

Czech Republic, France, Great Britain and Russia triumph at Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



Above: Britain's 16 & Under team with captain Greg Rusedski at the qualifying rounds in Minsk. Below, Czech Republic girls' team and captain Lubos Stych with their trophies after defending their title on home soil.

The 2011 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD have drawn to a close, after three weeks of play that saw 118 national teams fighting for Europe's indoor junior team championship.



France won the Boys 14 & Under event in Ascoli, Italy, for a second consecutive year. Their path to victory was not easy, having to survive decisive doubles matches against Estonia in the first round and Croatia in the semi finals to set up the title match with the top seeded Czech Republic.

The two teams split singles matches, with Ronan Joncour beating Ondrej Krstev 7-6(2) 6-2 and Dominik Stary conceding just two games to Mandresy Rakotomalala to level the tie. The doubles match was a see-saw affair, with the French taking the first set 6-0 before Krstev and Mirsolav Chyba fought back to equalise. After over two and a half hours of play, the defending champions broke through to take a 7-5 final set, becoming the first team since 1990 to defend a 14 & Under boys' title.

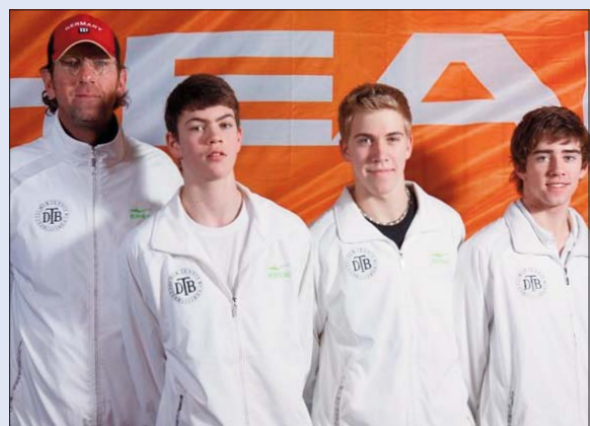
Great Britain won the Boys 16 & Under title for the >>

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Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD



Photos: (clockwise, from top left) 14 & Under boys' winners France with the silverware in Ascoli, Romania's 14 & Under girls' team show their team spirit at the qualifying rounds in Bucharest, Germany's 16 & Under boys' team finished third in Ronchin, and the Russian 14 & Under girls' team celebrates in Kamen.

<< first time since 1993, ending French hopes of defending both titles by beating their hosts in Ronchin. Jonny O'Mara put the visitors in the lead with a convincing 6-3 6-2 win over Alexandre Favrot in the first rubber. Enzo Couacaud then levelled the tie for the French, putting in a commanding performance as he conceded just three games to Christopher Pearce.

The four players returned to the court for the deciding doubles. The British pair, coached by former world #4 Greg Rusedski, controlled the match from the offset, winning 6-4 6-4 to seal the first British 16&U win since 1993 (Andy Murray anchored the 14&U squad to a win in 2001).

Germany snatched third place in the group with a 3-0 play off win over Ukraine. The performance earned Maximilian Marterer to claim the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 & Under #1 ranking for the first time.

Russia and Czech Republic came through to contest both 14 and 16 & Under girls finals, with the Czechs

also hoping to defend the two titles they won in 2010.

The Russians justified their top seeding in the 14 & Under event, fielding a squad that included two Top Ten players. 7th-ranked Veronika Kudermetova has been one of the most in-form players so far this season, winning the tournament in Sergiev Posad before reaching the semi finals in Tarbes, and she maintained her form to go unbeaten throughout the Winter Cups.

In the opening match of the final, she beat Miriam Kolodziejova 6-1 6-4. Czech #1 Vendula Zovincova then upset Anastasiya Komardina by exactly the same score to set up a decisive doubles match. Kudermetova was then joined by Anastasiya Rychagova, who kept alive her unbeaten streak in doubles to 14 matches so far in 2011, a run that includes three Tennis Europe Junior Tour titles as well as the Winter Cups.

The 6-1 7-5 win for the Russians secured a record tenth title since they first broke through in 1995 >>

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Above: The opening ceremony of the Boys 14 & Under finals in Ascoli, Italy.

<< with a team headed by Elena Dementieva, and broke a three-year drought in this age category.

