

## Moscow hosts European Coaches Symposium



Some of the speakers pose at the Symposium in Moscow.

The 2010 'European Coaches Symposium powered by Polar' was held at the Russian State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism in Moscow during the weekend of October 15-17.

Held bi-annually and targeted to people in charge of junior, professional or coaches education programs at Europe's national tennis federations, the



On court demonstration from Viktor Yanchuk.

30th edition of the conference was visiting Russia for the first time. The event saw record attendance levels, with coaches from 37 of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations, plus observers from as far afield as Canada and South Africa. Around 50 Russian coaches were also in attendance, alongside a total of 92 delegates and speakers. >>

## Italy retains Fed Cup by BNP Paribas title

Francesca Schiavone and Flavia Pennetta led Italy to its third Fed Cup title in five years with a 3-1 win over the United States to keep the women's world team title in European hands for a 10th consecutive year. Full story on Page 9.



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<< The event was conducted by ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic and organised with the support of an Olympic Solidarity grant, which was a key factor in enabling the participation of representatives from 14 of the 18 countries that currently benefit from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme. It is intended that these delegates give follow-up pre-

sentations in their home countries in the coming weeks, enabling the information to be used and shared by the national federations as part of their domestic coaches education programmes.

Prior to the opening of the conference, a special one-day event was staged for around 100 Russian coaches, who were on hand to hear presentations from renowned biomechanics expert Bruce Elliott of Australia and Spain's Rafael Mensua, who guided local hero Marat Safin from promising junior to Grand Slam champion and world #1.

The main Symposium focused on 'Developing High Performance Players for the Future' and saw the aforementioned speakers joined by, amongst others, Steven Martens & Max De Vyllder, Frank Van Fraayenhoven, Johannes Landlinger, Antoni Girod, Ruediger Bornemann and Peter Born for a mixture of on and off-court lectures on matters ranging from biomechanical analyses to stress management and the future of the sport.

The Russian Tennis Federation also contributed heavily to the programme, with celebrated names such as RTF President and Davis/Fed Cup captain Shamil Tarpishev, Anna Skorodumova, Viktor Yanchuk and current ATP Tour player Igor Andreev amongst the speakers from the host nation.

The event drew to a close with a presentation from 1998 Wimbledon runner-up and former world #3 Nathalie Tauziat, who spoke passionately about the importance of the one-handed backhand and discussed methods of teaching the shot to young players.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "It has been a great satisfaction to see such high levels of attendance in Moscow. The delegates were able to learn a lot from the hosts, who enthusiastically demonstrated some of the technical reasons for the great successes of Russian ten-



From top; Russian Tennis Federation President Shamil Tarpishev addresses the delegates, Peter Born makes an on-court presentation, delegates listen in to the simultaneous translators.

nis in recent years. By planning an extra day especially for Russian coaches I am sure that we have also given them some new ideas. Despite such high numbers, the event was flawlessly managed, and on behalf of Tennis Europe I'd like to thank everybody at the Russian Tennis Federation and the State University of Physical Education, Sport and Tourism for their hospitality."



## In the Spotlight: Nathalie Tauziat

One of the most successful French players of the open era, former world #3 Nathalie Tauziat gave a keynote presentation at the recent European Coaches Symposium, where she spoke passionately about the future of her trademark shot, the one-handed backhand. We took the opportunity to catch up with the former Wimbledon finalist, Fed Cup winner and holder of 33 WTA singles and doubles titles to find out her views on the sport today.

### **Apart from family life, since retiring you have been focusing on your academy at the Tennis Club du Gaillou in Capbreton.**

Yes, though I've had it for a long time now. I bought it in 1995 and I was practicing there myself when I was playing, and now since 2003 I'm focusing on teaching there. We have around 150 children coming regularly. It's like a tennis club, not a big academy, with people from the region and we aim to help them to improve. It's a public facility; anybody can go there for the club or to the tennis school.

### **How much of your time do you spend on-court?**

Wednesdays and Saturdays I'm there almost all day with the tennis school and on the other days I coach some players of a higher level from two until four in the afternoon. Sometimes, when she is not travelling, I practice with Alice Tisset, who is just starting out on the tour. She's very promising, and will be ranked about #600 or so at the end of the year. It's her first year with a ranking and she is playing well, just made the final of an ITF Pro Circuit event in Portugal. I told her, 'until you can win \$10,000 events, don't think about \$25,000s', but she's already in the final so now we need to have a little think about what's next!

### **Could you ever see yourself touring as a coach?**

I don't know, Maybe with my daughter, if she plays tennis! [laughs]. Seriously, it's tough to do that again, travelling every week, especially when you have three kids. But I would love to help someone at a high level, maybe travelling for certain tournaments.

### **What about playing? Could you be tempted to play on a Champions' Tour for women, like the ATP equivalent?**

Well you know some players are still in very good shape, like the two Martinas [Hingis and Navratilova] and Jana Novotna. Also Iva Majoli, who I played with earlier this year. The French Open started a legends event this year so we played doubles together. I think it could be interesting. Maybe not so much in singles, but in doubles for sure.

### **At Wimbledon there was a very striking match this year with you, Navratilova, Novotna and Martinez; all four women playing with a single backhand.**

That's true! I didn't think about that! Conchita and I



Above: Nathalie Tauziat takes part in a panel discussion at the European Coaches Symposium.

played a very good first set, we surprised ourselves with our level, but after that we got a bit down, and they played much better than us. But I was surprised they lost in the final to Rinaldi and Austin. I think there is a market maybe for 6 or 7 tournaments in the year; it could be fun.

### **Let's talk about the one handed backhand. It was a very popular topic here amongst the coaches; why do you feel so strongly about it?**

I chose to speak about this shot because in my own game, it was really the shot that gave me a thrill, a great feeling. It was better than my forehand I think, though my forehand was good enough. When I look at how the players play the game today, I am not happy about the way they play, it is not really nice to watch and I think that it would be good to see more players with a one handed backhand, especially in women's tennis. The game is now always played very physically, you have nothing else, just muscle and force. Players have no variety and I think that a one handed backhand is something that can really add to your game.

