

New Champions Crowned at Tennis Europe Junior Masters

Players from Spain, Slovak Republic, Georgia and Italy have been crowned as 2006 Tennis Europe Junior Masters champions.

An elite event for the top eight European players aged 14 & Under and 16 & Under, the Junior Masters brought the Tennis Europe Junior Tour to a close, and was held at the CT Rocco Polimeni, Reggio Calabria, Italy during the weekend of 6th-8th October.

In the 14 & under event, Spain's Carlos Boluda scored the perfect end to a year in which he has dominated the Tour, adding the Junior Masters to his European Championships and three other titles and secured the year-end #1 ranking.

In the final round, Boluda defeated friend and compatriot Javier Martí 64 62 to take the title. It was the third time the two had met in championship deciding



Ekaterine Gorgodze justified her top seeding to become the first Georgian winner of the Junior Masters

matches on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour throughout the season, with Boluda also coming out on top in Maia and El Prat.
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European Team Championships



The Czech Republic men's team (above) have won a third consecutive European Team Championships title, with a 2-1 victory over Poland. More on Page 6.

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Boluda becomes the third Spaniard to win the event, following in the footsteps of Tommy Robredo (1996) and Rafael Nadal (2000).

Vivien Juhaszova of the Slovak Republic upset top seed Hanna Orlik of Belarus to take the girls' title. The title is the fifth of the season for Juhaszova, currently the youngest player in the European girls' 14 & Under top 20, and sees her rise to #2 behind Orlik in the Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings.

In the girls' 16 & Under event, top seed Ekaterine Gorgodze overcame a stern challenge from Maria Meliuk of Belarus to become the first Georgian winner of a Tennis Europe Junior Masters title.

In a marathon match, Gorgodze seized the initiative early on before Meliuk fought back to edge a tight second set tie break. The third set went the distance before the Georgian sealed a decisive break in the final game to record a 64 67(6) 75 win.

The victory sees Gorgodze end the season as the #2-

ranked Under 16 in Europe, while Meliuk breaks into the top ten for the first time.

The final category to be completed was a bonus for the home fans, and saw an all-Italian final won by Alessandro Giannessi, who scored a comfortable 64 60 win over Davide Della Tommasina. Just the second title of the year for the consistent 16-year old, the win was enough to snatch the year-end #1 ranking from Argentina's Guido Pella.

Masters winners were presented with a limited edition Tennis Europe Junior Tour iPod Nano for victory at the final event of the Tour, which in 2006 consisted of some 270 events for girls and boys across three age categories and stopped off in 41 of Tennis Europe's 48 member nations.

Full information on this year's event, including draws and results, a photo gallery and profiles of the participating players can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.



2006 Top Executives' Meeting

The 30th Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting was held from 4th-6th October in Capbreton, France, in association with the French Tennis Federation.

An annual conference that serves as an important networking platform as well as a forum for the discussion of current issues affecting European tennis, the two-day event saw the attendance of delegates from 24 of Tennis Europe's member nations.

Twelve external speakers joined Tennis Europe and International Tennis Federation executives to discuss a wide variety of topics, ranging from the ITF's new 'Play and Stay' campaign (presented by ITF Executive Director of Tennis Development, Dave Miley) to an overview of the recent Cardio Tennis conference organized by Tennis Europe and the Portuguese Tennis Federation.

The topic of Cardio Tennis was high on the agenda. Many member nations are now investigating the new discipline on a national basis, whilst Tennis Europe provides information and assistance as well as providing a link to the creators, the United States Tennis Industry Association.

Another form of the sport on the rise - Beach Tennis - was also discussed. Olli Mäenpää, Tennis Europe Managing Director, External Affairs addressed the delegates on the current situation in Europe and the future perspectives on the matter, and explored how to best

facilitate the future growth of these emerging disciplines.

Mr. Mäenpää also presented Tennis Europe's 3-year plan regarding the promotion of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, which now reaches almost all European nations.

Other topics of great interest to national federations included Des Allen's preview of Tennis Ireland's forthcoming inaugural National Tennis Forum, and an in-depth presentation of the Slovak Tennis Association's new multifunctional National Training Centre by General Secretary Igor Moska.

A special working session was also held for member nations part of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, focusing on analysis and major goals of the 5-Year Federation Development Plan.

Tennis Europe President John James, who chaired the meeting, remarked; "This year's event, with excellent attendance and an extensive programme has consolidated the conference as the key annual gathering for European tennis executives. We'd particularly like to thank our hosts, Jacques Dupré and the CBBL Ligue, as well as our guest speakers from across the tennis industry, whose contributions to the Meeting are greatly appreciated."

Tennis Europe Announces Creation of 12 & Under Team Event

Tennis Europe has revealed plans for the launch of a new pan-European 12 & Under outdoor team event for the 2007 season, following the approval of both the Junior Committee and the Board of Management.

The move follows consultation with member nations, many of whom had been pressing for the creation of such an event for some time.

The inaugural event will be held in two stages, with the qualifying rounds set to be staged from 26th-28th July, and the final rounds following two weeks later from 9th-12th August. The format of the competition is expected to be in line with that of the existing junior team championships, the Tennis Europe Winter Cups

by Prince and European Summer Cups.

