

New Champions Reign at Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



The winning Polish Girls 16 & Under team celebrate in Ronchin.

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Russia, Poland, Czech Republic and Croatia have been crowned as 2007 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD champions after a memorable event in which 115 national teams of Under 14s and 16s fought it out for the title of European indoor team champions.

The boys' finals for both age groups were held in Pruhonice, where the home crowd were treated to a victory for the Czech Republic in the 14 & under event. With a team that included two top five players (Lukas Vrnak and Jiri Vesely), the Czechs were top seeds at the final rounds, and were in dominant mood throughout the weekend, sweeping to victory without the loss of a match with 3-0 wins against Romania, the Slovak Republic and, in the final, Russia. The win marks a third title in five years for the Czechs (the first on home soil), who have been the most consistent performers at this age group, reaching the final round in each of the last ten years.

Belarus, the only team to win a rubber against Czech Republic in the entire competition (during a closely contested final qualifying match) came third, beating Slovak Republic 2-1.

Although the local team failed to qualify for the 16 & under finals, there was no shortage of excitement as two-time defending champions France battled their way to a final match with top seeds Croatia, the last

team to win the competition before France. The second-seeded French team had had to rely on doubles wins to settle their previous matches with Sweden and Russia and will have been confident after Julien Obry and >>



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<< Marin Draganja both scored singles wins to set up another decisive doubles tie. The two then paired with Adrian Puget and Dino Marcan respectively for the final match, but the French were unable to repeat their earlier successes, as the Croatian pair edged the match 76(2) 76(4). The win is Croatia's third in this category, and moves them to fourth on the all-time leader board of 16 & Under titles won.

Upsets abounded at the girls' 14 & under finals in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, where Russia won an incredible sixth title in eight years, thanks to a strong performance against unseeded Hungary. Daria Gavrilova started the final in fine style, losing just one game to Zsofia Miko, before Ksenia Kirillova ousted Tennis Europe Junior Tour #3 Timea Babos 64 76(1) to put the tie out of reach of the Hungarians, who had reached the final for just the second time in the 26-year history of the 14 & Under competition.

The win will have been a satisfying one for Russia, who in the first round soundly defeated fourth seeds France, who in 2006 scored a major upset to knock the Russians out in the qualifying stages – the only time since 2000 that Russia have failed to feature on the final day of the competition.

The final rounds were notable for the first day upset of all four seeded teams – all of whom had won their qualifying groups. In addition to Russia's win over France, Hungary upset top seeds Serbia 3-0, Great Britain edged second seeds Belarus 2-1 and Croatia defeated third seeds Germany.

The girls' 16 & Under event was held for the ninth consecutive year in Ronchin, France, where Russia fell just short of a double victory in the girls' events. Top seeds Poland emerged victorious despite the Russians taking an early lead when Marta Sirotkina won a closely contested first match to put the Russians ahead. Polish #1 Katarzyna Piter then decisively evened the score, beating Yana Buchina for the loss of just one game. The deciding doubles was also a one-sided affair, the Polish team of Piter and Sandra Zaniewska beating Sirotkina and Viktoriya Kamenskaya 63 60. The victory was sweet revenge for the Polish team, who had lost to eventual champions Russia in each of the last two years.

The Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD give Europe's top junior players a unique opportunity to compete in a top-level team competition in indoor conditions, and have traditionally seen participation from some of the greats of game. In recent years >>

TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD — FINAL STANDINGS

GIRLS 14	BOYS 14	GIRLS 16	BOYS 16
1 RUSSIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	POLAND	CROATIA
2 HUNGARY	RUSSIA	RUSSIA	FRANCE
3 CROATIA	BELARUS	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA
4 GREAT BRITAIN	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	SLOVENIA	POLAND
5 BELARUS	FRANCE	FRANCE	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
6 SERBIA	ROMANIA	BELARUS	ROMANIA
7 FRANCE	BELGIUM	ROMANIA	SWEDEN
8 GERMANY	SPAIN	CROATIA	BELGIUM

