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## KUZNETSOVA AND FEDERER ENSURE BEST EUROPEAN GRAND SLAM TALLY SINCE 1991

European players excelled at the US Open, sweeping the singles titles for the third time in four Grand Slams this year. The main stories of the tournament were those for which the 2004 season will surely be remembered: Roger Federer's quest for perfection, and the emergence of Russian women at the summit of the game.

Federer added to the US Open title to his earlier wins in Australia and Wimbledon, to become the first man since Mats Wilander in 1988 to hold three of four Grand Slam titles. Victory at Flushing Meadows was never guaranteed for the Swiss world #1, who suffered a surprise early loss at the Olympics, whilst arguably the two other greatest hardcourt players of the last ten years - Andre Agassi and Lleyton Hewitt - stacked up an impressive series of wins in North America.

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US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS) (Photo courtesy Fila/Getty images)

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### ATHENS OLYMPIC GAMES 2004 - REFLECTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT

When we held our A.G.M. in Athens in May we had the opportunity of visiting the tennis centre in Olympic Park and looking across towards the main stadium, the public park, aquatic centre and new indoor arenas and then touring the Olympic Village. I was privileged to return to Athens on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August as one of the Technical Directors of the Olympic Tennis event with Eiichi Kawatei, Past President of Asian Tennis and Board Member of the I.T.F., with vast experience of the Olympics since Seoul.

The tennis stadium was first class, a great legacy to be left for tennis in Athens and Greek tennis generally. The facilities were excellent for viewing on the main show courts and there was space to move around the outside courts. The capacity of the ground was 8,000 on the main court, 4,000 on court no.1 and 2,000 on court #2. There was seating for 200 around each of the other seven courts and there were six practice courts, all floodlit. The court surface was identical to the U.S. Open surface so that the players would be ready for Flushing Meadows.

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The three, along with Andy Roddick, were clear favourites from the offset, and it was no surprise that Federer had to navigate his way past two of them as the draw unfolded. It was Agassi who ultimately provided the stiffest challenge.

In a seesaw quarterfinal match played under windy conditions that affected both players, Federer eventually prevailed with a 6-3 final set victory. At the opposite side of the draw, Hewitt may have been surprised to discover that he would not have to play the defending champion, as Sweden's fast-rising Joachim Johansson added the World #2 to his growing list of scalps this year, winning his first ever five set match to reach a first Grand Slam semi final.

Both players impressed during their semi final matches, Federer shrugging off a 2-6 head-to-head record against Tim Henman to dismiss the British #1 in straight sets. Henman, who played with a back injury at Flushing Meadow, nonetheless rises to fourth in the rankings following his second Grand Slam semi final of the season. Hewitt also had little trouble in eliminating his occasional practice partner Johansson. Following such routine semi finals, a tense decider was anticipated, and while the title match was gripping, it was anything but close. In an exceptional first set, Federer inflicted a 6-0 drubbing on the 2001 champion, losing just a handful of points whilst spraying winners from all four corners of the court. Mesmerized by the quality of the tennis, the crowd responded to Hewitt's attempt to raise his game as he fell behind 3-0 in the second set. The outcome of the set was always in doubt as Hewitt clawed his way back to parity, and then traded games with Federer until reaching a tiebreak. The tiebreak was decisive in more ways than one; it not only settled the second set, but gave Federer the confidence to resume the free-hitting style in which he had begun the contest. While the third set was far more competitive than the first, the score was the same, and Federer casually served his way to a famous victory, further enhancing his



*Roger Federer at Roland Garros; the only Slam title to elude him in 2004*

increasingly impressive credentials as an all time great. Having lost just once at a Grand Slam in 2004, at Roland Garros (pictured) Federer sealed his position as the year-end #1, and the victory was his ninth title of the year, spread across all four surfaces.

While Federer had nothing to prove even before taking to the court for the championship match, the women's final

was very much a battle of players eager to cement their positions at the top of the game. One thing was sure before the match: that for the third Grand Slam in succession, the victor would be a Russian, and a first-time Slam champion. Elena Dementieva is yet to win a title in 2004, although is the only player to have reached two Grand Slam finals - this being the first time since 1978 that as many as seven different women have featured in the four title matches. The rise of her opponent, Svetlana Kuznetsova, in 2004 has been a consistent one, reaching three finals in spring, including a first win over a world #1 (Henin-Hardenne in Doha), which she followed up with her biggest title to date, in Eastbourne.

Both players had to navigate tricky paths to the final. In the top half of the draw, Kuznetsova reached the semis without the loss of a set, overcoming potentially dangerous opponents such as 15-year old qualifier Sesil Karatancheva, Mary Pierce (conqueror of Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova), and Nadia Petrova, who had earlier surprised Henin-Hardenne. In the semi final she ran into Lindsay Davenport, the heavy favourite for the tournament, who was riding a 22-match win streak in which she had won all four hard court events she had contested during the summer. After overpowering the 19-year old in the first set, Davenport ran out of steam and Kuznetsova began to strike the ball with greater power and consistency, winning five of the last six games to reach her first major final. Dementieva also had to battle her way through, being taken to three sets four times on her way to the final.

