

JOHN JAMES TO SERVE SECOND TERM AS TENNIS EUROPE PRESIDENT

John James was re-elected President of Tennis Europe at the 30th Annual General Meeting, held in Malta and hosted by the Maltese Tennis Federation during the weekend of 15th-17th April. It is the second term for Mr. James, who has been involved with the organisation in varying roles since his 1981 appointment as Secretary of the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain.

Also at the Annual General Meeting, a new Committee of Management was elected. Six of the existing Committee members were returned to office by the delegates, who travelled from over thirty of Tennis Europe's member nations to attend the meeting. [continued on Page 2]

TENNIS EUROPE LAUNCHES EUROPEAN ONLINE TENNIS CALENDAR

Tennis Europe have launched a pan-European Tennis Calendar at www.TennisEurope.org. The consolidated calendar is the only one of its kind, and details every international tennis event held in Europe throughout the year, including information from every discipline of the sport—professional, junior, seniors and wheelchair tennis.

The printable calendar is searchable by date, country and organising body, enabling the user to view at a glance all events in Europe on a given week, to view the annual calendars of the various disciplines, or to view all international events scheduled in any of Tennis Europe's 48 member nations. Also detailed are the court surface and draw information from each event, along with a link to the tournament website. The calendar also lists upcoming trade fairs, exhibitions and conferences. [continued on Page 4]

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Tennis Europe President John James thanks Maltese Tennis Federation President Tony Pisani for hosting the AGM.

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[continued from front page] Mr. James commented, "I am very honoured and proud to be elected for a second term. I feel that we have made much progress in a number of key areas in the past three years, and I look forward to the next with energy and enthusiasm. I am also pleased to see many of my colleagues from the Committee of Management returned to office, as it is a clear sign

that our member nations are happy with both our policies and our performance."

Other organisational changes included the approval of the promotion to B-Nation status of Belarus and Bulgaria.

Amongst the speakers was ITF Executive Vice-President Juan Margets, who addressed the delegates on the opening day. Other items on the agenda included a dis-



Images from the AGM: Clockwise from top left: [1] Tennis Europe President John James (left) thanks Maltese Tennis Federation President Tony Cilia Pisani for the hospitality of the host nation, [2] Yves Freson of Belgium accepts a Tennis Europe Award, [3] Aleksei Selivanenko accepts the European Junior Tennis Trophy for Russia, [4] Marion Maruska collects several Senior Player of the Year awards for Austrian players.

cussion of issues related to the tennis industry in Europe, as well as updates on every facet of Tennis Europe's core activities.

As is tradition at the event, Tennis Europe's annual awards were presented. Representatives from France, Spain, Russia, Germany and the Netherlands collected 2004 European Tennis Trophies on behalf of their federa-

tions,

Whilst the 2005 Tennis Europe Awards (presented for outstanding contributions to the sport) were announced. Amongst those honored at the official dinner were Helmut Hauer (AUT), Frank Goodman (GBR), Yves Freson (BEL), Agustin Pujol (ESP), Tofiq Dadashev (AZE) and Goran Ivanisevic (CRO).

In addition to the awards, Juan Maria Tintoré Turull (ESP) was awarded the title of Honorary Life Counsellor.

TENNIS EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2005-2008

PRESIDENT	JOHN JAMES (GBR)*
MEMBERS	MICHELE BRUNETTI (ITA)*
	PHILIOS CHRISTODOULOU (CYP)*
	JACQUES DUPRÉ (FRA)*
	PIERRE-PAUL DE KEGHEL (BEL)*
	JOSÉ ANTONIO SENZ DE BROTO (ESP)
	AYDA ULUC (TUR)
	CHRISTINE UNGRICHT (SUI)*
	JARL WHIST (NOR)*

*re-elected

INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT

Tennis Europe News caught up with John James just after his re-election as President to find out how he felt about his first three years in charge of the organisation, and his plans for the next.

You've been heavily involved with tennis for most of your life. What is it about the sport that captivates you?

From a very young age I was involved in tennis as my father was Secretary of our local tennis club and we lived within walking distance of it. My mother was also very active at the club and my uncle was the President of the annual tournament, which attracted large entries in the open, handicap and junior events. I have always loved sport, and in particular tennis, because of this background. Tennis is such an exciting game both to play and to watch. It is always compared to a game of chess. The beauty of the game is that you can play singles, doubles and mixed doubles. It is a very friendly game. The tennis club brings together all members of the community. It can be enjoyed at all skill levels and at all ages.

