2008 **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group first round draw has been made and is as follows (asterisked nations will host ties):

- (1) Russia* vs Serbia
- (8) Belgium vs Czech Republic*
- (3) Argentina* vs Great Britain
- (6) Sweden vs Israel*
- (5) Germany* vs Korea

- (4) Spain vs Peru*
- (7) France vs Romania*
- (2) United States vs Austria*

Russia will travel to Portland, Oregon to attempt to defend their title against the United States next month.

Croatia's **Ivo Karlovic** recently became the fourth player since 1991 to hit 1,000 aces in a season, joining Goran Ivanisevic, Pete Sampras and Andy Roddick in the elite club.

Danish veteran **Kenneth Carlsen** is the latest player to announce his retirement. The 34-year old played his final tournament, a Challenger in Kolding, last week. He'll be followed into retirement by Switzerland's **Michel Kratochvil**, who will hang up his racquet at the end of the season.

The British **Lawn Tennis Association** has appointed further key staff members; Larry Jurovich and Gary Stewart have been appointed as the LTA's Head of Coach Education and Head of Coach Support respectively.

Internet tennis news leader **Bob Larson** has launched a new website dedicated to junior tennis, featuring news, information and advice for, and about, globally competitive junior players seeking a collegiate or pro tour future. The site, www.juniortennisnews.com, contains news, results and information on international junior events of all age categories.

Senior Circuit Round-Up

Club du Plessis Trevisé of France took the Men's 55 and Over European Club Championships title in Arosa, Switzerland last month, beating TC Barcino of Spain 4-1 in the final. It is the third consecutive year that Plessis have won a European Club Championships title, having taken the Men's 45 event in 2005 and 2006.

Meanwhile, Tennis Club Tosi of Italy are the new Men's 45 Champions, after storming through the draw in Vale do Lobo, Portugal. In the final round, the Ita-

lian team defeated TK Saltsjo-Duvnas of Sweden 5-1. Both teams were contesting their first European Club Championships finals.

The latest edition of the ITF Senior rankings was published on the 1st October, and can be found [here](#).

Fast Facts...



In Europe, Italy has the smallest proportion of Tennis players under 25 years old (17% of Tennis players) whereas in the UK, Under-25s make up 35% of players.

Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Player and Fan Survey 2007

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under



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 25th October 2007.

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.

In a quiet month for the Tour, Martina Trevisan of Italy (right) is the only player to climb the lists, rising to sixth.



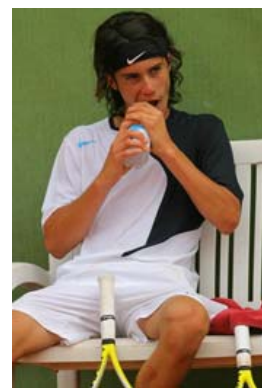
14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Vivien JUHASZOVA	SVK	690
2	▶	Alexandra KRUNICH	SRB	620
3	▶	Timea BABOS	HUN	580
4	▶	Silvija NJIRIC	CRO	580
5	▶	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	575
6	▲	Martina TREVISAN	ITA	505
7	▶	Nastja KOLAR	SLO	490
8	▼	Ksenia KIRILLOVA	RUS	485
9	▶	Khristina MLADENOVIC	FRA	460
10	▶	Tamara CUROVIC	SRB	450

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Ciprian PORUMB	ROU	715
2	▶	Anton VOLKOV	RUS	710
3	▶	Jiri VESELY	CZE	670
4	▶	Lukas VRNAK	CZE	640
5	▶	Filip HORANSKY	SVK	595
6	▶	Nik RAZBORSEK	SLO	540
7	▶	Andrea DALL'ASTA	ITA	520
8	▶	Adrian PARTL	SVK	480
9	▶	Filip VITTEK	SVK	450
10	▶	Yaroslav SHYLA	BLR	445

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Dorothea Eric (SRB, left) and Javier Marti (ESP, right) are the biggest climbers in the latest European rankings, having leapt to sixth position in the end of year lists thanks to strong finishes to the season in which both players reached the final of the elite Tennis Europe Junior Masters event in Orbetello.



Rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲	Sviatlana PIRAZHENKA	BLR	515
2	▼	Ema BURGIC	BIH	480
3	▼	Camila SILVA	CHI	470
4	▶	Xin WEN	CHN	390
5	▲	Natalia PINTUSAVA	BLR	375
6	NEW	Dorothea ERIC	SRB	370
7	▲	Aleksandra JOSIFOSKA	MKD	365
8	▼	Simona HALEP	ROU	355
9	▶	Klara KOPRIVOVA	CZE	330
10	▶	Zarina DIYAS	KAZ	325

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	570
2	▶	Mirza BASIC	BIH	515
3	▶	Leonard IVIC	CRO	435
4	▲	Ivan TURUDIC	CRO	420
5	▼	Vedran LJUBICIC	CRO	405
6	NEW	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	395
7	▼	Andrea STUCCHI	ITA	387
8	▼	Pavel FILIN	BLR	370
9	▼	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	370
10	▼	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SRB	365

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Sep-17	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+	T Oger (FRA)	A Mannarino (FRA)	76(3) 75
Sep-17	Nurnberg (GER)	\$10,000	M Vacek (CZE)	P Steinberger (GER)	63 64
Sep-17	Nottingham (GBR)	\$15,000	M Fischer (AUT)	C Niland (IRL)	64 63
Sep-17	Olbia (ITA)	\$10,000	T Fabbiano (ITA)	M Dell'Acqua (ITA)	46 75 76(4)
Sep-17	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	B Rodriguez (MEX)	64 46 76(5)
Sep-24	Mostar (BIH)	\$15,000+	V Skenderovic (CRO)	M Middelkoop (NED)	62 64
Sep-24	Forbach (FRA)	\$10,000	J Ouanna (FRA)	D Brown (JAM)	75 76(4)
Sep-24	Nottingham (GBR)	\$15,000	J Goodall (GBR)	J Baker (GBR)	63 64
Sep-24	Sardegna Davis (ITA)	\$10,000	S Vagnozzi (ITA)	M Marrai (ITA)	36 61 60
Sep-24	Martos (ESP)	\$15,000	P Duclos (CAN)	M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	64 76(7)
Oct-01	Medugorje (BIH)	\$15,000+	M Tkalec (SLO)	R Eitzinger (AUT)	64 67(2) 63
Oct-01	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000+	S Bohli (SUI)	V Millot (FRA)	62 61
Oct-01	Hambach (GER)	\$10,000	H Fischer (GER)	M Radschitting (AUT)	63 64
Oct-01	Sassari (ITA)	\$10,000	S Vagnozzi (ITA)	A Kellner (HUN)	16 61 61
Oct-01	Porto (POR)	\$15,000	L Tavares (POR)	C Villagran (ARG)	46 61 62
Oct-01	Cordoba (ESP)	\$15,000	M Ilhan (TUR)	M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	63 63
Oct-08	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	J Ouanna (FRA)	P Snobel (CZE)	63 76(4)
Oct-08	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	G Zemlja (SLO)	M Zimmermann (GER)	63 75
Oct-08	Jersey (GBR)	\$15,000	F Neilsen (DEN)	D Olejnickzak (POL)	64 67(6) 64
Oct-08	Settimo San Pietro (ITA)	\$10,000	L Azzaro (ITA)	M Volante (ITA)	60 30 ret
Oct-08	Espinho (POR)	\$15,000	J Sanchez de la Luna	C Villagran (ARG)	63 62

