

Nadal and Henin Seal Triple Roland Garros Crowns



For events that featured a series of sensational upsets, it was business as usual in the latter rounds of the year's first of the European Grand Slams, with pre-tournament favourites Rafael Nadal and Justine Henin emerging victorious – for the third consecutive year – having scored some devastating wins over their main rivals.

The men's final between world #1 Roger Federer and defending champion Nadal was arguably one of the most anticipated matches in tennis history. The players had met twice during the clay court season, with Nadal winning in straight sets in Monte Carlo before Federer finally ended the Spaniard's 81-match, two-year clay court win streak with a decisive 2-6 6-2 6-0 win in Hamburg just one week prior to their arrival in Paris. A rematch of the 2006 final, both players once again were chasing history, with Federer eager to lift the only Grand Slam to elude him (victory would in fact ensure that the Swiss held all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously, the first player to do so since Rod Laver in 1969) and Nadal fighting to maintain his unbeaten record on the Paris clay, thus becoming the first man since Bjorn Borg to win three consecutive titles there.

Both had reached the final with some energy to spare, Federer dropping just one set (to eighth seed Tommy Robredo in the quarterfinal), and Nadal none, though the defending champion had spent considerably longer on court. The muscle-bound Mallorcan was first to find his rhythm and took a punishing first set 6-3 after being forced to save ten break points. Advancing to the net with more regularity in the second set, Federer obtained an early break and held the advantage to level at one set all, before some erratic play and an early break from Nadal in the third set seemed to dispirit the world #1, who once again was unable to convert a series of chances to level the score, and was left playing catch-up for the remainder of the match.

Federer ended the match having converted just one of seventeen break points, and committed more than twice as many errors (60 to Nadal's 28). Despite this, he was upbeat about the loss, later telling the press "If I had won I would not have had many other goals to chase in my ca-

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reer. Like this it always stays open and eventually, if I get it, the sweeter it is going to taste."

An ecstatic Nadal claimed that he had played the best tennis of his career in winning the title, though he found it difficult to compare his feelings with those of previous years. "The first year was very emotional because it was the first. Second year was very emotional because I come back after injury. And this year, I am very happy because I play my best tennis here."

Henin's path to the women's final was perceived by many to be a tricky one, but the world #1 navigated all obstacles with ease, never conceding more than seven games in a match. The much-feted quarter final with Serena Williams was eagerly anticipated but ultimately disappointed, as the American had no answer to the greater consistency of the Belgian and put in an uninspired performance. Williams can comfort herself somewhat with the knowledge that the points earned in Paris would ensure a return to the top ten, breaking an eight-month European monopoly on the WTA top ten ranking positions.

Henin's semi final opponent, Jelena Jankovic was also expected to provide a stern test, coming into the match with a slight edge on the #1 seed in terms of points earned in 2007, but Henin once again played a perfect match to deny her opponent the rhythm on which she thrives, and inflicted a first straight sets defeat on her Serbian opponent in their six matches.

Ana Ivanovic's progress in the bottom half of the draw was arguably even more impressive, the 19-year never having previously advanced past a Slam semi final. The world #7 arrived in Paris in good form, having won the toughest of the pre-Roland Garros warm-up events in Berlin, and proceeded to rip through the draw, dropping sets only to Anabel Medina (a champion the previous week in Strasbourg) and 2006 finalist Svetlana Kuznetsova, before demolishing second seed Maria Sharapova in just an hour in the semi final.

But Ivanovic's relative inexperience was clear for all to see in the final. After a positive start in which she broke Henin's serve and held to lead for the only time in the match, the teenager began to mis-fire and had problems with her serve, the shot that had been her most potent weapon earlier in the tournament. As Henin posted a comfortable victory, there was a sense of anti-climax though the crowd had the winner they wanted, the Francophone Henin being a sentimental favourite in Paris.



Henin's joy at winning a fourth career Roland Garros title was heightened by the public reconciliation with her estranged family, who were present to see the Belgian dedicate

the title to them: "I really wanted to give them this victory," she explained, "it's a huge step in my life. It's surreal to win for the third time in a row, I am struggling to take it in." The last woman to win three titles in a row in Paris was Monica Seles from 1990-1992, the very player whose victories inspired a five year old Ivanovic to play the game.

The women's doubles event was full of surprises, with the Australian-Italian team of Alicia Molik and Mara Santangelo emerging triumphant after a succession of upset victories. The pair, promoted to seventeenth seeds after the withdrawal of their original first round opponents Kuznetsova and Petrova, caused carnage in the lower half of the draw, beating Australian Open finalists Yung-Jan Chan and Chia-Jung Chuang before ending Cara Black and Liezel Huber's bid for a second consecutive Slam in the semi finals.

The win in Paris is a second Grand Slam title for 59th-ranked Molik, still battling to recover the form she showed prior to her year-long absence from the circuit due to an inner ear illness, and first for Santangelo, who enters the top ten having now won a joint tour-leading four events this season.

The mixed title went to the scratch pair of Nathalie

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Dechy and Andy Ram, who teamed up after Vera Zvonareva (with whom Dechy won the US title and Ram won the Wimbledon title last year) withdrew from the event due to a wrist injury. It's the second Slam title for both players, who beat last year's winners Katerina Srebotnik and Nenad Zimonjic in the final.

Mark Knowles and Daniel Nestor won their first Roland Garros title in their third final, scoring a 26 63 64 win over the Czech player/coach team of Lukas Dlouhy and Pavel Vizner. Knowles and Nestor now have some tough decisions to make having earlier decided to dissolve their decade long partnership after Wimbledon this year, with Nestor due to pair up with mixed doubles winner Zimonjic.