Your re-election was hugely popular with the delegates at the AGM. What is it about your character that enables you to fill your role as President so well?

I am very enthusiastic about the game. I believe my involvement as a player, court official, coach and administrator at club, county, national and international level has given me the experience necessary to fulfil the role.

What have been the biggest challenges for the organisation during your first three years as President?

Re-organisation and the preparation of a strategy for the future of Tennis Europe. We needed to move forward and to facilitate improved communication with and between our members.

As you begin another term at the helm, what do you see as the priorities for Tennis Europe over the next three years?

The two key words in our mission statement are "Europe" and "Tennis". We need to focus on ensuring that we deliver in key areas: development of the game in Europe; junior tennis, professional tennis and senior

tennis; conference and events; the marketing of the game in Europe and continuing to provide services to our member nations. One area in particular that I wish to see promoted is wheelchair tennis, especially at junior level.

The newly elected Committee of Management reflects the diversity of European nations, with evenly distributed representatives from A, B and C-nations. What significance does this have for the organisation?

It was very satisfying to see so many people standing for our Committee of Management from all across Europe. You are right that the diversity of European nations is significant; it is one of our strengths and provides many opportunities. It is so important that there is a good relationship between our larger and long-standing member nations with our newly joined members.

One of the topics on the agenda at the AGM was that of the tennis industry in Europe. Why do you think it should attach such importance to this issue?

During the open session on the first day of the AGM we focused on how we could co-operate with the tennis industry in Europe in the promotion of the game. Co-operation between the USTA and Tennis Industry America has been very successful with joint programmes to promote the game at all levels. We consider that Tennis Europe could be a facilitator in the formation of a similar organisation.

European tennis had one of its strongest ever years in 2004, with seven of the eight Grand Slams, plus the Davis and Fed Cup titles. What do you think of some of the emerging tennis powers in Europe, and how much further can they go?

The game has always been very strong in Europe. We have always had an excellent tournament calendar from junior to senior level and top coaches. It does not surprise me that so many great players emerge from all across Europe. With such a good base there should always be a wealth of good players. How much further can they go? The sky's the limit!

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[continued from front page] Tennis Europe Communications Manager, Jonathan Jobson explained, "The calendar is part of an ongoing project to remodel our website. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive service for users of the site; players, coaches, officials and fans. The sport of tennis has a huge number of events, spread over a variety of disciplines, and organised by a number of different bodies. It is sometimes difficult to keep track of what's going on."

"As the main organising body in Europe, we felt it was important to be able to give our users an overview of what is happening on a continental as well as a national scale, rather than having to browse a number of websites and view various calendars. The calendar, in addition to the useful 'Infocentre' section of the site, brings us closer to the goal of TennisEurope.org being the logical homepage for European users of internet tennis sites."

Date	Organisation	Event Name / Location	Country	Status / Draw
25.04.2020	ATP	BMW Open, Munich	GER	C. 12
		Sabot Cup	ROU	C. 13
	WTA	UAB Cup, Warsaw	POL	C. 20/2016
		ESTONIA CUP	EST	C. 22/2016
	ATP Challenge	Roma	ITA	C. 13/15
	ITF	Davis Cup by BNP Paribas - Europe/Africa Group 1		C. 1
		Davis Cup by BNP Paribas - Europe/Africa Group 2		C. 1
		Saint-Germain Tennis Festival 1	GBR	C. 1/10/16
	ITF Men's Circuit	Brussels	BEL	C. 13/16
		Uzbek	UZB	C. 12/16
		Moscow	RUS	C. 12/16
		Padua	ITA	C. 12/16
		Arad	ROU	C. 12/16
	ITF Women's Circuit	London	GBR	C. 12/16
		Toronto	CAN	C. 12/16
		Orlando	USA	C. 12/16
		Brussels	BEL	C. 12/16
		Moscow	RUS	C. 12/16
		Brussels	BEL	C. 12/16

The calendar can be accessed at the following link, or by clicking on the TennisEurope.org homepage.

<http://www.tenniseurope.org/loadcalendar.html>

TENNIS EUROPE CELEBRATES THIRTY YEARS IN BASEL

Tennis Europe has been based in Basel, Switzerland, since the founding of the organisation, thirty years ago this year. To mark the anniversary, Tennis Europe is participating in a number of events in the region throughout the year. The first of these occurred last weekend at the Tennis Festival Basel, a fund-raising event held at Tennis Club Old Boys.