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Any doubts about her mental toughness were discarded with victories in final set tiebreaks against both Amelie Mauremo in the quarter final, and crowd-favourite Jennifer Capriati in a tense semi final, the third time in her career that Capriati had lost a US open semi final by such a scoreline.

Dementieva's greater experience of big matches was no help to her in the final however, as Kuznetsova managed to perfectly execute her game plan, which was to punish the weaker serve of her compatriot, whilst dominating the rallies with a forehand reminiscent of that of her childhood favourite, Steffi Graf. There was no sign of nerves as the former World Junior #1 routinely served for the match, and by far the biggest paycheck of her professional career so far.

The story of the women's doubles event was the same in New York as it had been for much of the year, as Virginia Ruano Pascual and Paola Suarez collected their third Grand Slam title of the season, defeating the same team that they had beaten in the Australian and French finals - Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva. It was the seventh Grand Slam in total for the world's top pair, and their third consecutive US Open win.



*Kuznetsova in action (Photo courtesy Fila/Getty images)*

The men's doubles crown was won by Mark Knowles and Daniel Nestor, who returned to the top of the doubles rankings with their second Grand Slam win (and first since 2002), defeating Leander Paes (IND) and David Rikl (CZE) in the final.

In the boy's singles event Andrew Murray went one better than compatriot Miles Kasyri's runner-up spot in the boys singles at Wimbledon, taking the title with a comprehensive victory over Ukrainian Sergiy Stakhovsky. It is the first time since 1993 that a British boy has won a Grand Slam. Murray, playing with his brother Jamie, almost managed the rare feat of reaching both finals, eventually coming unstuck in a tense semi final against the top seeded team of Brendan Evans and Scott Oudsema, who went on to win the title.

Michaella Krajicek managed to attain the feat that had eluded Murray however, as she completed a sweep of girls titles. Teaming with Maria Erakovic, the Dutch player beat Romanians Mihaela Buzarnescu and Madaline Gojnea to add the doubles title to the one at Roland Garros. She also put in an impressive display in the singles final. After an edgy semi final in which she had saved match points against Viktoria Azarenka of Belarus, she blasted aside home favourite Jessica Kirkland for the loss of just two games.

The mixed doubles title was won by the team of Vera Zvonareva of Russia and American doubles specialist Bob Bryan, who overcame the Australian pair of Alicia Molik and Todd Woodbridge.

Events in Flushing Meadows have set the scene for a dramatic end to the professional season. Following the early defeat of defending champion Henin-Hardenne, Amelie Mauresmo assumed the World #1 spot upon the revision of the rankings. She may not have much time to enjoy being the first French player (male or female) ever to top the lists; just 500 points separate the top four players. Of those, Lindsay Davenport has no points to defend for the rest of the season, whilst the others each must defend

roughly a quarter of their totals. With Henin-Hardenne and Clijsters returning from extended injury breaks, the competition for titles looks tougher than ever.

We can be surer of events on the men's side, where Federer has assured himself of the year-end top ranking already, regardless of whether he manages to defend his Masters Cup title. The chasing pack remain relatively close together in terms of points, with Henman and Moya battling to end the year as the second ranked European. They are the three definite European representatives at the World Championships so far, whilst the likes of Sebastien Grosjean, Marat Safin, Tommy Robredo and Dominik Hrbaty still have chances to qualify with successful indoor seasons.

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*(continued from front page)* The players' facilities were very good, especially their reception area and lounge.

The opening ceremony, which many of you probably watched on television, was brilliantly staged. Tennis players were prominent in the Olympic teams in the parade. Three players carried their countries' flags, Roger Federer [Switzerland], Paradorn Srichaphan [Thailand] and Anne Kremer [Luxembourg].

The competition started with the first three days Sunday to Tuesday having morning and evening play. The evening only sessions started on Wednesday through to the finals on Sunday night.

beating no. 1 seed Roger Federer in the second round and Mardy Fish of the USA beating no. 5 seed Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain in the second round. Another shock was Fernando Gonzales of Chile defeat of Andy Roddick of the USA in the third round.

In the women's singles early upsets were Elena Dementieva of Russia losing to Alicia Molik of Australia in the first round and Mary Pierce of France defeating Venus Williams of the USA in the third round. Greek tennis supporters were thrilled with the performance of Eleni Daniilidou who reached the third round, on the way beating the no. 15 seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria before losing to no. 3 seed Anastasia Myskina of Russia.



ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti (centre), Tennis Europe President John James (second right) and Hellenic Tennis Federation President Spyros Zannias (right) were amongst the tennis dignitaries at the draw ceremony.

With the tennis centre in Olympic Park next to the main stadium, tennis was given a high focus with spectators and the Olympic Family (IOC and NOC members). One of my roles was to assist ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti with Protocol matters and in welcoming IOC and NOC members into the Olympic Family area at the tennis centre.

During the whole week tennis players were supported by their fellow athletes from other sports, along with their National Olympic Committees and National Federation representatives. This intensified towards the medal stages of all our events.

