

## 2011 'Race to the Junior Masters' Rankings Launched



Top Roman Safiullin (right) secured the Boys 14 top spot by beating Andrey Rublev in the Maia final, while Anastasiya Komardina (left) and Anastasiya Rychagova share the girls top spot - as well as five doubles titles so far this year.

Tennis Europe has published the first 'Race to the Junior Masters' rankings for 2011. Instead of the regular rolling 52-week rankings, the Race list details points earned since the first event of the season. The Top 6 European players in the Race rankings at the end of the Tour season qualify to play at the Tennis Europe Junior Masters, alongside the European Junior Championship winner and runner-up from each age category.

From now on, the Race rankings will be published every Tuesday alongside the 52-week rolling rankings for players aged 14 and 16 & Under.

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters was introduced in 1996 and is devised to reward the best-performing players of the year on the Tour with a final chance to compete against each other for the title of Masters champion. Players such as Kim Clijsters and Rafael Nadal feature amongst the former champions, while Francesca Schiavone and Andy Murray are also former participants.

### Russian players take early leads

Russian players dominate the 14 & Under rankings, occupying the top two positions in both the boys' and girls' lists. Roman Safiullin leads the way, having won five titles so far this season already, establishing a 29-1 win/loss record, including a win over second ranked Andrey Rublev in the Maia final just two weeks ago.

The girls' #1 spot is shared between Anastasiya Rychagova and Anastasiya Komardina. Whilst battling for the top spot in singles, they have formed a formidable doubles partnership this year, and are unbeaten so far in five tournaments (four on the 14&U circuit, and one at 16&U). The pair has also met twice in singles finals, with the head-to-head record currently standing at one win apiece.

With two titles from three finals so far this season, Pavel Staubert (CZE) leads the boys' 16 & Under list ahead of Cyprus' Petros Chrysochos, while Romania's Ioana Rosca sits comfortably atop the girls' race, having won all three events she has contested so far in 2011.

Team events also count towards a players' Race Ranking, so a successful run at the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD >>



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## Race to the Junior Masters 14/16 & Under

<< or European Summer Cups can help in the quest to seal a spot at the Junior Masters.

France's winning Boys 14 & Under Winter Cups team of Ronan Joncour, Mandresy Rakotomalala and Joseph Giullin appear at #s 6, 8 and 11, while the winning Russian girls' team occupies three of the top four spots.

Last year's Tennis Europe Junior Masters was held in Napoli, Italy, from 8-10 October. The dates and venue for the 2011 event will be confirmed shortly.

Rankings below are as of May 3, 2011 and include points earned at all events played since the last Masters.

The full Race Ranking list can be consulted [here](#).

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	<b>NEW</b> Anastasiya RYCHAGOVA	RUS	500
01	<b>NEW</b> Anastasiya KOMARDINA	RUS	500
03	<b>NEW</b> Iryna SHYMANOVIC	BLR	425
04	<b>NEW</b> Veronika KUDERMETOVA	RUS	355
05	<b>NEW</b> Maia LUMSDEN	GBR	345
06	<b>NEW</b> V. GRAMMATIKOPOULOU	GRE	325
07	<b>NEW</b> Victoria MUNTEAN	FRA	320
07	<b>NEW</b> Vendula ZOVINCOVA	CZE	320
09	<b>NEW</b> Anastasia NEFEDOVA	RUS	303
10	<b>NEW</b> Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	300

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	<b>NEW</b> Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	540
02	<b>NEW</b> Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	445
03	<b>NEW</b> Kenneth RAISMA	EST	425
04	<b>NEW</b> Dominik STARY	CZE	423
05	<b>NEW</b> Domagoj BILJESKO	CRO	319
06	<b>NEW</b> Ronan JONCOUR	FRA	315
07	<b>NEW</b> Michal DEMBEK	POL	313
08	<b>NEW</b> Mandresy RAKOTOMALALA	FRA	300
09	<b>NEW</b> Alexander BUBLIK	RUS	290
09	<b>NEW</b> Ondrej KRSTEV	CZE	290

### 16 & Under Girls

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	<b>NEW</b> Ioana ROSCA	ROU	710
02	<b>NEW</b> Anastasiya ZABLOTSKAYA	BLR	480
02	<b>NEW</b> Nicoleta DASCALU	ROU	480
04	<b>NEW</b> Alina SILICH	RUS	420
05	<b>NEW</b> Dorottya JONAS	HUN	360
06	<b>NEW</b> Anastasia PRIBYLOVA	RUS	340
06	<b>NEW</b> Tina BOKHUA	RUS	340
08	<b>NEW</b> Alexa PIROK	HUN	330
09	<b>NEW</b> Ivanka KARAMALAK	RUS	310
10	<b>NEW</b> Elena GOLOVNYOVA	BLR	280

### 16 & Under Boys

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	<b>NEW</b> Pavel STAUBERT	CZE	670
02	<b>NEW</b> Petros CHRYSOCHOS	CYP	640
03	<b>NEW</b> Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	460
04	<b>NEW</b> Vasilios STAVROPOULOS	GRE	430
05	<b>NEW</b> Vasil SURDUK	RUS	380
06	<b>NEW</b> Matej SELECKY	SVK	370
06	<b>NEW</b> David PICHLER	AUT	370
08	<b>NEW</b> Matej MARUSCAK	SVK	360
09	<b>NEW</b> Julian CASH	GBR	340
10	<b>NEW</b> Andre BIRO	HUN	330

## In the Spotlight: Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré

At last month's Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Amsterdam, Jacques Dupré was re-elected as the president of the organisation for a second consecutive term. We took the opportunity to ask him to reflect on his time at the helm of the federation, and his plans for the future.