The club, which recently celebrated its 75th anniversary, holds the distinction of having the world's best player as one of its members. Roger Federer, who has played at the club since childhood, was on hand to play a special exhibition match



against Swiss #5 Marco Chiudinelli. After the match, won by Federer 7-6 6-3, the Club honoured their best known patron by unveiling a plaque renaming the main court the 'Roger Federer Centre Court'.

Other activities at the event included a special 'Kid's Day', during which local children took the opportunity to watch Swiss Davis Cup players play practice matches

before taking part in coaching clinics and other activities for kids.

Swiss Tennis took the opportunity to launch 'Kids Tennis', a scheme to aid in the training and development of young players which attempts to simplify the game by dividing the court in separate areas (or levels) which

must be navigated successfully before incorporating the next. More information can be found at www.mytennis.ch/kidstennis.

Tennis Europe's Managing Director, External Affairs, Olli Mäenpää (pictured, right) was on hand and

commented, "Basel is a real tennis-loving city, and is home to numerous renowned players as well being a great venue for international tournaments. It has always been an ideal location for our headquarters, and as we celebrate our 30th anniversary here we aim to further promote our organisation, and the game in general, by taking a more active role in the local tennis community."

EASTERN EUROPEAN COACHES WORKSHOP

The first Eastern European Coaches Workshop, organised by the ITF and Tennis Europe in conjunction with the Polish Coaches Symposium, was held at the University of Physical education in Poznan, Poland between the 15th and 18th April. The goal of the bi-annual event is to encourage coaches to share practical coaching knowledge with leading coaches from East European countries.



Participants at the Coaches' Workshop in Poznan

168 coaches from 12 countries attended the two-day event, which included presentations from Richard Schönborn (GER), Frantisek Zlesak (CZE), Kenneth Bastiaens (BEL), Torsten Salm (GER) and Piotr Unierzyski (POL). The workshop involved on-court and lecture room presentations from top international tennis experts, and included the following topics:

- The modern technique for the future
- Complex approach to tactics
- Training of advanced wheelchair tennis
- Usage of ITN in coach practical work
- Tuning of tennis racquets
- Psychology in everyday coaching
- Fitness on the tour
- Periodisation for professionals

The workshop also enabled coaches from East European countries to receive information about modern coaching methodology in order to improve the quality of coaching promising juniors and recreational players.

Piotr Unierzyski, director of the event, said "The Workshop provides an invaluable opportunity to gather coaches from the region and to help motivate them to work according to modern standards. Coaches attending the workshop showed not only great enthusiasm but also incredible endurance for taking part in such an intense programme."

For the latest news on forthcoming coaches conferences and workshops in Europe, check the relevant section at www.TennisEurope.org.

SLOVAKIAN TENNIS FEDERATION LAUNCHES ITN IN SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Slovakian Tennis Federation has joined a growing number of nations which have opted to introduce the International Tennis Number ratings system. The ITN, which is devised as a universal method of rating a player's general level of play, will be introduced there in May 2005.

Ten future Slovakian assessors attended a workshop conducted by ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic in late April, during which they studied the benefits and opportunities of the ITN Programme. On court, the participants also went through the practical procedures of the ITN assessment.

This project is a part of an initiative to increase participation in tennis in Slovakia. The ITN provides a method

of rating players' skill levels, enabling players to find ideal playing partners. It also promotes a variety of tennis competitions formats, facilitates the movement of all levels of players between countries and much more.

Vice President of the Slovakian Tennis Association Anton Litecky Sueda commented: "With the ITN we would like to encourage more people to start playing tennis and at the same time to link them to the Federation. As a first step, we would like to create a database of recreational players followed by organization of various events based on the ITN number."

For more information please visit the ITN website at www.itftennis.com/itn.



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ITF / TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

The 2005 Development Championships took place mid-March in Tallinn, Estonia. The two-week event is now in its eleventh year, and is designed to benefit the top players from some of Europe's less-developed tennis nations. Top performing players at the event receive travel grants to help towards the often prohibitive costs of travel to international junior tennis tournaments.

Hosted by the Estonian Tennis Association, the event took place in two stages from 11 to 20 March. Players from 17 Eastern European countries took part in two consecutive tournaments to ensure maximum playing benefits. Simona Halep of Romania and Bulgaria's Grigor

Dimitrov dominated the Championships, winning both titles in the girls' and boys' events respectively, and doing so without dropping a set. The boys' final of the first event was a showdown between No. 4 seed Dimitrov and the unseeded Romanian Sebastian Ionescu. Having upset

No. 1 seed Vadim Pinko from Lithuania in the first round, Ionescu went on to reach the final without dropping a set, but in the final Dimitrov dictated the pace and was more offensive in decisive points to win 75 75.