As at any tennis event there were upsets in singles and doubles. This especially happens at the Olympic Games where the players are not playing for prize money but for medals for their countries. The pressure is on all players, but particularly those who are seeded and expected to perform. Nerves also play a part when you know your country does not have many medal chances in the Olympic Games. Upsets included Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic beating no. 4 seed Tim Henman of Great Britain in the first round, Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic

gold medals for their countries. In Justine's case this was the only gold medal for Belgium in the Games. For Nicolas it meant adding a second gold to that won partnering Fernando Gonzales in the doubles. These were the only gold medals Chile won in the 2004 Games and previous to these successes Chile had in fact never won a gold medal in the history of the Olympic Games. Both the men's singles and doubles finals went to five sets, finishing in the early hours of the morning. The finals were attended by many Olympic dignitaries. Belgian support came from Jacques Rogge, President of the IOC, with his whole family cheering on Justine. Nicolas Massu had huge support from Chilean athletes and NOC delegates. The atmosphere was something to be remembered.

Tennis is a major sport in the Olympic Games. The evening sessions and final stages drew capacity crowds. There is no doubt that the players who participated felt honoured to represent their countries alongside other top athletes. With the Chinese women's doubles pair of Ting Li and Tian Tian Sun winning a gold medal, tennis is going to be a very attractive and well-supported sport in Beijing in 2008.

The final stages caused the greatest excitement, especially when in the singles events both Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium and Nicolas Massu of Chile won



## 2004 EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The highlight of the junior tennis summer circuit, the European Individual Junior Championships were held at four venues across the continent during the penultimate week of July and showcased an array of fine performances from an array of the continents top teens.

### 14 & Under

The 14 & Under event was held for the third consecutive year in Vichy, France, where both Champions faced real battles in the later rounds. The girls event was won by Renee Reinhard of the Netherlands, recapturing the title for her nation after Michaela Krajicek's win two years ago. Reinhard cruised through her opening rounds without the loss of a set but was pushed to limit by fourth seeded Klaudia Boczova (SVK) in the semi finals, overcoming a 1-6 first set washout to win the final two sets 7-6(5) 7-5.

The final was not any easier as Reinhard took on third-seeded Stephanie Voegelé (SUI), who hoped to become the first Swiss player since Martina Hingis twelve years previously to win the event. Voegelé started well enough, winning the first set 7-5, but was pegged back to one set apiece by the more consistent play of Reinhard, who took the second 6-2. The final set was a nailbiting affair, with Reinhard eventually triumphing seven points to five in a deciding tie break.

The boys event went a little more to form, with the top eight seeds remarkably all justifying their seedings to reach the quarter finals. The lone quarter final upset was Nassim Siilam's (FRA) win over second-seeded Alexei Grigorov of Russia, although Britain's Daniel Cox almost pulled off a shock win over another home player, fourth seeded Jerome Inzerillo, who eventually triumphed 4-6 6-2 7-5. Inzerillo and Siilam both followed that up with hard-fought semi final upsets, the former over top-seed Vladimir Ignatic (BRS), and Siilam over third-seeded Ricardis Bernkis (LTU), both in three sets.

The crowd were no doubt happy that the final would then be a showcase of the two leading French players of this

age group, whilst the players were eager to become the first French boy since Richard Gasquet (1999) to win the 14 & Under title. The final was a closely contested affair, with Inzerillo winning a 22-point first set tie break. It would not have been unreasonable to expect Siilam to fold after the disappointment of losing such a close set, but he came back strongly to win the second 6-3. Sadly for him, by the final set Inzerillo was the stronger, winning the final six games to seal victory.

### 16 & Under



**Under 16 winner Marin Cilic (CRO)**

The Under 16 event was split across two venues, with the girls playing for a second consecutive year in Eeklo, Belgium, whilst the boys were in Orbetello, Italy. The girls event saw some prolific winners from the European Junior Tour amongst the seedings, but the surprise of the tournament was Carla Suarez's run to the final. Amazingly, the unseeded Spaniard upset five higher ranked players, including four of the top ten seeds on her way to the final, all without the loss of a set. However in the final she was to run into top-seed Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROM), who was in unforgiving form and ran out a 6-2 6-4 win, meaning that the Girl's 16 & Under

title has been won by three different Romanians in the last three years.

Over in Italy the upsets continued as two unseeded players fought their way through to contest the final.

The first place was taken by Marin Cilic (CRO) (pictured, right), who beat three of the top ten seeds en route, notably scoring a 6-0 6-2 victory over top-seeded Ernests Gulbis (LTU) in the quarter final, which he followed up with a 6-2 6-1 win over fourth-seed Pavel Chekov (RUS) in the semi final. His opponent was Grzegorz Panfil of Poland, who also battled past a plethora of higher ranked players to reach the last two. As you would expect from a match between the two surprises of the tournament, the final was a close affair. Panfil was particularly impressive in the early stages, and took the first set 6-3, the first time that Cilic had lost a set during the week. This seemed to sting Cilic into action though, and the Croat came back in style to win the next two sets, 6-1 6-2.

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Cilic's victory is the first win for a Croatian player in this age group at the European Individual Championships.