In Frydlant nad Ostravici (CZE), the 16 & Under finals were also hotly contested, with Russia and Czech Republic once again seeded first and second and meeting in the finals. Between them, the two nations have dominated the 16 & Under competition in recent years, winning 10 of the last 13 titles.

For a match that saw four of Europe's Top Ten players in action, the opening singles were surprisingly one-sided. Barbora Krejčíková put the home team ahead with a 6-4 6-2 win over #4 Victoria Kan. Europe's #2 Yulia Putintseva, a veteran of the Russian Winter Cups team playing the event for a third consecutive year, then handed a 6-3 6-0 loss to Petra Rohanova, the only returning member of the victorious Czech team of 2010.

Both teams drafted in rested players for the final match, with Ksenija Sharifova joining Putintseva and

Aneta Dvoracova teaming up with Krejčíková. The Russians edged to the first set, winning the tie break 8-6, but the Czechs bounced back strongly in the second, losing just one game to level the match. The final set was a classic, with the defending champions and home hopes eventually breaking through into the fourteenth game to claim a memorable 6-7(6) 6-1 8-6 win.

Tennis Europe's Junior Committee Chairwoman Ayda Uluç commented, "I would like to express my thanks to all the many organisers, volunteers and national federation staff who have helped to make this event so successful once again. Tennis Europe cherishes this event, and it is a delight to see this enthusiasm for indoor junior team tennis shared by so many. Thanks also to HEAD for their ongoing support for the tournament."

The final standings from all age categories can be found below. Full results from the entire competition and extensive photo galleries can be found at the Tennis Europe website.

Final Positions - 2011

	Girls 14 & Under	Girls 16 & Under	Boys 14 & Under	Boys 16 & Under
01	RUSSIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE	GREAT BRITAIN
02	CZECH REPUBLIC	RUSSIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE
03	GERMANY	BELARUS	CROATIA	GERMANY
04	ROMANIA	FRANCE	ITALY	UKRAINE
05	GREAT BRITAIN	UKRAINE	POLAND	CZECH REPUBLIC
06	SERBIA	CROATIA	ESTONIA	BELGIUM
07	SWITZERLAND	POLAND	NORWAY	SPAIN
08	NETHERLANDS	AUSTRIA	TURKEY	AUSTRIA

Pro Tennis Conference in Sofia

The Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference was held in Sofia last week, where it was staged in cooperation with the Bulgarian Tennis Federation (BTF).

The meeting is intended as a forum for officials, tournament staff, national federation employees and persons involved in the administration of professional tennis events across the continent, including those belonging to the ITF Pro, Beach and Wheelchair Tennis Circuits.

The meeting was moderated by ITF/Tennis Europe Regional Officiating Executive Anders Wennberg and chaired by Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää and BTF President Stefan Tzvetkov, who also serves as chairman of Tennis Europe's Professional Tennis Committee. A total of 39 delegates were in attendance from 19 Tennis Europe member nations, in addition to representatives from all of the sports' governing bodies, the International Tennis Federation, ATP World Tour and WTA.

All three organisations made presentations on the opening day before the afternoon was spent with the delegates enjoying panel discussions and working groups focusing on issues related to the ITF Pro Circuit and officiating matters.

The second day provided the opportunity to take a specific look at projects and challenges faced by member nations, with presentations from Moldova, France, Romania, Sweden, Germany and Great Britain.

The meeting also gave delegates the chance to learn more about Bulgaria's drive to develop tennis at a national level, an initiative supported by Sports Minister Svilen Neykov, who was on hand to open the conference.

Tennis Europe's direct involvement with the professional game comes largely in the form of its role as the central service point for the 500+ ITF Pro Circuit tournaments for men and women in Europe, ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 in prize money.

The meeting was also the location of Tennis Europe's final Board of Management meeting, chaired by the organisation's President Jacques Dupré in preparation for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, due to be held in Amsterdam at the end of March. Prior to the meeting, the Board met with Bulgaria's Prime Minister, Boyko Borisov (pictured).