In the second event Dimitrov kept his form to win the semifinal against Pinko, seeded No. 2 this time, 61 64. In the final the Bulgarian underlined his dominance by winning against unseeded Cvetan Mihov of Bulgaria 62 62.

In the girls' event, top-seeded Halep coasted to a first-week victory for the loss of just eight games. In the final she faced an unseeded opponent in the form of Viktoriya Yemialyanova of Belarus, who had scored a string of upsets on her way to the final. Yemialyanova recovered

from a nervous start to force Halep to play her best tennis of the tournament en route to a 63 62 victory. The only resistance Halep faced on the way to the final of the second event came from Bojana Jovanovski of Serbia & Montenegro in the semi-final. After a great start, Jovanovski lost her composure to fall 75 62. In the final, Halep once again dominated, defeating Yulia Klrienko of Ukraine 63 63.

Tournament Director Rene Busch said, "Owing to the feed-in format, the Development Championships is a great event especially for those players who have less competitive opportunities. The event also provided a

unique opportunity for Estonian players and coaches to see some of the most promising European juniors."

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented, "Again we saw a lot of promising players coming from

the East European countries. From the tournament results it's obvious that the competition is getting tighter with more players coming from the Baltic region. The results of the players from the small nations such as Iceland or Malta together with those of some of the Caucasus countries still shows the need for more competitions at home as well as international tournaments for this age group."

The 18 most promising players from the 14 & Under Development Championships will be invited to take part in the ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Touring Teams in Europe this summer. Rising stars to have taken advantage of the event in recent years include Marcos Baghdatis (CYP) and Alyona Bondarenko (UKR).



The boys' medals ceremony in Tallinn

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The latest issue of the Racquet Tech magazine is available and can be downloaded from <http://www.ersa-stringers.com/pdf/rt105web.pdf>



EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 14 & UNDER

Venue/Category	U14	Winner	Runner-up	Score
HELSINGBORG (SWE)	<i>Boys</i>	ULRIK THOMSEN (DEN)	MARTON FUCSOVICS (HUN)	61 26 64
(Category 3)	<i>Girls</i>	KARINA PIMKINA (RUS)	ELIN CHELIDZE (RUS)	76(2) 61
TALLINN (EST) - DEVEL-	<i>Boys</i>	GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL)	SEBASTIAN IONESCU (ROM)	75 75
OPMENT CHAMPS W1 (2)	<i>Girls</i>	SIMONA HALEP (ROM)	VIKTORYA YEMIALYANOVA (BLR)	63 62
TALLINN (EST) - DEVEL-	<i>Boys</i>	GRIGOR DIMITROV (BUL)	CVETAN MIHOV (BUL)	62 62
OPMENT CHAMPS W2 (2)	<i>Girls</i>	SIMONA HALEP (ROM)	YULIA KIRIENKO (UKR)	63 63
TALLINN NIKE OPEN	<i>Boys</i>	ANDREY KUZNETSOV (RUS)	ANTON GALKIN (RUS)	64 60
(EST) (3)	<i>Girls</i>	ANETT SCHUTTING (EST)	LYUDMILA KICHENOK (UKR)	16 62 61
LIVORNO (ITA) (1)	<i>Boys</i>	RADIM URBANEK (CZE)	MARCO SPERONELLO (ITA)	75 64
	<i>Girls</i>	POLONA HERCOG (SLO)	JASMINA KAJTAZOVIC (SLO)	76(2) 61
ANGRA DO HEROISMO	<i>Boys</i>	ANDREI SAVULESCU (ROM)	MARTIM TRUEVA (POR)	64 26 63
(POR) (2)	<i>Girls</i>	KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE)	MARINA LUSHCHINA (RUS)	63 64
MESSINA (ITA) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	MARCO SPERONELLO (ITA)	MIKHAIL BIRYUKOV (RUS)	60 63
	<i>Girls</i>	GIOIA BARBIERI (ITA)	MARTINA DI GIUSEPPE (ITA)	26 64 76(9)
MAIA (POR) (1)	<i>Boys</i>	MARTIM TRUEVA (POR)	YANNICK REUTER (BEL)	67(6) 64 60
	<i>Girls</i>	KSENIA PERVAK (RUS)	LUCIA CERVERA VAZQUEZ (ESP)	61 62
ITEUIL (FRA) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	ADRIEN PUGET (FRA)	CONSTANTIN BELOT (FRA)	62 76(4)
	<i>Girls</i>	MARINE SORG (FRA)	KSENIA GOOGE (RUS)	W/O
ADANA (TUR) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	ANDREY KUZNETSOV (RUS)	GIORGI KHMIADASHVILI (GEO)	63 64
	<i>Girls</i>	EKATERINE GORGODZE (GEO)	NANULI PIPIYA (RUS)	16 62 64