Junior Committee Chairperson Ayda Uluç commented; "We are delighted to be embarking on this project. A number of team events already exist on the 12 & Under Tennis Europe Junior Tour calendar, and we felt that a true European team championship event for our Under 12s was long overdue. Team events play an essential role in the development of young players, and it's therefore especially important for us to provide such opportunities to our member nations."

Federations wishing to host a qualifying or final round tie are invited to contact the Tennis Europe Junior Department for further information.

Record Attendance at European Coaches' Symposium

Eighty delegates and 20 speakers attended the 28th European Coaches Symposium, which took place in Stockholm, Sweden on 12-15 October. Thirty-three of Tennis Europe's member nations were represented at the biannual event, which this year was organised in cooperation with the Swedish Tennis Association.

Delegates were able to take advantage of over 20 sessions divided over four days between the classroom and tennis court. Speakers came from all major European tennis nations, with former Davis Cup captains Javier Duarte (ESP) and Carl-Axel Hageskog (SWE), and Sweden's six-time Grand Slam champion Stefan Edberg speaking alongside Symposium regulars Frank Van Fraeyenhoven (NED), Bernard Pestre (FRA), Peter Born (GER) and Richard Schonborn (GER), to name but a few. The Symposium also gave an opportunity for the new generation of top coaches to share their knowledge and experience, including Steven Martens and Paul Wylleman of Belgium, Britain's Robert Antoun and Beni Linder of Switzerland.

The ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme provided accommodation grants in order to facilitate the participation of coaches from some of Europe's less developed nations, ensuring that the 2006 event was the best attended yet. Through the distribution of conference materials and the sharing of their findings, it is hoped that these delegates will be able to pass on the benefit of their experience to a wider audience of coaches at a domestic level.

During the closing dinner, Tennis Europe President John James presented Frank Van Fraeyenhoven with a special award in recognition of his many years of service to the Symposium. Helmut Hauer and Ivo Van Aken also received this award this year, but were unable to attend the event.



Stefan Edberg (left) addresses the Symposium alongside Carl-Axel Hageskog (right)

Hrovje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, said: "With 33 nations present, this was the best-attended symposium ever. A wide range of topics has been covered, giving invaluable insights into various aspects of top-level coaching, which can be used in the coaching schemes of the many national tennis associations."

The next major coaching conference held in Europe will be the 2007 European Specific Theme Conference. Further information will be published in due course at www.tenniseurope.org. European member nations are reminded that any of their coaching events open to international delegates can also be publicised at the website.



United World Games Expands to Incorporate Tennis

Reflecting the exponential growth of the event since its inauguration in 2005, organisers of the United World Games, an international multi-sport event for children aged 11-18, have announced that the forthcoming edition will be spread across two locations and will expand to include five additional sports, including tennis.

The event will be held in two stages, with the traditionally included sports of football, basketball and volleyball taking place in Klagenfurt from June 7th-10th, before moving to Vienna from June 28th-July 1st for the new disciplines of swimming, wrestling, tennis, bowling and baseball.

2007 also looks set to easily break the attendance record, with over 1,500 participants registered from the USA alone. More than 2,500 athletes from 17 nations took part last year.

Supported by Tennis Austria, the tennis event will be held for boys and girls across two age categories, 11-14 years and 15-18 years.

The Games provides an Olympic-style atmosphere for participants, with an opening ceremony and the cele-

brated 'Players' Town', with a vast entertainment area which ensures the visitors have no shortage of fun options to keep them occupied once the athletic activities are over.

For further information about the United World Games, visit the official website at www.unitedworldgames.com or contact the organizing committee on 0043 1 478 80 90 32.



ITF Announces Changes for 2007 Pro Circuits

The ITF have announced a variety of changes to the ITF Pro Circuits from 2007. The previously announced elimination of four-week Men's Satellite Circuits will take effect, with the final European event having been held in Germany last month. Henceforth, the ITF Men's Circuit will consist of one-week \$10,000 and \$15,000 events only, and must be scheduled in a minimum of three consecutive weeks of \$10,000 each or two consecutive weeks of \$15,000 each in prize money.

Meanwhile on the ITF Women's Circuit, a new \$100,000 tournament category has been approved, raising the maximum prize money from the current \$75,000 level. All women's tournament sanction fees have been raised to 8% of prize money.

Pro Circuit players are reminded that the possession

of an IPIN, and payment of the annual fee for the IPIN online service, are now essential entry requirements. Further information about IPINs and how to manage your tournament entries online can be found at www.itftennis.com/ipin.

Finally, players are advised that with effect from 4th October 2006, the space permitted for manufacturer's identification on shirtsleeves has been increased to 8 square inches (52cm²). Where written identification is used within this area, the written identification may not exceed 4 square inches (26cm²) per sleeve.

For further information on the 2007 rule changes, visit www.itftennis.com/mens, www.itftennis.com/womens or the professional tennis section of www.tenniseurope.org

Czech Republic & Poland Win European Team Championships

The Czech Republic men's team have won the European Team Championships for a record third consecutive year.