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



Congratulations to the 2007 winning teams, pictured clockwise from top left: Czech Republic Boys 14 & Under - (l-r) Jan Kuncik, Jiri Vesely, Lukas Vranak, coach Miroslav Stencel, Russia Girls 14 & Under (l-r) coach Alexander Si-kanov, Daria Gavrilova, Polina Vinogradova, Ksenia Kirillova, Croatia Boys 16 & Under (l-r) Vedran Ljubicic, Dino Marcan, Marin Draganja, coach Mladen Tonicic, Poland Girls 16 & Under (l-r) coach Tomasz Wiktorowski, Sandra Zaniewska, Katarzyna Piter, Veronika Domagala.

<< players such as Amélie Mauresmo, Justine Henin, Kim Clijsters, Marat Safin, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray have been amongst those who have represented their countries.

2007 saw leading equipment manufacturer HEAD take over as title sponsor of the competition. Robert Marte, Division Manager HEAD Racquetsports, commented "The event has been a great success, both for us as sponsors, and in terms of the quality of the competition, which gave us many exciting ties at all three venues. We're proud to be so involved with one of the most prestigious team events on the calendar and are already looking forward to the next edition and to the remainder of this year's flagship Ten-

nis Europe Junior Tour events."

Full draws and results from this year's competition as well as the 30-year history of the event can be found at www.TennisEurope.org

Tennis Europe Publishes Junior Player Survey Results

Tennis Europe has unveiled the results of a preliminary nine-month survey of the consumer habits of **Tennis Europe Junior Tour** players.

The results give a unique insight into sponsorship patterns and consumer preferences trends of Europe's top junior players, with interesting results for the tennis industry. Players were invited to take part in the survey at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour stand, hosted by Junior Tour Promotion Officer David Albareda, at over 20 specially selected events during the 2006 season.

Each month, respondents were entered into a ballot to win a special limited edition Tennis Europe Junior Tour iPod nano, which proved to be a popular incentive amongst the players.



Tour players taking part in the survey at a tournament in France.

Together with Sports Marketing Surveys, Tennis Europe has now published the results of this first look, revealing some interesting trends.

A total of 645 players took part in the survey between April and December 2006. The survey's dual purpose of promoting knowledge of Tennis Europe amongst the players was undoubtedly achieved, with 95% of respondents noting their approval of the new Junior Tour logo and 98% correctly identifying the role of the organisation.

Almost all players said they regularly visited the Tennis Europe website for the latest Tour information, with 58% logging on weekly.

With regards to popular brands, **Wilson**, **Babolat** and **HEAD** dominated the racquet category, accounting for 29%, 25% and 24% of all users respectively.

The same three brands were also the most popular string providers, although the market was much wider, with the top three brands (Babolat 26%, HEAD 15% and Wilson 13%) representing just over half the total.

Nike and **Adidas** were by far the most popular clothing manufacturers, accounting for 51% and 24% of respondents respectively. Interestingly, both brands were significantly more popular with girls than boys, who were more likely to wear clothing by brands such as **TKK**, **Lotto**, Babolat and Wilson.

There were similar trends in terms of footwear, with Nike and Adidas once again dominating the preferences of the respondents, with 39% and 25% of the totals respectively. As before, both brands were markedly more popular amongst girls. Wilson (12%)

and Babolat (7%) were the only remaining brands to earn more than a 3% market share amongst the participants.

As part of an ongoing commitment to serve the needs of the European tennis industry, as well as national federations and other interested parties, Tennis Europe will engage in further market research on a larger scale during 2007.

In the Spotlight: Carlos Boluda

Carlos Boluda of Spain has been the outstanding player of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour over the past year, establishing a huge lead at the top of the 14 & Under rankings and collecting several of the Tour's most important titles along the way, including the European Junior Championships and Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

We caught up with him in France at another of the Tour's most prestigious events, the Category 1 'Les Petits As' in Tarbes, where he went on to defend his title in fine style, conceding just ten games in six matches against some of the world's best Under 14s.

