

Federer Marches to Fifth Consecutive Wimbledon Crown



Players, fans and organisers will no doubt long remember Wimbledon 2007 as a test of endurance, as one of the wettest fortnights in the tournaments' history led to a backlog of matches that tested the fitness, patience and mental toughness of the competitors.

In such conditions, it was unsurprising that arguably the two most experienced active players at Wimbledon – Roger Federer and Venus Williams – emerged victorious, the second time in three years that the pair would hold the trophies simultaneously.

As in Paris three weeks ago, the world's attention focused on the sports top two players as Federer and Rafael Nadal closed in on another Grand Slam final for the latest encounter in their gripping rivalry, this time playing out a five-set classic in what was by far the toughest yet of Federer's five Wimbledon finals.

The two players had contrasting paths to the final. Nadal was playing for a seventh consecutive day, having been forced to finish five matches in five days, while Federer had been inactive during one five day period, thanks partly to some lucky >>

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European Tennis Trophy by Lindström



Germany has been confirmed as the first nation to win a 2007 European Tennis Trophy, accumulating enough points to wrap up the Senior Tennis Trophy at the half-way stage of the season.

With the points calculated to reflect the achievements of European tennis nations during the first six months of the year, there's also good news for Russia and the Netherlands as they look to defend their 2006 titles.

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<< scheduling as the rains came and in part to the withdrawal of Tommy Haas from their scheduled fourth round match.

As in Paris, the pair split the first two sets, Federer edging a first set tie break 9-7 only to see Nadal level up by breaking at the end of the second set. The third also went to a tie break, in which the Swiss established an early lead and never looked back. Federer clearly lost concentration early in the fourth set following a successful 'Hawk-Eye' challenge by Nadal gave the Spaniard a point for a double break lead, which he duly converted before undergoing treatment for an injury to his left knee. Nadal was left to rue several missed break point opportunities at the start of the deciding set, the saviour of which seemed to inspire the world #1, who played some of his best tennis to put the match firmly beyond the reach of the Roland Garros champion.

Federer's title establishes a number of new notable feats. Playing his ninth consecutive Grand Slam final, the world #1 equalled Bjorn Borg's long-standing record of five consecutive Wimbledon titles, and records his 54th consecutive grass court match win. In the all-time honours list, Federer has now equalled his hero Rod Laver in terms of Grand Slam titles won with eleven, and now stands three titles away from equaling the all-time record holder, Pete Sampras.

Venus Williams' run to the women's title mirrored her improbable run two years ago, when she became the lowest seeded player ever to win at SW19. Suffering from a lack of match practice, the 27-year old started the tournament slowly, having to come from a break down in the final set of early round matches against Alla Kudryavtseva and Akiko Morigami. Inspired by those near defeats, Venus displayed some of her best form since winning her last Wimbledon title with

straight set defeats of Maria Sharapova, Svetlana Kuznetsova and Ana Ivanovic to reach the final for the sixth time in eight years.

Meanwhile, her final opponent Marion Bartoli was causing her own series of sensational upsets in the top half of the draw. Despite arriving at Wimbledon in form, having posted some of her career-best results in her previous tournaments (a quarter final showing at Roland Garros and semi finals in Eastbourne were new personal bests for her at high-Tier events), even Bartoli expressed surprise at her progress through the draw. The French #3 came from a set down in three consecutive matches to beat Jelena Jankovic (her first win over a top five player), Michaela Krajicek and – in one of the biggest upsets in a Wimbledon semifinal in the open era – Justine Henin to reach the final. The ramifications for Bartoli are huge. Having earned almost half her career prize money in just one event, the 22-year old now stands on the cusp of the top 10.



While the final score was a fairly one-sided 6-4 6-1, the ninety minute encounter was hotly contested, with Williams scoring a decisive break to take the first set in the tenth game. Despite charming the crowd, who in turn did their best to encourage her, Bartoli was unable to fully impose her game on the American, whose fierce drives down the line repeatedly caused problems for her opponent, who strikes the ball double-handed off both wings.

With European players having dominated the Slams for two seasons, the resurgence of the Williams sisters this season has restored the fortunes of America's women, who hold two of the three titles so far decided in 2007. With five different Slam winners in the last five Slams, predicting the champion of the US Open is no easy task.

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One event to feature first-time champions was the men's doubles, where Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra became the first French pair to win the event for 74 years, coming back from the loss of a first set tie break to beat defending champions and undisputed world #1s Bob and Mike Bryan in what was their first Grand Slam event as a team.

Cara Black returned to the women's doubles #1 spot by regaining the Wimbledon crown she held in 2004 and 2005. The Zimbabwean teamed with South Africa's Liezel Huber to defeat Ai Sugiyama and Katarina Srebotnik in three sets. It is the third loss in a Grand Slam final for Srebotnik, who was the only player on court not to own a Grand Slam title.

Whilst the media attention focused on the gruelling schedule of some of the professional players, the juniors arguably suffered the most as a result of the weather, with the finalists forced to play a heavy schedule of singles and doubles matches in a truncated time span.

Poland's Urszula Radwanska was forced to play nine matches in just three days as her singles and doubles campaigns finally got in to full swing on day 11. She provided the major surprise of the competition, beating top seeded US and Australian Open champion Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the quarter finals (she later teamed with the Russian to win the doubles). In her final singles match, Radwanska was 6-2 3-0 down against American Madison Brengle before launching a comeback in which she did not concede another game, ending the contest with an impressive tally of 46 winners. Radwanska follows in the footsteps of her elder sister, world #35 Agnieszka, who won the event in 2005, making the pair the first sisters ever to both win

the junior title at Wimbledon.

The boys title was won by former junior #1 Donald Young, who brushed aside the challenge of the current #1, 16-year-old Vladimir Ignatik of Belarus in straight sets. Young also reached the semi finals of the doubles, where he and partner Johnny Hamui were beaten by the Italian pair of Daniel Lopez and Matteo Trevisan, who went on to secure the title by edging to a 76(5) 46 10(10-8) win over the Czech/Slovak team of Roman Jebavy and Martin Klizan.

The event was brought to a close on a happy note for the home fans, who after two weeks of almost daily heavy rain saw Jamie Murray more than make up for any disappointment at the pre-tournament withdrawal of his brother Andy by becoming the first British player to win a Wimbledon title in twenty years. Under bright sunny skies and playing mixed doubles for the first time in his life, the Scot partnered Jelena Jankovic to a series of wins over experienced teams, culminating in a three set victory over Jonas Bjorkman and Alicia Molik in the final in front of a packed centre court, receiving a five-minute standing ovation for their efforts.

The hallowed grounds of the Centre Court had a somewhat different feel during these Championships, with the top walls removed in order to prepare the way for the construction of a roof, which is expected to be ready for the 2009 event. The most traditional of sporting events, Wimbledon also moved with the times in other areas in 2007, with the introduction of computerised line-judging equipment Hawk-Eye a popular addition to the event, and Venus Williams becoming the first female champion to receive equal prize-money.

Photos: Getty images.

AS Patton Rennes Defend European Club Championships Title

Host club AS Patton Rennes came from behind to successfully defend their European Women's Club Championships title with a 3-1 win over TED Club of Istanbul in the final.

Ipek Senoglu put the visitors ahead with a 76 64 win over Amanda Hopmans in the opening match before Seda Noorlander hit back to level with a 63 64 win over Pemra Özgen. Fate intervened in the third rubber,

as Shikha Uberoi was forced to retire whilst trailing 0-5 to Leslie Butkiewicz, before Petra Cetkowska wrapped up the title, scoring a 62 62 win over Lioudmila Skavronskaia.

The win is the fourth title in five years for the French team.

European Tennis Trophy by Lindström Update



Russia are favourites to defend the three European Tennis Trophy *by Lindström* titles that they won in 2006, taking the overall lead as the tennis season reaches the halfway stage.