### 18 & Under

The 18 & Under event was held in the mountain resort town of Klosters in Switzerland, as has been the case since 1994. As usual the Under 18 category saw a host of exceptional players, many of whom are already making their mark on the international professional circuits. The girls event was won by third-seeded Czech player Katerina Bohmova. She was in impressive form all week, winning the title without the loss of a set. Her final opponent was the local favourite, Timea Baczinsky (SUI), who having just turned 15, was attempting to emulate the feat of Martina Hingis of having won the 18 & Under event at such a young age. Sadly for her, it was not to be as Bohmova, a winner of two ITF Women's Circuit events so far this year, was in unforgiving mood, conceding just two games to her younger opponent. Baczinsky will have more opportunities in the future however, whilst Bohmova, who called the European Individual Championships her "greatest victory," moves on to concentrate on the professional game.

The boys championship remains in Spanish hands.



**U18 Champion Katerina Bohmova (CZE)**

Tomeu Salva won the trophy won last year by Daniel Gimeno Traver with an impressive run of seven victories. His toughest battle came in the last 16 against French hope Jeremy Chardy, seeded 14, which he scraped through in a final set tie break. It was plain sailing after that for the Spaniard, who went on to take out the fifteenth and sixth seeds for the loss of just four and five games respectively, before meeting his final opponent, Igor Sijsling (NED). Sijsling, the eighth seed, had come through the top

half of the draw with a series of notable wins, including upsets of the fourth and fifth seeds, both in straight sets. For the first set of the final, Salva threatened to whitewash the Dutch player, conceding just one game. Sijsling struck back in the second, matching the Spaniard shot for shot and forcing a tie break, which Salva won seven points to four to clinch the title. Salva, who also won the Under 16 title in 2002, will no doubt be hoping to follow in the footsteps of compatriots Carlos Moya and Albert Costa, both of whom won this event at the dawn of their careers.

Full draws from all the venues can be found in their relevant section at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org), as well as results from the doubles and consolation competitions.

## EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS 2004

	Girls Singles	Girls Doubles	Boys Singles	Boys Doubles
<b>14 &amp; Under</b>	Renée Reinhard (NED)	Balogova/Boczova (SVK)	Jerome Inzerillo (FRA)	Inzerillo/Slilam (FRA)
<b>16 &amp; Under</b>	Mihaela Buzarnescu (ROM)	Kiszczyńska/Radwanska (POL)	Marin Cilic (CRO)	Kildahl/ Sundberg (NOR)
<b>18 &amp; Under</b>	Katerina Bohmova (CZE)	Goinea/Niculescu (ROM)	Tomeu Salva (ESP)	Fischer/Oswald (AUT)

## 2004 EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS

The final rounds of the 2004 European Summer Cups took place during the first weekend of August at a number of venues across Europe. The team competition for the best European youngsters at 14, 16 and 18 years and Under. The events have a long history, and further prestige is added by the fact that the 16 & Under event serves as the European qualification for the Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas and Fed Cup events, whilst the 14 & Under event does likewise for the World Junior Tennis event.

The Russian 14 & Under team just failed to add the Summer Cup to their European Winter Cups by Prince victory earlier this year. Having edged through their first ties by winning deciding rubbers against Belarus and Italy, they were beaten 4-1 by the team they had triumphed over in the Winter Cups final, the Slovak Republic. The French boys managed to go one better however, and captured the rare double of winning the Winter Cups by Prince and the Copa del Sol in the same year. They conceded just one match in each tie against Sweden, Croatia and Italy en route to the title.

Russia improved on their fifth place finish last year to win the Girls 16 & Under event. They needed a deciding doubles rubber to edge Croatia in the final.

Croatia were also runners-up in the 16 & Under boys category. Marin Cilic was not quite able to repeat the form he had shown two weeks previously in winning the European Individual Championships, and went down to the Spanish #1 Pere Riba in three sets.

A number of rising stars participated in the 18 & Under event, where Slovenia upset the top seeded home team from France to take the title with a deciding doubles victory. In the semi finals the Slovenian team overcame a spirited challenge by the Czech Republic, eventually triumphing with a 0-6 6-4 7-5 win in the deciding doubles match.

Serbia and Montenegro put in an excellent performance in Verona to win the 18 & Under Boys category, with wins over Germany, Turkey and the Slovak Republic. The home fans had much to cheer about when Italy defeated defending champions and top seeds Spain on the opening day; the highlight being Gianluca Naso's 6-1 16-97 upset of Pablo Andujar in the first match.

Below are the standings from the final round ties. For full results and draws, plus information from the qualifying rounds of this year's competitions, please visit the junior section of [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

	<b>Europa Cup (Girls 14)</b>	<b>Copa del Sol (Boys 14)</b>	<b>Helvetie Cup (Girls 16)</b>	<b>Borotra Cup (Boys 16)</b>	<b>Soisbault Cup (Girls 18)</b>	<b>Valerio Cup (Boys 18)</b>
	San Remo (ITA)	Pontevedra (ESP)	Leysin (SUI)	Le Touquet (FRA)	Granville (FRA)	Verona (ITA)
1	SLOVAK REP	FRANCE	RUSSIA	SPAIN	SLOVENIA	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
2	RUSSIA	ITALY	CROATIA	CROATIA	FRANCE	SLOVAK REP.
3	CZECH REP.	CROATIA	CZECH REP.	CZECH REP.	CZECH REP.	GERMANY
4	ITALY	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS	GERMANY	ISRAEL	ITALY
5	BELARUS	GREAT BRITAIN	SPAIN	FRANCE	SPAIN	SPAIN
6	AUSTRIA	SPAIN	DENMARK	RUSSIA	HUNGARY	FRANCE
7	POLAND	SWEDEN	POLAND	SWITZERLAND	SLOVAK REP.	CROATIA
8	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	POLAND	SLOVENIA	AUSTRIA	N/A	TURKEY (7=)