Where do you live and train?

I live in Alicante, Spain, and train at the Tennis Club Muchamiel

Who do you travel to tournaments with?

To some tournaments I go with Mariano [Martinez Gómez] and to others with Manu [Sala]. They both coach me. Mariano has been my coach since I was seven. Sergio, my manager, also comes with me whenever he can. In fact, so far, he has accompanied me to all the events that I have been to.

How do you combine training and playing at tournaments with the school?

Now I am in the second year of secondary school and the truth is that up to now I have been able to go to class and follow the rhythm of the rest of the class. I even manage to do the exams at the same time.

How did you start playing tennis?

I took the racquet for the first time when I was 4. My dad, who was a handball player, used to take me

down to the courts. I also liked hitting against a wall in the garage of my family's house. Then, when I was 5, a coach saw me and started training with me. A year or so later I moved on to start being coached by Mariano at the Muchamiel club.

How would you describe your style of play?

I would say that I am quite consistent in all different shots. Probably my best shot is my drive and the weakest the serve, but I am trying to improve it.

Last year you played and won many tournaments. Which was your favourite?

Les Petits As, in Tarbes, France. It is an event for children with a professional level of organisation. It is extremely well organised. I value very much the amount of people that attend the event as spectators. It is very nice to play in front of a large crowd [over 2,000 people attended to watch the final day's play].

What is your favourite surface?

Like the rest of Spaniards, I feel very comfortable playing on clay but I also enjoy playing on Greenset.



What about team competitions? Will you play the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD again this year?

Yes, but I will be playing the Under 16s. In fact, we are going to Russia next week to play the qualifying event.

And what about the European Championships? Are you going to try to retain the U14 title?

Well, that will depend on how well I do in the previous U16 tournaments that I am going to play at.

In the Spotlight: Carlos Boluda



ever think about the possibility that you may be playing against them in a few years?

My all-time favourite was Agassi but he retired... Now I would say that my favourites are Nadal and Federer. I do not think about playing against them because that is a long time ahead and I have to go step by step. My dream is to get as high as possible and to perform well at that level but it is too

Is there a particular player on the Tour that you prefer not have to play? Someone who really gives you a hard time every time you face him?

No... not particularly. I think that if I play well I can beat anyone.

In the last edition of the Open SEAT in Barcelona you played alongside John McEnroe, Carlos Moyá and Feliciano López. How did that happen and how did you like the experience of playing in front of 7,000 people?

(Smiles) It was a lot of fun. Javier Dominguez called me to invite me to take part in the clinic presented by Nike, one of my sponsors, and I was very happy to do it with such great professionals.

Do you have a fixed schedule for this season?

No. Now I am here in Tarbes, next week I will play the Winter Cups in Russia, then an ITF event and after that we will see. My main goal is to keep learning and improving my game. If you do not progress, you get stuck.

Who are your favourite pro players? Do you

soon to think about that.

In a top professional player, what would you say is the proportion of talent and hard work?

I think that with Nadal, mostly hard work what has taken him to 2nd position. On the other hand, Federer seems to me that, although he does work hard, he has an excess of talent. In my case, I would say that 30 to 40 percent is talent and the rest hard work.

In 2006 you finished top of the U14 rankings with the highest ever total of points. If you start now playing U16 events you may lose that position. Are you ready to give it up in return of improving your game?

Not really. It is true that I have to combine U14, U16 and even ITF events to test my capabilities and to try to move forward in terms of my performance level, but I will keep a close eye on my U14 ranking to guarantee that I classify for the 2007 Tennis Europe Junior Masters in my age group.

