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ITALY AND CZECH REPUBLIC - 2000 EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONS

The 2000 European Women's Team Championships - Champions Division which was played in the Unesco city of Cesky Krumlov (CZE) was won by Italy. In a high level final the Italian Girls lead by Captain Rafaella Reggi beat the British Fed Cup Team 2:1

The venue for the Men's Champions Division was Montecatini (ITA). The top seeded teams of the Davis Cup Captains Paolo

Bertolucci (Italy) and Roger Taylor (Great Britain) lost their first round tie and were banned to the Relegation ties.

In the Main Draw a very stable Czech Team qualified for the Final where they met the Slovene Davis Cup Team.

The Final which was played in front of 1500 spectators was won by the Czech Republic 2 - 0.



..and the very best wishes from the President, the Committee of Management and the Staff of the European Tennis Association

This year, rather than sending Christmas Cards we shall make a donation to the Charity Organisation "Goal". We are convinced that this is in your interest too and thank you for your Understanding

EUROPE'S PERFORMANCE IN DAVIS CUP AND FED CUP

This year in the ITF's two biggest international competitions, the Fed Cup and Davis Cup, Europe was once again well-represented.

Fed Cup Final

In the women's competition, Europe for the 20th consecutive year had a team in the final. Despite a loss at the hands of the powerful USA, who have now won this event for two straight years, Spain, led by one of the most successful team captains in the event's history, Miguel Margets, put up a very gutsy performance. En route to the final, the Spanish team had some impressive victories, especially against the Czech Republic in the semifinals and the team should be very proud of their performance.

Davis Cup Final

In what has been a very promising year for Spanish tennis, the men's Spanish team, captained by Javier Duarte was looking for its first ever win in the Davis Cup final. The team, however, had its work cut out as they faced a determined Australian side, looking to defend the title they won a year ago in Nice. In a thrilling first rubber between Albert Costa and Lleyton

Hewitt, despite feverpitched support from the Spanish fans, the young Australian, after a slow start, managed to battle his way back into the match to win in five thrilling sets.

A new star was born

In the second rubber, Juan Carlos Ferrero played some outstanding tennis and battled back from a defeat in the first set tiebreak to take a two sets to one lead before Rafter had to retire due to severe cramp. With a masterful performance in the second day doubles, Alex Corretja and Juan Balcells proved too strong for the Australian doubles specialists, Mark Woodforde and Sandon Stolle and put the Spanish team just one point away from clinching the title and making Spanish tennis history. The atmosphere in the 15,000 capacity Barcelona stadium on the final day of the competition was electrifving with 14.000 enthusiastic Spanish tennis fans cheering on the 20 year old Juan Carlos Ferrero who faced an on-form 19 year old Lleyton Hewitt.

"New balls please"

Two of the world's most promising up-and-coming

young tennis stars thus faced each other in perhaps the biggest tennis match of the year. These two "new balls please" stars battled for almost four hours and to the jubilation of the vast majority of the spectators, Ferrero clinched the match in the fourth set. This victory was perhaps the biggest match in the history of men's professional tennis in Spain. Spain had finally won the Davis Cup after two previous appearances in the final and now joins the exclusive club of Davis Cup winners, to date totalling 10 nations.

A magical year of tennis

It was clear just how much this win meant to the Spaniards as the team mobbed Juan Carlos after his victory hoisted him onto the shoulders of Alex Corretja and sprayed champagne around the court. This was a great end to the year for both Spanish and European tennis and the ETA would like to congratulate Spanish Federation and its players for their great performances at both the Fed Cup and Davis Cup competitions.

Alex Nicholas

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2000 European Women's Team Championships have been played for the first time in a new format with a Champions Division and a First Division.

In the Champions Division, Italy playing with two top hundred players, managed to win the trophy again. After just one year in the Champions Division Belarus will have to go back to the First Division. Croatia, which was not as strong as the year before, was relegated as well. Sweden which played at home and Yugoslavia were promoted to next year's Champions Division.

