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SEE TENNIS LIVE



Olli Mäenpää

March sees the launch of 'See Tennis Live', an initiative from Tennis Europe aimed at increasing knowledge of, and attendance at entry-level events across Europe.

The ambitious project is the first of its kind of this magnitude and its success will be keenly monitored for the duration of the season as we aim to launch an even more comprehensive tool for the 2004 season.

To capitalise on the current popularity of tennis, and following on from the European Tournament Conference in Warsaw at the end of last year, where the question of how to 'Fill the Stands' at the lesser-publicised events was high on the agenda, Tennis Europe will be issuing all ITF Men's and Women's Circuit Event Organisers with promotional packs designed to aid their efforts to market their tournaments and also to provide templates for producing the professional standard programmes, draw sheets and tournament information guides that have become customary at modern day events.

We spoke to Olli Mäenpää, Tennis Europe's Director of External Affairs, about the decision to adopt this strategy.

Why has Tennis Europe de-

cided to organise this campaign at this point?

"The latest trends show that tennis is now the second most popular sport in Europe, and we would like to capitalise on that and to increase the appetite for the sport at every level. The public gets their first chance to see future champions at entry-level events (for this reason the sub-text of the campaign is a focus on 'The Next Generation of Tennis Professionals') and the quality of play is surprisingly high, but because of constrictions on time and finances, the event organisers often are not able to promote their tournaments as they would perhaps like."

Who will receive the packs?

"All 376 ITF Men's and Women's Circuit events due to take place during the remainder of this year and the beginning of next. That's Men's satellite and Futures events, and women's \$10-75k tournaments."

What do you hope to achieve?

"Basically we would like to do two things; to increase awareness of ITF Circuit events in Europe, and to help the event organisers to produce promotional material to publicise their events. There are many potential benefits if the campaign is a success, and if we can stimulate interest in club tennis, that can only be good for the sport as a whole"

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THE 'SEE TENNIS LIVE' CAMPAIGN

How will you gauge the effectiveness of the campaign?

"Hopefully we will see an increase in attendance over the year at events that have used the materials provided. We also intend to organise meetings and workshops at which we can meet the organisers and discuss how they felt about the campaign, and possible improvements. They can also share their experiences and debate the best ways to promote their events. We will also enclose feedback forms with our packs, and ask all event organisers to respond with their comments, and there are prizes to be won for their co-operation."

What are the long term plans for the campaign?



"We intend to run the scheme until the end of 2004 at least, and hope to be able to expand next year to encourage people to see other grass roots events, such as juniors. The possibilities are endless and we will evaluate them with interest as this first year of the campaign progresses"

If you are an event organiser look out for the packs, which should arrive with you at the end of March.

Further information will shortly be available at the campaign's own dedicated website: www.tenniseurope.org/seeTennisLive.

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OLYMPIC MUSEUM TENNIS EXHIBITION

A Davis and Fed Cup exhibition was opened to the public last week at the Olympic museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. The exhibition, which will run until 1 June, features a variety of interesting articles from the history of the competitions.

The most successful player in the history of the Fed Cup, the recently retired Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, and Davis Cup

hero Neale Fraser of Australia travelled to Switzerland to formally open the exhibition.

The stars also took part in an open debate on the subject of international sports and the meaning of representing your country, chaired by sports journalist and Eurosport tennis commentator Chris Bowers, which was enthusiastically attended by ITF and Tennis Europe officers and locals alike.

The exhibition boasts a number of unmissable items including pieces on loan from the museums of the All England Club and Roland Garros, replica trophies, racquets through the ages and multimedia displays.

The exhibition will run from March 11th until June 1st. More information can be found at the official website: www.museum.olympic.org

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tennis Europe extends its warmest congratulations to our President, John James, who on New Years Eve was honoured by the Queen with the title of O.B.E. as recognition of his achievements.

During his prolific career John has worked for Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain in numerous roles, including executive officer for the Championships, Wimbledon.