The doubles events in Paris showcased a number of rule changes specific to the tournament this year, a the 'super tie-break' replacing the final set in the mixed event, and 'no-ad' scoring in the mens and women's competitions.

Former European Junior Champion Alizé Cornet (pictured) sealed the biggest win of her junior career in her final match before focusing solely on the professional circuit, fighting back from the loss of the first set to register a convincing 4-6 6-1 6-0 win over Colombia's Mariana Duque Marino to win her home Slam. In the doubles, Poland's Urszula Radwanska bettered the achievement of sister Agnieszka (last year's finalist) by taking the title with partner Ksenia Milevskaya.

16-year old Vladimir Ignatik of Belarus won his nation's first ever boy's singles title at Roland Garros, beating the serve-volleying Australian Greg Jones 6-3 6-4. A former Tennis Europe Junior Tour #1, Ignatik came back from a 1-6 0-3 deficit in his semi final match, but had no such trouble in the final. Another Belarussian won in the doubles, as Andrei Karatchenia teamed with Thomas Fabbiano of Italy. The pair beat the first, second, fourth and seventh seeds en route to the title, with the last of the victories coming against Kellen Damico and Jonathan Eysseric.

The inaugural Wheelchair Tennis events were a popu-

lar addition to the Roland Garros schedule. The incredible Esther Vergeer overcame a stern three-set challenge from home player Florence Gravelier to take the women's title, having recorded her 250th consecutive match victory earlier in the event. She then teamed with compatriot Maaïke Smit for the doubles title. As in the professional event, the men's Wheel-

chair final was a battle between the world's top two players, with world #1 Shingo Kunieda scoring a relatively comfortable victory over Robin Ammerlaan. The French crowds were treated to a home victory in the doubles event, in which Stéphane Houdet and Michaël Jermiasz upset top seeded Paralympic champions Kunieda and Satoshi Saida.

The advance of the Serbs was one of the most frequently cited stories of the fortnight. The nation accounted for three of the singles semi finalists – Ivanovic, Jankovic and Novak Djokovic (who lost to Nadal in the men's event), plus mixed doubles finalist Zimonjic – a stunning success for a nation of 10 million

inhabitants. The rise in particular of their singles stars (Djokovic rose to a career high of #4 following the event, whilst Jankovic and Ivanovic hit #3 and #6 respectively) suggests a highly promising future.

As the tours once again now make their quick transition to grass, Federer and Nadal continue to be a class above the rest of their contemporaries, having won the last eight Grand Slams between them (indeed, eleven of the last twelve), and locked the top two ranking positions for over two years. The rivalry between the two men will surely now be the focus point of attention as the tour turns to Federer's favoured surface, where last year Nadal showed he was almost the equal of his older adversary, reaching the Wimbledon final at just his third attempt. Should Federer slip up in South-West London, the contest for the world #1 spot will no doubt be grabbing the headlines in the weeks to come.

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In the Spotlight: Robert Marte

Tennis Europe teamed up with the world's leading tennis equipment manufacturer, HEAD earlier this year. We recently caught up with Robert Marte, who is responsible for the company's Racquet Sports division to find out more about the brand.

What is your exact role at HEAD?

I am the Division Manager of the Racquet Sports division; the company has four divisions – Winter Sports, Racquet Sports, Diving and Licensing. My task is to define a strategy to be competitive and successful in the market of tennis equipment products, in particular for the key products - tennis racquets and balls; we're one of the leading companies in these areas, #2 in tennis globally and #1 in balls.

How would you describe the tennis market at present?

Recently we have had some successful years, both in terms of the company and the market as a whole. After a couple of years in which the market declined, it has started to develop quite favourably in some parts of the world; the U.S. and Asian markets in particular are growing. There are also some bright spots in Europe such as Italy. In terms of our performance overall, we've been gaining market share even though it's a very competitive market so we're quite happy with our performance.

How much emphasis do you put on new products and what effect do they have on market share?

Quality and innovation have a big impact on the market. In terms of racquets our mission statement is "superior performance through superior technology", which encapsulates what we're trying to do, to come up with new innovative ideas that make a difference for the tennis player. What we want is that when a player picks up a new HEAD racquet he plays a better game and maximises his potential through our products. The same is true for strings. In bags function and design are very critical in particular since these products help to promote the brand very visibly. In terms of tennis balls we are committed to provide the consumer with a product of the highest possible quality, reliably and consistently.

In recent years, HEAD has introduced a series of pioneering racquets, Liquid Metal, Flexpoint, MicroGel and so on...where does the initiative for such new technologies come from?

From various sources, including consumer feedback through market research, engineers in our R&D, sales



Mr. Marte (left), with Tennis Europe Vice President Jacques Dupré and Managing Director, External Affairs, Olli Mäenpää

staff, etc. We can distinguish between what we look for the professional players - those that play the game very well and are technically sound, and what we call the recreational market. In terms of performance products for the professional game, we try to liaise closely with the players and develop the product together with them. It's not that we bring something out and say, "look, we have this" and encourage them to try it. The innovations evolve from what the players believe they need to improve their game, which we try to meet with a suitable product or technology. If we're looking at recreational players, the products can have an even bigger impact on their game, because they are not as skilled, and therefore are looking for more help from the product, so it's important that they're as suitable as possible, as this contributes to the player having fun on the court. We also try to get as much information as we can from this type of player, as it's important to know what they feel they need and how we can help them.