Detailed results are available from the ETA office in Basel

FINAL STANDINGS

CHAMPIONS DIVISION

HOST: CESKY KRUMLOV (CZE)

- 1. Italy
- 2. Great Britain
- 3. Czech Republic 4. Spain

- 7. Belarus (Relegated) Croatia (Relegated)

FIRST DIVISION

GROUP 1

HOST: BJÄRRED (SWE)

- 1. Sweden (Promoted)
- 2. Ukraine
- 3. Denmark
- Ireland
- Luxembourg Netherlands

GROUP 2

HOST: ESPINHO (POR)

- 1. Yugoslavia (Promoted)
- 2. Slovenia
- 3. Belgium
- Turkey
- 5. Portugal

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EUROPEAN MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twenty teams from all over Europe have been participating in the 2000 European Men's Team Championships. Nine years after their last victory Czech Republic managed to win the trophy again.

Croatia, Great Britain and Spain were relegated and will play in the next year in the First Division. Especially the relegation of Great Britain which was playing with the European Junior Champions in Doubles Childs/Nelson was a big surprise.

In the first Division Greece and Belgium managed to be promoted again after just one year in the first Division. New in the Champions Division will also be the Team from Poland which had to fight until the last day for their promotion.

Detailed results are available from the ETA office in Basel.

FINAL STANDINGS

CHAMPIONS DIVISION

HOST: MONTECATINI (ITA)

- 1. Czech Republic
- 2. Slovenia
- 3. Bulgaria4. Sweden

- Great Britain (Relegated)
- Croatia (Relegated) Spain (Relegated)

FIRST DIVISION

GROUP 1

HOST: SOPOT (POL)

- 1. Poland (Promoted)
- Luxembourg
 Belarus

GROUP 2

HOST: FILOTHEI (GRE)

- 1. Greece (Promoted)
- 2. Slovak Republic
- 3. Yugoslavia
- 4. Ireland 5. Malta

GROUP 3

HOST: ISTANBUL (TUR)

- 1. Belgium (Promoted)
- Portugal
- 3. Turkey

EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT CONFERENCE

Barcelona, Spain, hosted the European Tournament Conference early November. The conference is the biannual meeting of all ETA Member Nations with regard to tournament organisation particularly for the Men's and Women's Circuit events and officiating. Almost every country organising events in

these categories turned up for the 1½ day conference.

2001 update

In the opening general sessions Bill Babcock and Carole Munn of the ITF gave detailed information about the rule changes for 2001 and Martina Alterova, ETA,

supplemented by presenting the impressive number of Women's events in Europe. Martina also emphasised the way the new entry rules on the Women's side will affect the players and the work of the entry office.

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EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT CONFERENCE

For the first time the ATP was represented at the conference. Joanna Langhorne is responsible at ATP's Monte Carlo office for the co-ordination of the Challenger events world-wide, and gave an interesting presentation of the growth of the Challengers and related issues.

Stefan Fransson and Mike Morrissey, both ITF, talked about various officiating matters. Their presentations included such vast areas as common rule changes for the next year, the various tests which are presently carried out about scoring systems (No Ad, Short Sets) and the tests with a larger ball. The development of the officiating schools, exchange programmes and related issues were also brought to attention.

José Mª Pizá, who is the driving force within the Spanish Tennis Federation, concluded the morning session of the first day by exthe force and plaining reasons behind the fenomenal and increasing number of tournaments in Spain. José M^a was jokingly asking for an extension of the year, since there are no longer weeks enough to cater for all the events in

Quality enhancement

It must be said that almost all the European tournaments are planned

and carried out in a satisfactory way, but there is a I w a y s room for improvements in different areas. The full afternoon session was set aside to discuss these issues.

Following opening remarks about the use of Internet for tournament administration and player information, and the new player database operated by ITF, some tips about how to approach and use the media was presented.

Rowena English, one of the Sports Medicine Trainers working for the WTA Tour and ITF gave detailed presentations in two important areas: the medical servicies at an event, and the way well selected and nicely presented food can make a great difference to the players on the tour.