In the Professional Tennis category, Russia lead closest rivals France by 558 points, though with the Davis and Fed Cup titles still in play, they are still a long way from guaranteeing possession of the top spot at the year's end.

A similar situation exists in the Junior Tennis Trophy, where the Russian-France dominance of the team competitions in recent years has continued early in 2007 to leave both teams clear at the top of the standings. Much will depend on the performances of players from those nations in the coming weeks at the European Junior Championships and remaining European Summer Cups ties.

Germany have already secured the defence of the Senior Tennis Trophy, having a 1000+ points lead over closest rivals Austria. Germany has won the Senior title every year since its inception in 1990.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands, similarly dominant in the Wheelchair Tennis category have established a clear lead over their rivals, following strong performances in all disciplines at the World Team Cup.

The Overall points standings see improvements from Germany, Austria and Sweden, whilst Italy, Czech Republic and the Netherlands are in danger of losing ground.

The first Trophy Race update includes all points earned by nations in events until the end of June 2007, including ATP Tour and Sony Ericsson WTA Race Points. Rankings which use a rollover 52-week system are not counted at this stage. The final European Tennis Trophy by Lindström standings for 2007 will be announced in December.

	PROFESSIONAL TENNIS	JUNIOR TENNIS	SENIOR TENNIS	WHEELCHAIR TENNIS	OVERALL PERFORMANCE	TOTAL POINTS
1	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	RUSSIA	3269
2	FRANCE	FRANCE	AUSTRIA	FRANCE = GREAT BRITAIN	GERMANY	2836
3	SPAIN	CROATIA = CZECH REPUBLIC	ITALY		FRANCE	2701
4	GERMANY		GREAT BRITAIN	SWEDEN	SPAIN	1597
5	ITALY	POLAND	HUNGARY	ITALY	ITALY	1504
6	BELGIUM	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	NETHERLANDS		AUSTRIA	1047
7	SWEDEN	BELARUS	CZECH REPUBLIC		CZECH REPUBLIC	996
8	CZECH REPUBLIC	GREAT BRITAIN	FRANCE		BELGIUM	887
9	AUSTRIA	HUNGARY	BELGIUM SPAIN		SWEDEN	875
10	ISRAEL	ROMANIA SERBIA			NETHERLANDS	707

'Tennis...Play and Stay' Officially Launched

At last month's ITF Annual General Meeting in Tunis, the sport's governing body formally launched a global campaign aimed at increasing tennis participation worldwide. We took a look at the reasons for this unprecedented campaign and report on some of the activities to have taken place so far across Europe.

Tennis...Play and Stay centres on the slogan of "Serve, Rally and Score" and seeks to promote tennis as easy, fun and healthy. Fundamental to the campaign is the use of slower red, orange and green balls by coaches working with starter players, which help to ensure that the first experience of tennis is a positive one involving playing the game (serving, rallying and scoring). During the three-day meeting, ITF Director of Development Dave Miley introduced some 200 delegates from over 100 nations to the campaign with a key issues presentation, and many of those in attendance also took the opportunity to sample the balls and equipment on display.

Why was 'Tennis...Play and Stay' introduced?

In 2002 the ITF 'Intro to Tennis' Taskforce was established with the aim of looking at how tennis could be better introduced to starter players. The task force, which was chaired by Dave Miley, included experts in tennis participation from some of the world's top tennis federations and coaching bodies.

The Task force recognised that, whilst tennis is growing in many nations, some of the more established nations are facing challenges related to participation resulting primarily from lifestyle changes that have occurred. The key finding was that our sport seems to be better at attracting people than retaining them. The task force saw the need to adapt the sport to the needs of the customer, the starter player, and to agree a common position related to starter tennis.

Key messages of the Tennis...Play and Stay campaign are:

- Tennis can be easy and fun ...when coaches working with starter players use slower red, orange or green balls
- Starter players should serve, rally and score



Starter players can be more effectively introduced to the game with red sponge balls, as above

from the first lesson

- Tennis competition can be fun...and formats and scoring systems exist to suit all lifestyles
- Tennis is healthy and research conducted in 2006 by the ITF supports this
- Tennis is a sport for all and all players should have a rating which helps them to find players of a similar level to play with

Play Tennis Fast....the ball is key!

Using the right ball with starter players was recognised by the task force as crucial to retention. There is no doubt that the slower balls give players more time and control and make it easier for players to rally. Yet less than an estimated 10% of coaches worldwide are currently using slower balls with starter players, which makes the promotion of the slower balls to coaches a key element of Tennis...Play and Stay.

Slower Balls, Smaller courts, Better Juniors!

The slower balls are also important for developing high level juniors as the balls help players to more easily develop efficient technique and allow them to implement more advanced tactics than could not be performed using a normal ball on a full court.

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Adults...Play tennis fast!

The slower balls are not just for juniors. Some of the major tennis nations, including France, have had a lot of success with the slower balls in introducing tennis to adults.

The ITF believes that the job of coaches is primarily to organise people to play tennis so that they experience the best part of tennis; actually playing the game, and encourages coaches to use the slower balls to ensure that as many people as possible have the chance to **Serve, Rally and Score** and to enjoy the sport!

Play and Stay Seminar

In February 2007 in London, the campaign was presented at a seminar with 80 attendees representing 28 federations, 4 regional associations, 3 coaching organisations, 6 tennis manufacturers, the TIA, the WTA and ATP tours and other tennis organisations.

This event was followed up by **Tennis Europe's Play and Stay** conference in Poznan, Poland, where some 200 coaches and national association staff from 23 European countries were informed about the campaign.

The overall reaction to the campaign has been overwhelmingly positive. 35 of the 40 major nations invited (including the 4 Grand Slam Nations) have already signed up and over the coming months many of these nations will be organising activities including

specialised Tennis...Play and Stay coaches workshop to support the launch in their countries.



ITF Director of Development Dave Miley (centre) introduced Tennis Europe's Managing Director External Affairs Olli Mäenpää (left) and President John James (right) to the campaign in London in February.

Portugal was the first European nation to formally launch their Play and Stay programme, doing so simultaneously with the ITF in June.