## SOUTH-EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CAMP

The first ever ITF / Tennis Europe South-East Europe Regional training Camp, for players aged 14 & Under was held at the Ankara Tennis Club in Turkey from 8—13th August 2004.

ITF / Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic, together with the visiting coaches, conducted the camp, which saw 18 players and 7 coaches from Turkey and the



*Preparing for victory: the participants in Turkey*

neighbouring countries of Azerbaijan and Georgia in attendance. Players and coaches were involved in both on-court and off-court training sessions with the main objective of the training camp being to improve tactical understanding of the game.

Hrvoje Zmajic said: "During the past week we have tried to give the players a better understanding of the high percentage solutions for different tactical situations. This should help them to avoid making unnecessary mistakes whilst at the same time improving the level of their game." He added "The camp provides players and coaches from the region with a rare opportunity to not only work and train together, but also to establish contacts for future cooperation."

The local organiser, Mr. Birol Vural commented: "These

camps help to motivate players in trying to become a more competitive player at an international level. I am very happy that we were able to organise such a positive event in our country."

Prior to the start of the camp, players were given the opportunity to test their skills at the Tennis Europe 14 & Under Junior Tournament, the Hittite Cup, which was also held at the Ankara Tennis Club. In both the boys and girls competitions, the players who took part in the training camp achieved significant results. In the boy's event Girogi Khimidashvili of Georgia reached the final, losing to compatriot Revah Osadze 60 64, whilst in the girls event, Tugce Dogan of Turkey reached the semi final, losing 64 62 to Tania Raikova of Bulgaria.

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## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR PLAYERS OF THE MONTH



Name: RICARDIS BERANKIS  
 Nationality: LITHUANIA  
 Ranking: #3 (UNDER 14), #183 (UNDER 16)

2004 Record: WON (6) - Köln, Leeuwarden, Piestany, Siauliai, ITF/Tennis  
 (Singles) Europe Development Chamionships 1 & 2  
 FINALIST (1) Paris  
 SEMI-FINALIST (1) European Individual Championship, Tallinn  
 (Doubles) WON (2) Development Championships Week 2, Siauliai, Tallinn  
 FINALIST (1) Development Championships Week 1

### Rikardis Berankis Interview

*You had an amazing summer spell, winning two category one tournaments and reaching the semi finals of the European Championships. What was the secret to your success?*

I don't know how it happened but it did and I'm very happy. We are working very much every day and this is the main secret of my success. Also I think I had much luck in these tournaments.

*You've played in many places across Europe this year; which tournament was your favourite so far and why?*

The tournament in Paris was super. It was really great to play on the courts where the best players of the world are playing.

*You took part in the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships. How important is this event for young players from your region?*

Of course it's very useful. If you win you get a chance to get into the European team and you can play tournaments in Europe.

*For anyone who hasn't seen you playing, how would you describe your style of play?*

I try to play universal tennis. My favourite player is Roger Federer.

*Which title do you most want to win in the future?*

I like all of the tournaments very much and it would be great some time to play on the same court in Paris as this year. [Roland Garros, where Berankis was runner-up at the BNP Paris Cup]

*What is next for you?*

In October I'm going to play the Junior Masters. It would be great to play good there. After that we are going to play the Orange Bowl. Then we'll see.

Name: RENEE REINHARD  
 Nationality: NETHERLANDS  
 Ranking: #1 (UNDER 14), #150 (UNDER 16)

2004 Record: WON (3) European Individual Championship, Paris,  
 (Singles) Leeuwarden  
 QUARTER-FINALIST (2) European Winter Cups by Prince, St  
 Genevieve du Bois  
 (Doubles) WON (2) Telford, Leeuwarden  
 SEMI FINALIST (1) Paris



## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

### Renee Reinhard Interview

*Congratulations on your victory at the European Individual Championships. Were you surprised to win?*

I didn't have any expectations for this tournament. I just wanted to do my best and play well. After my victories at the Tennis Europe category-1 tournaments in Paris and Leeuwarden, I honestly didn't expect to become European Champion as well.

*You sustained an injury whilst representing your country at the final rounds of the European Winter Cups by Prince this year. How did that feel?*

I was terribly disappointed. I wanted to achieve good results with my team because we were playing for our country. I felt very bad because it happened during the first match, and therefore I couldn't play the rest of the tournament.

*How do you combine your studies with all the tennis that you play?*

I attend a special school; they help you to combine your study with your sport. This means that I don't have any classes like gymnastics, music and drawing and that I have a special schedule.