What do you hope to achieve with the partnership between HEAD and Tennis Europe?

Well, I think that the relationship with Tennis Europe allows us to focus a lot of our energies on the grass roots area, engaging players and opinion leaders from a young age, and hopefully to have them endorsing our products. I think that Tennis Europe can help us tremendously in reaching out to that audience. We're trying to do that with a 'top-down' approach, us together with Tennis Europe, and at the same time a with a 'bottom-up' approach, working with local organisations, who also work with national federations, building teams in order to be very active at a local level across Europe.

Level 1 Coaches and Tutors' Course, Bulgaria

An ITF Level 1 Coaches and Tutors' course was recently held at the Sports Academy Tennis Club Sofia, Bulgaria, where sixteen local coaches were in attendance to improve their coaching skills and qualifications.

The course, organised under the umbrella of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programmes, was geared towards the development of the National Coaches' Education System in Bulgaria, and focused on teaching beginner and intermediate players.

During the nine-day course, the participants were led by ITF expert Ales Filipcic, who reported back favourably on the achievements of those in attendance. Ales was assisted by two Bulgarian tutors Tzvetanka Zaharieva and Atanas Georgiev.



During 2007 another three Level 1 courses are sched-

16 & Under Touring Teams to Europe

The ITF and Tennis Europe are once again arranging Junior Teams of players aged 16 & Under to compete in a series of top tournaments across Europe this summer. The project gives the possibility for the most promising players from around the world to compete against the best European players of same age.

The ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under Team to Europe will consist of 8 players and 2 coaches, and will play the following schedule:

29 May-3 June - Memorial Nico Crotti, Crema (ITA)
 4-10 June - Citta di Montecatini, Montecatini (ITA)
 11-17 June - Avennir Tournament, Milan (ITA)
 18-24 June - Derby Cadets, La Baule (FRA)
 25 June-1 July - Le Pont des Générations, Le Pontet (FRA)
 2-7 July - Paris Cadets, Paris (FRA).

The team got off to a flying start with Mirza Basic win-



ning the first event in Crema and Filip Krajnovic a runner-up the following week in Montecatini.

A further three ITF/Tennis Europe Teams will participate in 14 & Under and 16 & Under tournaments around Europe during the summer months.

16 & UNDER TOURING TEAM

BOYS

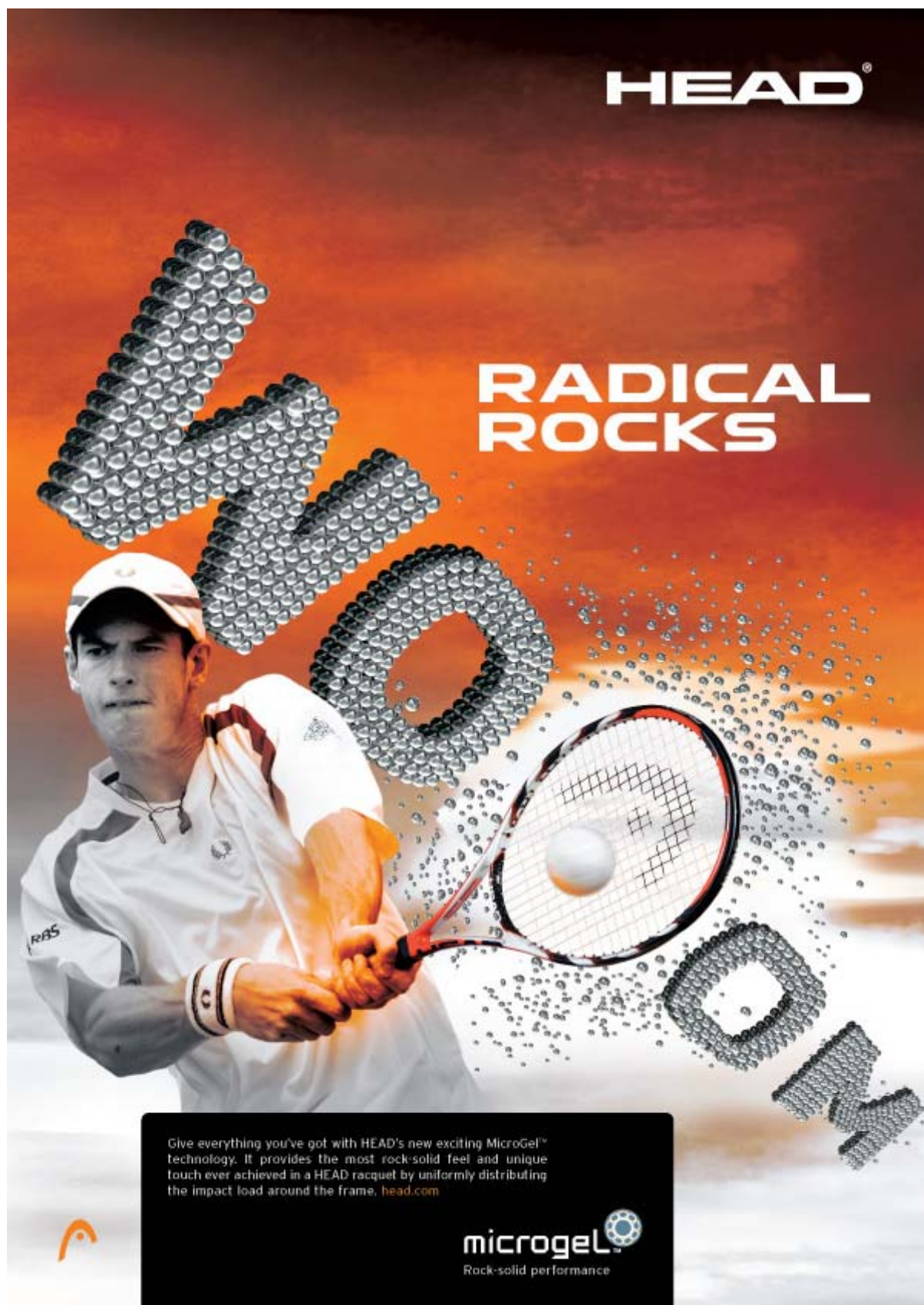
Mirza Basic (BIH)
 Patrick Grigoriu (ROU)
 Gleb Panov (BLR)
 Giorgi Khmriadashvili (GEO)
 Filip Krajnovic (SRB)