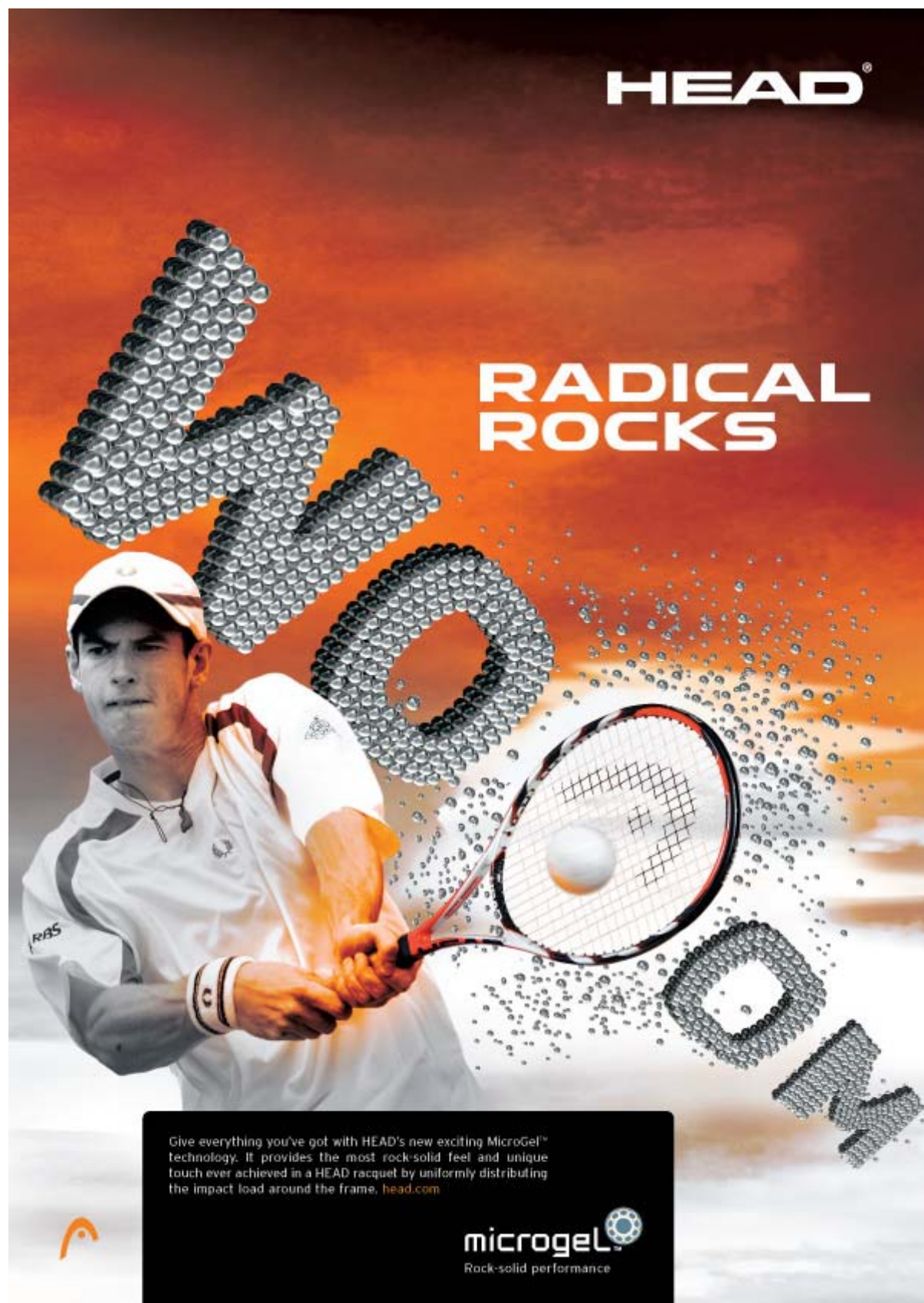
Tennis...Play and Stay also has the committed support of the ATP and WTA tours, the TIA, the tennis manufacturers, and the major coaching bodies,

including the PTR. In fact during Rome and Hamburg some of the top professional players including Roger Federer, Justine Henin, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Ana Ivanovic, Andy Roddick and Rafael Nadal recorded video messages in support of the campaign, which will be used by the ITF to promote Play and Stay.

To support the campaign, the ITF has produced a range of promotional material and coaching tools in a number of different languages all branded with the Tennis...Play and Stay logo. To view these materials and for other important information related to Tennis...Play and Stay, visit www.tennisplayandstay.com

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Mike Ballardie Receives Tennis Europe Award

Mike Ballardie, Vice President & Managing Director of Prince Sports Europe, Middle East and Africa, was presented with the Tennis Europe Award at Wimbledon last week. Tennis Europe President John James was on hand to give the award, which had been announced at the 2007 Annual General Meeting in Vienna in recognition of Mr. Ballardie's contribution to European tennis.

Mr. Ballardie (pictured, right) was the architect of a successful three-year partnership between Tennis Europe and Prince, and remains a key contact in ongoing efforts to foster links and cooperation within the tennis industry in Europe.

Presenting the award, John James expressed Tennis Europe's gratitude for Mr. Ballardie's "crucial role in supporting the next generation of tennis players through Prince's sponsorship of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups from 2003-2005, his contributions to Tennis Europe conferences, and in his efforts towards marketing the game in general."



Commenting on the award, Mr. Ballardie said: "It is a great honour for me personally to receive this award, and this recognition from Tennis Europe is something that I will cherish for many years to come. I look forward to continuing to work to strengthen European Tennis."

French Tennis Federation Reaches Out to Icelandic Players

Under the auspices of a European Solidarity Scheme cooperation between the French Tennis Federation and the Icelandic Tennis Association, six Icelandic players aged from 12-22 recently spent ten days training as guests of the Côte Basque, Béarn and Landes regional association in Biarritz.

Discussing his group's progress over the course of the stay, Icelandic Tennis Association General Secretary Raj Bonifacius said, "The players and coaches we practiced with helped to keep the intensity level of each practice to it's fullest and the players alert. They really honed several of their weaker techniques (which accompany play on clay courts) – sliding, drop shots and sliced backhands, as well as learning to adapt between indoor, hard and clay surface conditions. From a coaching standpoint, I



think this training camp provided many more practical benefits in comparison to some of the competitive trips we have made in the past."

"I would like to thank everyone from the Biarritz Olympique tennis club, especially Jerome Helin, who did an excellent job in helping the players and made every effort to make our trip as successful as possible. Finally I'd also like to thank Jacques Dupré for his continued support and advocacy of the European Solidarity Scheme which has been the catalyst for a number of greatly beneficial cooperations to have helped small tennis nations such as Iceland in recent years."

Senior Circuit Round-Up

The 2007 European Seniors Championships were held during the week of June 11th in Baden Baden, Germany, with the 50th edition of the European Super Seniors championships staged the same week in Pörtschach, Austria.

Germany once again dominated the competition, taking seven of the nineteen singles titles on offer. A full list of winners can be found below. The one remaining age category yet to be decided (Over 35's) is set to take place from 26-29 July in Rottach Weissach, Germany.

There are still some European Club Championships categories to be decided in the coming weeks, with the Men's 65+ event set to take place in Salzburg, from 16-20 July, and Men's 60+ following in Moenchengladbach from 20-24 August.

Finally, the next ITF Senior Rankings update will be published on July 30th.



Men's 80s doubles presentation in Pörtschach - left to right, Tournament Director Horst Zieritz, Jaromir Becka (CZE), Laci Legenstein (AUT), Laszlo Lennart (HUN), representative of the municipality Günther Schurian

EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL SENIOR CHAMPIONS 2007

	MEN	WOMEN
40+	ROBERT EISELE (GER)	ANKE WURST (GER)
45+	WIM GROENEVELD (NED)	MARIA ROSA BRUNO (ITA)
50+	PIERRE GODFROID (BEL)	CLAUDIA ADAM-THOMALLA (GER)
55+	ANDREW RAE (AUT)	HEIDI EISTERLEHNER (GER)
60+	JORGE CAMINA BORDA (ESP)	MARIANA KAROLYI (HUN)
65+	PETER POKORNY (AUT)	SOFIA GARAGULY (AUT)
70+	HEINZ LÖFFLER (GER)	BRIGITTE JUNG (GER)
75+	LORNE MAIN (CAN)	CLELIA MAZZOLENI (ITA)
80+	GUIDO TREVISAN (ITA)	INGEBORG HAAS (GER)
85+	CORNELIUS MARRE (NED)	N/P

In the Spotlight: Pemra Özgen

21-year old Turkish #1 Pemra Özgen recently spared some time at the European Club Championships to talk about opportunities in the sport in her home country, and her progression up the rankings.

Thanks for coming to play at the European Club Championships. Why did you decide to add this event to your schedule rather than one where you could be earning ranking points?

I always play some matches during the year for my club, this event is one of them. And it is always really nice to play team matches with your friends.

What do you like about playing in a team environment such as this one?

I always like to play team matches because it's something different. You are always alone during the year to play matches. But when you are with a team you can share lots of things. And I think it's much better when you win a match for your team, to be successful with your friends.

Do you play at the TED Club when you are at home in Istanbul?

Yes, I have been playing for TED Club for 11 years. And I feel like it is my second home. Because when I'm in Turkey I'm going early to the club and coming back late to my home. So I spend more time at the TED Club than at home! I really have a nice relationship with them.

Last year TED reached the final here, and this year you are the top seeds. Do you expect to win the event?

I have been coming to this event for 4 or 5 years. When I first played we got the 2nd place. It was really nice experience for me. This year we are the first seed, but it doesn't mean that we are going to win. We will try our best to win the matches. Hope we can make it this time.