*What are your ambitions in the sport?*

Of course I would like to get far, but it still has to be fun. Enjoying tennis is the most important thing for me.

*What would you say are the best and worst things about life on the junior circuit?*

Travelling all the time to the tournaments is hard. I like meeting players from other countries and making new friends.

*What is next for you?*

This winter I'll be training hard in order to be ready for the winter tournaments and also to get even better!



## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR - RESULTS 14 &amp; UNDER

Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-up	Score
<b>HASSELT (BEL) (1)</b>	Boys	VLADIMIR IGNATIK (BLR)	CHRISTOPHER RUNGKAT (INA)	75 60
	Girls	XIN-YUN HAN (CHN)	DILYARA SAIDHODJAEVA (UZB)	63 64
<b>MOSCOW (RUS) (3)</b>	Boys	ALEXEI IRIMASHVILI (RUS)	VLADIMIR KARUSEVICH (RUS)	75 16 62
	Girls	NELLI DZIDZISHVILI (RUS)	KSENIA LYKINA (RUS)	64 16 62
<b>ANKARA (TUR) (3)</b>	Boys	REVAZ OSADZE (GEO)	GIORGI KHMIADASHVILI (GEO)	60 64
	Girls	ISABELLA CHINIKOVA (BUL)	TANYA REYKOVA (BUL)	62 46 75
<b>KUFSTEIN (AUT) (2)</b>	Boys	MARCUS FUX (AUT)	ANDREAS TRAGNER (GER)	63 46 64
	Girls	ELENA TCHERNIKOVA (RUS)	DANIELA ISMALAJ (ALB)	63 75
<b>ULM (GER) (2)</b>	Boys	DAVID THURNER (GER)	GASTAOA ELIAS (POR)	64 61
	Girls	SYNA KAYSER (GER)	GIOJA BARBIERI (ITA)	75 62
<b>IVANOVO (RUS) (3)</b>	Boys	ANDREY POGIDAEV (RUS)	ILLIA SHATSKIY (RUS)	61 62
	Girls	KSENIA LYKINA (RUS)	EKATERINA PUSHKAREVA (RUS)	61 60
<b>SOFIA (BUL) (3)</b>	Boys	VADIM CHERGOV (BUL)	ALEXANDAR LAZOV (BUL)	62 63
	Girls	DESLAVA LAZAROVA (BUL)	LORA STANCHEVA (BUL)	60 64
<b>VESSY (SUI) (3)</b>	Boys	ZALAN KLEMPA (SVK)	CLAUDIO SCATIZZI (ITA)	26 63 63
	Girls	ALICA MORONI (ITA)	MARTINA SANTONI (ITA)	64 52 ret
<b>ECHING BEI MUNCHEN (GER) (2)</b>	Boys	DAVID THURNER (GER)	DAVID COX (GBR)	76 64
	Girls	ANDREA BERKOVA (CZE)	DOMINIKA KANAKOVA (CZE)	63 63
<b>SVILINGRAD (BUL) (3)</b>	Boys	VADIM CHERGOV (BUL)	ALEXANDAR LAZOV (BUL)	67 63 64
	Girls	CORINA DOSPINOIU (ROM)	MILANA SPREMO (SCG)	63 63
<b>RENNINGEN (GER) (2)</b>	Boys	DANIEL COX (GBR)	EMANUEL REHOLA (CZE)	61 75
	Girls	KATRIN SCHMIDT (GER)	ZUZANA ZIOCHOVA (SVK)	63 63
<b>UMAG (CRO) (2)</b>	Boys	LUCA SOMEN (CRO)	MAREK BUDOS (SVK)	61 62
	Girls	ANDREA BERKOVA (CZE)	SYNA AKIKI (CRO)	63 61
<b>SAN MARINO (SMR) (3)</b>	Boys	GIORGIO PORTALURI (ITA)	CLAUDIO SCATIZZI (ITA)	63 36 63
	Girls	ZUZANA LINHOVA (CZE)	ILANA ALESSI (ITA)	64 61
<b>SOUDA/CHANIA (GRE) (3)</b>	Boys	ALEX GEORGOUDOS (GRE)	VASILIS VALATSOS (GRE)	63 61
	Girls	PATRICIA CHIREA (ROM)	AFRODITI LATINOLOPULOU	62 61
<b>PATRA (GRE) (3)</b>	Boys	FOTIS TRIANTIS (GRE)	NIKOS FOURNATZIS (GRE)	63 63
	Girls	PATRICIA CHIREA (ROM)	JOVANA PEJCIC (SCG)	62 62
<b>EL PRAT (ESP) (3)</b>	Boys	JEREMY JAHN (GER)	SANTOS SANCHEZ PATINO (ESP)	62 62
	Girls	KRISTINA PLISKOVA (CZE)	HANNAH TOMLJANOVIC (CRO)	46 64 75