Following these presentations the delegates were split into five groups of their choice to discuss various aspects of how tournaments can improve by organisational, administrative and practical means with the aim of providing better environment for the players, and various ways to develop the officiating side of the events even further.

During the presentation of the group works just before the conclusion of the conference many practical ideas were brought forward and it became clear that in many cases improvements can be made without increasing the costs for the organisers. Simply by doing things in another and more useful way to the benefit of the players and sponsors and – ultimately – the vital local organisers, we could see even better events throughout Europe.

Open discussions

Just before the summaries were given, there was a 2 hour discussion frame, where the delegates could discuss individually with the ITF and ETA representatives about various issues. The tournament administrators ended up in a spontaneous large discussion, while the officiating people talked about new training structures at the national levels in order to get officials successively ready for more demanding tasks, and how to use the various exchange opportunities in the best possible way.

Finally Les Maddock of the ETA Officiating Committee, Chairman of the entire conference, had the pleasure of thanking Anders Wennberg and the Basel office for making all the arrangements for the conference, and particularly the Spanish and Catalan Tennis Federations for their contribution to such a successful weekend in Barcelona.

Anders Wennberg

2000 ETA JUNIOR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

The European Tennis Association is pleased to publish the names of the 2000 ETA Players of the year. The delegates of each concerned Association will receive the award on occasion of the next ETA Annual General Meeting, to take place in Nicosia, CYP in March 2001. Congratulations!

Girls 14&U

- 1. Andreja KLEPAJ (SLO)
- 2. Anastasiya YAKIMAVA (BLR)
- 3. Euguenia LINETSKAYA (RUS)

Girls 16&U

- 1. Giorgia MONDANI (ITA)
- 2. Mia KUREK (CRO)
- 3. Nika OZEGOVIC (CRO)

Boys 14&U

- 1. Kamil CAPKOVIC (SVK)
- 2. Daniel MÜLLER (GER)
- 3. Aliaksandr SKYPKO (BLR)

Boys 16&U

- 1. Johannes AGER (AUT)
- 2. Pietro ANSALDO (ITA)
- 3. Adam CHADAJ (POL)

ETA JUNIOR TOUR - UPGRADING OF TOURNAMENTS

The ETA is very pleased to announce that no tournament was downgraded this year; on the contrary, several of them were upgraded:

| 14&UNDER | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| I . | Category in 2000 | Category in 2001 |
| Open des Jeunes, Paris (FRA) | 2 | 1 |
| Bank Austria, Fürstenfeld (AUT) | 3 | 2 |
| Katoro Cup, Umag (CRO) | 3 | 2 |
| Bank Austria, Bergheim (AUT) | 3 | 2 |
| Mercedes Cup, Pecs (HUN) | 3 | 2 |
| Bergant Memorial, Maribor (SLO) | 3 | 2 |
| Riga '98, Riga (LAT) | 3 | 2 |
| Int. Tournament, Liepaja (LAT) | 3 | 2 |
| Int. Tournament, Pecs (HUN) | 3 | 2 |
| LBS Cup 14, Waiblingen (GER) | 3 | 2 |

ETA JUNIOR TOUR - UPGRADING OF TOURNAMENTS

| 16&UNDER | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| I . | Category in 2000 | Category in 2001 |
| Int. Youth Tennis Tournament, Bruxelles (BEL) | 2 | 1 |
| Int. Youth Tennis Tournament, La Hulpe (BEL) | 2 | 1 |
| Le Pont des Générations, Le Pontet (FRA) | 2 | 1 |
| Madeira Juve Cup, Funchal (POR) | 3 | 2 |
| Atlantic Cup, Haskovo (BUL) | 3 | 2 |
| Siauliai Open, Siauliai (LTU) | 3 | 2 |
| Madeira Int. Tournament, Funchal (POR) | 3 | 2 |
| Wilson Cup, Ostrava (CZE) | 3 | 2 |
| Szvse Cup, Szazhalombatta (HUN) | 3 | 2 |
| Varsovia Cup, Warsaw (POL) | 3 | 2 |