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 16 & UNDER

Venue/Category	U16	Winner	Runner-up	Score
HELSINGBORG (SWE)	<i>Boys</i>	RASMUS JONASSON (SWE)	SEBASTIAN VAINIKKA (SWE)	61 64
(3)	<i>Girls</i>	NICOLE RINER (SUI)	MARINA TOTEVSKA (SWE)	75 64
SIAULIAI (LTU) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	VLADIMIR KARUSEVICH (RUS)	VLADIMIR ZINYAKOV (RUS)	63 63
	<i>Girls</i>	EKATERINA ABAEVA (RUS)	DARIA GUTSEVICH (RUS)	26 75 62
BRATISLAVA (SVK) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	MARTIN KLIZAN (SVK)	SILVIO DADIC (CRO)	64 46 64
	<i>Girls</i>	LENKA JURIKOVA (SVK)	ANDREA REBROVA (SVK)	75 75
PRIBRAM (CZE) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	ALEXANDER LOBKOV (RUS)	EMANUEL REHOLA (CZE)	75 62
	<i>Girls</i>	PETRA MOKRA (CZE)	EVA PIGOVA (CZE)	W/O
BRATISLAVA (SVK) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	ALEXANDER LOBKOV (RUS)	MARTIN KLIZAN (SVK)	26 61 62
	<i>Girls</i>	LENKA JURIKOVA (SVK)	KATARINA MILCOCHOVA (SVK)	46 60 62
ANDERLECHT (BEL) (1)	<i>Boys</i>	G ROUMENOF PAYAKOV (BUL)	PETRU LUNCANU (ROM)	63 61
	<i>Girls</i>	MAITE GABARRUS ALONSO (ESP)	LAETICIA COSTAS (ESP)	75 75
SKALHA NAD VAHOM	<i>Boys</i>	MATHIAS FEITSCH (AUT)	MARTIN KLIZAN (SVK)	26 63 63
(SVK) (3)	<i>Girls</i>	VERONIKA CIGANIKOVA (SVK)	TATIANA ILLOVA (SVK)	61 62
RIXENSART (BEL) (1)	<i>Boys</i>	G ROUMENOF PAYAKOV (BUL)	DENI ZMAK (CRO)	63 61
	<i>Girls</i>	EVGENIYA VERTESHEVA (RUS)	M RODRIGUEZ CAPILLA (ESP)	61 63
NOVI SAD (SCG) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	ILIJA MARTINOVSKI (MKD)	VEDRAN BEGOVIC (BIH)	61 62
	<i>Girls</i>	ALEKSANDRA DJOKIC (SCG)	DRAGANA POJUZINA (SCG)	46 62 75

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

Each issue we profile some of the most outstanding players on the European Junior Tour. This month, we speak to two of the year's most prolific 14 & Under players so far; Martim Trueva and Ksenia Pervak.

NAME: MARTIM TRUEVA
AGE: 13
NATIONALITY: PORTUGUESE
RANKING: EUROPEAN UNDER 14 #2
COACH: JORGE CONCALVES
FAVOURITE SURFACE: HARD
PLAYS: RIGHT-HANDED
2005 IN BRIEF: WINNER—MAIA (Cat.1) (Singles & Doubles)
 FINAL— ANGRA DO HEROISMO (Cat. 3)
 SEMI— LES PETITS AS - TARBES (Cat.1)
 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE FINAL ROUNDS



You've been very successful so far this year...what is the reason for all your success?

MT: Lots of work on the court, dedication and the support of my coach and my family.

Which is your favourite tournament on the European Junior Tour, and why?

MT: LES PETITS AS, because it is very famous and is the strongest tournament on the junior tour.

What are your plans for the rest of the season?

MT: I'd like to win the European Championships, and to qualify for the Junior Masters.

Who would be your dream doubles partner and why?

MT: I like very much the way that Federer plays because he has got an aggressive tennis style, and is very good at the net.