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CIT Players 'HEAD' to Tennis Europe Winter Cups

A total of six players based at the **Centre Internacional de Tennis** (CIT) were elected to represent their countries at recent Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD ties. Two young Spanish players from the Catalan Tennis Federation Competition Group, Steven Díez and Javier Valenzuela, were chosen to defend Spain in the 16 and Under qualifying event in Moscow, while their team captain was Alex Bragado, the CIT's official coach for junior players.

Croatian Vedran Ljubicic (who served on the winning 16 & under team) and Serbian Filip Krajinovic were also chosen to represent their countries in the boys' competition. Maria Meliuk from Belarus and Maryna Zanevska of Ukraine, were also members of their national teams. These two players will arrive to CIT in the next weeks in order to begin their claycourt preparation. Meanwhile, the young local player Garbiñe Muguruza played for the Spanish team in the 14&U competition.

The player selections illustrate that many of Europe's best young players are currently based at the CIT, where they have decided to practice and develop their game, working daily with top players from around the world and with professional coaches such as former Spanish Davis Cup captain Jordi Arrese.

16 & under Spanish Team Prepares at the CIT

Led by CIT player Steven Díez, the Spanish 16&U Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD team prepared for their qualifying ties in Moscow at the CIT in order to practice in indoor conditions. The other Spanish players selected for the team were Javier Valenzuela (also a CIT player), Roberto Ortega and talented 14-year old Carlos Boluda.

To prepare their indoor game, the Spanish team played a non-official tie against Serbia, whose team was composed of Filip Krajinovic and Nikola Dzaleta, and completed with a 'guest', the British CIT-based Oscar Podlewski. Thanks to the superb indoor facilities at the CIT, both Spanish and Serbian teams were able to maximise their preparation for February's qualifying ties.

Meanwhile, another member of the CIT Under 16 competition group, Ignacio Morente, had a successful month, reaching the semi finals of the Tennis Europe



The Spanish Winter Cups team at an indoor practise session at the CIT

Junior Tour Category 1 'Hauts de France' event in Marcq-en-Baroeul (FRA) before losing to eventual champion Yannick Reuter of Belgium.

The best facilities in Europe

Tennis Europe's Official Academy Partner, the Centre Internacional de Tennis, has some of the best facilities in Europe, with 31 tennis courts, including greenset, indoors and clay courts, and its own residency for players located next to the courts where technical and physical training takes place.

CIT is the only centre recognised by the International Tennis Federation and also has the privilege to host the Olympic Solidarity programme promoted by the International Olympic Committee, which welcomes players from all over the world. The academy can be contacted directly, or through the ITF or Tennis Europe, but a high standard of play is required, as the academy is geared to the preparation of professional players. The CIT is keen to establish links with National Federations.



Beyond the Baseline...

A **Wheelchair Tennis** competition will be held at this years Roland Garros for the first time. The 8-player event will be staged for men and women from 6th-8th June, and means that official wheelchair tennis tournaments are now held at all Grand Slams for the first time.

Meanwhile, the **All-England Club** has announced that it will be offering equal prize money to both men and women with effect from the forthcoming 2007 Wimbledon Championships.

Tennis Ireland have announced the appointment of Sean Sorensen as Davis Cup Captain. The two-year contract commences immediately, with Irelands first tie being the promotional event in Cairo (EGY) in May.

Racquet and equipment manufacturer **HEAD** have announced the signing of French #1 **Amélie Mauresmo**. The former world #1 immediately impressed with her new equipment, the Flexpoint Radical MP racquet, posting a semi final showing in Paris, a title in Antwerp and a runner-up spot in Dubai during a three-week period in February.

Tennis will feature as a sport at the **Commonwealth Games** for the first time in 2010. Along with ITF Development Director Dave Miley, Tennis Europe President John James (also the LTA's official representative on the Commonwealth Games Council) presented a new application which was accepted at the general meeting of the Commonwealth Games Federation in Kuala Lumpur last November. Top Commonwealth players currently include Andy Murray, Marcos Baghdatis and Lleyton Hewitt.