ETA JUNIOR TOUR - NEW TOURNAMENTS

| 12& UNDER | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Int. LTA 12&U, Wrexham | (GBR) |
| Sofia Int. Tournament, Sofia | (BUL) |
| Telekom Comstar, Moscow | (RUS) |
| Cupa Centrul de Tennis, Chisinau | (MOL) |
| Int. Tournament, Saarbrücken | (GER) |
| Sunny Beach Cup, Bourgas | (BUL) |
| Olympus Cup, Leptokaria/Katerini | (GRE) |
| Tzs Cup, Togliatti/Samara | (RUS) |
| HCD-ETA Tour, Delmenhorst | (GER) |

| 14& UNDER | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Kremlin Cup Comstar, Moscow | (RUS) |
| Team Leschly Cup 14, Rungsted Kyst | (DEN) |
| Yerevan Junior Cup 14, Yerevan | (ARM) |
| Cakak Open, Cakak | (YUG) |
| Int. Tournament, Chania | (GRE) |
| Volvo ETA Cup 14, Helsinki | (FIN) |
| Int. Tournament, Bratislava, | (SVK) |

| 16 & UNDER | |
|--|-------|
| Tzs Cup, Togliatti/Samara | (RUS) |
| Tennisline Cup, Chodov/Prague | (CZE) |
| Team Leschly Cup 16, Runstead Kyst | (DEN) |
| Int. Tournament 16, Budapest | HUN) |
| Yerevan Junior Cup 16, Yerevan | (ARM) |
| Svilena Cup, Svilengrad | (BUL) |
| Palangos Juze, Palanga | (LTU) |
| Riga 800 16&U, Riga | (LAT) |
| Int. Tournament, Krems/Donau | (AUT) |
| Open RCT Barcelona 1899-Sarajevo, Sarajevo | (BIH) |
| Int. Jugend-Tennisturnier, Renningen | (GER) |
| As International 16, Novi Sad | (YUG) |
| Volvo ETA Cup 16, Helsinki | (FIN) |

2001 RACE TO PRATO - ETA JUNIOR MASTERS

The ETA Junior Masters was started in 1996 to reward the players who compete in the ETA Junior Circuit. It is supposed to be the end of the season highlight for the eight best-ranked boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & under age categories. The competition came to life thanks to the initiative of the Italian Tennis Federation and the Tennis Club Prato, where it was played since its creation.

The 2001 14&U ETA Tour has already started with the International Tournaments in Moscow, Tel-Aviv and Jaffa, which took place in early November. The TIM 91 Tournament in Ste-Geneviève-des-Bois/FRA, was held, as usual in Mid-December 2000. As there have not been any 16&Under tournaments played, counting for 2001, the standings will not be published in this issue.

| | Winner | Runner-up | Score |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|
| MOSCOW (RUS) | | | |
| Boys | A. KRASNORUTSKY (RUS) | A. SAMOUILOV (BLR) | 63 64 |
| Girls | E. IVANOVA (RUS) | E. KIRIANOVA (RUS) | 64 16 64 |
| TEL-AVIV (ISR) | | | |
| Boys | Y. NATALI (ITA) | I. BELELEU (ROM) | 64 62 |
| Girls | S. PEER (ISR) | S. MURESAN (ROM) | 64 75 |
| JAFFA (ISR) | | | |
| Boys | Y. NATALI (ITA) | B. KUZMANOVIC (YUG) | 63 63 |
| Girls | S. PEER (ISR) | S. MURESAN (ROM) | 62 61 |