NAME: KSENIA PERVAK
AGE: 13
NATIONALITY: RUSSIAN
RANKING: EUROPEAN UNDER 14 #1
COACH: V.N. PAVLA
FAVOURITE SURFACE: CLAY/HARD
PLAYS: LEFT-HANDED
2005 IN BRIEF: WINNER—MAIA (Cat.1), LES PETITS AS (Cat. 1)
 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE (TEAM)

What is your ambition in the sport?

KP: I want to become the number one player in the world.

What's the best thing about being a tennis player?

KP: What I like most is that I get visit many countries, and also it's very good for my health and fitness.

What do you like to do away from tennis?

KP: I'm always listening to music. I read many books, and also have my schoolwork.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RANKINGS

The Race for the 2005 European Junior Masters event is now on! This years event will be held during the weekend of 7-9 October in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

How the rankings work: Players earn points throughout the year according the round they reach at tournaments part of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. The top eight European juniors are invited to take part in the Junior Masters at the end of the season. Rankings are updated every Thursday, and the full ranking lists can be found in a variety of formats, along with a points-per-tournament breakdown and a year end ranking history at www.TennisEurope.org

14 & UNDER GIRLS				14 & UNDER BOYS			
Ran k	Name	Nation	Points	Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	Ksenia Pervak	RUS	550	1	Radim Urbanek	CZE	445
2	Polona Hercog	SLO	470	2	Martim Trueva	POR	420
3	Petra Martic	CRO	415	3	Yannick Reuter	BEL	385
4	Gracia Radovanovic	FRA	400	4	Illia Shatskiy	RUS	360
5	Indire Akiki	CRO	372	5	Toni Androic	CRO	315
6	Dominika Kanakova	CZE	345	6	Stanislav Poplavskyy	UKR	305
7	Yulia Kirienko	RUS	345	7	Mikhail Biryukov	RUS	300
8	Katrin Schmidt	GER	342	8	Lazare Kukhalashvili	GEO	300
9	Jasmina Kajtazovic	SLO	340	9	Andrei Savulescu	ROM	295
10	Simona Halep	ROM	330	10	Marco Speronello	ITA	290
16 & UNDER GIRLS				16 & UNDER BOYS			
1	Alexandra Dulgheru	ROM	520	1	Andrei Karatchenia	BLR	470
2	Ioana Ivan	ROM	390	2	Deni Zmak	CRO	455
3	Maya Gaverova	RUS	375	3	Kevin Botti	FRA	410
4	Arina Rodionova	RUS	370	4	Petru Luncanu	ROM	395
5	Euvgenia Vertesheva	RUS	361	5	Dylan Sessagesimi	SUI	365
6	Agnieszka Radwanska	POL	320	6	Jan Clecha	CZE	355
7	Urszula Radwanska	POL	309	7	Thomas Fabbiano	ITA	335
8	Ekaterina Jeritsheva	EST	305	8	Vladimir Ignatik	BLR	315
9	Maite Gabarrus	ESP	305	9	Artem Gramma	UKR	295
10	Federica Grazioso	ITA	295	10	Vladimir Karusevich	RUS	292