ITF Women's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Sep-17	Bratislava (SVK)	\$10,000	D Nociarova (SVK)	V Sulpizio (ITA)	75 62
Sep-17	Limoges (FRA)	\$10,000	A Heitz (FRA)	A Bergot (FRA)	61 61
Sep-17	Nottingham (GBR)	\$10,000	P Wong (NED)	A Smith (GBR)	75 62
Sep-17	Lecce (ITA)	\$25,000	A Kleybanova (RUS)	M Marrero (ESP)	61 60
Sep-17	Telavi (GEO)	\$25,000	C Dentoni (ITA)	A Gerasimou (GRE)	62 16 60
Sep-17	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	MJ Martinez Sanchez	S Lisicki (GER)	62 36 63
Sep-24	Ciampino (ITA)	\$10,000	V Sassi (ITA)	V Verardi (ITA)	61 16 63
Sep-24	Clermond Ferrand (FRA)	\$10,000	K Mraz (FRA)	A Heitz (FRA)	61 75
Sep-24	Thessaloniki (GRE)	\$10,000	N Rottmann (AUT)	A Moroni (ITA)	64 60
Sep-24	Batumi (GEO)	\$25,000	K Pervak (RUS)	C Dentoni (ITA)	64 63
Sep-24	Granada (ESP)	\$25,000	MJ Martinez Sanchez	M Niculescu (ROU)	63 64
Sep-24	Nottingham (GBR)	\$25,000	V Chvojkova (CZE)	H Nooni (SWE)	62 21 ret
Sep-24	Podgorica (MNE)	\$25,000	M Pastikova (CZE)	M Sucha (SVK)	57 75 76(4)

The latest draws and results from ITF Pro Circuit events are updated seven days a week at www.TennisEurope.org.

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Oct-01	Castel Gandolfo (ITA)	\$10,000	M Pochabova (SVK)	A Schaefer (GER)	61 46 64
Oct-01	Les Franqueses del Valles (ESP)	\$10,000	C Prieto Garcia (ESP)	A Matic (GER)	26 64 76(5)
Oct-01	Mytilini (GRE)	\$10,000	O Brozda (POL)	K Schlomo (ISR)	62 64
Oct-01	Porto (POR)	\$10,000	K Vankova (CZE)	C Ferreria (POR)	63 62
Oct-01	Nantes (FRA)	\$25,000	A Korzeniak (POL)	V Pichet (FRA)	64 60
Oct-08	Benicarló (ESP)	\$10,000	M Gabarrus (ESP)	R Bindi (ITA)	62 63
Oct-08	Espinho (POR)	\$10,000	A Nogueira (POR)	C de Gubernatis (FRA)	75 36 61
Oct-08	Volos (GRE)	\$10,000	O Brozda (POL)	B Pavlova (BUL)	67(2) 62 60
Oct-08	Jersey (GBR)	\$25,000	S Lisicki (GER)	P Martic (CRO)	63 64
Oct-08	Reggio Calabria (ITA)	\$25,000	S Martinovic (BIH)	M Marrero (ESP)	46 75 64
Oct-08	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	S Arvidsson (SWE)	K Barrois (GER)	63 62

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & UNDER

Sep-17	Helsinki (FIN)	3	J Skattum (NOR)	B Wagner (GER)	62 61
			M Alexandrova (RUS)	A Golman (RUS)	36 60 63
Sep-17	Kosice (SVK)	3	J Cagnina (BEL)	M Faber (CRO)	64 62
			S Bendlova (CZE)	E Balan (BEL)	63 61
Sep-24	Calvia (ESP)	3	K Kaczynski (GER)	D Rennhak (GER)	63 61
			I Khromacheva (RUS)	E Tugarinova (RUS)	76(3) 62

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Sep-17	Helsinki (FIN)	3	S Poverinov (RUS)	A Levandi (EST)	62 61
			D Mironova (RUS)	G Veinberga (LAT)	61 63
Sep-17	Torelló (ESP)	2	A Dachs Vaque (ESP)	J Benaiges Blasco (ESP)	76(2) 76(2)
			M Ibañez (ESP)	C Prats Millan (ESP)	26 76(4) 63

Fast Facts...



In Austria, 70% of all Tennis players are Male whereas in Germany, the figure is just 55%.

Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Player and Fan Survey 2007

European Rankings

There is little movement at the top of the European rankings as the professional tours prepare for their season finales in a few weeks time.

Russian women once again make up half of the top ten European players, thanks to the resurgence of Elena Dementieva, who recently won her home town Tier 1 title in Moscow for the first time, having reached the final twice before.

Justine Henin's strong performances during the indoor season ensure she has a points tally large enough to remain at the top of the rankings until well into the new year.

There are no new entries to the men's list, where Roger Federer's failure to defend his Madrid Masters Series title enables chief challengers Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic to gain some ground, though the Swiss is virtually assured of ending the season as the European #1 for the fifth consecutive year.

A title-winning run in Tokyo ensures David Ferrer of a career-high fifth position, whilst Tommy Haas climbs to his best position in some years on the strength of his appearance in the recent Stockholm semi finals.

Rankings as of October 21st, 2007.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	▶	Justine HENIN	BEL	1	5930
2	▶	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	2	3750
3	▶	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3	3475
4	▲	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	4	3175
5	▼	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	5	2861
6	▼	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	7	2625
7	▲	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	9	2096
8	▼	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	10	2027
9	NEW	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	11	2022
10	▼	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	12	1976

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7205
2	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5385
3	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	4470
4	▶	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4	3250
5	▲	David FERRER	ESP	6	2130
6	▶	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	9	1965
7	▲	Tommy HAAS	GER	10	1870
8	▲	Richard GASQUET	FRA	11	1855
9	▼	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	13	1715
10	▼	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	14	1675

TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR CONFERENCE

The 2008 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference (formerly Junior General Meeting) will take place in Amsterdam, Netherlands on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November. Aimed at National Federation Directors, Managers of the Junior Game, Coordinators and Tournament Directors, this years event looks set to be the biggest yet, with some 60 delegates expected to attend. A full report will follow in the next issue.

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HEAD Tennis Ball Bounces to Victory

HEAD tennis balls gained momentum and popularity during the 2007 tennis season and recently enjoyed success at the Davis Cup.

Fifty percent of all ties in the Davis Cup World Group utilized HEAD tennis balls on the court during the matches, including the most recent tie between Russia and Germany.



HEAD tennis balls debuted on the ATP tour in 2006 and are now widely used in Europe with 53 percent of all ATP tournaments in Europe played with HEAD or Penn tennis balls. The balls will appear in upcoming ATP Masters Events in Madrid and Paris during October and also at the 2007 Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai in November.

"HEAD tennis balls provide me with consistent playability in all game situations," said HEAD Pro **Richard Gasquet**, "These balls offer outstanding benefits to everyone who wants to play great tennis!"

"I choose to play with HEAD tennis balls because I know I can rely on their consistency in all game situations," said HEAD Pro **Marat Safin**, "The HEAD balls are extremely durable and set the bar for tennis ball innovation."

"I enjoy the durability and visibility of the HEAD tennis balls," said HEAD Pro **Ivan Ljubicic**, "I can rely on the balls in any game situation to help me provide a consistent performance during game play."

Junior tennis players are also enjoying playing with HEAD tennis balls during Tennis Europe Events. HEAD is the official ball sponsor and supplier of Tennis Europe, for the European junior flagship events, including the Junior Masters, Junior Championships, as well as the Winter Cup and European Nations Challenge.

The recently launched HEAD ball is also the recommended ball of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, a circuit of 270 tournaments across three age groups (under, 12, 14 and 16). The tour passes through more than 40 European countries with 8,000 players participating annually.

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Spotlight on the Return

The return of serve is one of the least-practiced strokes in tennis and yet it is as important as the serve. A returner feels pressure from the pace and placement of the serve as well as from the score. Often the returner does not have enough time to position his body for each return in the ideal manner. Prior to the serve being struck, the returner can position his feet to eliminate some of the guesswork/panic of returning.

Watch the video of Ivan Ljubicic returning with backhand and forehand. http://tennisgate.com/head/headnews_en.html



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