### **Schiavone has said that her one handed backhand makes her feel like an artist.**

Yes, I think she's right. Yesterday I showed some points that demonstrate the beauty of the shot. Gasquet is one of the best examples of a one handed backhand; in the point we saw, he first hit a shot very hard to the baseline, and followed with a beautiful drop shot that was so well disguised. You can't really do that with a double handed, not often.

### **Do you think that coaches are responsible for the decline of the shot?**

I just hope that they realise that it is possible to learn a single backhand, and also to teach it to kids. We hear that a lot of kids start with single backhands and change as they get to 10, 11 years old and they >>

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<< are pressurized to hit harder, but at the expense of variety. Another problem is that many of the coaches themselves play with two hands, so they understand it. But they are not masters of the single backhand, and so they cannot effectively teach it. That's the big problem, and that's why I wanted to give some tips. If afterwards they are more interested, the federations can contact me and I'd be happy to show in more depth how to do it. I think that the one-handed backhand, when it is hit well, is the best shot in tennis.

### **In terms of teaching the shot, do you think that the new Tennis 10s rules [modified balls and court sizes] can help?**

Yes, I think it will help because the ball is lighter. When I teach kids of 4, 5 and 6 years, they play with these balls and it really is easier for them, and they can play for longer. Technically it makes it easier for them to do very well. I don't think it's difficult for them to stay concentrated for an hour if you are working on technique and they are having some success.

### **You said that 70% of your juniors play with a single backhand. Is that because you oblige them to?**

No, not at all, I say nothing. The exercises I demonstrated here, you can also do with a two-handed backhand. So we show these to everybody, and afterwards they can decide how they want to play. I don't think it's fair to say, "You must play this way or that way" if they are just starting. But if they're going to decide to play a two-hander, you have to ask them to change the grip, so it's no longer the forehand grip, and to teach them to push well with the left hand and to be more relaxed with the shoulder, so it's not too tight to the chest. Maybe there is some element of the kids simply copying how their coach plays, but I think that it's easier to play with a single backhand than a double. I think you have to work your technique more, but it's more reliable. A double-hander is less risky, and more comfortable, but you end up with less variety in your game.

### **Who would be your favourite players to watch of the current generation?**

Probably Justine Henin, when she is playing. She is not playing very often sadly. I also like to see Schiavone play. I like women's tennis in general, but the truth is that sometimes it is boring because of the lack of variety. For the first time lately, sometimes I prefer to watch men's matches to women's, because there is more variety, you see more shots. In women's tennis you see boom, boom, boom and everybody plays the same style. Though they play more aggressively today, that's a plus. Yesterday I was able to see a bit of the match of Ivanovic [winning Linz] and she took the chance to go to the net whenever possible and I was

happy to see that. Maybe that could be her way back to the top. She's young, only 22 and she has a nice volley when she really attacks it. If she can play with her head like this, she can do very well.

### **What do you think about Kimiko Date, a player of your generation who is having a lot of success?**

I think it's unbelievable. It's very good for her - I'm very happy for her, she was one of the players I played against many times and what I see when I watch her on TV is that she really enjoys playing, and you have the feeling that she likes to be here, she's coming back for pleasure, not because she's obliged to, and that's great to see. It makes me think that if you're still in good shape today and you play using your head you can still have some success. She plays very smart tennis and unfortunately a lot of young players today don't. They hit hard and are very consistent but they don't play smart. So when you have a lot of experience and you come up against that, you can exploit it. Though in this respect, when I see how well she does, I wonder if it's really good for women's tennis.

### **So many top players have ended up retiring and coming back just as strong in recent years. Do you think we will start see this as the norm?**

Yeah, absolutely. They are still young; they have no kids. They are still practicing. Justine was just 24 or something. It is a little bit like if you have an injury, so it's no big deal. As I said, if you are still fit it's not an issue. You don't lose your tennis, the strokes are still there but it's the physical conditioning. Often a player can come back with different ideas, less pressure and different goals. It can be refreshing. I was surprised how Henin came back; at the beginning she was playing as if there was no pressure and the more she played the more pressure she seemed to feel again. In the case of Clijsters, she has other priorities, such as her daughter, and that can be a good distraction for her. Maybe Henin focuses too much on her tennis, I don't know.

### **What about Amélie Mauresmo? Could you imagine her coming back?**

She lives close to me but we're not really in touch. You never know who will come back. I never thought Henin would do it, so I'm not going to predict anymore! I know she's still in good shape, running a lot. And she had a beautiful game. But I think she's very happy in her new life, so I'd be surprised. For me the two modern players with the most attractive games were Henin and Amélie.

For more information about Nathalie's tennis facility in the south of France, visit <http://www.tennis-gaillou.com/>

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year...powered by Polar

With the conclusion of the Junior Masters and subsequent publication of the final Race rankings of the season, the 2010 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year powered by Polar have been announced.

The award, first given in 1991, recognises the achievements of the Top Three European players in the 14 and 16 & Under age groups, with the #1 player in each category receiving a state of the art [Polar RS800 CX](#) computerised training wrist watch.

In the 14 & Under boys category, runaway #1 **Gianluigi Quinzi** (ITA) was the Tour's outstanding player in 2010. Quinzi wrapped up the year-end #1 as early as July, adding the European Junior Championships title to Category 1 events in Moscow and Paris, a 16 & Under title (Antalya) and three doubles wins. Also honoured in this age group are second placed **Josh Sapwell** (GBR) and Quinzi's doubles partner and Summer Cups team-mate **Filippo Baldi** (ITA).

Girls' #1 **Ulyana Ayzatulina** (RUS) ended the season in style, adding the Tennis Europe Junior Masters title to her first 16 & Under title (in Renningen). She went unbeaten as Russia won the European Summer Cups title, and also won three doubles titles during the season. **Victoriya Lushkova** (UKR) and **Ilka Csoregi** (ROU) are her fellow Players of the Year.

Spain's **Pol Toledo Bague** dominated the boys' Under 16 circuit in 2010, winning five singles titles from seven finals in ten events and establishing a 36-5 win/loss record to take the Player of the Year title. Also honoured are **Maximilian Marterer** (GER) and Toledo Bague's conqueror at the Junior Masters, **Eduard Esteve Lobato** (ESP).