Above: Top, Bulgaria's Prime Minister Boyko Borisov meets Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré (right) and Bulgarian Tennis Federation President Stefan Tzvetkov (centre), the delegates during a break in the meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää expressed his satisfaction with the event. "We are grateful for the support of the governing bodies and I am particularly pleased by the enthusiastic and proactive contributions of all the delegates. I would also like to thank Stefan Tzvetkov, and the staff of the Bulgarian Tennis Federation for their excellent work and the kind invitation to stage the conference here in Bulgaria for the first time."

Mr. Tzvetkov commented, "Organising competitions is a key activity of Tennis Europe, and these tournaments are the backbone of European tennis. This meeting provides a valuable opportunity for the disparate entities administering professional tennis events to get together and express their opinions and concerns, share ideas and plan for the future, and I am delighted that we have been able to host the event in Bulgaria."

FOCUS ON SWEDEN: the Future for Swedish Professional Players

In this first part of a new series in which we focus on specific policies of Europe's national federations, we look at Sweden's current project to raise its profile in Professional Tennis. At the recent Pro Tennis Conference in Sofia, Johan Sjögren Director of Sports of the Swedish Tennis Association (STA) provided some details about the federation's policies to encourage the growth of the sport.

Considering its size (Sweden is the 17th most populous of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations), the nation has had an extraordinarily successful history, with 3 former world #1s (Björn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg), and has accumulated a total of 27 Grand Slam singles titles. But since Thomas Johansson won the last of those in Australia in 2002, Swedish tennis has undergone a transition phase, with fewer prospects appearing than in the past. World #4 Robin Söderling leads the way, but is the only Swedish man currently ranked in the Top 200, while Johanna Larsson and Sofia Arvidsson, ranked #74 and #80 respectively, are the only Swedish representatives in the WTA Top 500.

Research over the last 12-15 years has shown that after their junior tennis careers, increasing numbers of Swedish players have either stopped playing completely, or have moved to the United States, where they can combine studies with NCAA playing careers. A combination of factors, such as increased competition and more events means that the 'journey' to becoming an ATP/WTA player takes much longer today than in the past. This is demonstrated by the fact that the current average age of players in the Top 100 (26 for men, and 24 for women) is higher than ever before.

This places extra strain on all federations that attempt to help their players, particularly because there is little or no hospitality on the Futures circuits, making the transition from juniors extra tough. For players that are not fortunate enough to have sponsors or extra financial backing, this road has increasingly become prohibitively expensive.

The STA has calculated that to break even, players need to at least be ranked within the ATP/WTA Tour Top 150. A player ranked #160 last year earned around \$35,000; not a massive sum when factoring in coaching and court costs, travel and the other heavy expenditures related to life on tour. Incidentally, a comparably ranked player on the PGA Tour earned \$65,000, almost twice as much.

The STA's response to this challenge has been to unveil a massive investment in domestic tournaments, increasing the total numbers of ITF Pro Circuit events in Sweden from 6 to 14 (seven men's and seven women's) in just one year for the 2011 season. The aim is to further



Above: Robin Söderling looks set to be Sweden's #1 player for some time to come, as the federation explores ways of getting more players to reach the elite level.

increase the numbers of these events in coming years, according to demand.

The hope behind this policy is that by enabling players to compete in more international events in their own nation, the 'journey' to the ultimate goal of becoming an ATP or WTA player will be more accessible and affordable. The new structure will produce more players ranked in the Top 600, a springboard to gaining easier access to higher-level events as they aim to raise their rankings yet further. A statistic applicable to all Nordic countries in recent years has been that only players who manage to break into the world's junior Top 10 have later reached the professional Top 100 (Johanna Larsson, who broke into the WTA Top 100 last year for the first time, is the only exception to this rule amongst current players), a cycle that it is hoped will be broken with this policy.

The ultimate aim is to create a stable foundation of tournament play that will facilitate the building of rankings and ensure players of high enough standard to retain a place in the Davis and Fed Cup World Groups, and to compete regularly in the Grand Slams and at the Olympics.

For each of these pro events, the sum of €20,000 is paid by the federation to assist with administrative costs including prize money, officials and equipment, while organising clubs are also asked to contribute €2,000, which it believes is a wiser way of investing in the many players eager to compete on the Pro Circuits.