The top seeded Czechs didn't have it all their own way during the week. The opening match was a rematch of the 2005 final, with the home team overcoming Italy.

Both teams featured a complete change of personnel, but the tie was closer than the 3-0 final score suggested, as Italia youngsters Thomas Fabbiano and Matteo trevisan pushed Czechs Jan Masik and Michal Navratil to three sets in their respective singles matches. Later in the group stages, the host nation had to survive a deciding doubles match against Slovenia. In contrast, their final opponents Poland breezed to the deciding tie without the loss of a match, handing 3-0 defeats to Greece and 2003 champions Spain.

The final was a suitably close affair. Masik kept up his unbeaten run in the competition to defeat Grzegorz Panfil in straight sets in the first singles rubber before Dawid Olejniczak levelled the tie with a 63 76(3) win over Navratil. It was left to Tomas Cibulec to team up with Masik to record their third consecutive straight sets doubles win of the week and wrap up the championship.



(l-r) TC Cesky Krumlov owner Otakar Vesely, Team captain Josef Cihak, Michal Navratil, Jan Masik, Tomas Cibulec, Tennis Europe President John James

There was no such luck for the local women's team, who had also won the competition for the past two years. Barbora Strycova and Michaela Pastikova returned from the 2005 championship winning side to team up with Katerina Bohmova but were ultimately unable to emulate their earlier successes.

Like their male compatriots, the hosts opened the competition with a repeat of last years final, this time beating Ukraine 3-0. In their second group match, the team were upset by third seeds Poland, whose experienced double partnership of Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska brushed aside Pastikova and Strycova in the deciding match to advance to the final for the first time since 2003.

Jans and Rosolska's doubles prowess again saved the day in the final against Portugal. Neuza Silva beat Rosolska in the opening singles match before Urszula Radwanska (younger sister of rising star Agnieszka) upset Federica Piedade in straight sets to level the tie. The deciding doubles match then went to the wire as the Poles eventually edged a 64 46 63 win.

Following a successful first year in 2005, both the men's and women's events were held simultaneously in the town of Cesky Krumlov (CZE).

Seniors' Tennis News

TC Kriftel (GER) and TC Plessis Trevis (FRA) successfully defended their titles at the European Seniors' Club Championships for men aged Over 45 and Over 55 respectively, while TC Hamborn (GER) upset defending champions KHTC Blau-Weiss Köln (GER) for the Over 65 title. Full draws and results can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.



Meanwhile, the latest edition of the ITF Seniors Rankings have been published, including results from the World Championships in Antalya, Turkey.

To access the lists, visit <http://www.itftennis.com/seniors/rankings/currentrankings/>



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Patton-Rennes Retain European Club Championships Title

French Club AS Patton Rennes (pictured) have won the European Club Championships for Men for a fourth consecutive year, with a comprehensive victory over first-time finalists TC Ridze of Latvia in Eeklo (BEL).

The final was a one sided affair, with Jean-Philippe Lecuyer opening the scoring for the French team with a 62 60 win over Denis Nekrasovs. Alexis Benyahia followed up with an equally impressive 60 61 victory over Pavels Necajevs before player captain Rodolphe Gilbert sealed the win with a double bagel win over Igors Igantjevs.

The victory - the club's eighth in total (following wins in 1993, 1995-1997 and 2003-5) - extends their lead to two wins over Real Club Barcelona for the most European Club Championship titles.



Maria Sharapova Extends Win Streak in Zürich



US Open champion Maria Sharapova continued her winning ways in Zurich, Switzerland, defeating surprise finalist Daniela Hantuchova in three sets to win Tennis Europe's partner event the Zurich Open for the first time.

The 2006 event featured had six top ten players, but the lion's share of the attention was focused on former world #1 Martina Hingis, playing the first home tournament of her comeback. While it wasn't to be a fairytale return for the former champion, who lost a tight three set quarter-final to sixth-ranked Svetlana Kuznetsova, her performance was enough to seal a berth at the season-ending Sony Ericsson WTA Championships in Madrid.

Reflecting on the continued success of the event during its second edition at the new venue, the Hallenstadion, tournament director Beat Ritschard commented, "We have made some changes from last year, and most of them seem to have gone down very well. Up to Saturday we sold about 10% more tickets than last year, which is pretty good when you consider how good the weather has been this week."

Photo: André Springer/www.zurichopen.net

In the Spotlight: BritishTennisParents.co.uk

A new UK-based website has been launched, aimed at providing support to parents of young tennis players. The first of its kind; www.BritishTennisParents.co.uk is the brainchild of Judy Murray (mother of professional players Andy and Jamie), and Dan Thorp, a coach educator for the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain. We spoke to Judy to find out more about the site and its' goals.

Who came up with the idea for the site, and what do you hope to achieve with it?

Dan Thorp and I came up with the idea. We had been working together on the LTA's Performance Coach Award, and felt that while there was a significant investment being made to raise the standards of coaching, a very important area of a young players development was being neglected - and that was the parents. After all it is the parent who make tennis happen for their kids and the better informed they are about how to play their part, the better the experience should be for the young player.