BOYS 14 &UNDER

GIRLS 14 &UNDER

| | Name | Surname | Nation | | Name | Surname | Nation |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|--------|----|---------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | Natali | Yari | ITA | 1 | Lisjak | Ivana | CRO |
| 2 | Lacko | Lukas | SVK | 2 | Gajdovsova | Jarmilla | SVK |
| 3 | Zverev | Mikhail | RUS | 3 | Safarova | Lucie | CZE |
| 4 | Piskacek | Tomas | CZE | 4 | Peer | Shahar | ISR |
| 5 | Beleleu | Ionut Mihai | ROM | 5 | Evtimova | Dia | BUL |
| 6 | Kavcic | Blaz | SLO | 6 | Muresan | Stanca | ROM |
| 7 | Murray | Andrew | GBR | 7 | Rybova | Jana | CZE |
| 8 | Bejtulahi | Denis | YUG | 8 | Kirianova | Ekaterina | RUS |
| Ra | nking as per 13/12/ | ²⁰⁰⁰ | | Ra | anking as per 13/12 | /2000 | |

2000 JUNIOR GENERAL MEETING IN MONACO - REVIEW

The Junior General Meeting took place in Monaco on November 24-26, and was attended by approximately 40 delegates from 24 countries, including several Tournament Organisers of 12/14/16& Under Events. The Monaco Tennis Federation did a fantastic job in the organisation of the meeting, transportation, technical details, dinners and social programme not only for the delegates but also for the accompanying people.

During the first part of the Open Session, two excellent presentations were made, "Coaching on the Tour, daily experience" by Ellinore Lightbody and "Refereeing a Tour Event" by Michel Renaux.

They were followed by a Tournament Organisers' Forum, where several of them presented some of their ideas in order to improve the ETA Tour which will be considered by the ETA Junior Committee. This part of the meeting was finalised with the participation of Bjorn Alvén, Marketing Director of Tretorn Sport Ltd.

In the second part of the Open Session, the 14/16 Tournaments' Rankings, the 2000 ETA Players of the Year, the 2001 12/14/16 &U Tour Calendars and the main rule changes were presented and discussed with the participants. Anne-Marie Rouchon, from the French Tennis Federation, finalized

the Open Session of the meeting with a video related to 12&U players.

The plenary session was dedicated to the 2000/2001 competitions results and forecasts as well as a presentation from Elisabeth-Anne de Massy, President of the Monaco Tennis Federation, from the ITF representative Frank Couraud and from Luca Santilli, ITF/ETA Development Officer.

The application process for hosting the 2001 Junior General Meeting in November next year is open to all Member Nations.

S. Alvarado

2000 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR REGIONS

With the victory of the team of Catalunya (ESP) in the Boys category and the Russian Team in the Girls, the 5th edition of the European Championship for Regions showed a high level of tennis and team spirit.

The competition took place from 31st October – 4th November at the Barcelona Olympic Tennis-Center Municipal de Tennis Vall'Hebron, which offered a great hospitality to the participating teams.

The entered teams are as follows:

Boys:

Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Ligue de Côte Basque-Béarn Landes (FRA), Ligue du Langue-doc Rousillon de Tennis (FRA), IDOM Team 2000 SE (HUN), Toscana (ITA), Luxembourg, Monaco, Oslo Tennis Krets (NOR), Portugal, Moscow (RUS), Slovenia, Madrid (ESP) and Catalunya (ESP)

Final: Catalunya (ESP) d. Slovenia 3-0

Girls:

Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Ligue de Côte Basque-Béarn Landes (FRA), Ligue du Langue-doc Rousillon de Tennis (FRA), Soproni Vasutas Sport Egyesület (HUN), Lazio (ITA), Luxembourg, Oslo Tennis Krets (NOR), Portugal, Moscow (RUS), Slovenia, Valencia (ESP) and Catalunya (ESP).

Final: Moscow (RUS) defeated Lazio (ITA) 2-1

Detailed results and information are available from the ETA office.

NO-AD AND SHORT SETS IN THE ETA JUNIOR TOUR

No-ad

The No-ad rule is going to be implemented in the following Junior Events:

- ALL tournaments part of the ETA Tour 14/16&U
- 2001 European Winter Cups 14/16&U
- 2001 European Summer Cups 14/16&U
- 2001 European Junior Individual Championships 14/16&U

Short Sets

The tournaments part of the 12&U ETA Tour will have the option to experiment this rule if not using the No-ad system.