There are many more Turkish women with a ranking

than men. Why do think this is?

In my opinion it has to do something in finding the right sponsors. I think we are lucky as women's players because we found sponsors. It is not easy to travel the whole year and to earn money. I really feel lucky because my sponsor KALE COLOR has been helping me for three years, and we really have nice relationships with them. I hope it will continue. And I'm sure if the boys in Turkey can find a decent sponsor, they will also be playing tennis events during the entire year.

Does it make it harder for you to find sponsors if tennis is not one of the most popular sports?

Before it was much harder to find sponsors. Of course I'm not saying that it is easy now, but it's getting easier because tennis is becoming a very well-known sport in Turkey. If we all can be successful as players I'm sure everything will be better.

You've won several titles on the ITF Circuit, and are currently close to your highest ever ranking. How difficult is it to make the jump onto the WTA Tour?

I started to play professional tennis 3 years ago. First year it was not easy for me, because suddenly you have to start to play more than 15 tournaments per year. I could not play as much when I was a junior, maybe 4 or 5 tournaments. You are right at present it is my highest ranking now. I hope that I can play some good tennis over the summer time so that I can jump onto the WTA-tour.

What are your goals for the rest of the season?

My ranking is about 350 now in singles. I will try to be 300 at the end of the year. Of course it will be much better if I can be higher ranked but my goal is to be in this rhythm and to improve my game more on that level of tennis, this year.



CIT Player Strengthens Grip on Tennis Europe Junior Tour #1

Bosnia's Mirza Basic recently strengthened his position at the top of the European 16 & under rankings, continuing his successful season with victories at "Le Pont des Générations" held in France and the "Avvenire" event in Italy.

Basic won in Le Pontet defeating Chinese Di Wu in two sets 75 62, confirming the great improvements in his claycourt game. The Bosnian only dropped one set in the entire tournament, against local player Romain Arneodo in the quarterfinals.

Two weeks previously, Basic also won the title at another of the 16 & Under Tennis Europe Junior Tour's most prestigious tournaments, the "Trofeo Avvenire" in Milano by beating Croatia's Marin Draganja in a three-set final 67 76 63. Basic came back from losing the first set in the final match, showing his mental strength and his resilience on the red clay.

Born in Sarajevo in 1991, Mirza is currently training at the **Centre Internacional de Tennis** in Barcelona, with some of the best 16 & Under Catalan and Spanish players, supervised by Jordi Arrese, technical director of the Catalan Tennis Federation and former Spanish Davis Cup Team captain.



Arrese leads a team of coaches with wide experience of the junior, ATP and WTA circuits, helping many players from all over the world to improve their clay court game and make the step to professional tennis. CIT is the Official Academy Partner of Tennis Europe, and the only centre recognised by the International Tennis Federation (ITF). It also has the privilege to host the Olympic Solidarity scheme promoted by the IOC.

Saudi Arabia Davis Cup team prepare at the CIT



The Saudi Arabian national team (pictured) are currently in the middle of a two-week stay at the CIT, in order to prepare for their claycourt Davis Cup ties that will be held in Sri Lanka from the 16th to 22nd July, in the Asia/Oceania Zone Group III.

Saudi Arabia will play in a round-robin format against three other teams from a group comprised of Lebanon, Malaysia, Oman, Singapore, Sri Lanka, UAE and Vietman.

Saudi Arabian players Fhad Sulaiman Al Saad, Saleh Andulaziz Alrajeh, Omar Suliman Al Thagib and Tamer Malek Antabi are frequent visitors to the CIT for short term stays in order to prepare either their national ties or ATP tournaments held on claycourts.

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



Beyond the Baseline...

The **ATP** have confirmed that London will host season-ending championships for four years from 2009. The event, which will be renamed the **ATP World Tour Final** will be staged at the 20,000-seat O2 Arena, and will also feature a special kids' zone, hosted by the LTA.

The **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour Championships** also look set to return to Europe, though after a spell in Doha, Qatar. The event, set to be staged for the second consecutive year in Madrid this November, will take place in Doha for three years from 2008, before returning to European soil in **Istanbul**, Turkey in 2011, where organisers plan to build a 10,000 stadium which will host the event.

Players have rallied to donate items for an online auction to benefit 24-year old Austrian twin sisters **Daniela and Sandra Klemenschits**, regulars on the ITF and WTA circuits, who have been diagnosed with a rare form of stomach cancer. Fans can visit the auction site at <http://www.sonyericssonwtatourauctions.com/> to bid for items from the likes of Rafael Nadal, Martina Hingis, Maria Sharapova, and Justine Henin, the proceeds of which will go towards expensive medical costs for the pair.

The **WTA** have announced details of the 2009 calendar, which has been re-shaped in order to take into consideration player demands for a longer off-season. The calendar sees some major consequences for European events, with the traditional autumn indoor season most affected, with only Moscow and Linz remaining from the existing five week swing. A new tournament in Madrid during the week of May 11th will be the only mandatory European event, whilst Stuttgart's indoor event moves to clay and replaces Warsaw.

The WTA has followed the lead of the ATP in introducing no-ad scoring and a match tie-break in lieu of third sets for all Tour doubles matches, with immediate effect after Wimbledon. Experiments with on-court coaching will also continue at all Tier I and II events throughout the second half of the year, including at the Sony Ericsson WTA Championships, before a final decision is made at the end of the season.

The **International Tennis Federation** have launched an interactive online coaching website, www.tenniscoach.com. The site includes a wealth of materials from the world's leading coaching experts on all aspects of playing and teaching the sport, including tactics, psychology, conditioning, biomechanics, individual strokes, teaching methodology and much more.

The 2008 **Fed Cup** dates have been announced, with first round ties taking place the week following the Australian Open (January 28th). Semi-finals and play-offs will take place in the week of April 21st, while the finals will be held in the week of September 8th.

Organisers are promoting what they hope to be the best Futures event on the circuit. Next month's **Volksbank Open** in Irnding, Austria will boast live internet streaming of matches, a VIP area, speed measure machines, ball kids and line judges for all main draw matches and many side events during the week. More information on the official website at www.volksbank-open.com

London's O2 Arena will host a special '**Turbo Tennis**' exhibition in September, with six players fighting for a winner takes all prize of £100,000. Each match will last just 30 minutes, with the player in the end when time runs out being declared the winner. Players involved include Andy and Jamie Murray, Tim Henman, James Blake, Goran Ivanisevic and Pat Cash.

The 3rd **International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians** World Tennis Championships will take place from the 8 to the 15 of September in Salerno, Italy. Aimed at bringing together Rotarians from around the world in the spirit of sport, the event will also give the opportunity to support a specific international service project promoted by Rotary Club Salerno and its 'Onlus' (non-profit welfare organisation). For further information, visit www.rotarytennis.org.

According to reports, former world #1 **Kim Clijsters**, who retired in May, is expecting her first child. The 23-year old Belgian will marry fiancé Brian Lynch next weekend.

Fast Facts...

In the first Quarter of 2007, sales of Junior tennis racquets were over 50% higher than in the same period in 2006
Source: Sports Marketing Surveys Shipment Reports)

France and Russia Defend Titles at 14&U Summer Cups

France and Russia once again reasserted their dominance of European junior team competitions, by battling past a total of 56 entered national teams to defend their respective European Summer Cups titles last weekend. The two nations faced each other in the finals of both the boys and girls 14 & Under events with France winning the girls' Europa Cup in San Remo and Russia striking back to win the boys' Copa del Sol title in Granada.

In Italy, Amandine Hesse put the defending champions ahead with a three set win over Polina Vinogradova before Daria Gavrilova levelled the tie with a 75 75 victory over Kristina Mladenovic. The French outpowered their top seeded rivals in the decisive doubles match, as Mladenovic and Charlene Seateun conceded just five games to Gavrilova and Ksenia Kirillova.