Thanks to some highly publicised extreme cases, the phrase 'tennis parent' is often used in the media with negative connotations. But what are the pressures they face, and what sort of help is available to them?

Unfortunately there are some examples of bad dads and mad mums on the tennis scene, but there are some very good examples too and very few tennis players would reach the top of the game without the support of one or more parents. Every parent wants to do the best they can to help their child and in individual sports parents usually become even more involved than when their child is part of a team. Unfortunately the better the child becomes at tennis, the more expensive the sport is and this is one of the biggest potential pressures for parents. Finding the funding to make it happen can seriously impact on family life as can the constant travel away from home with a parent. This can disrupt the family unit and put pressure on relationships with other siblings. The financial rewards for reaching the top in tennis are huge and this drives some parents. They can get too intense about success in terms of results at an early stage and lose the focus of the development of a game for the future. I think there should be much more education, advice and information for parents from coaches, governing bodies and/or junior tournament directors.



Is it fair to say that parents who know little about the sport should find a good coach and leave the decisions to them?

In that situation, an experienced coach should lead the training and competitive programme but should always involve the parents and the player so that everyone understands what the goals and targets are. The coach should also make clear to the parents what their role is in making it happen - finance, transport, support etc - but also the areas in which the parents can really assist such as nutrition, hydration, sleep, rest, correct footwear and so on, and even things that encourage the child to take responsibility for certain areas of their tennis like packing their own bags and filling their own water bottles!

When and how does parental pressure cross the line between encouraging and hindering a player?

This can be quite a fine line - if players are clear about their goals and their programme is planned to produce long term success - it is important that the parent understands these goals and commits to supporting the player throughout the pathway. I think coaches should try to make more information and education available to parents so that parents are better equipped to han-

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dle potentially difficult situations. Again the biggest problems usually occur when parents and players attach too much importance to the results rather than the performance.

What extra difficulties do parents who combine the roles of parent and coach face?

There are some very successful examples of coach-parents but it is not easy to separate both roles. The main thing is to try to separate the child from the tennis player. At home, the parent must be seen to be fulfilling the parental role while on the court, s/he is the coach. Problems occur when parents take the coach role in to the home and begin to see the child as only the tennis player. When the child loses respect for the parents as the coach, that is the time to find an alternative otherwise your family life could become a nightmare!

What are the most common mistakes that you see par-

ents of young players making?

I think the most common problem is that of parents trying to do too much for their kids. Tennis is a combat sport and when kids play matches they have to think for themselves and solve their own problems. Parents need to allow kids to develop independence and a sense of taking responsibility for their actions. The other area is a parent attaching too much importance to results during the developing years rather than focussing on improving performance

What are the plans for the future of the site?

We'd like to introduce a parents' forum so that parents can chat and exchange experiences with each other. This is planned for the beginning of next year. We also want to expand the training bases section to include write-ups about domestic and international camps. There are lots of plans but these would be the most imminent.

ITF/OS Regional Level 3 Coaches' Course for Europe

Coaches from nine European national tennis associations took part in the first Level 3 Coaches' Course for European coaches recently. The 12-day course was conducted by Miguel Crespo and Machar Reid of the International Tennis Federation and was held at the Centre de Tennis Altur/Alvarino (Tenis Val) at the Club Deportivo Saladar in Valencia during the last two weeks of September.

Anna Gasparian (ARM), Kenan Malicbegovic (BIH), Irina Chichmarova (BLR), Philip Alikiviades (CYP), Rene Busch (EST), Pauls Feldmanis (LAT), Rymvidas Mugevicius (LIT), Cedomir Jovanskvi (MKD) and Mustafa Azkara (TUR) were all invited to take part following their performances at a Level 2 Course.

Organised under the auspices of the ITF/Tennis Development Programme, the Level 3 course is designed for coaches working with advanced juniors and professional players. Coaches cover topics such as advanced tactics, technique and biomechanics; applied psychology for advanced tennis; body conditioning; and teaching methodology and training.

The coaches in attendance were unanimous in their

enthusiastic reviews of the course. Philip Alikiviades commented "Besides their great knowledge, Miguel and Machar are extraordinary personalities. We have all enjoyed our time with them."

Anna Gasparian added, "I really enjoyed our discussions and the opportunity to exchange experiences with coaches from different countries. Compared to Level II Course this one was much more demanding."



Centre Internacional de Tennis Stages Inaugural Tennis Europe Junior Tour Event

The Centre Internacional de Tennis (CIT) held its first Tennis Europe Junior Tour event this November, Tennis Europe's Official Academy Partner, the CIT was the scene of the "Cutman International Tennis U'16 – IV Memorial Nacho Juncosa", one of the first events of the European 2006-2007 calendar. Players representing 20 countries took part in the event, including participants from as far afield as USA, Australia and Japan.

Spanish winners were to eventually triumph though, with Ignacio Morente and Lucia Cervera winning the boys and girls titles respectively. Cervera picked up her second Tennis Europe Junior Tour title in six weeks, adding the Cornella title to her win in Torello in September. Having been ranked 1251 prior to the former event, the 15-year old will now break the European top 50 when the new rankings are released next Thursday.