The increased level of Pro Circuit events now mirrors the domestic playing opportunities for Swedish juniors, who will be able to play in seven Tennis Europe Junior Tour (across three age categories) and six ITF Junior Circuit events in 2011, giving players ample opportunities to earn valuable tour points on their doorstep.

We will report back in the future on The Swedish Tennis Association's progress with this policy, which may turn out to be an attractive and innovative model for other European federations.

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Annual General Meeting

Hosted by the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB), the 2011 Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting is set to take place in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, for the first time from 24th - 27th March.

Member nations have recently been sent the organisation's annual report for review ahead of the Meeting. Amongst the items on the agenda are the approval of a revised constitution and a proposal to increase membership fees, which have remained frozen since 1999.

The Meeting marks the end of the three-year mandate of the current Board of Management. Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré is the only candidate for the next presidency, whilst the following executives have been nominated by their federations for Board of Management positions (in alphabetical order, those marked with an asterisk are standing for re-election):



Peter Bretherton (GBR)*, Michele Brunetti (ITA)*, Philios Christodoulou (CYP)*, Igor Del Busto (ESP), Erik Keller (SUI), Günther Lang (GER)*, Aleksei Selivanenko (RUS)*, Stefan Tzvetkov (BUL)*, Ayda Uluç (TUR)*, Karin Van Bijsterveld (NED).

Further information about the conference, contact Jessica Browning (jessicab@tenniseurope.org)

Schools Tennis Initiative in Georgia

The Georgian Tennis Federation has become the latest of Tennis Europe's member nations to launch a Schools Tennis Initiative.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education & Science of Georgia, the project has been launched in ten public schools in the capital Tbilisi, with a total of over 1,000 children of 10 & Under age group benefiting from the scheme.

The aim of the project is to increase the popularity of the sport by giving young children greater access to tennis facilities. Inter-school competitions will be organised and a focus will be made on the training of teachers to ensure that physical education coaches have a greater knowledge of the sport.



Above: Children at the first STI classes in Georgia.

The federation intends to identify especially talented children, who will then be selected for further development programs.

Antoon Callant

Tennis Europe was greatly saddened to learn of the death of Antoon Callant, who passed away earlier this month following a long illness.

As owner of the TC Ritspop in Eeklo, Belgium, Mr,

Callant was an enthusiastic organiser of several Tennis Europe flagship events over the last decade, including the European Junior Championships in 2003, and several editions of the European Men's Club Championships.

Beyond the Baseline...

The French Tennis Federation has confirmed that the French Open will continue to be played at **Roland Garros** after officials rejected proposals to move the Grand Slam event to a larger venue.

The **ITF Seniors World Individual Championships** in Christchurch, New Zealand were cancelled last week as a result of the devastating earthquake there. Fortunately, no competitors were hurt. The Team events in Timaru and Ashburton were able to continue as planned.

The 2011 **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** begins this weekend, with European teams involved in all but one of the World Group first round ties. The draw is as follows (host teams first): Serbia vs. India, Sweden vs. Russia, Czech Republic vs. Kazakhstan, Argentina vs. Romania, Chile vs. United States, Belgium vs. Spain, Croatia vs. Germany, Austria vs. France

The ITF has announced that the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi final between Russia and defending champion Italy will be played at the Sports Palace 'Megasport' in Moscow on an indoor hard court. the other semi final, which features Belgium and Czech Republic, will take place at the Spiroudrome Arena in Charleroi. Both ties will take place on 16th-17th April.

The Fed Cup World Group play offs, held over the same weekend, will see Germany host USA, Spain host France, Slovakia host Serbia and Ukraine travel to Australia. In Group II, Belarus hosts Estonia, Japan hosts Argentina, Slovenia hosts Canada and Switzerland host Sweden.

ITF Officiating now has its own weblet at www.itftennis.com/officiating containing information about certification structures, officiating schools and other general information relating to the world of officiating.

Invacare has pledged to continue its sponsorship of wheelchair tennis' flagship doubles event for another two years, The Invacare Doubles Masters will be held in Amsterdam from November 2nd - 6th, and will also host an international wheelchair tennis symposium.

Former world #7 **Mario Ancic** has announced his retirement from the sport at the age of 26 after battling illness and injury for several years.

Lancia, part of the Fiat group, has signed a deal to become automobile partner of **Swiss Tennis** for the next three years.