As of this week, **Roger Federer** is the new record holder for consecutive weeks at #1, breaking Jimmy Connors' 30-year record of 160 weeks. Adding to his list of accolades, it is has been announced that the 10-time Grand Slam champion will feature on a new postage stamp in his native Switzerland, which will be available in April.

The ATP's **BlackRock Tour of Champions** have announced their 2007 calendar. The first event – won by Sweden's Andres Jarryd - was held in Belfast, Northern Ireland last week. The tour next calls at Barcelona in April before visiting Hamburg (GER), Novi Sad (CRO), Algarve (POR), Graz (AUT), Paris (FRA), Eindhoven (NED), Brussels (BEL) and Frankfurt (GER) on

the road to the Masters in London (GBR) in December.

The **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** quarterfinal venues have been announced: USA vs. Spain in Winston-Salem (hard court, indoors), Sweden vs. Argentina in Gothenburg (carpet), Belgium vs. Germany in Ostend (indoor clay), and Russia vs. France in Moscow (indoor clay).

Ties will be played during the weekend of 6-8 April, as will the Europe/Africa Zone Group 1 Second Round matches involving European teams: FYR Macedonia vs Slovak Republic in Skopje (clay), Israel vs. Italy in Ramat Hasharon (hard), Serbia vs. Georgia in Belgrade (indoor clay) and Great Britain vs. Netherlands in Birmingham (hard, indoors).

The German Tennis Federation (DTB) has announced that **Carl Uwe Steeb** will take over the role of tournament director of the Hamburg Masters Series event from 2008.

European tennis stars are well represented in the nominations for the **Laureus Sports Awards**, announced this week. Roger Federer is up for the World Sportsman of the Year award for a third time, whilst three of the worlds top women, **Justine Henin**, **Maria Sharapova** and Amélie Mauresmo are amongst the competitors for the Sportswoman prize. In addition, Mauresmo is nominated for World Breakthrough of the Year for her double Grand Slam triumphs in 2006. Wheelchair tennis' outstanding player **Esther Vergeer** is nominated for the Laureus Disability Award for a fourth time, having previously picked up the title in 2002. **Serena Williams** rounds off the list of potential tennis winners, her 2007 Australian Open title making her a strong contender for Comeback of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, Spain, on April 2nd.

Whirlpool and the **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** have re-launched their 'Aces for Homes' initiative for 2007. For each ace served on the Tour throughout the year, the organisations will donate €10 to the **Habitat for Humanity** international housing charity, which this year will focus funds on families around Europe whose health and well-being are affected by inadequate housing. The previous 'Aces for Homes' campaign raised €163,000 which went towards rebuilding homes in tsunami-affected Chennai, India.

Seniors Tennis Round-Up

The Tennis Europe Board of Management recently approved a Senior Committee proposal to create a new award. The exclusive Lifetime Seniors Champion award will be presented to players who have won a total of ten European and five world Championship title.

There is a slight date change to the previously published European Seniors Club Championships (Mens

60) in Moenchengladbach. The event will be held from 20-24 August, 2007.

The next update of the ITF Seniors Rankings will take place next Monday, the last input being the Swedish National Championships which took place in late February.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest



Two new 12 & under tournaments have been added to the calendar. Funchal in Portugal will host an event during the week of 26th March, whilst Boulogne in France follows suit during the week beginning 31st December. Meanwhile the 12 & under event

scheduled for Ajaccio (FRA) during the week of June 4th has been cancelled.

More news on the inaugural **Tennis Europe Nations Challenge**, a brand new European team event for under 12s scheduled for the summer months. As previously mentioned, the boys finals will take place in Ajghero (ITA), whilst the girls travel to Ajaccio (FRA).

We can now also confirm the venues for the qualifying competition. The boys will play in Brescia (ITA), Odessa (UKR), Istanbul (TUR) and a Czech venue to be announced. The girls' qualifying will also call at Brescia (ITA) and a Czech venue to be announced, as well as Sliven (BUL) and Haren (NED).