ITF/ETA LAUNCHES SCHOOL TENNIS INITIATIVE IN ALBANIA AND MALTA

Following the example of Lithuania, Latvia and Armenia, the Malta and Albania Tennis Federations were the other two nations to have joined the ITF School Tennis Initiative for the school year 2000-2001.

In conjunction with the launch of the STI, a Mini-Tennis Seminar for Physical Education Teachers, organised by the Albanian Tennis Federation, was conducted by Luca Santilli, the ITF/ETA Development Officer for Europe, from 30^{th} October – 1^{st} November in Tirana, the capital city of the Republic of Albania.

The Seminar was attended by more than 20 P.E. Teachers and the responsible inspector of the Educational Department of the Ministry of Education. The seminar was interactive, with participants presenting lessons of mini-tennis for children of different age groups and levels. The President of the Albanian Tennis Federation, Mr Perlat Voshtina commented: "I am confident that this newly launched grass-root project for the schools in Albania will help to tennis to be perceived as a sport for all and not as an elite one".

Luca Santilli was then invited to Malta for a seminar during the launch of the STI. The Malta Tennis Federation hosted the ITF/ETA Development Officer at the St Aloysius College from 13 – 15 November, where with the assistance of the newly nominated STI National Co-ordinator of MTF official Karl Falzon, he ex-

plained the programme in detail to some 40 local PE instructors and coaches.

Peter Zammit, the MTF President said: "our aim is to increase the number of children playing tennis in Malta and Gozo by introducing the idea of mini-tennis in schools...we hope that through the STI project we can identify talented youngsters and eventually guide them to take part in follow-up programmes held in any of the Malta's tennis clubs."

The ITF/ETA will support the above projects by supplying mini-tennis equipment, educational material and in some cases with a financial contribution for the STI National Co-ordinator, and providing direct assistance from the Development Officer.



THE EUROPEAN TOP 10

WOMEN

| | Player | Country | WTA TOUR Ranking |
|----|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1 | Hingis Martina | SUI | 1 |
| 2 | Martinez Conchita | ESP | 5 |
| 3 | Pierce Mary | FRA | 7 |
| 4 | Kournikova Anna | RUS | 8 |
| 5 | Sanchez-Vicario Arantxa | ESP | 9 |
| 6 | Tauziat Nathalie | FRA | 10 |
| 7 | Dementieva Elena | RUS | 12 |
| 8 | Halard-Decugis Julie | FRA | 15 |
| 9 | Mauresmo Amélie | FRA | 16 |
| 10 | Testud Sandrine | FRA | 17 |

The European Women's Ranking is based on the WTA Ranking of 18 Dec. 2000.

MEN

| | Player | Country | ATP TOUR CHAMPIONS RACE |
|----|---------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Safin Marat | RUS | 2 |
| 2 | Norman Magnus | SWE | 4 |
| 3 | Kafelnikov Yevgeny | RUS | 6 |
| 4 | Corretja Alex | ESP | 7 |
| 5 | Enqvist Thomas | SWE | 8 |
| 6 | Henman Tim | GBR | 11 |
| 7 | Ferrero Juan Carlos | ESP | 12 |
| 8 | Pioline Cédric | FRA | 13 |
| 9 | Hrbaty Dominik | SVK | 17 |
| 10 | Clement Arnaud | FRA | 18 |

The European Men's Ranking is based on the ATP Tour Champions Race Ranking of 18 December 2000.

21ST CENTURY MEN'S PROFESSIONAL TENNIS

The inaugural Masters Cup, the culmination of 12 months of breathtaking men's professional tennis, took place this December in Lisbon, Portugal, and European presence was very strong.

For the ATP the arrival of the new Millennium meant the implementation of a new vision, which took the form of the Tennis Masters Series and the joint ATP/ITF Masters Cup. This exciting new concept, unifying men's professional tennis and giving it a distinctive brand has been warmly welcomed by both players and fans alike. The top players in the game now compete against each other on a more regular basis and stronger rivalries, particularly

between the established "old order" and the young up-andcoming "new balls please" generation, can flourish.