He has also served as representative at the British Olympic Association, and continues to serve as Tennis Europe President.

VETERAN PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 2002

The Tennis Europe Veterans Committee met in **Seefeld** (Austria) during the second week of the **European Veterans Indoors Championships**, where round 400 players competed in the younger age categories (Men 40 to 60, Women 40 to 55).

The previous week had seen around 250 participants competing for the titles in the categories Men 65 to 90 and Women 60 to 75.

The complete range of matches is played at Seefeld: singles, doubles, mixed doubles and consolation, which makes a huge program with full days of competition starting early morning and finishing late at night!

It was also the duty of the Veterans Committee to express their best thanks to **Gunter Prell**, who created the European Veterans Rankings System in 1996 and since then has worked tirelessly to enable Tennis Europe to issue its

own annual European rankings. Please note that due to the recent merge of the European and ITF Circuits, the European Veterans Tournaments are now included in the ITF ranking system.

Philios Christodoulou, Chairman of the Committee, presented Gunter Prell with a gift as recognition by Tennis Europe of his dedication to the Veterans game (pictured).

For further information on the Veteran's game, please visit us online at www.tenniseurope.org, where you will find the following:

2003 Calendar (European tourna-



Philios Christodoulou, Gunter Prell

ments part of the ITF Vets Circuit), ITF rankings (End of the year rankings valid until 1st April 2003), 2003 ITF Veterans Handbook, including Circuit regulations, useful information and the 2003 Method of Ranking, plus full results from the Seefeld European Indoor Championships.

(Charlotte Ferrari)

Category	Men's Player of the Year	Women's Player of the Year
Over 35	Franck Février (FRA)	Florentina Curpene (ROM)
Over 40	Joseph Mateo (FRA)	Carin Bakkum (NED)
Over 45	Pierre Godfroid (BEL)	Katalin Fagyas (HUN)
Over 50	Lubomir Petrov (GER)	Heidi Eisterlehner (GER)
Over 55	Peter Peczely (HUN)	Maria Pinterova (HUN)
Over 60	Peter Pokorny (AUT)	Heide Orth (GER)
Over 65	Klaus Fuhrmann (GER)	Brigitte Jung (GER)
Over 70	Werner Mertins (GER)	Rita Lauder (GBR)
Over 75	Laci Legenstein (AUT)	Pinuccia Russo (ITA)
Over 80	Cornelis Marre (NED)	Hertha Walter (GER)
Over 85	Claude de Montgolfier (FRA)	

SPAIN CLAIMS 2002 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY

The dawning of the New Year brought confirmation that Spain had succeeded in claiming the overall Tennis Europe Trophy for the third time in four years.

A strong showing at the end of the season thanks to the efforts of the three ATP World Championship qualifiers and the women's Fed Cup team, who did enough to clinch the Professional title and pulled their overall points total ahead of second placed Germany, who were destined to finish as runners-up for a third consecutive year.

In addition to the Professional and Overall titles, Spain also won the Junior category, finishing ahead of the Czechs, who earlier in the season had been favourites to retain their title, winning the U16 and U18 Girls Summer Cups. Surprisingly

this was the first time that the Junior achievement award has gone to Spain.

Veterans, Wheelchair Champions Defend Titles

Although a less impressive autumn season saw Germany finish in second place for a frustrating third consecutive year, they can take some consolation from their victory in the Veterans category; incredibly their twelfth consecutive win.

The Netherlands look set to take an equally decisive grip on the wheelchair trophy. Since its timely inclusion in 2001 they have been clear leaders in the category, although the British and French mounted a much stronger challenge in 2002.

This is the twelfth year that Tennis Europe has awarded the end of

year titles, designed to highlight and reward achievement by the top-performing member nations in four main categories of tennis: the professional game, juniors, veterans and wheelchair tennis.

Award Ceremony

This years trophies will be awarded at the Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Ancona, Italy in May. The 2003 race for points is already underway, and Tennis Europe News will keep you updated with the latest changes throughout the year.