### **Congratulations on your re-election. How would you reflect on your first term as President of Tennis Europe?**

Thank you very much. I think that this first mandate was beneficial for Tennis Europe because of the great work done by the members of the Board and the entire staff. I particularly appreciate the solidarity and the conviviality, which marks the relations between all of the elected representatives, and makes the work so much more pleasant and efficient.

### **What do you hope to achieve during your next three-year mandate?**

There are still a lot of things to do, as you may have guessed. It is an ongoing challenge to try to improve all of the currently existing aspects of our activities, such as sports, administration and commercial matters. Amongst the priorities, I hope to place a focus on helping the development of those nations that are facing the most difficulties by helping them with the training of directors and managers so that they can work towards establishing formal structures, for example. I also hope that we can adopt increasingly flexible approaches to solving problems that are submitted by those who work in the field. We need to listen, to comprehend, to be flexible without falling on any forms of demagoguery or laxity.

### **Several key steps were taken at the recent AGM. Why did you feel it was important to amend the constitution?**

Yes, without a doubt it was necessary to revise our constitution and adapt it to the realities and necessities of our era. Nevertheless, I would like to mention that there are no fundamental changes but rather adaptations to the existing constitution.

### **The membership status of the Netherlands was upgraded, the first time we have had a new 'A' nation in 10 years. Why did you support this?**

Indeed I am delighted to see that the KNLTB will join the classification of A-nations. To judge the quality of a federation and its influence I do not think that one's sole criteria should be sporting results and perfor-



Jacques Dupré at the Tennis Europe AGM

mance, which naturally fluctuates from one period to another. I think that the quality and structure of the KNLTB is quite remarkable, and its plan of development, the number of licensed players, their unflinching application of new initiatives, such as 'Play and Stay' for example, and their incredible success in wheelchair tennis, which serves as a role model for the rest of the world makes the ascending of category perfectly justified. I am also convinced that thanks to what has happened in the past, we will see a new generation of women and men players emerge in the years to come from the Netherlands, further reinforcing the legitimacy of this decision.

### **Also at the Annual General Meeting, Tennis Europe voted to increase the membership fees paid by national federations for the first time since 1999. Why was this necessary?**

Indeed, and I want to thank the members who have agreed to pass this motion for a moderate increase of fees without any opposition. As I indicated during the AGM, these contributions had not been increased in over ten years, even though all the costs relating to our activities rose enormously in the same time. This was an error. Secondly, these new resources will be fully allocated to help tennis to develop with a particular focus on those nations that are in most difficulty. Finally, if there are special economic situations in certain countries that are justified, we will listen and try to find adapted solutions. I firmly believe that this will allow us to progress and we will propose annually a regular and very modest increase so that we do not make the same mistake.

### **You also serve as a Vice-President of the French Tennis Federation. Were you happy with the decision to maintain Roland Garros at its present location? >>**

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<< Of course, and I strongly supported the project. I would like to say that there was an excellent federal strategy with regards to this matter, and this allowed the tournament to stay in Paris. Contrary to what is often said, this choice does not opt for the past at the expense of modernity, but it is a choice made to safeguard the history, the tradition and the future. Thus the risk of trivialisation of the tournament is avoided, which in the actual global context would have been a mistake. But there are many other convincing arguments that could also be made to justify this choice.

**The Tennis 10s rule change is something that will affect all member nations in 2012. How do you think this will benefit tennis in general, and what will be done to help those nations that might struggle to implement the new rules?**

I think that this rule change - which is obligatory in 2012 - will be a major breakthrough for our sport, making it more fun and providing easy access for all the young players. I also think that the new rule will favour technical and tactical learning for all, which is a great outcome and consequently very positive. It is clear that under the existing development programmes, we will help the nations to get considerably involved in embracing this approach to tennis, which it should be remembered, can also be adapted for adults. This is much needed, and can serve to greatly

strengthen the functioning of tennis programmes in many nations.

**You are very passionate about the development of the sport and are the Chairman of the Development Advisors Group of the ITF. What does this role involve?**

This role as chairman of the group is indeed a great passion of mine. The Development Advisors Group is composed of Lucy Garvin, Anil Khanna, Ismail El Shafei, Chris Kypriotis and Dave Miley - who does a remarkable job - and has the objective of developing the sport across all of the continents. The work is not simple, I'm sure you'll agree, because the economic situations, the structures and therefore the levels of development of the nations concerned are extremely diverse. Nevertheless, we launched a major inquiry to find out if the chosen activities of the ITF satisfied these needs globally and the replies confirmed that we were on the right track while placing an emphasis on the deficit of human resources. I think as well that from the perspective of the help that is given by the ITF Development Programme, we must work in the interests of our sport to restore a true solidarity between the nations and regions of the world. The sooner we see male and female champions emerge from all corners of the planet, the more attractive the sport becomes, and the further established it will become as a major sporting discipline. But still, there are many challenges that remain to be overcome.



## Tennis Europe Coaches' Education Conference

Tennis Europe has announced details of the forthcoming Coaches' Education Conference, which is due to be hosted by the Portuguese Tennis Federation in Vilamoura, from September 29th – October 2nd.