After reaching back to back finals, big-serving Canadian sensation **Milos Raonic**, has announced his attention to play in Halle before Wimbledon.

Mark Philippoussis beat Aaron Krickstein in straight sets to win his first ever ATP Champions Tour event last week, in Delray Beach.

Tournament director **Conchita Martinez** has announced that Victoria Azarenka, Flavia Pennetta and Ana Ivanovic will be the top seeds at the Andalucia Tennis Experience event in Marbella during the first week of April.

Tennis Ireland has appointed Pat Crowe as Fed Cup captain for 2011 and 2012.

The 2012 **Olympic Games** Schedule has been announced. The opening ceremony will take place on 27th July, with the tennis event commencing the next day on the courts of Wimbledon, lasting for nine days from July 28th – August 5th. Meanwhile, the ITF and WTA have announced an agreement under which ranking points will be awarded at the competition.

The **USTA** and event producers StarGames and MSG Sports have announced that, for the first time in history, 60-foot blended lines designed for 10 & Under tennis will be placed on a traditional 78-foot regulation court being used for a pro tennis match. It is hoped that the legends matches (Ivan Lendl vs. John McEnroe and Pete Sampras vs Andre Agassi) will also raise awareness of the USTA's 10 & Under tennis initiatives.

The ATP event in Barcelona will this year pay homage to **Roy Emerson** on the 50th anniversary of his first of three singles victories at the tournament.

Kim Clijsters has announced her intention to open an academy at her club in Bree, Belgium in 2012.

World No. 1 **Rafael Nadal** was honoured with the Sportsman of the Year accolade at the Laureus Awards in Abu Dhabi.

Gael Monfils beat 39-year old former world #1 Pete Sampras 7-6(4) 6-4 at a pre-tournament exhibition in San José a fortnight ago.

Organisers have announced that a Beach Tennis event will be held in tandem with the forthcoming **Porsche Tennis Grand Prix** WTA event in Stuttgart.



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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 tournaments, all of which are weighted according to

their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to these 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 new ranking system, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as of February 22nd, 2011.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	1787
02	▼	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	1773
03	▶	Irina Maria BARA	ROU	1522
04	▶	Victoria KAN	RUS	1290
05	▶	Miho KOWASE	JPN	1220
06	▲	Ksenija SHARIFOVA	RUS	1208
07	NEW	Barbora KREJCIKOVA	CZE	1178
08	▼	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	1169
09	▶	Cristina ENE	ROU	1130
10	NEW	Anastasiya ZABLOTSKAYA	BLR	1115



Victoria Kan (RUS)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Maximilian MARTERER	GER	1300
02	▶	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	1203
03	▶	Kyle EDMUND	GBR	1180
04	▼	Frederico SILVA	POR	1110
05	▲	Or RAM-HAREL	ISR	1108
06	▼	Laslo DJERE	SRB	1095
07	▶	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	1030
08	▲	Yuriy KRYVOY	UKR	1018
09	▶	Sergis KYRATZIS	CYP	900
10	NEW	Evan HOYT	GBR	890



Maximilian Marterer (GER)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Sergiu Bucur of Romania is the highest flyer in the rankings this month, leaping into the Top Ten at #8 after a great start to the year in which he has reached the final of two of his first three tournaments, winning his third Tour title at the Category 2 event in Oetwil recently, and finishing as runner-up in Bucharest to third-ranked compatriot Bogdan Borza.

Another player who has been busy is new girls' #8 Vendula Zovincova. Having won back-to-back titles

at the 16 and 14 & Under Category 2 events in Milovice, points from performance on the second-placed Winter Cups team move her into the Top Ten for the first time.

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.