Sadly for the event, Morente won the boy's title by default, with top seed Steven Diez forced to withdraw due to a foot injury. In his place, semi finalist Javier Valenzuela and Morente played out an exciting exhibition match, which Morente eventually won 67(5) 62 75.

Despite being a category 3 event, all players were able to benefit from full hospitality, including meals and accommodation. The tournament hopes to ascend the categories in the coming years in order to become one of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour's clay court events of reference.

The tournament was officially launched in the presence of the President of the Catalan Tennis Federation (FCT), Josep Ferrer i Peris, FCT Technical Director Jordi Arrese and the tournament director, Jose Ignacio Juncosa, as well as Salvador Valls, the head of sports for the Cornella local council, all of whom looked forward to a bright future for the event.

In the words of Josep Ferrer i Peris: "Tournaments of this category are of great importance and we must support them, which is why we want to give this event the highest possible profile."

Jordi Arrese underlined the "importance of this kind of tournament for young players, to acquire international



Champions Ignacio Morente (top) and Lucia Cervera (bottom) during the finals. Photos: Jordi Ramos/FCT.

experience", whereas the director of the event, Jose Ignacio Juncosa, paid tribute his late son, in whose name the competition is held. This is the first international edition of the "Memorial Nacho Juncosa", which was hosted at the Club Tennis Centelles during the three previous years.

In recognition of the world-class training facilities on offer, CIT became Tennis Europe's Official Academy earlier this year. For more information on the Centre, visit <http://centreinacional.fctennis.org/eng>

Russia Defend Summer Cups Crown

The top seeded Russian Under 18 girls' team successfully defended their Reina Cup title with a 2-1 win over hosts Spain in Lleida.

Ekaterina Makarova put the top-seeded visitors ahead with a 63 63 win over Irene Rehberger before Spanish #1 and European Junior Champion Carla Suarez hit back to level matters, edging to a 63 57 64 win over Alisa Kleybanova. The Russians settled the tie with a comfortable win in the deciding doubles tie however, as Makarova teamed with Arina Rodionova to record a straight sets win over Rehberger and Suarez.

Russia, France and Romania therefore end the season as the three champion nations of Europe's summer junior team events. Russia also triumphed in the Boys 14 & Under category in July, whilst the French wrapped up three events, taking the Girls' 14 and Under plus Boys' 16 and 18 & Under titles.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

The end of year Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings have been published following the conclusion of the season's final ranking tournament, the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

The full 14 and 16 & Under lists are available at www.TennisEurope.org in both numerical and alphabetical formats, along with the complete season endings rankings since 1999.

The 2007 **12 & Under** Tennis Europe Junior Tour **calendar** has been published, and is now available at www.tenniseurope.org.

Full 14 and 16 & Under schedules will follow by November 20th, with information for events during the first two months of the new year already available.

Don't forget to visit the new **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Photo Gallery** at <http://gallery.tenniseurope.org/gallery.aspx>: some 2,200 photos have already been added...if you've played on the tour this summer, your photo might be there!

Recent additions include events in Moscow, Barcelona, Torelló, Wilen and the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

A number of **rule changes** have been adopted for the 2007 season. Competitors are advised that in addition to fax entries, email entries will now be accepted for **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Category 1,2 and 3** events, subject to the receipt of a confirmation message from the organiser.

The 2007 European Junior Championships will be boosted by the introduction of ranking points for participants in the consolation competitions, as well an increase in the points awarded for the doubles event.

Full details of all changes to Tennis Europe Junior Tour events can be found at the junior section of the Tennis Europe website.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—14 & Under



Junior Masters champion Vivian Juhasova (SVK, left) climbs to a new high of #4 thanks to her performance in Reggio Calabria, while boy's champion Carlos Boluda (ESP, right) strengthens his grip on the boy's #1 spot; a position he's likely to hold well into the new year.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings are updated each Thursday only at www.TennisEurope.org

14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Hanna ORLIK	BLR	740
2	►	Ajla TOMLJANOVIC	CRO	520
3	▲	Timea BABOS	HUN	510
4	▲	Vivien JUHASZOVA	SVK	500
5	NEW	Ksenia KIRILLOVA	RUS	470
6	NEW	Jennifer REN	GBR	465
7	NEW	Maryna ZANEVSKA	UKR	380
8	NEW	Alexandra KRUNICH	SCG	375
9	NEW	Ingrid RADU	ROM	360
10	NEW	Silvija NJIRIC	CRO	360

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	780
2	NEW	Anton VOLKOV	RUS	410
3	NEW	Jiri VESELY	CZE	340
4	NEW	Lukas VRNAK	CZE	330
5	NEW	Filip HORANSKY	SVK	305
6	NEW	Andrea COLLARINI	ARG	275
7	NEW	Andrea DALL'ASTA	ITA	260
8	NEW	Ciprian PORUMB	ROM	230
9	NEW	Leonard STAKHOVSKY	UKR	225
10	NEW	Mate PAVIC	CRO	200

Rankings as of 09.11.06

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—16 & Under



Top two Mirza Basic (BIH, left) and Marco Speronello (ITA, right) are all that remains of the 2006 year-end top ten as the rankings are adjusted to reflect the changing of age groups.