Laurynas Grigelis of Lithuania became the first 16 & Under player to win multiple titles this year, adding the Category 2 Chambon sur Lignon title to the one he won in Pribram in the first week of the season. The great run of form catapults him to #5 in the rankings.

He is joined in the top ten by not one but three Croats—Vedran Ljubicic (#4) and Marin Draganja (#7) served on the winning Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD team, whilst Ivan Turudic (#9) also enjoyed a successful month.

12-year old spectator Maxim Bonneau of France (pictured, with Tennis Europe Junior Tour Promotion Officer David Albareda) is the latest winner of a limited edition **Tennis Europe Junior Tour iPod Nano**. Maxim visited the Tennis Europe Junior Tour stand at the recent '**Les Petits As**' tournament in Tarbes, France.

Over 2,000 spectators attended the final days of the Category 1 event to see current European #1s Carlos Boluda and Hanna Orlik win titles.

As is tradition at the event, one of the world's toughest for players aged 14 & Under, fans were also treated to a special exhibition match, which this year was between French favourites and former Tennis Europe Junior Tour stars **Richard Gasquet** and **Gael Monfils**.



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	760
2	▲	Ksenia KIRILLOVA	RUS	605
3	►	Timea BABOS	HUN	600
4	▼	Ajla TOMLJANOVIC	CRO	560
5	▼	Vivien JUHASZOVA	SVK	500
6	▲	Alexandra KRUNICH	SRB	485
7	▼	Jennifer REN	GBR	465
8	NEW	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	450
9	▼	Ingrid RADU	ROM	425
10	►	Silvija NJIRIC	CRO	410

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	820
2	►	Anton VOLKOV	RUS	640
3	▲	Lukas VRNAK	CZE	475
4	►	Ciprian PORUMB	ROM	420
5	▼	Jiri VESELY	CZE	415
6	►	Filip HORANSKY	SVK	395
7	▲	Yaroslav ZUBKO	BLR	355
8	NEW	Yaroslav SHYLA	BLR	290
9	▼	Robert RUMLER	CZE	280
10	NEW	Timur NEIMATOV	RUS	270

Rankings as of 01.03.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Updated rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org.

(Right) Croatia's Ivan Turudic is a new entry to the 16 & Under top ten, having reached the final of the 'Hauts de France' Category 1 event in Marcq-en-Barouel recently.



16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Ekaterine GORGODZE	GEO	495
2	▶	Simona HALEP	ROM	480
3	▶	Linda ABU MUSHRAF	BRN	415
4	▶	Julia MAYR	ITA	400
5	▶	Martina GLEDACHEVA	BUL	375
6	▶	Kai Chen CHANG	TPE	370
7	▶	Monika TUMOVA	CZE	360
8	▶	Maria MELIUK	BLR	355
9	▶	Camelia HRISTEA	ROM	345
10	NEW	Diana MARCU	ROM	325

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Mirza BASIC	BIH	470
2	▲	Piotr GADOMSKI	POL	365
3	▼	Marco SPERONELLO	ITA	320
4	NEW	Vedran LJUBICIC	CRO	310
5	NEW	Laurynas GRIGELIS	LTU	295
6	▼	Henrik SILLANPÄÄ	FIN	290
7	NEW	Marin DRAGANJA	CRO	285
8	▶	Sebastian CHYLINSKI	POL	265
9	NEW	Ivan TURUDIC	CRO	260
10	▼	Tsuna-Hua YANG	TPE	255

Rankings as of 01.03.07

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Feb-19	Auray (FRA)		M Routa (CZE)	G Quinzi (USA)	63 62
			(1) L Jeanjean (FRA)	I De Vroome (NED)	46 62 61