Meanwhile in Spain, Cedric Commin began with a win for France, edging to a 46 64 64 win over Evgeny Karlovsky before European #2 Anton Volkov levelled the tie. The deciding doubles rubber was a nailbiter, with the French team of Commin and Loic Gaydon just two

points from victory at one stage before Karlovskiy and Volkov eventually sealed a 26 76(6) 64 win.

The final rounds of the Europa Cup and Copa del Sol act as the European qualifying event for the **ITF World Junior Tennis** competition, the world's premier team event for players aged 14 & Under. As the third, fourth and sixth placed boy's teams, Slovak Republic, Belarus and Great Britain join fifth placed Czech Republic (who automatically qualify as hosts), Russia and France in Prostějov (CZE) next month. Slovak Republic, Serbia and Great Britain join France, Russia and Czech Republic in qualifying for the girls event.

The remaining European Summer Cups ties - for players aged 16 & under and 18 & Under - will take place from 31st July to 2nd August (qualifying) and 5th to 8th August (final rounds), with the exception of the Girls' 18 & Under category, for which the final rounds will be held in late September in Lleida, Spain.

2007 14&U EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS - FINAL STANDINGS

COPA DEL SOL (BOYS)

EUROPA CUP (GIRLS)

1 RUSSIA

FRANCE

2 FRANCE

RUSSIA

3 SLOVAK REPUBLIC

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

4 BELARUS

SERBIA

5 CZECH REPUBLIC

GREAT BRITAIN

6 GREAT BRITAIN

GERMANY

7 ITALY

HUNGARY

8 SPAIN

ITALY

ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under Teams Enjoy Success

Last month we reported on the progress of the ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under Touring Team in Europe.

The 6-week Tour is now over, and members of the team can reflect with some satisfaction on their achievements during the Tour, with all players having boosted their rankings significantly as a result of their participation. Bosnia's Ema Burgic (pictured) has shot to #4 as a result of winning her first Category 1 title in Le Pontet and reaching the semi finals in Crema, La Baule and Milan. Team-mates Aleksandra Josifovska (MKD) and Sabina Stilu (ROU) recorded their best performances on the Tour so far, with semi final runs in Crema and Le Pontet respectively.

Travelling with the team, coach Erhan Oral commented, "It is always great to work with players who are from different cultural, social and playing background. I strongly believe that this brings a uniqueness to the team dynamics and is very good experience in terms of their social skills and building up team spirit for the players. This years results were very successful for our team especially Bosnia's Mirza Basic and Serbia's Filip Krajinovic's strong presence. Mirza won three of the major tournaments including Crema, La Pontet and Milan, and Filip's outstanding performance showcased his playing ability, reaching the Montecatini final and 3 semifinals during the tour. This tour gives a great opportunity for the players and coaches to create a positive learning environment form each other as well as contributing a great amount of development not only as a tennis player but also as a person."

The remaining team members scored their best results in doubles, with, Gleb Panov (BLR) and Patrick Grigoriu (ROU) teaming to reach the doubles final in Le Pontet and Panov and Giorgi Khmriadashvili (GEO) losing a tight Crema semi final to eventual champions Basic and Krajinovic.



A Clean Winner





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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Contest

As mentioned in a previous issue, Peter Rohsmann, Tournament Director of Renningen/Rutesheim event was recently announced as the winner of the 2006 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Contest, an award which recognises the event organisers who have made the biggest efforts in promoting the Tennis Europe Junior Tour.

The prize was a trip to one of the European Grand Slams with accommodation and centre court tickets. We caught up with Peter, who travelled to Roland Garros with his wife and two children, to find out how it went:

He told us, "It's impressive to see how the French celebrate tennis, and to experience the difference between a "normal" tennis tournament and a Grand Slam. Very interesting were the lots of different competitions, such as the wheelchair tennis, mixed-doubles, men 45+ and junior competitions. In the junior competition it's really fantastic seeing young tennis players who

once won our junior tennis tournament in Renningen.

Apart from the tennis we relaxed in some beautiful restaurants, visited lots of shops - and of course "people-watching" is also pretty exciting there. Another place that was impressive is the "Place des Mousquetaires" where they broadcasted matches from the three main courts on a giant TV-screen.

Summing up, I can only recommend this event to all other Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Directors and wish them the best of luck in trying to win the competition in 2007."

Tournament directors interested in entering the 2007 should visit the Tour download page or contact Magnus Grönvold (magnusg@tenniseurope.org) for further details.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

45 of 49 Tennis Europe member nations have entered the **European Junior Championships**, taking place in Czech Republic (U14s), Russia (U16s) and Austria (U18s) in two weeks. The player nominations for the Tour's flagship event are now available at www.TennisEurope.org.

Participants at the 14 & Under European Junior Championships in Ostrava will be invited to attend the inaugural **ITF Tennis Europe Junior Tennis School Educational Forum**.

During the packed schedule, players will be given tips on dietary advice from Dr. Wart van Zoest of the KNLTB, have a session on Media Training from Marco Keller of the International Tennis Writers Association, and have the opportunity to speak to former top Czech professional player Slava Dosedel.

The Educational Forum will be held on Thursday 26th July at 6pm.

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD qualifying round venue confirmations: the Italian qualifying

zone will take place in Salo instead of Brescia, which the Czech venues have been announced as Rakovník (boys) and Prague (girls). It has also been announced that both the qualifying and final rounds of the inaugural European 12 & Under team competition will take place over four days, using a round-robin format with subsequent placement matches.

Two new tournaments have been added to the junior calendars: the Czech town of Pisek will host a 12 & Under event during the week of August 13th, whilst Funchal on the island of Madeira (POR) will stage a 16 & Under Category 3 tournament during the week of December 17th.

Check out the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Photo Gallery for over 500 new images from events in Le Pontet, Milan, Pavia, Piastany, Tuzla, Zabrze and the European Summer Cups.

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.

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.

14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Hanna ORLIK	BLR	720
2	▶	Timea BABOS	HUN	610
3	▶	Ksenia KIRILLOVA	RUS	605
4	▶	Alexandra KRUNICH	SRB	565
5	▶	Vivien JUHASZOVA	SVK	560
6	▶	Silvija NJIRIC	CRO	485
7	▶	Jennifer REN	GBR	465
8	▶	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	460
9	▶	Ajla TOMLJANOVIC	CRO	425
10	▶	Jana CEPELOVA	SVK	420
14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	680
2	▶	Anton VOLKOV	RUS	630
3	▶	Lukas VRNAK	CZE	585
4	▶	Jiri VESELY	CZE	550
5	▶	Ciprian PORUMB	ROU	540
6	▶	Filip HORANSKY	SVK	435
7	▶	Yaroslav SHYLA	BLR	425
8	▶	Vasile Alexandru GHILEA	ROU	420
9	▶	Nik RAZBORSEK	SLO	415
10	▶	Andrea DALL'ASTA	ITA	380

Rankings as of 05.07.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Argentina's Kevin Konfederak (left) is one of several non-European players to have put in some excellent performances as part of the ITF Touring Teams in recent weeks, breaking into the Tennis Europe Junior Tour top ten as a result.