A detailed breakdown of the final standings for 2002, along with the history of the competition and an explanation of the points allocation can be found at www.tenniseurope.org

	OVERALL TROPHY	PROFESSIONAL TROPHY	JUNIOR TROPHY	VETERANS TROPHY	WHEELCHAIR TROPHY
WINNER	SPAIN	SPAIN	SPAIN	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
RUNNER-UP	GERMANY	RUSSIA	CZECH REP.	AUSTRIA	GREAT BRITAIN
THIRD	FRANCE	FRANCE	RUSSIA	ITALY	FRANCE

ANTI-DOPING NEWS

The sports' anti-doping policies have received a boost, with two major developments occurring in the past few weeks.

Firstly, the ITF in conjunction with the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) announced that blood testing would supplement urine detection of EPO (erythropoietin) and related substances with effect

from January 2003.

EPO is a synthetic hormone banned due its performance enhancing and potentially dangerous effects on otherwise healthy athletes.

Another significant step in the battle against drugs in the sport was taken at the end of February,

when the ITF announced that it would conduct out-of-competition tests in association with WADA. These enhancements should further strengthen the role of the Tennis Anti-Doping Programme, an international drugs testing body recognised by the ITF, ATP and WTA, and whose guidelines are enforced at all levels of professional tennis.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tennis Europe has announced a new agreement to stage the European Club Championships for Women at AS Patton Rennes, France for the next three years.

The club, one of the most successful in the history of the tournament, will host the event during

the second week of Wimbledon, and will offer full hospitality (accommodation with breakfast at a hotel in Rennes, plus lunch and dinner at the club) in addition to prize money of €3000 for the inner of the event, €1500 for the runner-up and €750 for the semi-finalists.

"We would like to thank Club AS Patton Rennes for their generous hospitality and commitment to furthering the success of this tournament" said Pierre-Paul De Keghel, Chairman, Team Championships and Regional Games Committee.

JUNIOR TOUR SUPERVISOR / QUALITY CO-ORDINATOR UPDATE

Even before 2002 had ended, the new season of the European Junior Tour was starting with the U12s tournament at Boulogne Billancourt, France. Although I was not able to attend that event, my site visits started right after the Christmas holidays with a trip to Czech Republic for the 3rd edition of the Tennisline Cup (16 & Under) which took place in Pribram from 13th to 19th of January. The Sportcentrum Roja there will play an important role in 2003, organising 3 tournaments in the first quarter of the year.

The following weekend I moved to Telford for the Teen Tennis, a category 1 14 & Under British tournament. More than 100 players came to the eight indoor courts of the Telford Tennis Centre, located just across from the official hotel, which gave the possibility for players and coaches to practice, play and lodge at close proximity.

Capacity crowds in France

Another long weekend concluded

my visits of the month of January, with a combined trip to Tarbes and Marcq en Baroeul. These France based category 1 tournaments once again confirmed their commitment for the improvement of Junior Tennis; in particular, "Les Petits As" in Tarbes, which was followed by more than 40,000 spectators during the week.

Moving North

February was also a very intensive month, characterised by visits to Denmark, Sweden, Lithuania and the three sites of the Winter Cups Qualifying Rounds. Rungsted Kyst in Denmark was the site of two tournaments, one 14 & Under category 2 and one 16 & Under category 3, while just across the sea two similar events were held in the very nice Swedish town of Helsingborg (host of many a Davis Cup tie). Both were very well organised and featured players from all over Europe, and even as far as China.

In Siauliai, Lithuania, I was also

able to attend two different events, the Siauliai Open and the Evian Cup. A temperature far below zero did not dampen the enthusiasm of the participants.