14 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jan-29	Tarbes (FRA)	1	(1) C Boluda (ESP)	(8) C Harrison (USA)	62 62
			(1) H Orlik (BLR)	(8) N Gibbs (USA)	64 61
Feb-12	Oetwil (SUI)	2	(Q) G Mazzoli (ITA)	M Delic (CRO)	64 61
			(1) K Milas (CRO)	(2) S Kovalets (UKR)	62 62
Feb-12	Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD	Team	(1) Czech Republic	(2) Russia	3-0
			Russia	Hungary	3-0
Feb-19	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	C Melskens (DEN)	L Berger (GER)	75 76(5)
			(8) I Khromacheva (RUS)	E Balan (BEL)	62 57 62
Feb-19	Helsingborg (SWE)	3	(2) J Skattum (NOR)	(1) M Watkins (GBR)	46 75 63
			(Q) M Saidova (RUS)	(LL) B Njuki (SWE)	61 62

16 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Feb-05	Marcq-en-Baroeul (FRA)	1	(9) Y Reuter (BEL)	(7) I Turudic (CRO)	64 75
			A Grela (POL)	C Chesquierre (FRA)	62 64
Feb-12	Chambon sur Lignon (FRA)	2	(1) L Grigelis (LTU)	(Q) TK Wang (FRA)	64 75
			M Pons (FRA)	E Logiacco (FRA)	62 62
Feb-12	Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD	Team	(1) Croatia	(2) France	2-1
			(1) Poland	(4) Russia	2-1
Feb-19	Helsingborg (SWE)	3	(2) C Von Hanstein (GER)	(6) T Nekic (GER)	64 63
			(3) E Virtanen (SWE)	(4) L Wachter (GER)	76 60
Feb-19	Ticino (ITA)	3	K Krawietz (GER)	(5) A Stucci (ITA)	61 62
			(4) T Kucera (SUI)	S Buchmann (SUI)	64 57 64
Feb-19	Siauliai (LTU)	3	(2) A Kazijevs (LAT)	WC D Sakinis (LTU)	57 64 61
			(Q) S Pirazhenka (BLR)	(Q) A Gerasimova (BLR)	36 63 63

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jan-29	Mettmann (GER)		WC T Kamke (GER)	(4) D Kindlmann (GER)	62 46 63
Jan-29	Feucherolles (FRA)	\$10,000	(Q) N Renevand (FRA)	E Kirillov (RUS)	64 76(6)
Jan-29	Bergheim (AUT)	\$10,000	(6) M Tkalec (SLO)	(7) J Hasek (CZE)	63 64
Jan-29	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	D Marrero (ESP)	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	62 57 62
Feb-05	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	(1) T Ascione (FRA)	D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	62 76(5)
Feb-05	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	S Ventura (ESP)	(3) J Genaro Martinez (ESP)	62 57 63
Feb-12	Barnstaple (GBR)	\$15,000+H	(3) S Robert (FRA)	(2) T Popp (GER)	75 75
Feb-12	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	(5) G Lugassy (FRA)	(8) K Capkovic (SVK)	57 63 64
Feb-12	Bari (ITA)	\$10,000	E Prodon (FRA)	(2) D Giorgini (ITA)	62 46 62
Feb-12	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	(7) M Middelkoop (NED)	(5) A Menendez (ESP)	75 46 60
Feb-19	Trento (ITA)	\$15,000	(1) A Stoppini (ITA)	(6) M Crugnola (ITA)	61 36 76(2)
Feb-19	Exmouth (GBR)	\$15,000	(3) G Lugassy (FRA)	(5) F Neilsen (DEN)	61 76(3)
Feb-19	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	V Skenderovic (CRO)	(1) J Vacek (CZE)	76(2) 76(0)
Feb-19	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	(3) A Menendez (ESP)	(Q) G Elias (POR)	36 62 64
ITF Women's Circuit					
Jan-29	Ortisei (ITA)	\$75,000	(Q) C Wozniacki (DEN)	(7) A Brianti (ITA)	46 75 63
Jan-29	Belfort (FRA)	\$25,000	(4) V Pichet (FRA)	(Q) S Vogele (SUI)	26 60 62
Jan-29	Sutton (GBR)	\$25,000	(1) E Tamaela (NED)	(4) M Ani (EST)	62 67(4) 76(3)
Feb-05	Tipton (GBR)	\$25,000	(3) M Ani (EST)	(1) E Tamaela (NED)	57 76(3) 75
Feb-05	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	(4) T Priachin (GER)	B Garcia Vidagany (ESP)	63 63
Feb-05	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	L Ungur (ROM)	(Q) E Linetskaya (RUS)	76(4) 62
Feb-12	Stockholm (SWE)	\$25,000	(8) N Ozegovic (CRO)	(4) V Pichet (FRA)	62 62
Feb-12	Biberach (GER)	\$25,000	(2) Y Meusberger (AUT)	WC M Pavelec (GER)	76(3) 46 75
Feb-12	Pruhonice (CZE)	\$25,000	(Q) P Kvitova (CZE)	M Rybarikova (SVK)	75 76(2)
Feb-12	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	E Balsamo (ITA)	(8) M Gerards (NED)	61 16 64
Feb-12	Montechoro (POR)	\$10,000	E Linetskaya (RUS)	(Q) J Kalabina (RUS)	62 60
Feb-19	Melilla (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) C Suarez Navarro (ESP)	(2) A Gerasimou (GRE)	64 64
Feb-19	Portimao (POR)	\$10,000	N Silva (POR)	(5) I Pavlovic (FRA)	76(2) 64