Throughout the 2000 Series European tennis has been dominant. With five of the nine Masters Series events taking place in some of the most exclusive European tennis venues (Monte Carlo, Rome, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Paris) and with the first-ever Tennis Masters Cup held in Lisbon, European tennis fans have had a wealth of top professional tennis events on their doorstep. Furthermore, five out of the nine current Masters Series Champions and a further five of the nine runners-up are from Europe. Alex Corretja (ESP), Cédric

Pioline (FRA), Magnus Norman (SWE), Thomas Enqvist (SWE) and Marat Safin (RUS) all took a coveted Masters Series Trophy back to Europe and in the Masters Cup, despite a North-South American battle in the final (Agassi vs. Kuerten) four of the eight contenders were European.

With six Europeans in the top 10 year-end Champions Race positions, Europe has certainly proved a leading force in 21st Century tennis and it looks like this dominance will last long into the future.

Alex Nicholas





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THE LATEST FROM TENNIS EUROPE



The Albanian Tennis Federation has a new address:

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The **ETA Jubilee Publication**, celebrating the association's 25th birthday, is currently under production and will be ready by the beginning of January. The publication will include full details of all member nations, a flashback section and articles about ETA history and European Tennis.

The **Yugoslavian Tennis Federation** has elected a new board and appointed new staff:

President Predrag Mitrovic
Executive President Djordjije Nicovic
Executive Vice-President Dusan Grujic
Executive Vice-President Misko Asanovic
General Secretary Petar Marinkovic
Administrator Dragan Puskovic

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Junior Department
National Teams Director
Davis Cup Captain
FED Cup Captain
Veteran's Game

Dusan Orlandic
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Goran Bubanj
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In the future, the ETA has decided to publish all conference reports / info packs on its internet site www.etatennis.com instead of printing the report as a hardcopy. Please have a look at our first digitally published report from the Tournament Conference.

The ETA Junior Committee decided to assign the organisation of 7th edition of the ITF/ETA Development Championships to the National Associations of Lithuania and Bulgaria.

The 14 & Under events will take place Indoors in Siauliai, Lithuania from the 26 March - 7 April 2001 while for the 16 & Under events will be held from 23 April – 3 May 2001; the Bulgarian Tennis Federation will confirm the venue (Sofia or Hascovo) shortly.

The format of the nearly two weeks competition will be the feed-in system with a draw of 32 boys and 32 girls playing one single match every day. Those players who perform well will have the opportunity to be invited to be a member of an ITF/ETA Team 14/U and receive a Special Travel Grant (16/U) to attend more junior tournaments.

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT RESULTS (WEEK 42-50)

| | Venue/ week | P-Money | Winner | Runner-up | Score |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SINGLES | CARDIFF, GBR | \$ 50'000 | ZARIC (YUG) | COURTOIS (BEL) | 75 57 64 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 42 | | PULLIN (GBR) – WOODROFFE (GBR) | CASONI (ITA) – COURTOIS (BEL) | 06 61 63 |
| | | | | | |
| SINGLES | JOUE LES TOURS, FRA | \$ 25'000 | RANDRIANTEFY D. (MAD) | STEINBACH (GER) | 40 41 41 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 42 | | DANIILIDOU (GRE) | GEZNENGE (BUL) | 53 41 40 |
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| SINGLES | CHIETI, ITA | \$ 10'000 | WOLFBRANDT (SWE) | BAO (SUI) | 35 54(4) 24 54(2) 53 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 42 | | KRAUTH E. (ARG) – KRAUTH V. (ARG) | GOLIMBIOSCHI (ROM) – VANC (ROM) | 45(5) 41 42 41 |
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| SINGLES | ST.RAPHAEL, FRA | \$25'000 | BURIC (GER) | ANI (EST) | 42 14 24 53 53 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 43 | | GONI (ESP) – LLAGOSTERA (ESP) | CHEVALIER (FRA) – TRIK (NED) | 41 54(5) 31RET. |
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| SINGLES | HULL, GBR | \$25'000 | LATIMER (GBR) | PULLIN (GBR) | 42 42 41 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 44 | | PULLIN (GBR) – WOODROFFE (GBR) | BURIC (GER) – SCHMIDLE (GER) | 41 14 41 54(4) |
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| SINGLES | STOCKHOLM, SWE | \$10'000 | JOLK (GER) | ARVIDSSON (SWE) | 42 04 42 42 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 44 | | LINDSTROM (SWE) – WOLFBRANDT (SWE) | ARVIDSSON (SWE) – JARKENSTED (SWE) | 40 53 40 |
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| SINGLES | MINSK, BLR | \$10'000 | YARYSHKA (BLR) | BASTRIKOVA (RUS) | 41 53 41 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 44 | | BIRNEROVA (CZE) – ZERKALOVA (RUS) | GOUREVITCH (RUS) – NIKOIAN (RUS) | 24 35 53 42 40 |
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| SINGLES | VILLENAVE D'ORNON, FRA | \$10'000 | MAES (BEL) | SCHAUL (LUX) | 40 41 45(3) 41 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 45 | | MAES (BEL – STEPHENS (NZL) | BRUNEL (FRA) – NUNES (FRA) | 41 14 42 40 |
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ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT RESULTS (WEEK 42-50)