GIRLS

Ema Burgic (BIH)
 Aleksandra Josifovska (MKD)
 Sabina Stilu (ROU)

COACHES

Erhan Oral (TUR)
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XII Games of the Small States of Europe



The 12th Games of the Small States of Europe were held recently in Monaco, with tennis once again represented. The bi-annual Games are based on the Olympics and are open to European countries with a population

of less than one million inhabitants. 1,200 athletes and officials from Andorra, Cyprus, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco and San Marino took part in the 2007 event.

The tennis event was held at the prestigious Monte Carlo Country Club, home of the regular ATP Masters Series tournament, where the home nations top-ranked player, Jean René Lisnard wrapped up two gold medals, defeating defending champion Benjamin Balleret in the singles competition before teaming up with Guillaume Couillard to add the doubles title.

Women's 2005 silver medallist Stephanie Vogt went one better, upsetting top seed Claudine Schaul to take gold. Mandy Minella of Luxembourg, who beat Vogt in the previous final had to be content with a bronze medal, but managed to add a doubles gold in tandem with Lynn Philippe.



Men's Doubles Gold medallists Guillaume Couillard (left) and Jean René Lisnard (centre) together with His Serene Highness the Prince Albert of Monaco and Baronne Elisabeth Anne de Massy, President of the Monegasque Tennis Federation.

Participating nations were allowed to enter a maximum of two singles players and one doubles team in both the men's and women's competitions.

The next edition of the Games will be held in Cyprus in 2009. Further information including full draws and results can be found at www.monaco2007.mc.

MEDALLISTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Jean René Lisnard (MON)

Benjamin Balleret (MON)

Stefano Galvani (SMR), Arnar Sigurdsson (ICE)

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Stephanie Vogt (LIE)

Claudine Schaul (LUX)

Mandy Minella (LUX), Marina Sina Novak (LIE)

MEN'S DOUBLES

Lisnard/Couillard (MON)

Galvani/Vicini (SMR)

Kremer/Schweidweiler (LUX), Gerbaud Farras/Vila Vila (AND)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Minella/Philippe (LUX)

Sina Novak/Vogt (LIE)

Gambarini/Milovanovic (MON)

Beyond the Baseline...

British players are the main recipients of wild cards to the forthcoming **Wimbledon** championships. Alex Bogdanovic, Richard Bloomfield, Jamie Baker, Josh Goodall, Jonathan Marray, Anne Keothavong, Melanie South, Naomi Cavaday and Elena Baltacha all benefit, whilst wild cards have also been extended to young promises Viktorya Kutuzova (UKR), Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS), Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) and 2005 European Junior Champion Thiemo de Bakker (NED).

1995 quarter finalist **Brenda Schultz McCarthy**, a winner of the Surbiton \$25,000 grass court event last week at 36 years of age has been given a wild card into the qualifying competition.

Organisers have also confirmed that the '**Hawk-Eye**' computerised line calling system will be used at Wimbledon this year for the first time, with players allowed three incorrect challenges per set.

Early withdrawals from the year's third Grand Slam include Paradorn Srichaphan, Anastasia Myskina, Jie Zheng and Romina Oprandi.

The Italian Tennis Federation have confirmed that the venue for their **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi final against France. The tie will take place at the Nova Yardinia in Castellaneta Marina during the weekend of July 14-15.

Ivan Ljubicic has recently been wearing a patch to promote the work of the **International Rescue Committee**, an organisation which works to provide emergency relief, rehabilitation, post-conflict development, resettlement services and advocacy for those affected by violent conflict and oppression around the world. The Croatian #1, who was himself forced to flee his hometown of Banja Luka in 1992 during the Balkan war, commented "I want to do whatever I can to draw attention to the plight of refugees around the world." June 20th is this year's World Refugee Day.

Swiss Tennis has signed a co-operation agreement with the Brazilian Tennis Confederation, focusing on training and promoting the next generation. Swiss Tennis President René Stammach said "Bilateral co-operation is a normal fact of life in politics and business. Swiss Tennis now hopes to open up new possibilities in the area of sports and economy with such cooperation."

The **International Tennis Federation** celebrated its World Champions' Dinner during the second week of Roland Garros during which the organisation honoured 2006 world champions Roger Federer, Justine Henin, Mike & Bob Bryan, Lisa Raymond & Samantha Stosur, Thiemo de Bakker and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. John McEnroe was also awarded the Philippe Chatrier award in recognition of his career and contribution to the sport.

Also during Roland Garros, the **French Tennis Federation** honoured former champion **Mary Pierce** by naming a street after her on the grounds of the national tennis centre.

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.