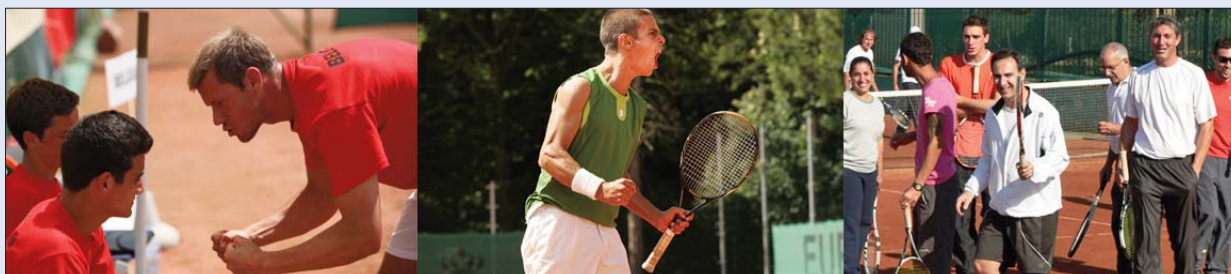
The event will focus on coaches' education in Europe and will examine topics such as development of national associations coaches education systems, competency-based coaches' education, continuous education and licensing systems.

The event is open to a maximum of two delegates from each of Tennis Europe's member nations. However, all participants should be the persons in charge of the national coaches' education programmes and/or tutors in the national coaches'

education programmes.

The event will be preceded by a Level 1 Tutors' Workshop for representatives from nations that currently participate in the development programmes. This workshop is intended for those delivering Level 1 courses in such countries, and will look at ITF methodology in teaching beginner and intermediate players, communication skills for tutors and development of national coaches' education systems, amongst other topics.

Entry deadlines are June 10th (Tutors' Workshop) and September 10th (Coaches' Education Conference). For further information about the event, contact Jonathan Jobson: [jonathanj@tenniseurope.org](mailto:jonathanj@tenniseurope.org).



## British #1 trains at La Manga Club

Britain's top-ranked female tennis player Elena Baltacha recently visited Tennis Europe's Official Resort Partner and Centre of Excellence La Manga Club in Murcia Spain for a two-week period of intense training in preparation for the European clay court circuit leading up to Roland Garros.

The British #1 enjoyed the best season of her career in 2010, reaching a career-high of #49 in the WTA rankings, but admits that she has always found clay courts to be an additional challenge.

Commenting on her stay, Baltacha said, "I chose La Manga Club for my clay-court training because I wanted somewhere that offered top class training in warm weather, so that my team and I could prepare properly for European clay-court events in May, including the second Grand Slam of the season at Roland Garros.

It has been a great trip and being able to use the excellent facilities - courts, gym, pool and a bit of golf etc - as well as enjoy the famous La Manga Club hos-



Baltacha and coach at La Manga Club in April.

pitality and lovely apartments has been a massive help to me.

I'd recommend La Manga Club to anyone who is serious about their tennis or who just wants to relax and holiday in this lovely environment."

## Focus on Italy: New initiatives from the Italian Tennis Federation



### A Summer for Champions

The Italian Tennis Federation (FIT) Summer Centers were launched over 30 years ago, and are the first summer campuses ever created in Italy. At the centers, boys and girls aged 6 to 16 (ranging from beginners to advanced players, born between 1994 and 2004) are supervised by highly qualified and specialized federation experts and coaches, in a sport-oriented environment, where tennis is the real protagonist. They have the opportunity to play tennis and to socialize, thanks to the many recreational activities that also take place each day at the Centers.

6 summer Centers are on offer this year (two more than in 2010). They are all located in renowned holiday sites in Italy, ranging from the mountainous north to Italy's hilly regions and Sicily.

Following last year's success, the FIT has extended its presence in the UK and offers the combined experience of tennis and English classes in Nottingham.

For the more experienced tennis players, Sestola (the elite tennis centre) will offer the unique opportunity to participate in elite technical tennis sessions and to play tournaments with Italy's best 14/16 & Under players. Participation here is by invitation only. The technical program is designed by the expert coaches of the Italian Federation National Tennis Centre and the 'Roberto Lombardi' Higher Institute of Tennis Education.

All of the other Centers are open to all youngsters. Aside from tennis, players are able to choose from many other sports, including volleyball, basketball, soccer, archery, mountain bike, climbing, step-aerobics, orienteering, swimming, hiking and horse riding. In addition, there's the chance to relax and enjoy each other's company thanks to the fun evenings at the Centre's discos, with games and themed parties.

Last year, several top players visited the camps, with Francesca Schiavone, Flavia Pennetta, Potito Starace, Simone Bolelli and Roberta Vinci amongst those to spend some time on court with the kids and pass on their best advice.

Families can choose between the most conveniently located of the nine centers, and the dates ranging from mid-June and the beginning of August. The tennis activities designed by our National coaches, the presence of qualified instructors to coach the other sports and the full-time presence of a Health and First Aid team, are all high guarantees of reliability to par-



Flavia Pennetta visits the 2010 Summer Centre in Sestola.

ents choosing the Italian Federation Summer Tennis Centres for their children.

For further information, visit:

<http://www.federtennis.it/centriestivi/Contatti.asp>, (Italian) contact [CentriEstivi@federtennis.it](mailto:CentriEstivi@federtennis.it) or download the [English-language brochure](#).

### FIT Ranking Program

The Italian Tennis Federation has launched a national tennis system of teaching assessment and quality certification called 'FIT Ranking Program'.