| | Venue/ week | P-Money | Winner | Runner-up | Score |
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| SINGLES | GRANADA, ESP | \$10'000 | MARTINEZ GRANADOS C. (ESP) | DEVESA (ESP) | 14 35 54(4) 41 42 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 45 | | KRAUTH E. (ARG) – KRAUTH V. (ARG) | BOJOVIC (YUG) – MARTINEZ GR. C. (ESP) | 40 42 41 |
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| SINGLES | LE HAVRE, FRA | \$10'000 | VILLA (ITA) | VIERIN (ITA) | 41 53 42 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 46 | | PAVLOVA (BUL) – POLJAKOVA (EST) | SHEN (CHN) - ZOTTA (ROM) | 40 41 41 |
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| SINGLES | STUPAVA, SVK | \$10'000 | GASPAR I. (ROM) | ZDENOVCOVA (CZE) | 53 54(2) 42 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 46 | | BENSCH (GER) – WEIS (GER) | BLAHOTOVA (CZE) – NAVRATILOVA G. (CZE) | 41 54(2) 53 |
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| SINGLES | DEAUVILLE, FRA | \$10'000 | VIERIN (ITA) | LECLERE (FRA) | 53 24 42 54(2) |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 47 | | BRUNEL (FRA) – NUNES (FRA) | PAVLOVA (BUL) – ZDENOVCOVA (CZE) | 53 04 42 40 |
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| SINGLES | MALLORCA 3, ESP | \$10'000 | ANDRES (ESP) | SAFINA (RUS) | 53 42 04 24 53 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 47 | | KRAUTH E. (ARG) – KRAUTH V. (ARG) | ILIC (YUG) – PAULENKOVA (SVK) | 40 41 40 |
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| SINGLES | MALLORCA 4, ESP | \$10'000 | ANDRES (ESP) | LUZAROVA (CZE) | 41 40 40 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 48 | | NAVRATILOVA G. (CZE) – NOVOTNA L. (CZE) | KRAUTH E. (ARG) – KRAUTH V. (CZE) | 41 42 53 |
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| SINGLES | CERGY PONTOISE, FRA | \$75'000+H | RAZZANO (FRA) | MAJOLI (CRO) | 36 64 63 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 49 | | HENIN (BEL) – RAZZANO (FRA) | MATEVZIC (SLO) – SCHNEIDER (GER) | 62 64 |
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| SINGLES | PRAGUE, CZE | \$10'000 | KUCEROVA R. (CZE) | MOREL (FRA) | 41 42 41 |
| DOUBLES | WEEK 50 | | BLAHOTOVA (CZE) – NAVRATILOVA G. (CZE) | BENESOVA (CZE) – NOVOTNA L. (CZE) | 53 24 04 41 42 |
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