Russian authorities have announced that a tennis complex dedicated to the late president and ardent tennis supporter Boris Yeltsin will be built in Nizhniy Novgorod. The complex is expected to boast 13 courts, including a centre court with seating for 5,500 spectators.

Pete Sampras recently won his first European event since retiring from the sport in 2002. The former world #1 beat old rival Todd Martin for the Athens Championship Cup title, his second senior tour title in succession, but later denied that he was considering requesting a Wimbledon wild card—despite the encouragement of many of his peers.

The **Lawn Tennis Association** of Great Britain recently announced the completion of the sale of its Queen's Club (home of the Artois Championships) to members. It is expected that some £35 million from the sale will be invested back into British tennis, with emphasis on community and increasing participation.

Senior Tour Round-Up



Marie Pinterova (HUN, left) takes on Evi Kopetzky (GER) in the final match

Matyasföld Lawn Tennis Club of Hungary won a first **European Club Championships** title at home in Budapest last week, as the women's Over 60 team strolled to victory in the final against TV Stockdorf of Germany, capping a successful week in which the top-seeded team won all three of their ties without conceding a match. The remaining women's categories (Over 40s and Over 50s) are set to take place next week in Le Touquet, France.

The **European Individual Championships** for Seniors are in full swing this week in Pörschach, Austria (Over 60s) and Baden Baden, Germany (Over 40s-Over 55s). Both events are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year - we'll have all the news in the next issue.

Don't forget all the latest results and fact sheets for upcoming events can be found at the tournament information pages of the Senior Tennis section at www.TennisEurope.org.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

A new 12 & under tournament has been added to the calendar. The **Deza Junior Cup** will take place in Valasske Mezirici (CZE) during the week of July 9-15.

Next month's 14 & Under Category 1 event, the **Windmill Cup Carl Gantois** in Leeuwarden, will boast live scoring at the tournament website for the first time. Follow the event at www.windmillcup.com/

Team nominations for the forthcoming 14 & Under **European Summer Cups** are now online. The events double as the region's qualifying competition for the World Junior Tennis tournament later in the year. Fact sheets for all age categories of the **European Junior Championships** are also now available.

Victory at the Category 1 Montecatini event last weekend rockets 14 & Under #1 **Carlos Boluda** of Spain into the 16 & under top ten, the first player since Simona Halep of Romania two years ago to do so. Girl's champion **Julia Mayr** of Italy climbs to a junior career-best of #2 as a result of her win.

Congratulations to **Vladica Babic** of Montenegro, who recently won the first-ever title for her nation at a Tennis Europe event.

Vladica (pictured, right) won the singles at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 12 & under event in Prokuplje, Ser-



bia in mid-May. Montenegro became Tennis Europe's newest member nation in January of this year.

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	NEW	Jana CEPELOVA	SVK	420
14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	740
2	►	Anton VOLKOV	RUS	630
3	►	Lukas VRNAK	CZE	585
4	►	Jiri VESELY	CZE	565
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	NEW	Andrea DALL'ASTA	ITA	380

Rankings as of 14.06.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Just six months after qualifying for the 14 & Under Tennis Europe Junior Masters, Filip Krajinovic (left) of Serbia enters the 16 & Under top ten for the first time, thanks a recent run of form which has seen the 15-year old win the doubles title in Crema and post a runner-up finish in Montecatini.

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	420
3	▲	Martina GLEDACHEVA	BUL	390
4	▲	Monika TUMOVA	CZE	360
5	▲	Diana MARCU	ROU	335
6	▲	Maria MELIUK	BLR	325
7	▼	Linda ABU MUSHRAF	BAH	310
8	NEW	Afroditi LATINOPOULOU	GRE	300
9	NEW	Isabella SHINIKOVA	BUL	295
10	NEW	Katarzyna PITER	POL	290
16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Mirza BASIC	BIH	465
2	►	Piotr GADOMSKI	POL	330
3	▲	Sebastian CHYLINSKI	POL	330
4	►	Vedran LJUBICIC	CRO	325
5	►	Ivan TURUDIC	CRO	300
6	▲	Tamas BATYI	HUN	300
7	▲	Henrik SILLANPÄÄ	FIN	290
8	NEW	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	284
9	NEW	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SRB	269
10	▼	Laurynas GRIGELIS	LTU	265

Rankings as of 14.06.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May 14	Le Passage (FRA)	A Favrot (Frau)	M Routa (CZE)	62 06 62
		I De Vroome (NED)	I Fontanarosa (Frau)	60 60
May 14	Prokuplje (SRB)	L Illic (SRB)	M Mrkdakovic (SRB)	61 62
		V Babic (MNE)	V Jankovic (SRB)	62 63
May-28	Kiev (UKR)	O Kyrychenko (UKR)	R Boychuk (UKR)	63 60
		D Lebeshava (BLR)	K Chasovskikh (RUS)	61 62
Jun-04	Sarajevo (BIH)	G Ricciardi (ITA)	A Massara (ITA)	64 62
		N Caluk (BIH)	D Herdzelas (BIH)	76(9) 63
Jun-04	Vilnius (LTU)	P Lomacki (POL)	S Macinskas (LTU)	63 62
		G Sinskaite (LTU)	N Siedliska (POL)	60 63
Jun-04	Balashiha (RUS)	A Vasilenko (RUS)	A Desyatnik (RUS)	62 63
		M Margulis (RUS)	E Svintsova (RUS)	75 61
Jun-04	Hradek Nad Nisou (CZE)	C Pearce (GBR)	D Zakirov (RUS)	64 61
		N Schweinerova (CZE)	M Bosnjak (GER)	75 64