The aims of the program are twofold. First of all, the FIT aims to create a more enjoyable and modern system of tennis coaching. Secondly, the Federation wants to provide the right tools and measures to continuously and objectively monitor the qualitative level of their tennis schools and coaches.

All Italian tennis schools admitted to the Federal funding programs (named PIA, or Integrated Area Plans) will be obliged to apply the rules prescribed by the FIT Ranking Programs and respect the activities included for their 12&U pupils.

Among such activities and rules are those suggested by the ITF Tennis 10s program which will become compulsory from January 1st 2012; three types of balls and court sizes, depending on the age of the young players. New scoring systems and different competition rules according to the number of courts and players available will also be introduced, with prizes and awards for all. In Italy, after all, "Tennis is Easy, Fun and Healthy!"

Further information:

<http://www.fitrp.org/Index.aspx>

## ITF/Tennis Europe 16 & Under Grand Slam Touring Teams

With the support of the Grand Slam Development Fund, the ITF & Tennis Europe are once again arranging junior teams of players aged 16 & Under to compete in a series of top European tournaments. The aim of the project is to provide a possibility for the most promising players to compete against the best possible opposition.

Two teams will be organised, starting with an 'A' Team due to tour in May and June, and participating in the following tournaments:

25–29 May: Team Training Camp, Vavassori Academy Palazzolo Sull' Oglio, (ITA)  
 30 May–5 June: Citta di Montecatini (ITA)  
 6–12 June: Avvenire Tournament, Milan (ITA)  
 13–19 June: Memorial Tato Serina, Crema, (ITA)  
 20–26 June: Le Pont des Générations, Le Pontet, (FRA)  
 27 June–3 July Tournament TBA

The players confirmed for the 'A' Team are as follows:

### Boys

Mikheil Khmiadashvili (GEO)  
 Pylyp Kekercheni (UKR)  
 Paul Andruic (ROU)  
 Arkadijs Slobodkins (LAT)



Dea Herdzelas (BIH)

### Girls

Tatjana Vorobjova (EST)  
 Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)  
 Damira Muminovic (BIH)  
 Dea Herdzelas (BIH)

The 'B' Team will also be announced in the coming weeks and is scheduled to tour throughout August.

## 2011 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Competition



The 2011 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Tournament Director Competition winners have been announced.

The competition is open to the tournament directors of all events on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and is devised to reward special efforts in terms of organisation, communication and promotion.

First prize went to Giorgio di Pietro, director of the

### John Robbins

Tennis Europe was greatly saddened to learn of the death of John Robbins, who passed away last month at the age of 79.

A hugely respected figure in British tennis, Mr. Robbins was former President of the Lawn Tennis

46° Torneo dell'Avvenire tournament in Milan, Italy. He receives tickets to attend two days of action at Roland Garros later this month.

Second prize went to Osvalds Sausverds, director of the Riga Open in Latvia, while third prize was won by Toni Stoilkovski, director of the Investbank Cup in Skopje, FYR Macedonia. Each receives a Polar FT60 computerised training wristwatch.

The competition will run once again in 2011.

Association (1994-1996) and served for many years as an LTA Councillor and Board Member.

As President of the LTA, he was a regular attendee of the Annual General Meetings of both Tennis Europe and the ITF.



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## Beyond the Baseline...

Four **Roland Garros** wild cards have been confirmed: Irina Falconi and Tim Smyczek won the USTA's play-off competition, while Casey Dellacqua and Bernard Tomic received invitations from Tennis Australia, thanks to a reciprocal agreement between the Grand Slam organising nations.

The United States of America and France have been demoted from the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World group for the first time in its history following defeats to Germany and Spain respectively in the recent play-offs.

The U.S.-based **Champions Series** of legends' tournaments has been redesigned, and will see 12 one-night events take place over a five-week period starting September 22. Draws will feature four of seven players – Sampras, McEnroe, Agassi, Chang, Courier, Borg and Wilander – who have accounted for a combined 52 Grand Slam singles titles.

Former #1s John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors will play each other for the first time in 10 years when they meet in **World Team Tennis** this summer.

Ion Tiriac has confirmed that he still intends to use blue clay courts at the **Mutua Madrid Open** in the future, subject to approval by the sport's authorities. Currently one of the tournament's practice courts is blue.

Coaching news: **Vera Zvonareva** has split with Sergei Demekhin and is now working with Karen Krotov. **Robin Soderling** is reported to have split with Claudio Pistolesi. Meanwhile, **Caroline Wozniacki's** father has revealed that he is considering hiring **Martina Navratilova** as a consultant for the world #1.

**Rafael Nadal** was presented with the International Juan Antonio Samaranch Prize in Madrid last week in recognition of his sporting achievements. **Novak Djokovic** has meanwhile been honoured with order of Saint Sava of the first degree, the highest decoration awarded by the Serbian Orthodox Church, for his generosity and dedication to the religion.

Press reports have claimed the **Serena Williams** has recently spent time laying down vocals for a rap album.

**Kim Clijsters** has resumed training after tearing ankle ligaments last month, keeping her out of all Roland Garros warm-ups. The player was also listed in Time magazine's recent '100 Most Influential People' list.

**Maria Sharapova** has donated a further \$250,000 to expand a United Nations Development Programme that provides sports and physical activities for youngsters in the areas affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

The **International Tennis Hall of Fame** held a special ceremony at the recent Barcelona Open BancSabadell event to honour Spanish tennis legends Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Manolo Santana and Andres Gimeno, who were presented with unique rings to celebrate their achievements in the sport.