The rankings are updated each Thursday, only at www.TennisEurope.org.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Ekaterine GORGODZE	GEO	495
2	►	Julia MAYR	ITA	450
3	NEW	Xin WEN	CHN	390
4	NEW	Ema BURGIC	BIH	370
5	▼	Martina GLEDACHEVA	BUL	360
6	NEW	Camila SILVA	CHI	353
7	▼	Diana MARCU	ROU	335
8	▼	Maria MELIUK	BLR	325
9	NEW	Zarina DIYAS	KAZ	325
10	NEW	Alexsandra LUDVIG	SRB	310
16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Mirza BASIC	BIH	465
2	▲	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	377
3	▲	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SRB	365
4	▼	Sebastian CHYLINSKI	POL	360
5	▲	Tamas BATYI	HUN	330
6	▼	Vedran LJUBICIC	CRO	325
7	▼	Ivan TURUDIC	CRO	320
8	▲	Laurynas GRIGELIS	LTU	315
9	NEW	Kevin KONFEDERAK	ARG	295
10	NEW	Di WU	CHN	295

Rankings as of 05.07.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

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Week	Venue	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-11	Lecce (ITA)	A Carminati (ITA)	L Scerrati (ITA)	64 60
		V Prosperi (ITA)	C Quattrone (ITA)	46 62 63
Jun-11	Portoroz (SLO)	B Kurtze (GER)	A Biro (HUN)	26 63 62
		J Abaza (USA)	J Jauk (SLO)	62 64
Jun-18	Cacak (SRB)	L Ilic (SRB)	V Vuckovic (SRB)	62 61
		J Dzinic (SRB)	D Radanovic (SRB)	63 63
Jun-25	Brescia (ITA)	ITALY	CROATIA	2-0
		ITALY	PORTUGAL	2-0
Jun-25	Prijedor (BIH)	F Bakalovic (BIH)	M Mikanovic (BIH)	61 67(5) 62
		A Kelic (BIH)	D Cvjetkovic (BIH)	63 76(5)
Jun-25	Riga (LAT)	I Smilanski (ISR)	O Kyrychenko (UKR)	63 60
		D Lebesheva (BLR)	V Todorova (BUL)	61 60
Jun-02	Riga (LAT)	B Savransky (ISR)	I Smilanski (ISR)	60 60
		V Patiuk (ISR)	V Todorova (BUL)	61 63
Jun-02	Trieste (ITA)	W Montgomery (RSA)	F Lakat (FRA)	62 46 76(1)
		I De Vroome (NED)	C Giacalone (FRA)	76(3) 61
Jun-02	Szekesfehervar (HUN)	S Michalik (POL)	N Hegyi (HUN)	62 62
		S Szlavikovics (HUN)	V Hollos (HUN)	61 63

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-11	Harkiv (UKR)	2	(4) M Deriatiarov (UKR)	(5) V Manafov (UKR)	36 61 62
			(2) P Leykina (RUS)	(1) E Yashina (RUS)	62 64
Jun-11	Mostar (BIH)	3	(2) M Cutura (CRO)	(1) D Racic (CRO)	76(12) 64
			(1) K Milas (CRO)	(2) S Husic (CRO)	62 63
Jun-11	Reykjavik (ISL)	3	F Baev (NOR)	(2) T Hornung (GER)	64 63
			(1) G Mastellone (ITA)	S Malysheva (RUS)	63 76
Jun-11	Szczecin (POL)	3	(4) M Sporken (NED)	(2) L Berger (GER)	64 62
			(1) J Nalborska (POL)	(5) S Richter (GER)	64 62
Jun-11	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	(2) D Khutsishvili (GEO)	(1) G Tsivadze (GEO)	16 63 76
			(1) S Kvitashvili (GEO)	B Eristavi (GEO)	60 62
Jun-11	Vilnius (LTU)	3	(2) S Hart (NOR)	(1) L Mugevicius (LTU)	61 75
			(1) I Khromacheva (RUS)	(6) J Kulibaba (LAT)	62 60
Jun-18	Pajulahti (FIN)	3	(7) K Gerlakh (RUS)	L Glasspool (GBR)	64 62
			(1) I Glimakova (RUS)	(2) Y Filyushina (RUS)	75 64

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-18	Skopje (MKD)	3	(8) G Madarasz (HUN)	(1) K Albonetti (ITA)	75 76(5)
			(1) N Kostic (SRB)	(2) I Radojkovic (SRB)	62 64
Jun-18	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	(1) G Tsivadze (GEO)	(2) D Khutsishvili (GEO)	64 26 62
			(1) S Kvitashvili (GEO)	(2) D Kazaniuk (ISR)	63 62
Jun-25	Birkerod (DEN)	3	(6) M Engsted (DEN)	(13) S Mikkelsen (DEN)	46 62 62
			(8) J Henderson (GBR)	(1) K Pondusova (SVK)	62 63
Jun-25	Tallinn (EST)	3	(1) M Marksoo (EST)	(6) M Jedruszczak (POL)	64 63
			(4) V Zanosiyenko (UKR)	E Semenova (RUS)	63 64
Jun-25	Cacak (SRB)	3	(1) M Jankovic (SRB)	(4) I Levar (CRO)	64 63
			(3) N Kostic (SRB)	(5) I Radojkovic (SRB)	63 63
Jul-02	Riga (LAT)	2	(4) M Dubarencu (MDA)	(5) K Gerlakh (RUS)	67(3) 61 62
			(1) P Leykina (RUS)	(2) E Nikitina (RUS)	61 63
Jul-02	Kampen (NED)	3	(Q) J Spath (GER)	(16) K Kaczynski (GER)	64 63
			(6) R van der Hoek (NED)	(7) A Sterckx (BEL)	63 75
Jul-02	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	(5) F Wilke (GER)	(1) C Melskens (DEN)	76(4) 63
			(4) M Alexandrova (RUS)	(1) K Pondusova (SVK)	75 62

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jul-11	Milan (ITA)	1	(1) M Basic (BIH)	(5) M Draganja (CRO)	67(6) 76(7) 62
			(11) C Silva (CHI)	K Koprivova (CZE)	63 61
Jul-11	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	(4) B Amashukeli (GEO)	P Grynkowski (ARM)	62 36 64
			(3) N Mebuke (GEO)	(1) D Davitaia (GEO)	75 67 64
Jul-18	Pajulahti (FIN)	3	(7) H Sillanpaa (FIN)	L Makikalli (FIN)	64 63
			(1) J Hyoty (FIN)	(4) N Kuvakina (RUS)	26 64 64
Jul-18	La Baule (FRA)	1	(2) C Boluda (ESP)	(6) K Konfederak (ARG)	62 61
			(1) C Silva (CHI)	(5) C Babet (FRA)	46 61 63
Jul-18	Siauliai (LTU)	3	(1) P Filin (BLR)	(2) D Sakinis (LTU)	62 76(3)
			(2) I Dapkute (LTU)	(3) I Chaukina (RUS)	61 61
Jul-18	Hradec Nad Nisou (CZE)	3	(1) J Hradsky (CZE)	(2) F Strnad (CZE)	36 62 63
			(1) K Nemeckova (CZE)	(3) N Horakova (CZE)	67 62 62
Jul-18	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	S Paichadze (GEO)	(1) M Malyshev (UKR)	63 60
			(1) E Gorgodze (GEO)	(3) N Mebuke (GEO)	61 61
Jul-18	Cakovec (CRO)	2	(3) M Zsiga (HUN)	T Gregurovic (CRO)	76(0) 64
			wc E Mikulcic (CRO)	B Lukac (CRO)	61 61