**Irina Maria Bara** (ROU) played just 8 Tour events in 2010, but won four of them including Category 1 tournaments in Paris and Le Pontet and Category 2 events in Crema and Novi Sad. Her efforts, alongside those of #2 **Cristina Ene** ensured that Romanian players take the top two spots in the rankings as the season ends for a third consecutive year. Also honoured is third ranked **Tamara Pichkhadze** (RUS).

The Player of the Year accolade has a track record of predicting future greatness; many of today's top players earned early recognition with the award, including stars such as Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic, Marin Cilic, Gael Monfils, Kim Clijsters, Justine Henin.



Above: 14 & Under Players of the Year Gianluigi Quinzi and Ulyana Ayzatulina. Below: 16 & Under winners Pol Toledo Bague and Irina Maria Bara.





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour News



There is plenty of news from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour this month as preparations for the 2011 season get under way. Below you can find a summary of all you need to know.

### IPIN

ITF IPINs (International Player Identification Number) must be renewed annually in order to use the online entry system. The IPIN is valid for the calendar year Jan 1st – Dec 31st, but if you are registering for the first time in November or December 2010, your number will remain valid until the end of 2011.

### Calendar

The first part of the 2011 calendar, featuring events schedules in January and February, is now online here. Full details of events due to take place between March and July will be online in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the official European Championships calendar has already been published. The first of Tennis Europe's flagship junior events is the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD, which, as usual, will take place throughout February. More details, including the venues and entry lists can be found at the Winter Cups pages on [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org).

### 12 & Under Qualifying

Due to popular demand, the 2011 season will see the introduction of qualifying events at 12 & Under tournaments. Please check the fact sheets of the tournaments for more details.

### Rule Changes for 2011

Several rule changes will come into force next season. The first of these relates to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings. With effect from the first entry deadline on 30 November this year, players are advised of the following:

1. Players will be able to count 6 (instead of the current 5) tournaments each year towards the rankings. These 6 tournaments include the European Junior Championships and Tennis Europe Junior Masters. The best result from the team competitions (Tennis Europe Winter Cups/European Summer Cups) will be added to this, if played.
2. Ranking points for the European Junior



Many 12 & Under events will feature qualifying competitions for the first time in 2011.

Championships and Tennis Europe Junior Masters will be increased.

3. Starting Points for players moving from the 12 & Under to the 14 & Under age group will be activated as full ranking points by 30 November.

4. 12 & Under players will now receive Starting Points from the quarter-finals of 12 & Under and 14 & Under events (previously only from semi-finals).

### Offences

From now on, all penalties will be processed automatically and players may be suspended for repeated violations of the Code of Conduct and entry regulations. The details about the Code can be found in the Regulations (the 2010 and 2011 texts will be very similar).

Please note that the first two (2) Late Withdrawals in a calendar year are free of any punishment. Any further Late Withdrawal will invoke suspension points (corresponding to the lateness of the withdrawal) regardless of the reason for the withdrawal, unless a player submits an on-site Medical Certificate from a tournament doctor issued at an event where he/she was playing. Other medical certificates are not valid.

When a player is getting close to a suspension limit, an email will be sent to the player with a warning. Once the player reaches the 10-point suspension limit another email is sent, and the suspension will then start 14 days later unless successfully appealed to Tennis Europe. Once a suspension period starts, players will be removed from any tournament entered (except for the week in progress) until the end of the suspension period.

Please read the full Tour rules and regulations for further information.

## In the Spotlight: Gianluigi Quinzi



Followers of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour will already be familiar with the name Gianluigi Quinzi, and increasingly the rest of the tennis world is taking notice. After a phenomenally successful stint on the Tour, which culminated this year in European Championship and Player of the Year titles, Quinzi is already making inroads on the ITF Junior and Pro Circuits; all at just 14 years of age.

In April of this year he won his first Under 16 event, before going on to add the European crown in Pilzen and the Category 1 Paris title (sealing the Tour's 14 & Under year-end #1 ranking back in July) and has not looked back since, embarking on a 39-match win streak that saw him establish a four tournament unbeaten run on the ITF's 18 & Under circuit and even win a match to qualify for his first professional tournament in Mexico earlier this month.

We spoke to Quinzi from Mexico, where he told us about his journey so far and his plans for the future.

**You've been really dedicated to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour in recent years, winning many events across all age levels. What are some of your best memories?**

There are many, but my first time was special. I was 10 and I won my first Tennis Europe event in doubles at Narva Under 14. The next year, I was runner up at Auray Under 12. Then as a 12 year old I won four Under 14, and the three most important Under 12 events, Auray, Le Passage and Porto San Giorgio, plus the Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD under 12 for teams. As 13 I won two Category 1 Under 14 events (Hasselt and Kremlin Cup) and 1 Category 2 event in Poland. Many times I won double too. But I think my favourite memory was being the first runner up of Auray, as I was the youngest ever.

**Do you think we have seen the last of you on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour?**

I think that I will play in the Junior Davis Cup [European Summer Cups 16 & Under] in the summer. Last year in Prostějov, the Italian team finished as runners-up, and it was one of my goals of the season. I won all my 5 matches and went unbeaten in the tournament. But I still want to win it.

**Was it important to you to be named as Player of the Year?**

Yes, very much so. It's a big honour and a great motivation to continue to improve my tennis level. But also it validates all the sacrifices that my family and I have made and are making to do all this. Also, I'm the



Gianluigi lifts the 14 & Under European Championships title.

first Italian boy or girl to receive this award in all of Tennis Europe's history, which is very nice, don't you think? My project is based on a lot of hard work, every day, and on humility and energy. Sometimes this recognition helps you...

**Would you have played at the Junior Masters if you hadn't already secured the #1 ranking?**

Yes, of course. But my program changed after the Junior Davis Cup. With my coaches Eduardo Infantino and Eduardo Medica - many Eduardos! - I decided to move to Under 18 ITF Tour and now to the Pro Circuit.

**Were you happy with your performance at your first pro tournament?**

It was a Futures tournament in Mexico last week. I qualified, and then lost to Ramirez in the first round. He is ranked around #500, plays Davis Cup for Mexico and has beaten many good players, like Grigor Dimitrov for instance. He was too much for me. But it was time I lost; I had won 39 consecutive singles matches since June. Now the pressure of statistics is over [laughs].