Former world #2 **Tommy Haas** returned to action last week in Munich after a 14-month layoff, taking part in the doubles event with **Radek Stepanek**. **Fernando Gonzalez** and **Juan Carlos Ferrero** have also returned to the circuit after extended injury breaks.

Just 14 hours after winning the Charleston title, world #1 **Caroline Wozniacki** was back on court – at the ATP Monte Carlo event. The Dane lost an exhibition set to Roland Garros champion **Francesca Schiavone** to celebrate Women's Day at the tournament.

The **ITF World Beach Tennis Championships** will take place next weekend at the Foro Italico in Rome. Former WTA pros Natasha Zvereva and Olga Barabanschikova are amongst the entries joining the world's best Beach Tennis players.

**Carlos Moya** and **Fabrice Santoro** are the two latest additions to the ATP Champions Tour, with both players set to make their debuts in Bogota on May 19th.

The **Johan Cruyff Foundation** has extended its sponsorship of wheelchair tennis agreeing to support the ITF's Silver Fund for a further two years (2011-2012), and the junior programmes for 2011.

The ITF has also announced that **BNP Paribas** will become the new title sponsor of the wheelchair tennis World Team Cup for five years from 2012.

**Gap Year Tennis** has launched, with bases in the UK and in Murcia, Spain, with the aim of fast tracking Gap Year students into Futures tournaments. The scheme is designed for academics, for whom full-time tennis is not an option, and offers weekly, monthly or full time gap year programs. More details at [www.gap-year-tennis.com](http://www.gap-year-tennis.com)



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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 overall 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 professio-

nal 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, visit [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

Rankings below are as of May 2nd, 2011.

### Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	<b>Irina KHROMACHEVA</b>	RUS	1778
02	▼	<b>Yulia PUTINTSEVA</b>	RUS	1763
03	▼	<b>Irina Maria BARA</b>	ROU	1637
04	►	<b>Ilka CSOREGI</b>	ROU	1310
05	▲	<b>Victoria KAN</b>	RUS	1269
06	▼	<b>Miho KOWASE</b>	JPN	1258
07	►	<b>Anastasiya ZABLOTSKAYA</b>	BLR	1255
08	NEW	<b>Petra ROHANOVA</b>	CZE	1244
09	▼	<b>Ulyana AYZATULINA</b>	RUS	1235
10	▼	<b>Ksenija SHARIFOVA</b>	RUS	1205



Petra Rohanova (CZE)

### Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	1333
02	►	<b>Maximilian MARTERER</b>	GER	1310
03	▲	<b>Kyle EDMUND</b>	GBR	1310
04	▼	<b>Or RAM-HAREL</b>	ISR	1230
05	►	<b>Frederico SILVA</b>	POR	1225
06	▲	<b>Brian PANTA</b>	PER	1178
07	NEW	<b>Wayne MONTGOMERY</b>	RSA	1075
08	►	<b>Nikola MILOJEVIC</b>	SRB	1075
09	▼	<b>Yuriy KRYVOY</b>	UKR	1065
10	NEW	<b>Evan HOYT</b>	GBR	970



Yuriy Kryvoy (UKR)





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

The Easter break gave rise to an explosion of tournaments on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, with almost two dozen events played across the three age categories in the last fortnight.

Most of the top players have been in action. Roman Safiullin (RUS) edged closer to the #1 spot by beating current leader and compatriot Andrey Rublev for the Category 1 Maia title. Another Russian, Anastasiya Komardina, won her first 16 & Under event in Brno,

and now stands just ten points behind Belinda Bencics' top ranking.

Estonia's Kenneth Raisma is the highest new entry, breaking into the Top Ten having won three tournaments from five finals so far in 2011.

Full ranking lists can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

Rankings below are as May 2nd, 2011.

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Belinda BENCIC</b>	SUI	800
02	▲	<b>Anastasiya KOMARDINA</b>	RUS	790
03	▼	<b>Anastasiya RYCHAGOVA</b>	RUS	760
04	►	<b>Jelena OSTAPENKO</b>	LAT	700
05	►	<b>Veronika KUDERMETOVA</b>	RUS	675
06	▲	<b>Ana KONJUH</b>	CRO	665
07	▼	<b>Helen PLOSKINA</b>	UKR	650
07	▼	<b>Iryna SHYMANOVIC</b>	BLR	650
09	▼	<b>Vendula ZOVINCOVA</b>	CZE	620
10	NEW	<b>V. GRAMMATIKOPOULOU</b>	GRE	575



Anastasiya Komardina (RUS)

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Andrey RUBLEV</b>	RUS	585
02	▲	<b>Roman SAFIULLIN</b>	RUS	540
03	▼	<b>Bogdan BORZA</b>	ROU	515
04	▲	<b>Alexander ZVEREV</b>	GER	485
05	▲	<b>Bogdan BOBROV</b>	RUS	475
06	►	<b>Dominik STARY</b>	CZE	470
07	▼	<b>Domagoj BILJESKO</b>	CRO	465
07	▼	<b>Michal DEMBEK</b>	POL	465
09	NEW	<b>Kenneth RAISMA</b>	EST	425
10	NEW	<b>Nicolae FRUNZA</b>	ROU	400



Roman Safiullin (RUS)