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European Rankings

Despite four solid weeks of tournament play, there is little change in either the men's or women's European rankings this month.

Andy Murray's successful defence of his first career title in San Jose and subsequent semi final showing in Memphis were enough to snatch the #9 ranking from Novak Djokovic, though both teenagers improved their points totals to edge closer to the world's top 10. Meanwhile, Tommy Haas' first title of the year consolidates his top ten status and with relatively few points to defend until the summer, the German looks a good bet to climb even higher.

Having briefly lost her #10 spot to Anna Chakvetadze early in the month, Jelena Jankovic returns to the top 10 thanks to a semi final showing in Dubai, but it remains to be seen whether the ankle injury she suffered there will impede her impressive run so far in 2007.

Expect to see more movement next month as the top players head to the United States for back-to-back Tier 1 and Masters Series events in Indian Wells and Miami.

Rankings as of February 26th, 2007.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	1	3918
2	►	Justine HENIN	BEL	2	3311
3	►	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	3	2900
4	►	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	4	2577
5	►	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5	2554
6	►	Martina HINGIS	SUI	6	2139
7	►	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	7	2057
8	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	2013
9	►	Nicole VAIDISOVA	CZE	9	1782
10	►	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	10	1558

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	8120
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4705
3	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4	2825
4	►	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	7	2555
5	►	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	8	2395
6	►	Tommy HAAS	GER	9	2020
7	►	Mario ANCIC	CRO	11	1975
8	►	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	12	1785
9	▲	Andy MURRAY	GBR	13	1700
10	▼	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	14	1665

NOTES FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The **Lawn Tennis Association** of Great Britain have moved to a new headquarters. Their new contact details are as follows: The National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ.
Tel: +44 (0) 208 487 7000

The **Serbia Tennis Federation** has a new email address: serbiatennis@sezampro.yu

TENNIS EUROPE...PLAY AND STAY CONFERENCE

National Associations are reminded that this year's European Specific Theme Conference will be hosted by the Polish Tennis Association and will take place in Poznan, Poland from April 20th-21st.
The entry deadline is March 2nd. The circular, programme and entry forms can be found at the Tennis Europe website: <http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/ESTC.aspx>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tennis Europe's Annual General Meeting, set to be held in Vienna, Austria from 29th March to 1st April has attracted a record attendance of 42 nations. We'll have a full report in the next issue.

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