**You train at the Bolletieri Academy in Florida. How did that come about?**

When I was 8, Nick gave me my first scholarship. I'm very proud to train at IMG Academy there, and for all the assistance they gave me in all these years. It was a coincidence. I was runner up at the 'Little Mo' [American National Under 10 Championships] in >>

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<< Boca Raton in 2004 as an 8-year old. Immediately, the IMG people invited my family and I to Bradenton. We went and the rest you can imagine....

### How do you find time to study, with all this travel all over the world?

I'm glad you asked this question. This is one of the biggest problems of my activity. European schools are so different compared to American ones. There, sport and study are combined. But not in Europe. In Italy particularly, if you play a sport it could be a problem for the teachers. It's a cultural matter. When you go inside an Italian school you see the picture of the President of Republic on the wall. In US, you see all the sport and arts awards of students. And you can obtain scholarships for university too, if you play sport. It's another world. This is very important because it gives a great advantage in life; it's like playing a football match against a team that uses two balls! We are at a disadvantage from the start. In any case, I solved my problems studying online for half of the school year and rest attending a wonderful Italian school in my small town, probably the only one that really understands my situation. For now it's good.

### If you had to compare your game to a Pro player, for someone who had never seen you play, who would you say you play most like?

I think Nadal. Not because he's left-handed like me, or for the style of play, but because I also fight for every point from the beginning to the end. You always have to win the last point to beat me. Otherwise you lose. It's an obvious logic, but like that I win very often...

### Nadal also had a Tennis Europe Junior Tour career very similar to yours! Would you say he's the player you admire most?

Nadal is world #1, I'm maybe world #1 in Under 14s. I have a lot of work to do yet. He is a champion. I would like to be. And it's very, very difficult. But I'll try to do my best. In terms of personality, I admire him as the best player. But logically, if you ask me who is the best tennis player of all I can answer you Federer. He's the last man playing another style of tennis.

### So what exactly are your plans for the next 12 months? Where do you hope to be in terms of your development at the end of next season?

Above all, improving my tennis level. Your technique must be perfect if you want to be a champion. I have a lot of things to upgrade and to learn. And physically, if you want to be a champion you must have a perfect physical condition, you must be fast, strong and avoid injuries. Otherwise you stop. We need to focus on these things. Afterwards comes the results and program scheduling.



Above: (centre) celebrating with team-mates Filippo Baldi and Riccardo Chessari after winning the 2008 Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD .

### Do you accept losses easily, or does it bother you a lot?

If I would accept losses easily I'm not Gianluigi Quinzi. Never! I was very frustrated after my last loss yesterday against Michon in my first ATP Challenger. And I should have been happy because I was the youngest player of ITF history to win a match on the pro circuit. I can accept defeat, but not easily. You must accept, otherwise your life could be a shock.

### If you had to give advice to someone starting to play on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour this season, what would you tell them?

I'd suggest two things. The first one is not to give too much importance to immediate results. Start with tournaments at your level and afterwards you can upgrade to improve your tennis level, not your result.

The second one is to give zero importance to people who say that results mean nothing. Unfortunately they are very important, but only when they are evaluated properly, together with technique, physical fitness and personality. You have to find the best path. In other words, if you win everything as an Under 12 or Under 14, it's not written anywhere that you'll definitely become a top player. But the reverse is true; almost all the top players of today won very much when they were young.

You can follow Gianluigi's progress at his official [Facebook page](#).



## Italy retains Fed Cup title

Italy has won a third Fed Cup by BNP Paribas title in five years after overcoming the United States in San Diego.

In the absence of the top two US players, the Williams sisters, Italy began the tie as favourites and quickly established a 2-0 lead. Francesca Schiavone further enhanced her career best year with a 6-2 6-4 win over Coco Vandeweghe. The 114th-ranked 19-year old was in the unusual position of making her Fed Cup debut in the final of the competition and had no answer to the variety of shot of the Roland Garros champion. In the second tie, Flavia Pennetta survived a wobbly first set to outlast Bethanie Mattek Sands 7-6 6-2 to leave the Italians on the cusp of victory.

Day Two began with a shock as Melanie Oudin took to the court for the USA, handing a resounding defeat to a nervous looking Schiavone, who managed just four games. Pennetta then stepped up to clinch the Cup, allowing Vandeweghe three games in a one-sided final single match.

Italy's win represents a tenth consecutive Fed Cup



title for European teams. Italy and Russia have been the dominant forces in recent years, splitting the titles since 2004. In the Fed Cup rankings, the US moves up to #2, though Italy consolidates its world #1 status.

During the finals, US tennis legend Billie Jean King was presented with Fed Cup Award of Excellence by the ITF and International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum in recognition of her Fed Cup record and dedication to the competition.

## Leif Dahlgren

Tennis Europe was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Leif Dahlgren, who passed away at the end of last month, aged 84.

A pioneer in the development of mini-tennis, Mr. Dahlgren worked for many years as Director of Education with the Swedish Tennis Federation before moving to the ITF, where he served as

Development Administrator from 1985-1991.

Mr Dahlgren was given a Tennis Europe Award in 2002 in recognition of his contributions to the European Coaches Symposium, which he had regularly attended since helping establish the first edition in 1975, and was also given an ITF Award for Services to the Game in 1999.

## Tennis Australia

Tennis Australia will host the annual Australian Grand Slam Coaches' Conference in Melbourne, Australia on 13-15 January. The professional development event for coaches and industry professionals is open to delegates from Australia and throughout the world and is endorsed by the International Tennis Federation.

Delegates have the chance to learn from a selection of world-class speakers who will present on topics ranging from the latest tactical and technical training techniques, successful coaching practices and invaluable business skills. The three day conference boasts a fantastic line-up of experts in the tennis field, in addition to inspirational speakers from outside the sport.

The full conference package includes three day delegate registration, official ground pass accreditation to the first three days of the Australian Open, a delegate gift pack, some meals and access to presentation notes. Take your 2011 Australian Grand Slam Coaches' Conference experience to a whole new level and stick around to watch the best in action as Melbourne Park hosts the first Grand Slam of 2011.

International delegates can take advantage of '2 for 1' registrations. To register online for the conference or to find out more please visit [www.tennis.com.au/coachesconference](http://www.tennis.com.au/coachesconference), or see the [last page](#) of this newsletter.