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Apr 18	Guimarães (POR)	D Vale (POR)	J Antonio (POR)	63 64	Almeida/Antonio (POR)
		A Welti (SUI)	M Oliveira (POR)	76(5) 60	Grib/Grib (BLR)
Apr 18	Bressuire (FRA)	D Added (FRA)	C Bittoun Kouzmine (FRA)	76(4) 63	Added/Finck (FRA)
		L Wagnier (FRA)	C Randriamirehitra (FRA)	61 62	John-Baptiste/Swan (GBR)
Apr 18	Antalya (TUR)	E Kirkin (TUR)	M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	60 61	Gore/Kirkin (TUR)
		S Zhuk (RUS)	T Nikolaeva (RUS)	60 62	Orichkevitch (UKR)/Ureke (RUS)
Apr 18	Maglie (ITA)	S Ramazzotti (ITA)	L Battista (ITA)	60 62	Battista/Ramazotti (ITA)
		A Capogrosso (ITA)	C Rizza (ITA)	61 61	Bilardo/Capogrosso (ITA)
Apr 25	Ponta Delgada (POR)	A Del Corral (USA)	J Antonio (POR)	61 60	Almeida/Antonio (POR)
		C Liu (USA)	M Soler Valverde (ESP)	60 62	Magalhaes/Oliveira (POR)
Apr 25	Rakovnik (CZE)	P Rikl (CZE)	K Zuk (POL)	61 61	Zakharov (RUS)/Zuk (POL)
		M Vondrousova (CZE)	B Kotlarova (CZE)	w/o	Kilnarova (CZE)/Szmit (POL)
Apr 25	Tbilisi (GEO)	A Rainin (UKR)	M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	75 36 63	Liaonenka (BLR)/Rainin (UKR)
		A Anshba (RUS)	A Petrova (UKR)	62 57 62	Boltinskaya/Mazepova (RUS)



Left: Julia Sucarrats (ESP) celebrates winning the 14&U Category 1 Maia title. Right, David Pichler (AUT) and winner Matej Maruscak (SVK) at the 16&U Talentum Cup in Budapest. More photos can be found at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour [photo gallery](#).

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Apr 11	Maia (POR)	1 R Safiullin (RUS)	A Rublev (RUS)	62 46 64	Bublik (RUS)/Mosciatti (ITA)
		J Sucarrats (ESP)	M Armitano (FRA)	62 62	Armitano/Remy (FRA)
Apr 11	Caserta (ITA)	3 E Sempredon (ITA)	L Giacomini (ITA)	36 64 61	Pellegrino/Rossi (ITA)
		B Torelli (ITA)	F Bonometti (ITA)	64 63	Arshinkova/Bardova (BUL)
Apr 11	Nottingham (GBR)	3 B Hannestad (DEN)	V Gillespie (GBR)	75 62	Gillespie (GBR)/Hannestad (GBR)
		G Taylor (GBR)	C Mullins (GBR)	75 61	Chinellati (ITA)/Schneider (SUI)
Apr 11	Magaluf (ESP)	3 M Benitez Zafra (ESP)	G Potemkin (RUS)	63 62	Benitez Zafra/Nuez Delgado (ESP)
		F Stollar (HUN)	D Galfi (HUN)	w/o	Arranz (ESP)/Teichmann (SUI)
Apr 11	Vinkovci (CRO)	3 D Szintai (HUN)	A Curcin (SRB)	63 63	Rendek/Szintai (HUN)
		K Jokic (BIH)	N Arakawa (JPN)	75 60	Pislak/Zidandsek (SLO)
Apr 18	A. do Heroismo (POR)	2 A Rublev (RUS)	A Bublik (RUS)	61 63	Kuznetsov/Rublev (RUS)
		O Fridman (UKR)	M Fernandes (POR)	64 61	Fridman (UKR)/Nepliy (RUS)
Apr 18	Tel Aviv (ISR)	2 N Batanov (RUS)	A Bakshi (GEO)	64 62	Batanov (RUS)/Chechel (UKR)
		A Fedoryshyn (UKR)	A Zhdanova (UKR)	62 2-4 ret	Fedoryshyn (UKR)/Voronova (RUS)
Apr 18	Lecce (ITA)	3 A Pellegrino (ITA)	S Merzetti (ITA)	36 61 76(3)	Grison/Rispoli (ITA)
		M Grigoriu (ROU)	M Pratesi (ITA)	63 63	Grigoriu (ROU)/Riabtseva (UKR)
Apr 18	Zagreb (CRO)	2 L Bouquet (FRA)	B Bobrov (RUS)	64 16 62	Osmakcic/Osmakcic (SUI)
		A Konjuh (CRO)	J Cristian (ROU)	61 63	Pislak/Zidandsek (SLO)
Apr 18	Trnava (SVK)	2 M Chyba (CZE)	D Stary (CZE)	46 75 64	Dembek (POL)/Stary (CZE)
		K Schmiedlova (SVK)	K Stresnakova (SVK)	60 64	Kovacs/Stolmar (HUN)
Apr 25	Adana (TUR)	2 L Castelnuevo (SUI)	S Agabigun (TUR)	64 63	Comlek/Sentay (TUR)
		G Taylor (GBR)	Z El Houari (MAR)	61 1-0 ret	Unlugenc (TUR)/Yakovleva (RUS)
Apr 25	Pavia (ITA)	2 M Rakotomalala (FRA)	L Bouquet (FRA)	62 62	Gullin/Muller (FRA)
		V Muntean (FRA)	I Shymanovic (BLR)	64 64	Pieri/Ploner (ITA)
Apr 25	Tel Aviv (ISR)	2 R Kapach (ISR)	A Bakshi (GEO)	76(5) 61	Baranes/Fatael (ISR)
		A Fedoryshyn (UKR)	T Zandberg (ISR)	76(3) 64	Nikolaev/Vaysbuch (ISR)
Apr 25	Solin (CRO)	3 K Lozic (CRO)	S Sippel (GER)	w/o	Alpeza (BIH)/Podvinski (CRO)
		M Lumsden (GBR)	M Sunjic (CRO)	67(7) 61 61	Lumsden/Plews (GBR)
Apr 25	Baku (AZE)	3 A Manafli (AZE)	A Pechenkin (RUS)	75 76(2)	Ovcharov/Pechenkin (RUS)
		H Yedzelkina (BLR)	E Jhabrailova (RUS)	61 61	Dehterevich/Yedzelkina (BLR)