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE - RESULTS

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Mar 7	Lille (FRA)	\$15,000	(8) S Darcis (BEL)	(Q) R Valent (SUI)	75 63
	Lagos (POR)	\$10,000	(WC) F Gil (POR)	(4) M Granollers Pujol (ESP)	61 63
	Sunderland (GBR)	\$10,000	F Neilsen (DEN)	(1) M Hilton (GBR)	64 76(9)
	Siracusa (ITA)	\$10,000	(8) A Ungur (ROM)	(WC) F Fognini (ITA)	75 16 61
	Sabadell (ESP)	\$6,250	(6) A Vargas Aboy (ESP)	(3) M Albert Ferrando (ESP)	63 63
	Porec (CRO)	\$6,250	(2) G Fraile (ESP)	(3) A Cruciat (ROM)	16 62 63
Mar 14	Poitiers (FRA)	\$15,000	(Q) A Chadaj (POL)	D Gremelmayr (GER)	63 61
	Bolton (GBR)	\$10,000	P Hammer (GER)	(5) P Kralert (CZE)	63 75
	Caltanissetta (ITA)	\$10,000	S Galvani (ITA)	(Q) P Andujar Alba (ESP)	63 60
	Manresa (ESP)	\$6,250	(1) M Albert Ferrando (ESP)	(2) A Vargas Aboy (ESP)	61 30r
	Vrsar (CRO)	\$6,250	(2) G Fraile (ESP)	C Magg (AUT)	16 64 62
	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$6,250	(1) D Guez (FRA)	(WC) A Hahad (ISR)	57 79(5) 62
Mar 21	Catania (ITA)	\$10,000	(5) A Tarantino (ARG)	(Q) D Alvarez (ITA)	76(3) 62
	Rovinj (CRO)	\$6,250	M Jurman (SLO)	(Q) N Martinovic (CRO)	76(5) 63
	Jaffa (ISR)	\$6,250	(6) X Audouy (FRA)	(Q) D King-Turner (NZL)	76(7) 62
	Badalona (ESP)	\$6,250	(3) J Genaro Martinez (ESP)	D Marrero Santana (ESP)	61 76(4)
Mar 28	Grasse (FRA)	\$15,000	(WC) J Chardy (FRA)	(6) S Wauters (BEL)	63 62
	Frascati (ITA)	\$10,000	(6) A Tarantino (ARG)	(3) M Mirnegg (AUT)	76(1) 62
	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	P Kralert (CZE)	(2) JM Pequery (FRA)	76(2) 62
	Rijeka (CRO)	\$6,250	(5) E Carril (ESP)	(7) A Satschko (GER)	63 57 62
	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$6,250	(2) D Guez (FRA)	G Novak (AUT)	64 63
	Malmö (SWE)	\$6,250	(3) P Marx (GER)	(Q) C Lewis (GBR)	63 64
Apr 04	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000	(6) E Korolev (RUS)	(5) M Montcourt (FRA)	57 63 76(3)
	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	(2) M Hilton (GBR)	(5) I Zelenay (SVK)	63 64
	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	(2) V Ionita (ROM)	(1) L Azzaro (ITA)	36 63 64
	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$6,250	(5) A Hadad (ISR)	(4) J Wurtzman (USA)	62 63
	Lyngby (DEN)	\$6,250	(3) P Marx (GER)	F Nussbaum (SUI)	75 63
	Antalya (TUR)	\$6,250	(5) C Cuadrado (ESP)	(5) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	36 62 61
Apr 11	Kalamata (GRE)	\$15,000	(4) T Enev (BUL)	(3) K Economidis (GRE)	63 62
	Cremona (ITA)	\$10,000	(4) K Sorensen (IRL)	(Q) A Piccari (ITA)	61 64
	Vaxjö (SWE)	\$6,250	(5) M Sarstrand (SWE)	(6) P Marx (GER)	67(6) 75 64
	Antalya (TUR)	\$6,250	(4) H Ruiz Cadenas (ESP)	S Boretti (NOR)	26 75 62
Apr 18	Syros (GRE)	\$15,000	(3) K Economidis (GRE)	(4) T Enev (BUL)	63 61
	Bergamo (ITA)	\$15,000	(WC) F Fognini (ITA)	(7) M Mirnegg (AUT)	26 63 64
	Belek (TUR)	\$6,250	(5) C Cuadrado (ESP)	(3) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	60 64
	Lidköping (SWE)	\$6,250	(2) M Sarstrand (SWE)	(1) P Marx (GER)	64 62