## Centenary Tennis Clubs

The 2010 Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC) competitions came to a close at the end of October after a two-month period that saw member clubs competing in junior and senior ties across Europe.

The seniors' competition saw participation from 15 clubs at four venues. The first ties to be completed took place at Belgium's Royal Leopold Club, where Ireland's Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club emerged victorious after scoring 7-2 wins over both CLTK Praha and the host club. Mid-September saw TC Geneve make the most of their home court advantage to narrowly defeat TC Milano in an epic final by 5 rubbers to 4.

During the same weekend, Kungliga LTK of Stockholm won through from a distinguished group participating at the Haagsche Lawn Tennis Club in the Netherlands.

TC Parioli in Rome, winners of the competition in 2009, hosted the final group, which also featured the RCT Barcelona-1899, Santander TC and Cumberland LTC. A highly competitive weekend saw an impressive standard of play, with the host club able to draw on some formidable names, such as former WTA Top Ten player Sandrine Testud, and twice ATP title winner Stefano Pescosolido.

Parioli beat Barcelona 6-3 in the final, and in line with tradition will join the other three group winners in the group of champions in 2011.

In the junior competitions, Cesky Lawn Tennis Club of Prague successfully defended their Under 12s Carrickmines Cup title in Ireland, holding off opposition from five other clubs to win the group. The final pitted the host club (watched by Tennis Ireland President Letty Lucas) against the winners of the last three editions, and was a tense affair in which the Czechs eventually clinched a deciding doubles match to claim the tie 5-4.

The club had hoped to repeat last year's sweep of Under 12 and Under 14 events, and hosted six clubs with a total of 33 players at the 14 & Under ICLTK Praha Cup at the end of October. In the end, the defending champions lost out by the slimmest of margins, as Kungliga LTK of Stockholm edged victory by one set with the final score standing at three matches apiece. During the event, the children also enjoyed a boat trip on the Moldau river and a traditional sightseeing tour of Prague.

The win was Kungliga's second of the season, hav-



Above: (top), Players at the Under 14 event in Prague, (below, left to right) RCT Barcelona 1899's Gloria Balil and TC Parioli's Sandrine Testud prepare for their final match in Rome.

ing earlier wrapped up the Under 17 Fitzwilliam Cup, which this year was staged at the Villa Primrose in Bordeaux, France.

A Tennis Europe affiliate, the Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs was founded in 1996 by eight European clubs who shared the aim of creating an international organisation to support the traditions of tennis. Each of the eight founder clubs had a history dating back at least one hundred years, as well as significant tennis and sporting traditions and important social roles in their communities.

A competition was organised for the original eight clubs, hosted each year at a different founder club. As increasing numbers of clubs joined the association, the Geographical Areas Club Competition was approved by the General Assembly in 2005, with a founders' group competition every three years, enabling all member clubs to participate in the competition. The organisation is now comprised of 52 clubs from five continents, and earlier this year unveiled a three-year partnership with EFG international private bank.

For more information, visit the website at [www.centenarytennisclubs.com](http://www.centenarytennisclubs.com).





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	Participants	Companions
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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Singles tournament Welcome cocktail	Day at leisure Welcome cocktail
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Singles and doubles tournament  Optional participants' dinner	Discover La Manga Club, with your choice of activity <sup>1</sup> Optional participants' dinner
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Singles, doubles & plate competition (singles only) Optional participants' dinner	Discover La Manga Club, with your choice of activity <sup>1</sup> Optional participants' dinner
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Singles, doubles & plate competition (singles only) Optional participants' dinner	Discover La Manga Club, with your choice of activity <sup>1</sup> Optional participants' dinner
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Finals Prize giving & dinner	Day at leisure Dinner
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Departure	Departure

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## Beyond the Baseline...

The end of the season brings news of several high profile retirements from the sport, none more so than **Elena Dementieva**, who announced on court at the WTA Championships in Doha that she would not be returning to the Tour in 2011. The former world #3 reached two Grand Slam finals and won the Olympic Gold Medal in Beijing.

Former world #1 **Carlos Moyá** has also confirmed that he will retire after playing the Spanish National Masters in Seville next month. Also hanging up their racquets are **Jeanette Husarova**, who partnered Dementieva to victory at the 2002 WTA Doubles Championships, **Taylor Dent**, and **Martin Damm**.

Jamaica's best ever tennis player, **Dustin Brown**, has switched nationality and will now represent Germany. Brown began life as a German player in style, winning the final edition of the Aachen challenger over Igor Sijsling to secure a spot in the Top 100 and a place in the Australian Open main draw.

**Amer Delic**, formerly of the USA, has also switched nationality and will now represent Bosnia & Herzegovina.

**Ana Ivanovic** and Heinz Gunthardt have ended their coaching relationship.

2011 is set to see big changes on the men's doubles circuit, with several of the major teams swapping partners. Nenad Zimonjic will team with Michael Llodra, while former partner Daniel Nestor will join Max Mirnyi. Israel's Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram will pair up again on a regular basis. Britain's #1 Ross Hutchins will team up with compatriot Colin Fleming. Former #1 Mark Knowles is set to play with Slovakia's Michal Mertinak, while Sweden's Simon Aspelin will pair with Austria's Julian Knowle.

Former world #3 **Guillermo Coria** of Argentina has discussed the possibility of returning to tennis in the future, saying "If Muster can return in his forties, I'm not ruling anything out."

To celebrate Fila's 100th anniversary next year, **Kim Clijsters** will be playing replica outfits of legendary players from the manufacturer's history. The former #1 has revealed that she will wear the outfit Evonne Goolagong wore when she won her Grand

Slam as a mother, and at Roland Garros she will be wearing one of Monica Seles'.

Some of the world's best players will start their 2011 season at the **World Team Challenge** exhibition event in Hong Kong from 5-8 January. Four teams of WTA Tour Pros and ATP legends will play singles and mixed doubles matches. Team USA features Venus Williams, Melanie Oudin & John McEnroe, Team Europe is comprised of Caroline Wozniacki, Aravane Rezai & Stefan Edberg, Team Russia features Vera Zvonareva, Maria Kirilenko & Yevgeny Kafelnikov, and Team Asia Pacific boasts Na Li, Jie Zheng & Mark Philippoussis.