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR - RESULTS 16 &amp; UNDER

Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-up	Score
<b>KREMS (AUT) (3)</b>	Boys	MATHIAS FEITSCH (AUT)	BORKO MUDRONJA (CRO)	62 63
	Girls	ANDREA RIMANOVA (SVK)	IVETA MICHLOVA (CZE)	61 63
<b>ULM (GER) (1)</b>	Boys	FRANCISCO FRANCO (COL)	KRISTIJAN MESAROS (CRO)	63 61
	Girls	ALEXANDRA DULGHERU (ROM)	ARINA RODIONOVA (RUS)	64 67 61
<b>VESSY (SUI) (3)</b>	Boys	DANIEL BELOVIC (SUI)	IBRAHIM FETOV (SUI)	63 36 63
	Girls	NICOLE RINER (SUI)	HANAH DE BOER (NED)	63 61
<b>ECHING BEI MÜNCHEN (GER) (1)</b>	Boys	ANDREI KARATCHENIA (RUS)	NICO SCHINKE (GER)	64 64
	Girls	ALEXANDRA DULGHERU (ROM)	ARINA RODIONOVA (RUS)	62 64
<b>ISTANBUL (TUR) (3)</b>	Boys	TUNA ALTUNA (TUR)	ORCUN SEYREK (TUR)	67 61 64
	Girls	OKSANA KALASHNIKOVA (GEO)	CAGLA BUYUKACAY (TUR)	63 46 61
<b>KALINIGRAD (RUS) (3)</b>	Boys	VLADIMIR KARUSEVICH (RUS)	VLADIMIR ZINIAKOV (RUS)	63 52 ret
	Girls	JULIA KALABINA (RUS)	ELIZAVETA ZAYTSEVA (RUS)	61 75
<b>HAID (AUT) (3)</b>	Boys	PETRU LUNCANU (ROM)	MARIO MOSSA (ITA)	64 64
	Girls	IONA IVAN (ROM)	MARIA CRACIUN (ROM)	63 62
<b>RENNINGEN (GER) (2)</b>	Boys	PETER GOJOWCZYK (GER)	RADO ALBOT (MDA)	62 62
	Girls	ALEXANDRA DULGHERU (ROM)	STEPHANIE VOGT (LIE)	64 62
<b>ISTANBUL (TUR) (3)</b>	Boys	ORCUN SEYREK (TUR)	TUNA ALTUNA (TUR)	62 61
	Girls	OKSANA KALASHNIKOVA (GEO)	CAGLA BUYUKACAY (TUR)	62 60
<b>SARAJEVO (BIH) (3)</b>	Boys	DUSAN MILJEVIC (SCG)	MILAN SEKIC (SCG)	61 60
	Girls	SELMA BABIC (BIH)	MARIJA OLUIC (CRO)	67 63 76
<b>REGENSBURG (GER) (3)</b>	Boys	RADO ALBOT (MDA)	ARTEM GRAMMA (UKR)	64 57 64
	Girls	KATHARINA KILLI (GER)	STEPHANIE VOGT (LIE)	62 64
<b>SALZBURG-BERGHEIM (AUT) (3)</b>	Boys	MARC MIEGEL (GER)	PASCAL BRUNNER (AUT)	62 62
	Girls	IONA IVAN (ROM)	JANA BELOHLAVKOVA (CZE)	64 63
<b>WARSAW (POL) (3)</b>	Boys	GRZEGORZ PANFIL (POL)	MATEUSZ SZMIGIEL (POL)	62 64
	Girls	AGNIESZKA RADWANSKA (POL)	URSULA RADWANSKA (POL)	62 75
<b>SAN MARINO (SMR) (3)</b>	Boys	LUCA POMPEO (ITA)	ERIK CREPALDI (ITA)	62 63
	Girls	CLAUDIA GIOVINE (ITA)	FEDERICA GRAZIOSO (ITA)	76 64
<b>PANCEVO (SCG) (3)</b>	Boys	MILJAN ZEKIC (SCG)	DUSAN MILJEVIC (SCG)	63 60
	Girls	MILJANA JOCIC (SCG)	OANA STANICA (ROM)	64 60
<b>CORRADINO (MLT) (3)</b>	Boys	MATTHEW ASCIAK (MLT)	ALBERTO VIA (ITA)	62 61
	Girls	ELENA JETCHEVA (BUL)	CATHERINE GAUTHE (LUX)	63 63



## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RANKINGS

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters began in 1996, devised to reward the best players competing on the European Junior Tour. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked European boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & Under age categories. The 2004 European Masters will be played during the weekend of 8-10th October.

The rankings below illustrate the players currently (ranking as of 9th September 2004) leading the race for the 2004 European Junior Masters. The players who occupy these top 8 positions on October 2nd will qualify to compete in this years event. To see the full rankings in a variety of formats, with a breakdown of points per tournament, please visit the Tennis Europe website at [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org)