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Mar 7	Rogaska Slatina (SLO)	\$10,000	(1) L Hradecka (CZE)	(Q) K Andlovic (SWE)	64 62
	Sunderland (GBR)	\$10,000	(4) K Barrois (GER)	(Q) A Kaasik (EST)	76(2) 63
	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	A Floris (ITA)	R Bindi (ITA)	62 63
	Las Palmas (ESP)	\$10,000	(6) R Oprandi (ITA)	(4) C Schiechl (AUT)	63 62
Mar 14	Fuerteventura (ESP)	\$10,000	L Zelder (GER)	(8) C Vanneste (FRA)	63 64
	Amiens (FRA)	\$10,000	R Voracova (CZE)	(Q) K Mraz (FRA)	46 62 63
	Bolton (GBR)	\$10,000	(1) A Keothavong (GBR)	(6) V Chvojikova (CZE)	36 61 61
	Roma Borghesiana (ITA)	\$10,000	(2) A Rezai (FRA)	(7) M Penkova (BUL)	62 63
Mar 21	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$25,000	(1) E Bychkova (RUS)	(2) E Laine (FIN)	61 62
	Athens (GRE)	\$10,000	(7) M Gojnea (ROM)	(6) A Gerassimou (GRE)	61 63
	Roma Parioli (ITA)	\$10,000	R Oprandi (ITA)	(Q) A Jovanovic (SCG)	64 76(4)
Mar 28	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	(1) A Keothavong (GBR)	(3) C Peterzan (GBR)	61 61
	Patras (GRE)	\$10,000	(5) M Gojnea (ROM)	A Tout (ROM)	75 62
	Roma Tiro A Volo (ITA)	\$10,000	R Oprandi (ITA)	(5) M Mihalache (ROM)	64 64
Apr 04	Dinan (FRA)	\$75,000	(2) R Vinci (ITA)	(8) Z Ondraskova (CZE)	75 75
	Roma Eur (ITA)	\$25,000	T Pironkova (BUL)	M Mihalache (ROM)	75 75
	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	(6) M South (GBR)	(1) A Keothavong (GBR)	64 46 64
	Minsk (BLR)	\$10,000	(Q) A Rodionova (RUS)	(LL) A Malyarchikova (BLR)	60 62
	Makarska (CRO)	\$10,000	(6) S Ancic (CRO)	(8) E Bacquet (FRA)	64 63
	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	(1) I Gerlova (CZE)	(2) I Buryachok (UKR)	36 64 61
	Porto Santo (POR)	\$10,000	(1) MJ Argeri (ARG)	M Biglmaier (GER)	63 61
Apr 11	Biarritz (FRA)	\$25,000	(7) M Muller (GER)	T Bacsinszky (SUI)	46 76(2) 62
	Civitavecchia (ITA)	\$25,000	M Mihalache (ROM)	(3) M Ani (EST)	16 75 64
	Hvar (CRO)	\$10,000	(8) S Ancic (CRO)	(2) M Zec-Peskirc (SLO)	46 62 64
	Porto Santo (POR)	\$10,000	S De Beer (RSA)	(8) L Zelder (GER)	64 63
Apr 18	Rocafort (ESP)	\$25,000	(2) S Foretz (FRA)	(Q) A Floris (ITA)	63 60
	Bari (ITA)	\$25,000	D Jurak (CRO)	O Blahtova (CZE)	63 62
	Porto Santo (POR)	\$10,000	(8) S De Beer (RSA)	(3) A Kolb (GER)	60 61
	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	(7) S Ancic (CRO)	(1) I Lisjak (CRO)	75 64

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EUROPEAN RANKINGS

There were few changes in the top ten European women during the spring, although there is one particularly significant difference; Maria Sharapova has overtaken Amelie Mauresmo, becoming the first Russian woman to hold the top spot. She's also likely to become the world #1 in the coming weeks, as top-ranked Lindsay Davenport skips the pre-Roland Garros European clay court season. Mauresmo's withdrawal from Warsaw, coupled with the need to defend titles in both Rome and Berlin means she is unlikely to be able to gain ground on either of her rivals.

After vanishing from the list after months of injury-enforced absence during which they slipped to #139 and #47 in the world, former top ranked Europeans Kim

Clijsters and Justine Henin Hardenne look poised to re-enter the list having risen to #17 and #22 respectively, after sweeping aside the opposition at three consecutive US Tier 1 events in March and April.

There are numerous changes in the men's list, as Rafael Nadal rises to second place behind Roger Federer, who came from two sets down to beat him in the Miami final in early April. Nadal went on to win in Monte Carlo and Barcelona, cutting Federer's lead to around 100 points, adding spice to the second Grand Slam of the year, on Nadal's favoured clay. There's further good news for the Spanish in that Juan Carlos Ferrero is returning to form. Good performances as the tour turns to clay have seen him rise to sixth in Europe. Rankings of April 25, 2005.

WOMEN	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Rank	Points Total
1	Maria SHARAPOVA	FRA	2	4892
2	Amelie MAURESMO	RUS	3	4808
3	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5	3852
4	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	6	3455
5	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	7	3323
6	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	10	2179
7	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	12	1986
8	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	13	1710
9	Elena BOVINA	RUS	14	1546
10	Nathalie DECHY	FRA	15	1498
MEN	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE	Points Total
1	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	475
2	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	365
3	Marat SAFIN	RUS	4	231
4	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	6	193
5	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	9	144
6	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	11	133
7	David FERRER	ESP	12	128
8	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	14	119
9	Joachim JOHANSSON	SWE	15	116
10	Mario ANCIC	CRO	16	105

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Pierre-Paul de Keghel is the new President of the Belgian Tennis Federation.

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The dates and venues for this year's competitions have been confirmed, and are as follows:

- 14 & Under Boys/Girls - Ostrava (CZE)
- 16 & Under Boys - Orbetello (ITA)
- 16 & Under Girls - Athens (GRE) (to be held Sept 12-18)
- 18 & Under Boys/Girls - Klosters (SUI)

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