Winter Cups

Finally, as I mentioned before, February was also the month of the qualifying round of the Winter Cups. Since most of them were played in Italy, I travelled the whole weekend in order to be able to attend the Boys 16 & Under in Livorno, the Girls 14 & Under in Forte dei Marmi, as well as the Girls 16 & Under in Tolmezzo. As I write, the final rounds have just been played. I will therefore comment further on the Winter Cups in next issue of Tennis Europe news.

As you can see from these few words, the year 2003 started in a hectic manner and promises to be another interesting and intensive year for the Junior Competitions of Tennis Europe.

(Massimo Morelli)

2003 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS

The European Winter Cups 2003, which began with the Qualifying Rounds in mid-February, came to a close during the week of 28 February-2 March 2003 when the Final Rounds of each of the four age events in the competition were staged.

This team competition, which was created in 1977 to provide juniors with an opportunity to play a high quality event during the winter months under indoor conditions, now includes both boys and girls 14/16 & under.

Participation in the 2003 European Winter Cups and the standard of the tennis played were both high. The venues for the four Final Rounds were Ronchin (France), Montecatini (Italy), Pruhonice (Czech Republic) and San Miniato (Italy).

The standard of organization displayed by the national associations which staged the Final, and also the Qualifying Rounds, was very professional.

The best 8 teams in each age event from the Qualifying Rounds competed in the relevant Final

Round. In the Final Rounds Russian teams were winners in both boys and girls 16 & under categories, showing the strength and potential of Russian Junior tennis once again. The boys and girls 14 & under events were won by Belgium and Belarus respectively.

More information about the competition, and full results are available at Tennis Europe's web site: www.tenniseurope.org or from Tennis Europe's Headquarters in Basel.

(Stephanie Kamperi)

TENNIS EUROPE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2 - 4 MAY 2003
ANCONA, ITALY

RACE TO THE MASTERS - TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters was started in 1996 to reward the players who compete in the European Junior Tour. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & under age categories. The venue and the date for the 2003 European Masters has not yet been decided and will be announced in the next issue of the Tennis Europe News. The rankings below show the players which are currently (ranking as per 12th March 2003) qualified for the 2002 European Junior Masters. The European players which are on 2nd of October still in the top eight of this ranking will be qualified for this years European Junior Masters.

BOYS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Andrei	KARATCHENIA	BLR
2	Plamen	AVRAMOV	BUL
3	Frederic	DE FAYS	BEL
4	Michal	KONECNY	CZE
5	Mikhail	KARPOL	CRO
6	Nikita	ZOTOV	RUS
7	Jiri	KOSLER	CZE
8	Eduard	ZAREA	MDA

GIRLS 14 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Michaela	KRAJICEK	NED
2	Evgeniya	RODINA	RUS
3	Vika	AZARANKA	BLR
4	Vesna	MANASIEVA	RUS
5	Raluca	OLARU	ROM
6	Timea	BACSINSZKY	SUI
7	Stefanie	RATH	AUT
8	Stefanie	VOEGELE	SUI

BOYS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Novak	DJOKOVIC	YUG
2	Fabio	FOGNINI	ITA
3	Alexandr	NEDOVESOV	UKR
4	Alexandre	KRASNOUROUTSKI	RUS
5	Albert	LARREGOLA	ESP
6	Denis	MOLCEANOV	MDA
7	Tony	RAJAABELINA	FRA
8	Siarhei	TARASEVICH	BLR

GIRLS 16 & UNDER

	Name	Surname	Nation
1	Monica	NICUKESCU	ROM
2	Alissa	KLEIBANOVA	RUS
3	Polona	REBERSAK	SLO
4	Agnes	SZATMARI	ROM
5	Giulia	GATTO MONTICONE	ITA
6	Danica	KRSTAJIC	YUG
7	Giulia	GABBA	ITA
8	Mihaela	BUZAERNES-CU	ROM

THE EUROPEAN TOP 10

WOMEN

	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Ranking
1	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	3
2	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	4
3	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	7
4	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	8
5	Jelena DOKIC	YUG	9
6	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	11
7	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	13
8	Magdalena MALEEVA	BUL	14
9	Eleni DANIILIDOU	GRE	15
10	Elena BOVINA	RUS	16

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 17th March 2003.