14 & UNDER GIRLS				14 & UNDER BOYS			
Rank	Name	Nation	Points	Rank	Name	Nation	Points
<b>1</b>	Renee Reinhard	BEL	630	<b>1</b>	Jerome Inzerillo	FRA	610
<b>2</b>	Klaudia Boczova	SVK	545	<b>2</b>	Vladimir Ignatic	BLR	600
<b>3</b>	Elena Kulikova	RUS	520	<b>3</b>	Ricardis Berankis	LTU	540
<b>4</b>	Urszula Radwanska	POL	465	<b>4</b>	Nassim Slilam	FRA	515
<b>5</b>	Ksenia Milevskaya	BLR	465	<b>5</b>	Alexiei Grigorov	RUS	445
<b>6</b>	Cristina Kucova	SVK	420	<b>6</b>	Daniele Piludu	ITA	435
<b>7</b>	Martina Balogova	SVK	385	<b>7</b>	Daniel Cox	GBR	435
<b>8</b>	Andrea Berkova	CZE	380	<b>8</b>	Emanuel Reholá	CZE	400
<b>9</b>	Petra Mokra	CZE	375	<b>9</b>	Luka Somen	CRO	395
<b>10</b>	Nikola Hofmanova	AUT	375	<b>10</b>	Davide Della Tommasina	ITA	365
16 & UNDER GIRLS				16 & UNDER BOYS			
<b>1</b>	Alexandra Dulgheru	ROM	480	<b>1</b>	Pere Riba	ESP	495
<b>2</b>	Ayu Fani Damayanti	INA	410	<b>2</b>	Robin Roshardt	SUI	415
<b>3</b>	Maria Miziouk	RUS	395	<b>3</b>	Ernests Gulbis	LAT	415
<b>4</b>	Arina Rodionova	RUS	375	<b>4</b>	Andrei Karatchenia	BLR	410
<b>5</b>	Mihaela Buzarnescu	ROM	350	<b>5</b>	Emiliano Massa	ARG	395
<b>6</b>	Ekaterina Jeritsheva	EST	350	<b>6</b>	Robert Varga	UKR	365
<b>7</b>	Maya Gaverova	RUS	350	<b>7</b>	Boris Obama	FRA	355
<b>8</b>	Raluca Olaru	ROM	310	<b>8</b>	Marc Meigel	GER	355
<b>9</b>	I-Hsuan Hwang	TPE	305	<b>9</b>	Marin Cilic	CRO	350
<b>10</b>	Anastasia Kharchenko	UKR	295	<b>10</b>	Boris Obama	FRA	345

## EUROPEAN RANKINGS

The summer hardcourt season, culminating with the Olympic Games and the US Open, has brought about significant changes at the top of the European rankings.

Amelie Mauresmo of France becomes the first French woman to top the rankings. French open champion Anastasia Myskina rises to second despite a surprise second round loss in New York. Extended illness breaks mean Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters slip to third and sixth respectively.

The most significant rise of from Svetlana Kuznetsova, who becomes the third Russian in the top five, with another three following in the lower part of the top ten. Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova slips one place to seventh following a disappointing summer.

There is no change at the top of the mens list, as Roger Federer consolidates his lead over his rivals. Tim Henman is making a charge for the European #2 spot, a position he last attained in the spring of 2002.

Below him, Tommy Robredo strengthens his position as the Spanish #2, whilst Joachim Johansson re-enters the list following his surprise run at the US Open.

The good summer form of Tommy Haas and Nicolas Kiefer means that Germany has two players in the top ten for the first time in over two years.

Rankings are based on ATP/WTA ranks of September 12th

<b>WOMEN</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>WTA TOUR Rank</b>	<b>Points Total</b>
<b>1</b>	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	1	4527
<b>2</b>	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	2	4155
<b>3</b>	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	4	4004
<b>4</b>	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5	3368
<b>5</b>	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	6	3014.25
<b>6</b>	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	7	2815
<b>7</b>	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	9	2570
<b>8</b>	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	11	2146
<b>9</b>	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	13	2009
<b>10</b>	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	15	1753
<b>MEN</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>ATP CHAMPI-ONS RACE</b>	<b>Points Total</b>
<b>1</b>	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	1087
<b>2</b>	Carlos MOYA	ESP	4	484
<b>3</b>	Tim HENMAN	GBR	6	432
<b>4</b>	Marat SAFIN	RUS	9	317
<b>5</b>	Sébastien GROSJEAN	FRA	10	274
<b>6</b>	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	11	267
<b>7</b>	Dominik HRBATY	SVK	12	262
<b>8</b>	Joachim JOHANSSON	SWE	14	254
<b>9</b>	Nicolas KIEFER	GER	15	248
<b>10</b>	Tommy HAAS	GER	19	204

## STAFF CHANGES

Tennis Europe bids farewell this month to Brigitte Roller after two years of service with the Veterans and Women's Departments. We wish her all the best in her new career!

## CONFERENCES

The conference season is upon us, so here's a reminder of the upcoming Tennis Europe events:

15-17 October, Amsterdam (NED) - Top Executives Meeting  
30 Oct—Nov 4, Malta (MAL) - European Coaches Symposium  
19—21 Nov - Ajaccio (FRA) - European Tournament Conference.

For further information about the above events please contact our Basel headquarters.

27.10.2004 - A **Sports Medicine Conference** from BBS Congress, will be held at The Davidoff Swiss Indoors ATP event in Basel, endorsed by Swiss Tennis and Tennis Europe. The event features a number of renowned speakers from Switzerland, France and Britain, and focuses on developing children and tennis.

Further information can be found at the conference section of [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org)

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

The ITF headquarters in London now have an officer working exclusively on CAT (Confederation of African Tennis) issues. Claire Ghorayeb can be contacted on the following details:

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