14 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May 14	Prague (CZE)	1	(3) C Porumb (ROU)	D Bretting (SUI)	64 76(6)
			(2) V Juhaszova (SVK)	(4) J Cepelova (SVK)	60 75
May 14	Zabrze (POL)	2	(2) F Vittek (SVK)	(4) T Prokop (CZE)	62 64
			(5) M Lebedeva (RUS)	O Ianchuk (UKR)	16 75 62
May 14	Maribor (SLO)	2	(3) J De Loore (BEL)	(4) M Tawasi (GER)	62 26 61
			(2) N Kolar (SLO)	(9) D Milinkovicova (SVK)	61 61
May 21	Piestany (SVK)	1	(1) L Vrnak (CZE)	(2) J Vesely (CZE)	63 61
			(1) T Babos (HUN)	(2) V Juhaszova (SVK)	57 62 62
May 21	Skopje (MKD)	3	(3) M Jankovic (SRB)	(1) S Branzburg (ISR)	62 76(5)
			(1) N Kostic (SRB)	(2) I Radojkovic (SRB)	60 64
May 21	Maribor (SLO)	2	(1) N Razborsek (SLO)	(4) J De Loore (BEL)	64 62
			(1) N Kolar (SLO)	(4) AS Mestach (BEL)	62 63
May 28	Correggio (ITA)	2	(1) A Dall'Asta (ITA)	(6) G Mazzoli (ITA)	62 62
			(1) M Gonzalez (SUI)	(4) R Boguska (SUI)	60 62
May 28	Sandefjord (NOR)	3	(2) P Elias (GER)	(1) J Skattum (NOR)	67 61 63
			(3) H Salonen (FIN)	A Freidsam (GER)	16 62 76
May 28	Subotica (SRB)	3	(2) D Racic (BIH)	(15) F Veger (CRO)	61 62
			(3) C Skamlova (SVK)	(2) D Milinkovicova (SVK)	62 75

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May 28	Yerevan (ARM)	3	(13) J Jalalov (UZB)	(2) A Metreveli (GEO)	67(6) 76(4) 75
			(1) M Gasparian (RUS)	(2) A Amiraghan (ARM)	60 64
Jun-04	Tuzla (BIH)	2	(1) M Pavic (CRO)	(3) M Delic (CRO)	62 63
			(1) S Njiric (CRO)	(2) N Kolar (SLO)	61 62
Jun-04	Pescara (ITA)	2	(1) J Vesely (CZE)	(2) A Cammarata (ITA)	63 61
			(4) B Luz (POR)	(1) M Kraljevic (SUI)	62 26 64
Jun-04	Oslo (NOR)	3	(8) C Melskens (DEN)	(4) A Wagner (GER)	75 46 62
			(1) M Lebedeva (RUS)	(6) M Foster (GBR)	63 64
Jun-04	Yerevan (ARM)	3	(1) G Tsivadze (GEO)	(3) D Khutsishvili (GEO)	75 61
			(1) A Amiraghyan (ARM)	T Komakhidze (GEO)	64 60

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May 14	Maribor (SLO)	2	(9) M Dettinger (GER)	(1) S Chylinksi (POL)	63 64
			Z Susanyi (HUN)	(3) A Ludvig (SRB)	64 63
May 14	Kiev (UKR)	3	(1) O Odazhyu (UKR)	A Yatsenko (UKR)	63 62
			(Q) O Tatarchenko (RUS)	Y Shinder (UKR)	62 64
May 21	Foligno (ITA)	2	(7) A Stucchi (ITA)	(13) L Canella (ITA)	61 76(2)
			WC M Toto (ITA)	(1) M Frazzitta (ITA)	76(2) 62
May 21	Maribor (SLO)	2	(8) M Zsiga (HUN)	(1) T Batyi (HUN)	61 64
			(1) B Sheed (AUS)	(3) A Ludvig (SRB)	76(8) 62
May 28	Yerevan (ARM)	3	(1) D Proksura (EST)	(2) A Kostanov (RUS)	62 62
			(2) D Davitaia (GEO)	(1) K Isayan (RUS)	64 75
May 28	Crema (ITA)	2	(1) M Basic (BIH)	D Wu (CHN)	62 36 64
			X Wen (CHN)	B Gumulya (INA)	63 62
May 28	Radom (POL)	3	(2) D Bartosiak (POL)	(8) A Laakel (POL)	46 76(6) 64
			(4) K Kaleta (POL)	(7) M Darczuk (POL)	64 76(3)
May 28	Aviles (ESP)	3	(6) J Valenzuela (ESP)	R Ortega (ESP)	64 26 64
			T Torro (ESP)	(2) L Arruabarrena (ESP)	63 61
May 28	Bergen (NOR)	3	(3) R Wold (NOR)	(1) N Skattum (NOR)	76(4) 62
			(3) C Rohde-Moe (NOR)	E Mihailova (LAT)	w/o
Jun-04	Montecatini (ITA)	1	C Boluda (ESP)	(16) F Krajnovic (SRB)	64 76(2)
			(2) J Mayr (ITA)	M Trevisan (ITA)	75 61
Jun-04	Zabrze (POL)	2	(5) B Sawicki (POL)	(Q) P Centkowski (POL)	64 76(2)
			(1) M Linette (POL)	(4) K Kaleta (POL)	64 60
Jun-04	Oslo (NOR)	3	E Seyfarth (NOR)	(1) A Berzina (LAT)	62 60
			(6) U Eikeri (NOR)	(5) C Rodhe Moe (NOR)	62 62