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Mar 28	London (GBR)	3 S Manji (GBR)	J Cash (GBR)	61 16 60	Cash/Egan Morriss (GBR)
		K Akinnibi (GBR)	N Shakhnazarova (GBR)	64 75	Akinnibi/Mullins (GBR)
Apr 04	Rijeka (CRO)	3 M Scotto di Uccio (ITA)	R Dula (CRO)	67(2) 76(3) 75	Ciorcila (ROU)/Tekavec (SLO)
		A Konjuh (CRO)	E Zagorac (SLO)	62 60	Fett (CRO)/Muminovic (BIH)
Apr 11	Antalya (TUR)	2 A Lebedyn (UKR)	A Shakhnubaryan (RUS)	61 62	Baryshev (RUS)/Javakhishvili (GEO)
		D Kasatkina (RUS)	T Bokhua (RUS)	61 63	Hopper (AUS)/Kayrun (TUR)
Apr 11	Novi Sad (SRB)	2 P Staubert (CZE)	G Markovic (SRB)	76(1) 16 63	Not played
		I Rosca (ROU)	E Zagorac (SLO)	61 64	Not played
Apr 18	Pancevo (SRB)	2 P Chrysochos (CYP)	N Frunza (ROU)	61 62	Ferragut Urrea (ESP)/Zepeda (MEX)
		I Rosca (ROU)	N Dascalu (ROU)	75 46 62	Dascalu/Rosca (ROU)
Apr 18	Kopavogur (ISL)	3 M Huesler (SUI)	A Harajchi (SUI)	63 64	Harajchi/Huesler (SUI)
		A Lysakova (RUS)	V Speranskaya (RUS)	62 61	Moroi (ROU)/Speranskaya (RUS)
Apr 25	Brno (CZE)	2 J Oravec (SVK)	P Staubert (CZE)	63 64	Oravec/Pavlovsky (SVK)
		A Komardina (RUS)	A Rychagova (RUS)	62 76(1)	Komardina/Rychagova (RUS)
Apr 25	Budapest (HUN)	2 M Maruscak (SVK)	D Pichler (AUT)	62 64	Maruscak/Selecky (SVK)
		S Szlavikovics (HUN)	D Jonas (HUN)	63 60	Befeki (HUN)/Jablonovska (HUN)
Apr 25	Baku (AZE)	3 S Meparidze (GEO)	B Bobrov (RUS)	63 36 64	Lemos (POR)/Reynolds (GBR)
		D Lodikova (RUS)	K Farhad (AZE)	76(7) 75	Semashko/Vorotnikova (RUS)



Photos from the 16 & Under Rijeka Open. Left: Boys' champion Matteo Scotto di Uccio (ITA), Right, girls' finalist Eva Zagorac (SLO) and winner Ana Konjuh (CRO). More photos can be found at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour [photo gallery](#).

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Mar 28	Rovinj (CRO)	\$10,000	K Mesaros (CRO)	M Zimmermann (GER)	75 75	Capkovic/Pazicky (SVK)
Mar 28	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	J Struff (GER)	64 63	Fornell (ESP)/Vermeer (LUX)
Mar 28	Taverne (SUI)	\$10,000	C Eaton (GBR)	P Torebko (GER)	63 64	Cluskey (IRL)/Grassi (ITA)
Mar 28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	A Gonzalez (COL)	75 63	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Apr 04	Vrsar (CRO)	\$10,000	M Sieber (GER)	K Mesaros (CRO)	62 64	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Apr 04	Rome (ITA)	\$15,000	D Giorgini (ITA)	A Giannessi (ITA)	75 61	Migani (ARG)/Prpic (SWE)
Apr 04	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	M Phillips (GBR)	M Marrai (ITA)	16 61 64	Alcaide (ESP)/Nesterov (RUS)
Apr 04	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	Y Reuter (BEL)	63 76(1)	Cacic (SRB)/Kovalik (SVK)
Apr 11	Angers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	C Brezac (FRA)	K De Schepper (FRA)	62 75	Burquier/Jouan (FRA)
Apr 11	Vercelli (ITA)	\$15,000	S Galvani (ITA)	J Struff (GER)	76(6) 60	Crepaldi (ITA)/Pavic (CRO)
Apr 11	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	R Carballes (ESP)	G Trujillo (ESP)	63 76(4)	Lopez Jaen/Poch Gradin (ESP)
Apr 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	P Gojowczyk (GER)	63 62	Authom (BEL)/Bossel (SUI)
Apr 18	Grasse (FRA)	\$15,000	J Eysseric (FRA)	R Jouan (FRA)	75 67(7) 76(7)	Herbert/Renavand (FRA)
Apr 18	Padova (ITA)	\$15,000	D Koellerer (AUT)	Y Mertens (BEL)	75 61	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Apr 18	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Brugues Davi (ESP)	J Kovalik (SVK)	75 62	Altuna (TUR)/Klein (AUS)
Apr 25	Vicenza (ITA)	\$15,000	M Middelkoop (NED)	J Aranguren (ARG)	75 26 64	Bjelica (SRB)/Middelkoop (NED)
Apr 25	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	R Carballes (ESP)	J Samper (ESP)	57 64 61	Kolbe/Moneke (GER)
Apr 25	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$10,000	E Burzi (ITA)	A De Greef (BEL)	76(2) 75	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Apr 25	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Brugues Davi (ESP)	S Seifert (GER)	63 61	Altuna (TUR)/Klein (AUS)