Rankings below are as February 22nd, 2011.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	845
02	▲	Anastasiya RYCHAGOVARUS	RUS	755
03	▲	Anastasiya KOMARDINA	RUS	735
04	▼	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	705
05	▲	Veronika KUDERMETOVARUS	RUS	690
06	▼	Helen PLOSKINA	UKR	620
07	▼	Iryna SHYMANOVIC	BLR	615
08	NEW	Vendula ZOVINCOVA	CZE	580
08	▼	Ana KONJUH	CRO	550
10	▼	Anna SVIRIPA	UKR	515



Belinda Bencic (SUI)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	470
02	▲	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	460
03	▼	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	460
04	▲	Dominik STARY	CZE	425
05	▲	Michal DEMBEK	POL	410
06	▲	Domagoj BILJESKO	CRO	405
07	▼	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	375
08	NEW	Sergiu BUCUR	ROU	360
09	▼	Bogdan BOBROV	RUS	355
10	▼	Nikolay BATANOV	RUS	330



Sergiu Bucur (ROU)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 31	Vänernborg (SWE)	E Ruusuvaori (FIN)	N Schell (GER)	62 63	Bergevi/Friberg (SWE)
		A Vlasenkova (RUS)	S Bjerringgaard (DEN)	61 60	Abdel Aziz (GBR)/Ussher (FIN)
Jan 31	Siauliai (LTU)	K Zuk (POL)	A Rainin (UKR)	64 60	Fryze/Zuk (POL)
		D Orichkevitch (UKR)	G Buenanjo (LTU)	61 60	Golubovskaya (RUS)/Orichkevitch (UKR)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 14	Oetwil (SUI)	2 S Bucur (ROU)	M Osmakcic (SUI)	63 63	Moenter/Sippel (SUI)
		V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	Y Bryzagalova (RUS)	26 76(4) 60	Buchla (POL)/Njoze (GBR)
Feb 14	Farum (DEN)	3 B Hannestad (DEN)	C Soderlund (SWE)	36 63 61	Hannestad (DEN)/Soderlund (SWE)
		E Francati (DEN)	E Alay (RUS)	63 63	Francati/Renholt (SWE)
Feb 21	Togliatti (RUS)	3 B Bobrov (RUS)	D Shatalin (RUS)	63 63	Bobrov/Orlov (RUS)
		D Kasatkina (RUS)	A Pospelova (RUS)	60 60	Bizhukova/Kasatkina (RUS)
Feb 21	Stockholm (SWE)	3 J Cannell (GBR)	M Yemer (SWE)	63 75	Taylor/Yemer (SWE)
		J Asghar (GBR)	E Hendsel (EST)	75 64	Hendsel (EST)/Slavica (CRO)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 07	Belgorod (RUS)	3 P Makarov (RUS)	V Surduk (RUS)	61 26 61	Kuznetsov/Surduk (RUS)
		A Nefedova (RUS)	V Bessonova (RUS)	63 75	Bizhukova/Nefedova (RUS)
Feb 14	Siauliai (LTU)	2 A Slobodkins (LAT)	N Lis (RUS)	62 62	Losbergs/Slobodkins (LAT)
		A Silich (RUS)	V Yankovskaya (RUS)	61 62	Golovnyova (BLR)/Karczewska (POL)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 31	Feucherolles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	A Brugues-Davi (ESP)	F Martin (FRA)	26 63 75	Ghedin (ITA)/Martin (FRA)
Jan 31	Nussloch (GER)	\$15,000	E Eleskovic (SWE)	J Struff (GER)	75 64	Podlipnik (CHI)/Raditschnigg (AUT)
Jan 31	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	G Olaso (ESP)	J Marti (ESP)	76(2) 61	Trujillo/Vivanco (ESP)
Feb 7	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	M Authom (BEL)	A Brugues-Davi (ESP)	64 64	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Feb 7	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	P Santos (ESP)	1-0 ret	Poch Gradin/Trujillo (ESP)
Feb 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Linzer (AUT)	A Cruciat (ROU)	46 61 61	Betau (BLR)/Molchanov (UKR)
Feb 14	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	M Zimmermann (GER)	M Basic (BIH)	63 57 64	Milton (GBR)/Van Terheijden (NED)
Feb 14	Cartagena (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	P Carreno Busta (ESP)	63 76(2)	Poch Gradin/Trujillo (ESP)
Feb 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Stebe (GER)	D Molchanov (UKR)	64 63	Daniell/Venus (NZL)
Feb 21	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	N Mektic (CRO)	M Lammer (SUI)	76(6) ret	Hizak/Pavic (CRO)
Feb 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Stebe (GER)	Y Reuter (BEL)	61 60	cancelled