With both boys performing even better at Under 16 level than they did last year, (Basic finished the 2005 season ranked #7 and Speronello #19 at Under 14 level), the two look set to feature prominently on the 2007 16 & Under Tour.



16 & Under Girls			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	370
8	▲	Maria MELIUK	BLR	355
9	NEW	Camelia HRISTEA	ROM	345
10	NEW	Isbella SHINIKOVA	BUL	330

16 & Under Boys			Country	Points Total
1	▲	Mirza BASIC	BIH	470
2	▲	Marco SPERONELLO	ITA	385
3	NEW	Henrik SILLANPÄÄ	FIN	290
4	NEW	Piotr GADOMSKI	POL	285
5	NEW	Tsuna-Hua YANG	TPE	255
6	NEW	Diminik WIRLEND	AUT	255
7	NEW	Sebastian CHYLINSKI	POL	240
8	NEW	Grigor DIMITROV	BUL	230
9	NEW	Patrick GRIGORIU	ROM	230
10	NEW	Philipp SEIFERT	GER	215

Rankings as of 09.11.06

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & UNDER

Week	Venue		Winner	Runner-Up	Score
28/08	Regensburg	B12	M Bogner (GER)	L Kempen (GER)	61 62
		G12	Y Putintseva (RUS)	C Sedano Acosta (ARG)	62 62

14 & UNDER

Week	Venue	Cat.		Winner	Runner-Up	Score
11/09	Oulu (FIN)	3	B14	M Rajamäki (FIN)	(2) A Wagner (GER)	36 64 60
			G14	(7) D Mironova (RUS)	(1) A Vovk (RUS)	63 62
18/09	Bratislava (SVK)	2	B14	(6) J Kovalik (SVK)	(3) J Hradsky (CZE)	64 62
			G14	(1) V Juhaszova (SVK)	(7) Z Miko (HUN)	62 62
18/09	Helsinki (FIN)	3	B14	(2) D Stolyarov (RUS)	(3) R Wagi (SWE)	63 26 75
			G14	(1) K Kirillova (RUS)	(3) A Vovk (RUS)	75 46 62
02/10	Reggio Calabria (ITA) (Masters)		B14	(1) C Boluda (ESP)	(4) J Marti (ESP)	64 62
			G14	(4) V Juhaszova (SVK)	(1) H Orlik (BLR)	76(2) 75
30/10	Moscow (RUS)	1	B14	(1) A Volkov (RUS)	(2) A Dall'Asta (ITA)	63 62
			G14	(1) K Kirillova (RUS)	D Gavrilova (RUS)	63 64

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Week	Venue	Cat.		Winner	Runner-Up	Score
18/09	Helsinki (FIN)	3	B16	J Ojanen (FIN)	(1) H Silanpää (FIN)	62 62
			G16	J Hyöty (FIN)	(3) M Fagerström (FIN)	75 46 64
18/09	Torello (ESP)	2	B16	(4) S Diez Monge (ESP)	(1) I Starkov (RUS)	61 60
			G16	WC L Cervera (ESP)	(3) I Imre (HUN)	64 61
02/10	Reggio Calabria (ITA) (Masters)		B16	(1) A Giannessi (ITA)	(6) D Della Tommasina (ITA)	64 60
			G16	(1) Gorgodze (GEO)	(7) M Meliuk (BLR)	64 67(6) 75
30/10	Biel (SUI)	2	B16	S Ehrat (SUI)	D Schulz (GER)	76(4) 63
			G16	(7) L Michel (SUI)	(3) X Knoll (SUI)	64 76(5)
06/10	Cornellá (ESP)	3	B16	I Morente (ESP)	(1) S Diez (ESP)	w/o
			G16	(3) L Cervera (ESP)	L Bennani (MAR)	64 63

ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Sep-18	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+H	(2) G Carraz (FRA)	(3) J Tsonga (FRA)	76(7) 61
Sep-18	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	C Rexach Itoiz (ESP)	(Q) L Perez (ESP)	76(4) 67(7) 62
Sep-18	Nottingham (GBR)	\$15,000	M Fischer (AUT)	(4) R Junaid (AUS)	63 63
Sep-18	Göteborg (SWE)	\$10,000	(4) E Eleskovic (SWE)	(6) J Brunstrom (SWE)	63 63
Sep-25	Martos (ESP)	\$15,000	T Peric (CRO)	(2) T Holzinger (GER)	63 62
Sep-25	Nottingham (GBR)	\$15,000	(2) J Baker (GBR)	(4) J Marray (GBR)	61 61
Sep-25	Falun (SWE)	\$10,000	(1) M Sarstrand (SWE)	(6) R Holmstrom (SWE)	76(5) 76(3)
Sep-25	Olbia (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) D Giorgini (ITA)	(4) J Doble (FRA)	63 62
Sep-25	Sarreguemines (FRA)	\$10,000	C Thomson (AUS)	WC J Mathieu (FRA)	57 76(1) 75
Oct-02	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	(6) E R Vasselin (FRA)	(5) M Lammer (SUI)	46 62 62
Oct-02	El Ejido (ESP)	\$15,000	T Peric (CRO)	(6) D Marrero (ESP)	63 64
Oct-02	Sassari (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) L Azzaro (ITA)	(5) D Giorgini (ITA)	62 57 64
Oct-02	Bayreuth (GER)	\$6,250	L Sorensen (IRL)	(8) B Ebrahimzadeh (GER)	46 63 62
Oct-09	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000+H	(7) L Recouderc (FRA)	(3) E Roger Vasselin (FRA)	75 63
Oct-09	Cordoba (ESP)	\$15,000	M Bachinger (GER)	O Burrieza Lopez (ESP)	62 76(3)
Oct-09	Jersey (GBR)	\$15,000	(5) J Scherrer (SUI)	D King-Turner (NZL)	76(4) 75
Oct-09	Albufeira (POR)	\$10,000	(8) T De Bakker (NED)	M Phillips (GER)	76(4) 64
Oct-09	Hambach (GER)	\$6,250	(3) M Zimmermann (GER)	(4) D Brands (GER)	63 46 63
Oct-16	La Roche Sur Yon (FRA)	\$15,000+H	L Rosol (CZE)	J Jeanpierre (FRA)	75 63
Oct-16	Glasgow (GBR)	\$15,000	(3) R Bloomfield (GBR)	C Niland (IRL)	63 76(5)
Oct-16	Ponta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	(7) V Skenderovic (CRO)	(1) G Zemlja (SLO)	64 61
Oct-16	Leimen (GER)	\$6,250	(6) B Knittel (GER)	(2) L Sorensen (IRL)	43 ret
Oct-23	Rodez (FRA)	\$10,000+H	(6) A Golubev (RUS)	A Mannarino (FRA)	46 61 60
Oct-23	Ponta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	T De Bakker (NED)	D Canudas Fernandez (ESP)	62 64
Oct-23	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) H Ruiz Cadenas (ESP)	(Q) M Livraghi (ITA)	64 62
Oct-23	Kamen (GER)	\$6,250	(8) L Magdincev (MKD)	(6) K Deden (GER)	64 64
Oct-30	Vilafranca (ESP)	\$10,000	(6) T Salva Vidal (ESP)	C Rexach Itoiz (ESP)	61 62
Nov-06	Redbridge (GBR)	\$15,000	(1) D Guez (FRA)	(8) A Golubev (RUS)	64 62
ITF Women's Circuit					
Sep-18	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	O Sanchez (FRA)	(7) K O'Brien (GBR)	67(7) 64 64
Sep-18	Lecce (ITA)	\$25,000	(5) S Matei (ROM)	(7) G Gabba (ITA)	63 46 63
Sep-18	Ciampino (ITA)	\$10,000	WC A Virgili (ITA)	(1) E Fernandez Brugues (ESP)	61 63
Sep-18	Limoges (FRA)	\$10,000	(Q) A Bergot (FRA)	(Q) C Sibille (FRA)	46 64 61
Sep-18	Mytilini (GRE)	\$10,000	(1) A Gerasimou (GRE)	(5) A Panova (RUS)	64 64
Sep-18	Nottingham (GBR)	\$10,000	A Smith (GBR)	(6) G Stoop (GBR)	61 64