MEN

	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE
1	Rainer SCHUETTLE	GER	2
2	Roger FEDERER	SUI	3
3	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	8
4	Sebastian GROSJEAN	FRA	9
5	Felix MANTILLA	ESP	12
6	Karol KUCERA	SVK	15
7	Max MIRNYI	BLR	16
8	Jiri NOVAK	CZE	20
9	Carlos MOYA	ESP	22
10	Stefan KUBEK	AUT	25

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Champions Race Standings as of 17th March 2003.

THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



The Swedish Tennis Association has followed our lead, and that of the likes of Tennis Australia, by re-launching themselves as Tennis Sweden. All the activities of the national association have been put under the trademark, which you can see in action at www.tennis.se

APPOINTMENTS

The Danish Tennis Association has elected Mr. Finn Kalhauge as President.

Dusan Orlandic is elected General Secretary of the Yugoslav Tennis Federation.

Andrei Medvedev is elected General Secretary of Ukraine Tennis Federation. Volodomir Gerashenko is appointed Deputy General Secretary.

Changes at the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain: David Felgate takes over as Director of Performance from Patrice Hagelauer, who leaves to become French Davis Cup coach. Rebecca Miskin is appointed Director of Tennis Operations.

CONTACT CHANGES

All Email addresses at the Spanish Tennis Federation should be amended from @fedetenis.es to @rfet.es

Albania's Tennis Federation wish to make it clear that all correspondence should go to: Rruga Myslym Shyri, Pall. 46, Ap. 10/1, Tirana, Albania. Tel/Fax 00355 42 399 15

The Lithuanian Tennis Association has moved. They can now be contacted at: Pasiles 39a, LT-3031 Kaunas, Lithuania. Tel: +370 37 490421. Fax: +370 37 764625, email Its@takas.lt
web: www.tenisosajunga.lt

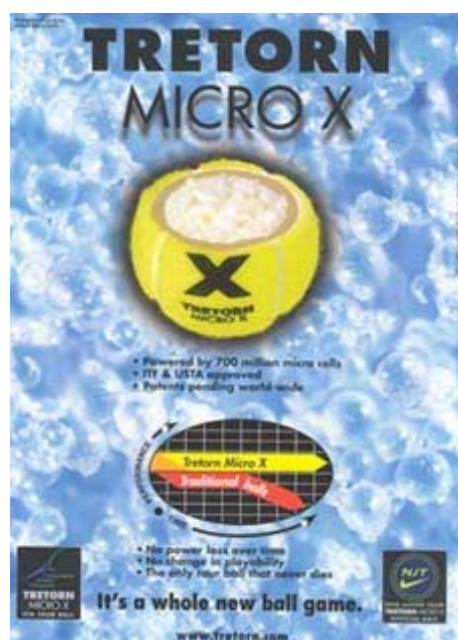
The Portuguese Tennis Federation have announced Estoril as the location of this years Inter-Parliamentary Tennis Tournament. The event will take place from the 12th – 14th June at the Estoril Tennis Club, and will be inaugurated by a welcoming reception and dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Portuguese Parliament, Mr Mota Amaral, at the Parliament itself.

The tournament will be played over the Friday and Saturday with prizes awarded at a dinner at Cascais Town Hall on the night of the 13th.

Spain will host the XVIII International Conference in Barcelona during the weekend of 19-22 April 2003.

Speakers will include: Emilio Sánchez Vicario, Sergio Casal, Luis Mediero, David Serrahima, Luis Bruguera, William "Pato" Alvarez, Manuel Orantes, Javier Duarte, Jofre Porta, Angel Giménez, Antonio Hernández, Angel Ruiz Cotorro, Xavier Segura, Antonio Martínez Cascales, Juan Bosh, José Perlas, Juan Forcadas and Miguel Maeso.

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