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May-14	Katowice (POL)	\$15,000	(6) R Junaid (AUS)	(8) J Minar (CZE)	26 75 62
May-14	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(4) A Kudryavtsev (RUS)	(5) I Cerovic (CRO)	62 64
May-14	Balaguer (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	(4) J Viloca (ESP)	57 75 60
May-14	Rousse (BUL)	\$10,000	I Sergeyev (UKR)	(2) I Traykov (BUL)	36 62 62
May-14	Most (CZE)	\$10,000	(Q) F Cermak (CZE)	L Svarc (SVK)	76(5) 62
May-14	Syros (GRE)	\$10,000	(2) L Childs (GBR)	M Kasiri (GBR)	20 ret
May-14	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	(1) P Rusevski (MKD)	P Kalias (CYP)	75 60
May-14	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	(7) A Pastorino (ARG)	(1) L Azzaro (ITA)	63 63
May-14	Pitesti (ROU)	\$10,000	(5) C Gard (ROU)	(3) G Moraru (ROU)	36 63 75
May-21	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(5) M Elgin (RUS)	(1) I Marchenko (UKR)	63 62
May-21	Brcko (BIH)	\$10,000	(3) P Rusevski (MKD)	(2) I Dodig (BIH)	75 75
May-21	Pleven (BUL)	\$10,000	(4) J R Lisnard (MON)	(3) C Gard (ROU)	63 61
May-21	Jablonec Nad Nisou	\$10,000	(2) J Minar (CZE)	(1) M Tabara (CZE)	76(5) 63
May-21	Parma (ITA)	\$15,000	D Gimeno Traver (ESP)	(8) G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	75 76(6)
May-21	Zabrze (POL)	\$10,000	(2) D Olejniczak (POL)	(4) J Doble (FRA)	76(4) 76(4)
May-21	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	A Flock (GER)	(1) G Moraru (ROU)	54 ret
May-21	Valldoreix (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) H Ruiz Cadenas (ESP)	(2) M Fornell Mestres (ESP)	46 63 75
May-28	Cesena (ITA)	\$15,000	(4) F Prpic (SWE)	E Schwank (ARG)	64 62
May-28	Prijedor (BIH)	\$10,000	(2) P Rusevski (MKD)	(3) B Kavcic (SLO)	63 64
May-28	Sofia (BUL)	\$10,000	(5) J R Lisnard (MON)	(7) A Biasella (ITA)	75 67(6) 64
May-28	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	\$10,000	(5) J Pospisil (CZE)	(2) L Chramosta (CZE)	64 20 ret
May-28	Krakow (POL)	\$10,000	(6) E Prodon (FRA)	(2) D Olejnickzak (POL)	75 62
May-28	Bacau (ROM)	\$10,000	(3) A Apostu-Efremov (ROU)	R Bemelmans (BEL)	62 60
May-28	Krsko (SVK)	\$10,000	(5) J Dasnieres de Veigny	R Jarc (SLO)	64 63
May-28	Maspalomas (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) J Genaro Martinez (ESP)	(5) C Rexach Itoiz (ESP)	46 63 63
May-28	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	(2) A Gorban (MDA)	(1) V Bondarenko (UKR)	75 76(3)
Jun-04	Puerto Cruz (ESP)	\$15,000	(1) R Smeets (AUS)	(8) G Alcaide (ESP)	64 64
Jun-04	Teramo (ITA)	\$10,000	(2) A Chadaj (POL)	(3) F Piccari (ITA)	63 67(2) 64
Jun-04	Skopje (MKD)	\$10,000	(1) P Rusevski (MKD)	(2) I Traykov (BUL)	63 64
Jun-04	Koszalin (POL)	\$10,000	(2) D Olejniczak (POL)	(1) M Ghareeb (KUW)	76(5) 26 64
Jun-04	Brasov (ROU)	\$10,000	(4) A Cruciat (ROU)	F Nussbaum (SWE)	62 75
Jun-04	Maribor (SLO)	\$10,000	(1) M Tkalec (SLO)	C Magg (AUT)	61 26 62
Jun-04	Ankara (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) A Satschko (GER)	P Taubert (GER)	64 64
Jun-04	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	(7) A Gorban (MDA)	A Smirnov (UKR)	67(3) 76(2) 63