In addition to their previously confirmed exhibition in Zurich on December 21st, **Roger Federer** and **Rafael Nadal** will return to the court the following day in Madrid at the Caja Mágica. Proceeds from the first event will go towards the Roger Federer Foundation, with the Madrid match set to benefit Rafael Nadal's Foundation.

Former Australian Open champions **Alona** and **Katerina Bondarenko** have confirmed that they will no longer play Fed Cup for the Ukraine, describing the move as a mutual decision between the sisters and the federation, who plan to give more opportunities to younger players.


The **Russian Tennis Federation** has named Mikhail Youzhny and Vera Zvonareva as its Players of the Year. Meanwhile, President Shamil Tarpishev is reported to have offered a Vice-Presidential role to Elena Dementieva.

**Jurgen Melzer** has been named as Austria's Sportsman of the year. Melzer was the only non-winter sports athlete nominated for the prize. Melzer's swimmer girlfriend Mirna Jukic was last year's Sportswoman of the Year.


Victory at the **WTA Championships** in Doha ensured that Kim Clijsters became the eighth woman to earn over \$20 million in career prize money.

Esther Vergeer has the chance to extend her incredible win streak to 400 matches at this week's **NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters** in Amsterdam.

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

With effect from January 2010, Tennis Europe introduced a new junior ranking system, devised to give a unified overall list that shows the relative strengths of all players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's total includes points from Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 and 14 & Under events, plus points earned by players in these age categories who participate in ITF Junior Circuit and professional tour-

naments, all of which are weighted according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking will continue to be available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to the overall rankings. In addition, a 'Race to the Junior Masters' is also published. For more information on the rankings system, including a full explanation of the changes for 2010, visit [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org). Rankings below are as November 16th, 2010.

### Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Daria GAVRILOVA</b>	RUS	3269
02	▶	<b>Elina SVITOLINA</b>	UKR	2156
03	▶	<b>Irina KHROMACHEVA</b>	RUS	1909
04	▶	<b>An-Sophie MESTACH</b>	BEL	1710
05	▶	<b>Yulia PUTINTSEVA</b>	RUS	1617
06	▶	<b>Ons JABEUR</b>	TUN	1570
07	▲	<b>Irina Maria BARA</b>	ROU	1482
08	NEW	<b>Ilona KREMEN</b>	BLR	1470
09	▼	<b>Victoria KAN</b>	RUS	1420
10	▼	<b>Nastja KOLAR</b>	SLO	1385



Ilona Kremen (BLR)

### Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Mathias BOURGUE</b>	FRA	1815
02	▶	<b>Pol TOLEDO BAGUE</b>	ESP	1225
03	▲	<b>Gregoire BARRERE</b>	FRA	1170
04	▲	<b>Maximilian MARTERER</b>	GER	1100
05	▼	<b>Laslo DJERE</b>	SRB	1070
05	▲	<b>Kyle EDMUND</b>	GBR	1070
07	▼	<b>Frederico SILVA</b>	POR	1045
08	▶	<b>Eduard ESTEVE LOBATO</b>	ESP	1020
09	NEW	<b>Or RAM-HAREL</b>	ISR	970
10	▶	<b>Liam BROADY</b>	GBR	954



Or Ram-Harel (ISR)





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

While many of the top players have been inactive since the Tennis Europe Junior Masters last month, Daniil Medvedev took advantage of a productive run at the recent Category 1 Kremlin Cup event in Moscow, where he finished as runner-up in the singles event and won the doubles, to break into the Top Ten.

Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia also reached the doubles final in Moscow, and re-appears in the Top Ten as a

consequence. She scored her biggest success on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour so far two weeks previously, winning the Category 2 16 & Under event at home in Riga.

Full ranking lists, as well as the new 'Race to the Junior Masters' rankings, and the year-end rankings for 2010 and all other years can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

Rankings below are as November 16th, 2010.

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Ulyana AYZATULINA</b>	RUS	960
02	▶	<b>Tamara PICHKHADZE</b>	RUS	880
03	▶	<b>Belinda BENCIC</b>	SUI	810
04	▶	<b>Ioana DUCU</b>	ROU	755
05	▶	<b>Katerina SINIAKOVA</b>	CZE	745
06	▶	<b>Ilka CSOREGI</b>	ROU	700
07	▶	<b>Viktoriia LUSHKOVA</b>	UKR	670
08	▶	<b>Iva PRIMORAC</b>	CRO	630
08	▶	<b>Ksenija SHARIFOVA</b>	RUS	630
10	NEW	<b>Jelena OSTAPENKO</b>	LAT	620



Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	875
02	▶	<b>Philip GRESK</b>	POL	735
03	▲	<b>Andre BIRO</b>	HUN	700
04	▼	<b>Joshua SAPWELL</b>	GBR	690
05	▶	<b>Johannes HAERTEIS</b>	GER	665
06	▶	<b>Filippo BALDI</b>	ITA	655
07	▶	<b>Oliver NAGY</b>	SVK	590
08	NEW	<b>Daniil MEDVEDEV</b>	RUS	570
09	▼	<b>Martin BLASKO</b>	SVK	560
10	▼	<b>Peter ASHLEY</b>	GBR	545



Daniil Medvedev (RUS)



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
oct-11	Riga (LAT)	M Haliak (BLR)	M Randpere (EST)	62 61	Randpere/Siimar (EST)
		V Gorlats (EST)	J Kuzovkova (EST)	63 63	Grib (BLR)/Kravtaite (LTU)
oct-25	Gradignan (FRA)	G Blancaneaux (FRA)	A De Minaur (ESP)	64 36 62	Blancaneaux/Olivier (FRA)
		N Boch (FRA)	T Gravouil (FRA)	63 36 76(3)	Boch/Gravouil (FRA)

### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
nov-01	Moscow (RUS)	1 A Chepelev (RUS)	D Medvedev (RUS)	63 75	Medvedev/Mnushkin (RUS)
		A Rychagova (RUS)	A Komardina (RUS)	61 62	Komardina/Rychagova (RUS)
nov-01	Davos (SUI)	3 G Moghini (SUI)	M Kostadinov (SUI)	63 62	Berna (LUX)/Boehler (GER)
		V Muntean (FRA)	A Bezmenov (GER)	62 76(5)	Knutson/Kohoutova (CZE)
nov-08	Stavanager (NOR)	3 F Rauch (GER)	F Schumann (GER)	36 64 76(2)	Bulbul/Iliescu (TUR)
		E Ek (SWE)	A Brogan (GBR)	75 67(5) 63	Brogan/Lumsden (GBR)