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jul-18	St. Petersburg (RUS)	3	A Ilushin (RUS)	(8) A Yakovlev (RUS)	76(2) 63
			(6) P Vinogradova (RUS)	WC E Morozova (RUS)	63 63
Jul-18	Foggia (ITA)	2	(Q) S Sitaram (IND)	A Picciolli (ITA)	62 57 64
			(4) S Dami (ITA)	(Q) A Shrivastava (IND)	62 61
Jul-25	Le Pontet (FRA)	1	(1) M Basic (BIH)	(4) D Wu (CHN)	75 62
			(3) E Burgic (BIH)	(11) E Logiacco (ITA)	36 61 62
Jul-25	Birkerød (DEN)	3	B Huuskes (NED)	(10) H Norregaard (NED)	63 61
			(1) E Virtanen (FIN)	(4) A Bowtell (IRL)	62 62
Jul-25	Riga (LAT)	2	(2) D Sakinis (LTU)	(1) B Sawicki (POL)	62 61
			D Bukaeva (LAT)	(4) I Chaukina (RUS)	61 62
Jul-25	Szazhalombata (HUN)	3	(1) T Batyi (HUN)	(2) M Zsiga (HUN)	62 67(2) 63
			(1) Y Imre (HUN)	(Q) R Mitrea (ROU)	64 62
Jul-25	Mali Losinj (CRO)	3	(16) A Kondulukov (RUS)	(12) A Pehar (CRO)	61 63
			(1) A Ludvig (SRB)	WC E Bertoia (ITA)	63 62
Jul-02	Riga (LAT)	2	(1) H Sillanpaa (FIN)	(3) B Sawicki (POL)	63 62
			(1) M Biryukova (RUS)	(4) L Marozava (BLR)	63 62
Jul-02	Paris	3	(2) C Boluda (ESP)	(7) J Pereira da Silva (BRA)	62 75
			(1) C Silva (CHI)	(4) C Babet (FRA)	64 62
Jul-02	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	(2) T Otto (NOR)	(Q) B Huuskes (NED)	60 36 76(1)
			V Bager (DEN)	(3) E Virtanen (SWE)	57 63 64
Jul-02	Mamaia (ROU)	3	(1) V Mihai (ROU)	(3) S Ionescu (ROU)	64 46 62
			(6) L Sporea (ROU)	R Mitrea (ROU)	63 62
Jul-02	Kranj (SLO)	3	(1) A Lupieri (CRO)	M Kovacs (HUN)	76(6) 60
			(6) U Jerman (SLO)	WC D Orlic (SLO)	61 75
Jul-02	Svilengrad (BUL)	3	(1) A Neykov (BUL)	(4) K Nichitin (MDA)	64 61
			(2) S Zhelyazkova (BUL)	(7) B Moshteva (BUL)	16 64 60

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-11	Ingolstadt	\$15,000+	(4) D Gimeno Traver (ESP)	J Pospisil (CZE)	63 63
Jun-11	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(6) E Prodon (FRA)	(7) C Ferrer Victoria (ESP)	64 62
Jun-11	Izmir (TUR)	\$10,000	M Ilhan (TUR)	(4) D Valtzer (ISR)	64 62
Jun-11	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	(1) I Sergeyev (UKR)	M Vassiliev (RUS)	64 60
Jun-11	Focsani (ROU)	\$10,000	(4) A Cruciat (ROU)	(3) C Gard (ROU)	67(4) 75 61
Jun-11	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	M Pedersen (DEN)	WC E Tveit (NOR)	63 61
Jun-11	Skopje (MKD)	\$10,000	(1) P Rusevski (MKD)	(2) I Traykov (BUL)	63 62
Jun-11	La Palma (ESP)	\$10,000	(4) G Burniol Teixido (ESP)	(5) P Ysern (FRA)	64 64
Jun-11	Bassano (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) B Balleret (MON)	(7) A Arnaboldi (ITA)	62 61
Jun-11	Koper (SLO)	\$10,000	(3) I Cerovic (CRO)	M Bradaric (CRO)	76(1) 76(4)
Jun-18	Blois (FRA)	\$15,000+H	(2) D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	(6) JR Lisnard (MON)	75 64
Jun-18	Dublin (IRL)	\$15,000+H	(6) C Ebelthite (AUS)	A Slabinsky (RUS)	62 63
Jun-18	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(8) D Pavlovs (LAT)	(2) E Prodon (FRA)	62 62
Jun-18	Tenerife (ESP)	\$15,000	(5) P Riba (ESP)	(1) K Loglo (TOG)	61 64
Jun-18	Alkmaar (NED)	\$15,000	(7) N van der Meer (NED)	(4) F Prpic (SWE)	60 64
Jun-18	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(3) D Waltzer (ISR)	(7) L Walter (FRA)	63 76(4)
Jun-18	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	(3) R Norby (DEN)	(6) M Pedersen (DEN)	63 46 76(5)
Jun-18	L'Aquila (ITA)	\$10,000	(5) A Haider-Maurer (AUT)	(3) J Viloca (ESP)	75 64
Jun-18	Belgrade (SRB)	\$10,000	(1) I Bjelica (SRB)	L Belic (CRO)	64 64
Jun-18	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	(3) I Gard (ROU)	(8) S Saoudi (ALG)	75 76(0)
Jun-18	Marburg (GER)	\$10,000	(3) K Bardockzy (HUN)	(7) P Gojowczyk (GER)	76(1) 26 75
Jun-25	Limerick (IRL)	\$15,000	(1) G Lugassy (FRA)	J Maes (FRA)	76(7) 63
Jun-25	Toulon (FRA)	\$15,000	(3) D Marrero (ESP)	(1) A Sidorenko (FRA)	64 62
Jun-25	Breda (NED)	\$15,000	C Thomson (AUS)	(1) J Reister (GER)	36 76(3) 63
Jun-25	Craiova (ROU)	\$10,000	(1) I Gard (ROU)	(8) F Torresi (ITA)	64 62
Jun-25	Belgrade (SRB)	\$10,000	(3) D Madjarovski (SRB)	G Olaso (ESP)	57 62 63
Jun-25	Castelfranco (ITA)	\$10,000	M Raditschnigg (AUT)	P Kallias (CYP)	36 64 75
Jun-25	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	(2) J Brunstrom (SWE)	(5) F Colangelo (ITA)	67(5) 64 63
Jun-25	Trier (GER)	\$10,000	(5) A Beck (GER)	(6) L Chramosta (CZE)	62 64
Jun-25	Malaga (ESP)	\$10,000	(8) R Bautista (ESP)	(4) P Clar (ESP)	75 63
Jul-02	Kassel (GER)	\$15,000+	N Todero (ARG)	(3) J Reister (GER)	64 36 63
Jul-02	Bologna (ITA)	\$15,000	(5) C Villagran (ARG)	(8) E Burzi (ITA)	36 63 61
Jul-02	Alicante (ESP)	\$15,000	(6) J Sanchez de la Luna	(8) P Riba (ESP)	46 63 75
Jul-02	Vandans (AUT)	\$10,000	(7) J Masik (CZE)	(2) A Haider (AUT)	76(5) 62
Jul-02	Bals (ROU)	\$10,000	(6) V Stanica (ROU)	(2) A Cruciat (ROU)	64 63