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May-14	Zagreb (CRO)	\$75,000	(6) A Szavay (HUN)	WC N Ozegovic (CRO)	60 76(2)
May-14	Saint Gaudens (FRA)	\$50,000	T Perebiynis (UKR)	(7) P Cetkowska (CZE)	57 75 75
May-14	Maspalomas (ESP)	\$25,000	C Suarez Navarro (ESP)	A Floris (ITA)	62 62
May-14	Antalya (TUR)	\$25,000	(3) J Goerges (GER)	(1) K Woerle (GER)	76(5) 64
May-14	Caserta (ITA)	\$10,000	V Sulpizio (ITA)	(3) M Corbalan (ARG)	76(2) 06 61
May-14	Galati (ROU)	\$10,000	(8) C Mitu (ROU)	(7) C Celani (ITA)	60 75
May-14	Michalovce (SVK)	\$10,000	(5) K Kucova (SVK)	(Q) K Piter (POL)	26 63 64
May-21	Fuerteventura (ESP)	\$25,000	(8) N Thyssen (NED)	(5) N Silva (POR)	62 64
May-21	Gorizia (ITA)	\$25,000	(7) L Hradecka (CZE)	E Compostino de Andres	62 63
May-21	Vienna (AUT)	\$10,000	D Jurak (CRO)	(1) T Pereira (BRA)	61 16 62
May-21	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	(1) V Kapshay (UKR)	(2) K Avdiyenko (UKR)	75 61
May-21	Falkenberg (SWE)	\$10,000	K Milevskaya (BLR)	(2) A Schaefer (GER)	64 64
May-28	Galatina (ITA)	\$25,000	(1) S Errani (ITA)	T Schiechl (AUT)	61 64
May-28	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	A Pivovarov (RUS)	(3) E Makarova (RUS)	63 75
May-28	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(2) C Buyukakcay (TUR)	(1) R Doernemann (GER)	64 63
May-28	Olecko (POL)	\$10,000	(1) M Kiszczynska (POL)	(4) A Malyarchikova (BLR)	62 61
May-28	Stare Splavy (CZE)	\$10,000	(2) L Wienerova (SVK)	K Steiert (GER)	64 62
May-28	Tortosa (ESP)	\$10,000	(5) R Bou Nogueiro (ESP)	(8) V Sulpizio (ITA)	75 64
Jun-04	Prerov (CZE)	\$75,000	(1) A Kerber (GER)	(7) K Zakopalova (CZE)	63 16 75
Jun-04	Zagreb (CRO)	\$50,000	(7) K Nagy (HUN)	(6) I Lisjak (CRO)	26 76(3) 62
Jun-04	Surbiton (GBR)	\$25,000	B Schultz-McCarthy	A Morita (JPN)	46 64 76(5)
Jun-04	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	C Suarez Navarro (ESP)	(4) A Jidkova (RUS)	62 61
Jun-04	Grado (ITA)	\$25,000	(3) D Kustava (BLR)	(4) A Roesch (GER)	63 36 62
Jun-04	Pitesti (ROU)	\$10,000	(2) N Orlova (RUS)	C Mitu (ROU)	36 62 64
Jun-04	Birkerod (DEN)	\$10,000	E Pioppo (ITA)	(1) I Kuzmina (LAT)	62 60
Jun-04	Amarante (POR)	\$10,000	(2) E Balsamo (ITA)	M Gloria (CAN)	63 75



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European Rankings

The inexorable rise of Serbian tennis was one of the predominant topics of discussion during the year's second Grand Slam, and the performances of their top players in reaching the semi finals have had immediate consequences for the European rankings. Novak Djokovic strengthens his position at #4 and looks set to challenge Nikolay Davydenko for #3 in the coming weeks. Jelena Jankovic reaches a career high of #3, and leads the WTA 2007 Race standings. Meanwhile, the defeated finalist in Paris, Ana Ivanovic also leaps to her career best ranking of sixth.

Ironically, some of the biggest climbers in the lists this month had disastrous Roland Garros campaigns,

and instead benefit from the failure of others to defend points from 2006. Andrew Murray reaches a career of six despite having sat out the tournament with a wrist injury, as did fellow-climber Tommy Haas, while the likes of Nadia Petrova and Richard Gasquet both lost in the early rounds.

A quarter final appearance from Serena Williams in Paris was enough to ensure a return to the world's top ten for the once-dominant American, finally breaking Europe's stranglehold on the WTA top 10, which has been in effect since the end of last year.

Rankings as of June 11th, 2007.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Justine HENIN	BEL	1	4419
2	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	3807
3	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3	3115
4	►	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	4	2795
5	▼	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5	2790
6	▲	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	6	2544
7	▲	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	8	2078
8	▼	Martina HINGIS	SUI	9	1817
9	NEW	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	10	1772
10	NEW	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	11	1768

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7515
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5225
3	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	3	3040
4	►	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	4	3010
5	►	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	7	2200
6	▲	Andy MURRAY	GBR	9	2085
7	▲	Tommy HAAS	GER	10	2020
8	▲	Richard GASQUET	FRA	11	1900
9	▼	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	12	1885
10	▼	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	13	1875

NOTES FROM MEMBER NATIONS

The **Ukraine Tennis Federation** has a new address: V. Khvoiky str., 15/15, Kyiv, Ukraine 04080

The **Estonian Tennis Association** has elected Urmas Sõõrumaa as their new President.

Stefan Dahlbo is the new President of the **Swedish Tennis Federation**.

TENNIS EUROPE REGIONAL MEETING

There will be a Tennis Europe Regional Meeting on the morning of Thursday 21st June during the International Tennis Federation Annual General Meeting in Tunis. Some 40 European member nations are expected to attend the event.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN

The 2007 European Club Championships are set to take place during the second week of Wimbledon in Rennes, France. The host club, AS Patton Rennes, are the defending champions. Play will take place from Thursday 28th - Saturday 30th June.

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Alizé Cornet Delivers for France at Roland Garros

Seventeen-year-old Team Elite member **Alize Cornet** survived the pressure of expectations and a slow start in Sunday's French Junior Championships girls' singles final to give France a homegrown champion at Roland Garros.

The second-seeded Cornet, who plays with a **Flexpoint Radical MP**, defeated unseeded Mariana Duque-Marino of Columbia 4-6, 6-1, 6-0 to capture her first junior Grand Slam title. Cornet showed an admirable fighting spirit in the semifinals as well; against No. 6 seed Ksenia Milevskaya of Belarus, the right-hander from Nice battled back to earn her spot in the final with a gritty 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory.

For info on other outstanding performances from Team Elite members in Paris, [click here](#).

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