### 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
oct-18	Riga (LAT)	2 J Tverijonas (LTU)	P Andriuc (ROU)	61 62	Bugailiskis/Tverijonas (LTU)
		J Ostapenko (LAT)	I Shymanovich (BLR)	64 62	Shymanovich/Zablotskaya (BLR)
oct-25	Biel (SUI)	2 M Marterer (GER)	A Biro (HUN)	61 75	Biro (HUN)/Miedler (AUT)
		Y Nemchen (KAZ)	Z Khairudinova (KAZ)	63 63	Grimm/Stadler (SUI)
nov-01	Umea (SWE)	3 J Choinski (GER)	D Eisenzapf (GER)	61 57 63	Isacsson/Lindh (SWE)
		K R Persson (SWE)	S Calancea (ROU)	76(4) 64	Calancea (ROU)/Jung (GER)

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	B Sobaszekiewicz (POL)	63 63	Skamlova/Vajdova (SVK)
Oct 11	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	D Banovec (CRO)	M Gledacheva (BUL)	60 60	Kawa/Kolat (POL)
Oct 11	Settimo (ITA)	\$10,000	A Grymalska (ITA)	K Knapp (ITA)	46 62 75	Baumgarten (GER)/Podda (NED)
Oct 11	Kharkiv (UKR)	\$25,000	O Kalashnikova (GEO)	D Kuchmina (RUS)	75 46 64	Piven/Vasylyeva (UKR)
Oct 11	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	A Riske (USA)	V Manasieva (RUS)	57 64 61	Malek (GER)/Pavlovic (FRA)
Oct 11	Torhout (BEL)	\$100,000+H	Y Wickmayer (BEL)	S Halep (ROU)	63 62	Bacsinszky (SUI)/Garbin (ITA)
Oct 18	Akko (ISR)	\$10,000	J Glushko (ISR)	J Kimmelman (GER)	62 62	Glushko (ISR)/Toljan (AUT)
Oct 18	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	P Vinogradova (RUS)	62 62	Dinu/Iova (ROU)
Oct 18	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	D Enache (ROU)	V Vierin (ITA)	63 75	Platon/Radu (ROU)
Oct 18	Seville (ESP)	\$10,000	K Knapp (ITA)	A Gamiz (VEN)	60 61	Dominguez/Solsona (ESP)
Oct 18	Glasgow (GBR)	\$25,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	E Georgatou (GRE)	36 60 63	Barbat (DEN)/Mayr (ITA)
Oct 18	Saint Raphael (FRA)	\$50,000	A Riske (USA)	U Radwanska (POL)	64 62	Klemenschits (AUT)/Malek (GER)
Oct 25	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	K Bocsova (SVK)	N Zoric (SRB)	63 75	Enache (ROU)/Vaideanu (ITA)
Oct 25	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$10,000	B Davato (ITA)	F Quercia (ITA)	64 36 62	Cavalle/Lopez Rueda (ESP)
Oct 25	Vila Real (POR)	\$10,000	A Grymalska (ITA)	L Hofmann (GER)	61 75	Balducci/Grymalska (ITA)
Oct 25	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	I Kuryanovich (BLR)	A Hlavackova (CZE)	36 61 75	Kalashnikova (GEO)/Sirotkina (RUS)
Oct 25	Poitiers (FRA)	\$100,000	S Arvidsson (SWE)	P Parmentier (FRA)	62 76(4)	Hradecka/Vorcova (CZE)
Nov 01	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Sirotkina (RUS)	M Balgova (SVK)	62 60	Abduraimova (UZB)/Sirotkina (RUS)
Nov 01	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarrena (ESP)	S Soler Sola (ESP)	63 63	Arruabarrena/Ferrer (ESP)
Nov 01	Minsk (BLR)	\$10,000	A Vasylyeva (UKR)	E Pashkova (RUS)	64 46 63	Pashkova/Zharkova (RUS)
Nov 01	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	M Honcova (SVK)	A Brazhnikova (SWE)	64 67(5)	63 Knoll/Michel (SUI)
Nov 01	Sunderland (GBR)	\$10,000	A Fitzpatrick (GBR)	S Murray (GBR)	62 36 75	Elliott/Fitzpatrick (GBR)
Nov 01	Ismaning (GER)	\$50,000+H	U Radwanska (POL)	A Hlavackova (CZE)	75 64	Barrois/Groenefeld (GER)
Nov 01	Nantes (FRA)	\$50,000+H	L Hradecka (CZE)	V Savinykh (RUS)	63 61	Keothavong/Smith (GBR)
Nov 08	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	V Ekshibarova (UZB)	C Mitu (ROU)	62 46 62	Frankova (CZE)/Sirotkina (RUS)
Nov 08	Le Havre (FRA)	\$10,000	L Andrei (ROU)	C Ghesquiere (FRA)	62 64	Ghesquiere/Ka (FRA)
Nov 08	Loughborough (GBR)	\$10,000	L Michel (SUI)	A Fitzpatrick (GBR)	62 62	Rae/Windley (GBR)
Nov 08	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarrena (ESP)	M Koehler (POR)	76(2) 63	Koek/Wacanno (NED)
Nov 08	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	L Tsurenko (UKR)	R Hogenkamp (NED)	63 62	Bovina/Bychkova (RUS)