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-11	Marseille (FRA)	\$50,000+	(6) J Cravero (ARG)	(3) S Cohen Aloro (FRA)	62 64
Jun-11	Zlin (CZE)	\$50,000+	(3) K Zakopalova (CZE)	(Q) P Kvitova (CZE)	64 61
Jun-11	Campobasso (ITA)	\$25,000	(1) K Nagy (HUN)	(7) C Wheeler (AUS)	62 60
Jun-11	Bals (ROU)	\$10,000	(2) N Orlova (RUS)	(3) D Enache (ROU)	26 61 75
Jun-11	Lenzerheide (SUI)	\$10,000	M Klaffner (AUT)	(2) P Mayr (AUT)	76(2) 64
Jun-11	Montemor (POR)	\$10,000	(2) T Iyer (IND)	(4) E Balsamo (ITA)	64 76(5)
Jun-18	Fontanafredda (ITA)	\$25,000	(Q) A Korzeniak (POL)	A Sevastova (LAT)	75 60
Jun-18	Davos (SUI)	\$10,000	S Vogt (LIE)	J Moore (AUS)	64 46 63
Jun-18	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	(2) A Jovanovic (SRB)	(5) D Lobbingier (BEL)	64 64
Jun-18	Alcobaca (POR)	\$10,000	M Gloria (CAN)	(4) S Boffa (SUI)	63 63
Jun-18	Montpellier (FRA)	\$10,000	(Q) G Polito (ITA)	WC C Sapene (FRA)	62 16 61
Jun-18	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	(2) M Irigoyen (ARG)	(6) K Avdiyenko (UKR)	46 61 64
Jun-18	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	(2) L Wienerova (SVK)	(4) O Brozda (POL)	63 46 64
Jun-25	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	(1) K Nagy (HUN)	(4) M Alves (BRA)	67(2) 75 61
Jun-25	Getxo (ESP)	\$25,000	(3) N Llagostera (ESP)	(2) M Salerni (ARG)	63 63
Jun-25	Perigueux (FRA)	\$25,000	(7) E Hrdinova (CZE)	(1) Y Beygelzimer (UKR)	36 63 64
Jun-25	Padova (ITA)	\$25,000	(3) M Chakhnashvili (GEO)	(2) S Zahlavova (CZE)	36 61 63
Jun-25	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	(3) J Goerges (GER)	(6) D Evtimova (BUL)	60 61
Jun-25	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	(1) T Mircic (SRB)	(2) K Jovanovic (SRB)	63 63
Jun-25	Breda (NED)	\$10,000	WC O Kalyuzhnaya (RUS)	(7) L Haberkorn (GER)	64 76(5)
Jun-25	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	(2) I Kuzmina (LAT)	(4) E Hoch (AUT)	64 30ret
Jul-02	Cuneo (ITA)	\$50,000	M Salerni (ARG)	S Errani (ITA)	36 61 76(6)
Jul-02	Bastad (SWE)	\$25,000	(1) S Arvidsson (SWE)	L Ungur (ROU)	67(7) 62 60
Jul-02	Valladolid (ESP)	\$25,000	(2) N Llagostera (ESP)	(1) P Cetkowska (CZE)	76(3) 16 63
Jul-02	Mont de Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	A Gerasimou (GRE)	(3) O Sanchez (FRA)	63 26 64
Jul-02	Stuttgart (GER)	\$25,000	WC S Gehrlein (GER)	C Klaschka (GER)	63 76(7)
Jul-02	Cremona (ITA)	\$10,000	(7) A Remondina (ITA)	E Pioppo (ITA)	64 26 62
Jul-02	Prokuplje (SRB)	\$10,000	(1) A Veselinovic (SRB)	(1) K Boczova (SVK)	64 63



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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) 2007

With the season at it's half-way point, here's an update of statistics from the ITF Pro Circuits in Europe so far in 2007.

The men's and women's Circuits combine to consist of more than 500 events with a total prize money of over \$7,000,000. Below is an extract from the more detailed 2007 Circuit Statistics, updated weekly at:

http://www.tenniseurope.org/ProfessionalTennis/Pro_Te_Results_Archive.aspx



	ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT	ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT
Tournaments so far	152	125
Winning Nations	32	36
Nations with most titles	Spain (28) France (18) Czech Republic, Romania (9)	Italy (10) Russia (9) Germany, Serbia, Spain (8)
Players with most singles titles	5 - Predrag Rusevski (MKD) 4 - Gary Lugassy (FRA) 4 - Eric Prodon (FRA)	4 - Maret Ani (EST) 4 - Daria Kustava (BLR)
Unranked winners	4	7
Wild Card winners	4	11
Qualifier winners	8	12
Highest ranked winner	Richard Bloomfield (#183)	Angellie Kerber (#93)
Youngest winner	Ricardas Berankis (16 years 8 months)	Simona Halep (15 years 7 months)
Oldest winner	Juan Albert Viloca (34 years 3 months)	Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (36 years, 5 months)

European Rankings

The addition of points from the year's third Grand Slam event has had surprisingly slight effect on the European rankings. Most of the top female players struggled to defend the points they earned in 2006, with Ana Ivanovic the main beneficiary. Following up her Roland Garros final with a Wimbledon semi final placing, the Serb climbs to a career-high of fifth in the world.

Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli shoots into Europe's top ten for the first time, and with relatively few ranking points to defend for the rest of the year, looks a good bet to progress further.

Several players reach career highs on the men's list, notably Wimbledon semi finalists Novak Djokovic at #3 and Richard Gasquet #5. Rafael Nadal edges slightly closer to Roger Federer at #2 thanks to Federer's decision not to defend his Halle title, but is still a long way behind his Swiss rival.

Once again injuries have played their part in the fortunes of the top players, with Martina Hingis losing her place in both the world and European top ten, and Andy Murray in danger of the same.

Rankings as of July 09th, 2007.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Justine HENIN	BEL	1	4457
2	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	3678
3	►	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3	3241
4	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	4	2978
5	▲	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	5	2898
6	▼	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	6	2424
7	►	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	8	2221
8	▲	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	9	2002
9	NEW	Nicole VAIDISOVA	CZE	10	1973
10	NEW	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	11	1875

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7290
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5225
3	▲	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	3310
4	▼	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4	3185
5	▲	Richard GASQUET	FRA	7	2220
6	▼	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	9	2200
7	▲	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	10	2045
8	▼	Tommy HAAS	GER	11	2035
9	►	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	12	1940
10	▼	Andy MURRAY	GBR	13	1935

NOTES FROM MEMBER NATIONS

Mr. Edvin Libohova is the new President of the **Albanian Tennis Federation**.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FEDERATION ELECTIONS

The ITF Board of Directors were re-elected for a further term of office at the recent Annual General Meeting in Tunis. President Francesco Ricci Bitti was unanimously elected for a third term as President, whilst European representatives Jan Carlzon (SWE), Juan Margets (ESP), Pierre Darmon (FRA), Charles Trippe (GBR), Christine Ungricht (SUI) and Georg von Waldenfels (GER) join Miguel Carrizosa (PAR), Ismail El Shafei (EGY), Franklin R. Johnson (USA), Anil Khanna (IND), Geoff Pollard (AUS) and Alan G. Schwartz (USA) in returning to the Board.

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HEAD recently launched the new **MicroGel Series** of Team racquets, including the MicroGel Extreme Team and the MicroGel Radical Team. Furthermore, a newly redesigned version of the Flexpoint Instinct Team was introduced at the same time.

When combined with carbon composite fibers in the racquet head, MicroGel deforms and compresses upon ball impact, uniformly absorbing and distributing the impact load around the entire frame, creating a rock-solid feel while offering extra stability against twisting.

Aggressive players with a medium to fast swing will benefit most from the Team Series. Providing the control of Tour Series racquets, but with added pop and maneuverability, these racquets offer the main characteristics of the pro tour models while maximizing control and allowing more forgiving shots.

- The **MicroGel Radical Team** (pictured, top) offers the same feel, control and precision enjoyed by the pros, but this racquet's lighter weight, larger head size and more open string pattern gives frequent players an extra advantage.

- The most powerful frame in the Team Series lineup is the **MicroGel Extreme Team** (pictured, bottom). This racquet shares many characteristics of the Extreme Tour racquet, ensuring maximum spin with a uniquely solid feel and touch.

- The **Flexpoint Instinct Team** racquet is a more powerful, maneuverable and forgiving version of the Tour racquet and is well-suited for aggressive, intermediate players. A larger sweet spot and extra "pop" offer added spin and response.



Specific technologies for specific players is at the core of HEAD's technology research. The new MicroGel technology gives aggressive players a rock solid touch and feel that is ideal for today's fast-paced game. The MicroGel Team Series of racquets will be available at retailers this month.

HEAD Players Excel on Grass

HEAD Players excelled at the pre-Wimbledon grass court events, with compatriots **Ivan Ljubicic** and **Ivo Karlovic** of Croatia winning tournaments in s'Hertogenbosch and Nottingham respectively. Ljubicic, who plays with a MicroGel Extreme Pro, won his eighth career title and first on grass, whilst Karlovic, a former finalist at the other pre-Wimbledon Tour event in London, used the Flexpoint Instinct to win his second title of the year.

Meanwhile on the women's circuit **Amélie Mauresmo** reached the final in Eastbourne. Playing with the new MicroGel Radical MP, the defending Wimbledon champion lost an epic final 75 67(4) 76(2) to world #1 Justine Henin.

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