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ITF Women's Circuit

Sep-25	Biella (ITA)	\$50,000	(8) S Foretz (FRA)	(2) T Garbin (ITA)	75 31 ret
Sep-25	Podgorica (SCG)	\$25,000	(Q) A Veselinovic (SCG)	D Evtimova (BUL)	64 75
Sep-25	Batumi (GEO)	\$25,000	(8) A Szatmari (ROM)	(1) P Cetkowska (CZE)	63 63
Sep-25	Nottingham (GBR)	\$25,000	(5) K O'Brien (GBR)	A Keen (GBR)	57 76(3) 64
Sep-25	Thessaloniki (GRE)	\$10,000	(7) A Panova (RUS)	M Kadur (GER)	67(7) 64 62
Sep-25	Szeged (HUN)	\$10,000	(Q) P Kvitova (CZE)	(Q) D Magas (HUN)	61 64
Oct-02	Barcelona (ESP)	\$75,000+H	(3) T Garbin (ITA)	(Q) E Ivanova (RUS)	63 75
Oct-02	Nantes (FRA)	\$25,000	I Kuryanovich (BLR)	(Q) C Maes (BEL)	16 75 61
Oct-02	Granada (ESP)	\$10,000	(3) K Vankova (CZE)	T Ferrer Lopez (ESP)	60 76(9)
Oct-02	Sofia (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) A Schaefer (GER)	T Germanlieva (BUL)	62 67(3) 64
Oct-02	Volos (GRE)	\$10,000	(2) A Gerasimou (GRE)	(1) P Mayr (AUT)	63 26 61
Oct-09	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	(5) R Vinci (ITA)	(3) V Razzano (FRA)	63 61
Oct-09	Jersey (GBR)	\$25,000	A Kerber (GER)	(Q) I Pavlovic (FRA)	60 64
Oct-09	Braga (POR)	\$10,000	(4) E Compostizo (ESP)	(3) M Giraud (MRI)	64 57 63
Oct-09	Benicarló (ESP)	\$10,000	(4) V Verardi (ITA)	(1) V Kapshay (UKR)	64 64
Oct-09	Castel Gandolfo (ITA)	\$10,000	(5) M Corbalan (ARG)	(4) S Chieppa (ITA)	63 46 64
Oct-16	Saint Raphael (FRA)	\$50,000	S Foretz (FRA)	Y Fedossova (FRA)	76(5) 67(4) 61
Oct-16	Glasgow (GBR)	\$25,000	A Kerber (GER)	(1) K Flipkens (BEL)	64 62
Oct-16	Sevilla (ESP)	\$25,000	(3) V Verardi (ITA)	(1) A Timotic (SCG)	64 64
Oct-16	Settimo San Pietro (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) S Chieppa (ITA)	C Dentoni (ITA)	62 63
Oct-16	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	(4) K Jovanovic (SCG)	(Q) I Gelo (CRO)	26 63 61
Oct-23	Bratislava (SVK)	\$75,000+H	WC D Cibulokva (SVK)	(Q) K Barrois (GER)	75 61
Oct-23	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	C Wozniacki (DEN)	(2) T Malek (GER)	62 61
Oct-23	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$25,000	(1) MJ M Sanchez (ESP)	(4) A Parra Santonja (ESP)	62 64
Oct-23	Podolsk (RUS)	\$25,000	E Grebenyuk (RUS)	(7) E Dzehalevich (BLR)	75 76(6)
Oct-23	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	(4) P Rebersak (SLO)	16 63 64
Oct-30	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	(6) E Rodina (RUS)	(Q) A Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)	64 63
Oct-30	Erding (GER)	\$10,000	(7) C Klaschka (GER)	(4) A Goerges (GER)	64 10 ret
Oct-30	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	(3) M Andersson (SWE)	(5) M Johansson (SWE)	36 63 62
Nov-06	Opole (POL)	\$25,000	(3) Y Beygelzimer (UKR)	A Vrljic (CRO)	62 60
Nov-06	Ismaning (GER)	\$10,000	(8) A Besser (ITA)	(Q) A Pivovarova (RUS)	63 63
Nov-06	Le Havre (FRA)	\$10,000	(6) K Mraz (FRA)	(Q) S Allaut (GER)	62 61
Nov-06	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) L Siegemund (GER)	(Q) G Radovanovic (FRA)	64 61
Nov-06	Redbridge (GBR)	\$10,000	(7) M Pavelec (GER)	O Scarfi (GBR)	61 60

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European Rankings

It's all change at the top of the women's rankings following the final event of the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour, the season ending championships in Madrid. With an historic victory there over defending champion Amélie Mauresmo, Justine Henin Hardenne reclaimed the top spot for the first time since 2004. The win represented another milestone for the Belgian, who despite struggling with injuries this year, became the first player in history to contest the finals of all four Grand Slams, the Fed Cup and the WTA Championships in the same year.

With no regular tour events remaining this year, the rankings are also notable for the fact that for the first time in history, the entire WTA Top 20 are European

players, a testament to a stunning year in which they have dominated all major competitions. Given the continued rise of Asian tennis, and the return to full fitness of the top American players (who have never previously failed to feature in the season-ending Top 10), it's a situation that is unlikely to be repeated, but a remarkable achievement nonetheless.

We'll have an analysis of the men's season ending rankings in the next issue, with five European players currently seeking to dethrone David Nalbandian at the ATP Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai.

Rankings as of November 13th, 2006

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	▲	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	1	3998
2	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	3532
3	▼	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	3	3391
4	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	4	2532
5	▼	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	5	2215
6	▲	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	6	2189
7	▲	Martina HINGIS	SUI	7	2018
8	▼	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	1875
9	▼	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	9	1578
10	►	Nicole VAIDISOVA	CZE	10	1391

MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7620
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4270
3	▲	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	3	2725
4	▼	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	4	2395
5	►	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	6	2275
6	▲	Mario ANCIC	CRO	9	2060
7	▲	Tommy HAAS	GER	11	1890
8	▼	Marcos BAGHDATIS	CYP	12	1860
9	►	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	13	1705
10	NEW	David FERRER	ESP	14	1475

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Tennis Ireland will stage their first National Tennis Forum on 25th November at Dublin City University.

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NEW BOOK ON SWISS TENNIS

Former Tennis Europe General Secretary Marcel Ferralli has authored a book on the history of tennis in Switzerland, which has recently published. The German-language book, entitled "Geschichte des Schweizer Tennissports von seinen Anfängen bis zur Gegenwart" ('The History of Tennis in Switzerland from its beginnings to present time') contains 190 pages comprehensively covering the topic, along with photos and illustrations.

The book is on sale for 25 Swiss francs plus postage, and can be ordered at the following address:
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