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 11	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	J Janowicz (POL)	A Bury (BLR)	76(6) 63	Betau/Zhyrmon (BLR)
Oct 11	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	D Goffin (BEL)	A Bossel (SUI)	64 75	Maes/Martin (FRA)
Oct 11	Isernhagen (GER)	\$10,000	K Lejnieks (LAT)	P Torebko (GER)	46 64 63	Kiefer/Seifert (GER)
Oct 11	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	J Pauku (FIN)	A Zguns (LAT)	63 62	Falghieri/Grassi (ITA)
Oct 11	Reggio Calabria (ITA)	\$10,000	A Di Mauro (ITA)	L Vanni (ITA)	76(4) 64	Arnaboldi/Nasi (ITA)
Oct 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	D Molchanov (UKR)	63 46 75	Capkovic (SVK)/Molchanov (UKR)
Oct 18	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	S Betau (BLR)	J Janowicz (POL)	46 76(6) 76(3)	Betau/Zhyrmon (BLR)
Oct 18	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$15,000	A Balazs (HUN)	M Zimmermann (GER)	62 75	Arnaboldi (ITA)/Phillips (GBR)
Oct 18	La Roche (FRA)	\$15,000+H	C Reix (FRA)	Y Mertens (BEL)	63 67(7) 76(8)	Blandin/Renard (FRA)
Oct 18	Glasgow (GBR)	\$15,000	M Ebdon (AUS)	D Evans (GBR)	62 36 63	Burton/Evans (GBR)
Oct 18	Paros (GRE)	\$10,000	A Kellner (HUN)	K Bardoczky (HUN)	3-2 ret	Bardoczky/Kellner (HUN)
Oct 18	Sabadell (ESP)	\$10,000	S Gutierrez-Ferrol (ESP)	G Olaso (ESP)	16 64 62	Lopez Jaen/Santos (ESP)
Oct 18	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	A Cruciat (ROU)	H Akkoyun (TUS)	62 61	Craciun/Cruciat (ROU)
Oct 25	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	K Mesaros (CRO)	D Marcan (CRO)	62 64	Brkic/Dzumhur (BIH)
Oct 25	Rodez (FRA)	\$10,000	G Burquier (FRA)	K Lejnieks (LAT)	64 36 64	Charroin/Stouff (FRA)
Oct 25	Cardiff (GBR)	\$15,000	J Zopp (EST)	D Evans (GBR)	64 75	Goodall/Inglot (GBR)
Oct 25	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	A Falghieri (ITA)	A Jakupovic (GRE)	62 75	Glancy (IRL)/Willis (GBR)
Oct 25	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$10,000	G Olaso (ESP)	P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	62 75	Lopez Jaen/Santos (ESP)
Oct 25	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Kretschmer (GER)	K Capkovic (SVK)	61 2-0 ret	Brydolf (SWE)/Kontinen (FIN)
Nov 01	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	A Jakupovic (GRE)	C O'Brien (IRL)	63 63	Barry (IRL)/Libietis (LAT)
Nov 01	Ramat Hasharon (ISR)	\$15,000	D Cox (GBR)	D Goffin (BEL)	36 64 64	Kraiwitz (GER)/Krotiouk (RUS)
Nov 01	Vilafranca (ESP)	\$10,000	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	M Viola (ITA)	26 64 61	Rexach/Trujillo (ESP)
Nov 01	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Linzer (AUT)	M Ryderstedt (SWE)	26 76(4) 76(2)	Grozdanov/Lazov (BUL)
Nov 08	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$15,000	G Burquier (FRA)	R Coco (FRA)	61 63	Coco/Martin (FRA)
Nov 08	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Mina (FRA)	A Flock (GER)	63 63	Bjelica (SRB)/Brydolf (SWE)

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## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Caroline Wozniacki's appearance in the final of the season-ending WTA Championships allows her to seal the European (and world) #1 spot for 2010. Her conqueror in Doha, Kim Clijsters, could be set for a run at the #1 spot early next year if her good form continues, with the Belgian now trailing by 1,400 points and with virtually nothing to defend at the Australian Open. Meanwhile, Elena Dementieva ends her career as the sixth-ranked woman in Europe, and #2 Russian.

The final Masters 1000 event of the season saw

some significant changes to the men's list, with Nikolay Davydenko unable to defend his 2009 Paris points and plummeting from the Top Ten, ensuring that Mikhail Youzhny will end the season as the top Russian for the first time.

Eventual Paris champion Robin Söderling reaches a career high of #4, leapfrogging Andy Murray, while semi finalist Jurgen Melzer caps the best season of his career so far by entering the European Top Ten for the first time.

Rankings as of November 15th, 2010.

### European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	8035
02	▶	<b>Vera ZVONAREVA</b>	RUS	6785
03	▶	<b>Kim CLIJSTERS</b>	BEL	6635
04	▶	<b>Francesca SCHIAVONE</b>	ITA	4935
05	▶	<b>Jelena JANKOVIC</b>	SRB	4445
06	▶	<b>Elena DEMENTIEVA</b>	RUS	4335
07	▶	<b>Victoria AZARENKA</b>	BLR	4235
08	▶	<b>Justine HENIN</b>	BEL	3415
09	▶	<b>Shahar PEER</b>	ISR	3365
10	▶	<b>Agnieska RADWANSKA</b>	POL	3000

### European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	11450
02	▲	<b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	7645
03	▼	<b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	5635
04	▲	<b>Robin SÖDERLING</b>	SWE	5380
05	▼	<b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	5360
06	▲	<b>Tomas BERDYCH</b>	CZE	3755
07	▲	<b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	3735
08	▲	<b>Fernando VERDASCO</b>	ESP	3240
09	▼	<b>Mikhail YOZHNY</b>	RUS	2920
10	NEW	<b>Jurgen MELZER</b>	AUT	2785



Jurgen Melzer (AUT)



Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)



Robin Söderling (SWE)

## Notes and news from Tennis Europe

### Professional Tennis Department

ITF Pro Circuit Tournament Organisers are reminded that Tournament Application and Fact Sheet forms for the 2011 season are now available to download [here](#).

### Seniors Tennis Department

Entries are now open for players wishing to participate at the world's largest indoor senior tennis event, the 35th European Seniors and Super Seniors Championships in Seefeld, Austria. The event is due to be staged from 7-22 January 2011, and further information can be found at the event [Fact Sheet](#).

### European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Stringers' Digest magazine has been published and is available here: <http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/rt5-2010web2?viewMode=magazine>

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### Andy Murray on YouTube

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In the new clip, local hero Murray shows what you can do with this ball apart from serve, backhand, forehand or volley. Murray is strolling through the streets of London, but not without putting the tennis ball to a test in terms of control, spin and durability in his very own way with his YouTek Radical racquet.

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<http://www.head.com/tennis/?region=eu>



### Facebook Ball Competition

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