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 31	Coimbra (POR)	\$10,000	R de la Torre Sanchez (ESP)	K Grajdek (GER)	75 40 ret	Grajdek (GER)/Sobaszkievicz (POL)
Jan 31	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	E Gorgodze (GEO)	S Kovalets (UKR)	64 62	Campos/Sala Juste (ESP)
Jan 31	Sutton (GBR)	\$25,000	K Mladenovic (FRA)	M Barthel (GER)	63 16 62	Laine (FIN)/South (GBR)
Feb 7	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Pillot (ITA)	B Cedermark (SWE)	75 60	Mircic (SRB)/Shamayko (RUS)
Feb 7	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarreno (ESP)	C Perrin (SUI)	61 62	Harmsen (NED)/Werner (GER)
Feb 7	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	A Van Uytvanck (BEL)	E Kostova (BUL)	64 46 62	De La Torre Sanchez/Saez Larra (ESP)
Feb 7	Stockholm (SWE)	\$25,000	K Mladenovic (FRA)	A Rus (NED)	63 64	Rus (NED)/Yakimova (BLR)
Feb 14	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Shakovets (GER)	T Mircic (SRB)	64 61	Glimakova/Monova (RUS)
Feb 14	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	G Barbieri (ITA)	K Perkovic (GER)	64 62	Borecka/Krejsova (CZE)
Feb 14	Albufeira (POR)	\$10,000	L Kerkhove (NED)	A Sadikovic (SUI)	36 75 62	cancelled
Feb 14	Mallorca (ESP)	\$25,000	I Kuryanovich (BLR)	S Kovalets (UKR)	62 63	Buryachok (UKR)/Kuryanovich (BLR)
Feb 21	Zell (GER)	\$10,000	N Zander (GER)	E Hrdinova (CZE)	67(3) 75 61	Kilsdonk/Van Uitert (NED)
Feb 21	Portimao (POR)	\$10,000	A Mijacika (CRO)	J Ozga (GER)	64 64	Mijacika (CRO)/Sadikovic (SUI)
Feb 21	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Evtimova (BUL)	M Gaud (FRA)	63 64	Liang/Tian (CHN)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Despite some big events in recent weeks, there are few changes at the top of the European ranking lists. Novak Djokovics' second straight set win over Roger Federer in consecutive events strengthens his position at #3 and sets up a battle for the #2 spot over the coming months. A semi final in San José a fortnight ago, is enough to see Gael Monfils re-claim his Top Ten place, though the leading French player suffered an injury before retiring there.

Having briefly lost the #1 ranking to Kim Clijsters in early February, Caroline Wozniacki quickly reassert-

ed her position as the top player, winning the tournament in Dubai before reaching the final in Doha.

Lower down the list, Svetlana Kuznetsova's improved performances so far in 2011 see her re-enter Europe's Top Ten, while Petra Kvitova - the first player to win two events this year on the WTA Tour, having triumphed in Brisbane and Paris as well as reaching the Australian Open quarter finals - enters the Top Ten for the first time.

Rankings as of February 28th, 2011.

European Women

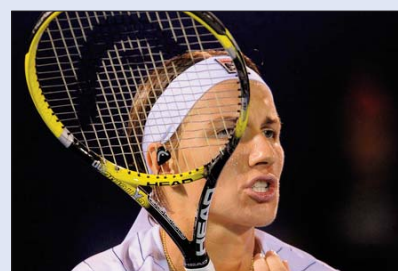
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	9550
02	▶	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	8835
03	▶	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	7565
04	▶	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	5051
05	▶	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	4825
06	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	3440
07	▶	Agnieska RADWANSKA	POL	3170
08	▶	Shahar PEER	ISR	2995
09	NEW	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	2860
10	NEW	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	2758

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	12390
02	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	8265
03	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	7880
04	▶	Robin SÖDERLING	SWE	6055
05	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	5715
06	▶	David FERRER	ESP	4510
07	▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4410
08	▶	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	3095
09	▶	Jurgen MELZER	AUT	2730
10	NEW	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2560



Gael Monfils (FRA)



Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)



Petra Kvitova (CZE)



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The new email address for the Icelandic Tennis Association is tsi@tennissamband.is.

Regular mail should be sent to:

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The new edition of the European Racquet Stringers' Association's Racquet Tech magazine has been published and is available [here](#).



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