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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Mar 28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Gorgodze (GEO)	I Shinikova (BUL)	61 63	Dinu (ROU)/Vaideanu (ITA)
Mar 28	Monzon (ESP)	\$50,000	P Cetkowska (CZE)	K Flipkens (BEL)	57 64 62	Bovina/Savinykh (RUS)
Apr 04	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Q Lemoine (NED)	I Shinikova (BUL)	64 62	Glimakova/Monova (RUS)
Apr 04	Pomezia (ITA)	\$10,000	M Chakhnashvili (GEO)	A Bona (ITA)	16 62 62	Davato (ITA)/Sabino (SUI)
Apr 04	Sibenik (CRO)	\$10,000	E Bouchard (CAN)	J Ginier (FRA)	62 60	Kraljevic/Sadikovic (SUI)
Apr 11	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Gavrilova (RUS)	K Lykina (RUS)	64 46 62	Brown/Stephenson (GBR)
Apr 11	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	E Mayr (ITA)	A Friedsam (GER)	76(3) 62	Borecka/Kubicikova (CZE)
Apr 11	Pomezia (ITA)	\$10,000	A Remondina (ITA)	C Dinu (ROU)	57 62 63	Enache (ROU)/Knapp (ITA)
Apr 18	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Sirotkina (RUS)	Y Buchina (RUS)	61 60	Andrei (ROU)/Zagorska (POL)
Apr 18	Hvar (CRO)	\$10,000	E Burgic (BIH)	D Vekic (CRO)	75 76(2)	Borecka/Kubicikova (CZE)
Apr 18	Torrent (ESP)	\$10,000	G Muguruza (ESP)	M Giral Lores (VEN)	61 63	Dobra/Hladikova (CZE)
Apr 18	Civitavecchia (ITA)	\$25,000	M Torro Flor (ESP)	A Remondina (ITA)	63 64	Harmsen (NED)/Jani (HUN)
Apr 18	Tessenderlo (BEL)	\$25,000	A Groenefeld (GER)	A van Uytvanck (BEL)	63 75	Groeneveld/Malek (GER)
Apr 25	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Y Buchina (RUS)	E Gorgodze (GEO)	63 64	Andrei (ROU)/Gorgodze (GEO)
Apr 25	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$10,000	S Werner (GER)	R Tabak (SVK)	63 75	De Beer (RSA)/Stephenson (GBR)
Apr 25	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	D Papamichail (GRE)	V Larriere (FRA)	76(8) 61	Dobra/Hladikova (CZE)
Apr 25	San Savero (ITA)	\$10,000	O Sanchez (FRA)	A Moroni (ITA)	62 61	Gledacheva (BUL)/Sulpizio (ITA)
Apr 25	Zell Am H. (GER)	\$10,000	C Witthoeft (GER)	V Henke (GER)	46 63 64	Koek/Wacanno (NED)
Apr 25	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	O Puchkova (RUS)	N Kichenok (UKR)	62 75	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Apr 25	Chiasso (SUI)	\$25,000	M Puig (PUR)	A Hlavackova (CZE)	76(4) 75	Meusberger (AUT)/Woerle (GER)



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## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

The Top Ten European men this week also make up the world's Top Ten for just the second time in history. With a semifinal finish at the recent ATP World Tour 500 event in Barcelona, Nicolas Almagro leapfrogged Mardy Fish to break into the Top Ten for the first time, the third Spaniard in the current list.

Further up the ranking, Robin Soderling's failure to defend his points from his 2010 Barcelona runner-up placing enables Andy Murray to recapture fourth spot, while Rafael Nadal made the most of a shift in the calendar to win his sixth title at the event just one

week after winning his seventh consecutive Monte Carlo 1000. Novak Djokovic remains in the hunt to challenge for the #1 spot in the coming weeks, winning the Masters 1000 event in Miami and his home event in Belgrade since our last update, and is still unbeaten in 2011.

There are no major changes to the women's rankings this month, though Victoria Azarenka's back-to-back titles in Miami and Marbella see her reclaim fifth spot.

Rankings as of May 1st, 2011.

### European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	9970
02	▶	<b>Kim CLIJSTERS</b>	BEL	8115
03	▶	<b>Vera ZVONAREVA</b>	RUS	7615
04	▶	<b>Francesca SCHIAVONE</b>	ITA	4892
05	▲	<b>Victoria AZARENKA</b>	BLR	4630
06	▼	<b>Jelena JANKOVIC</b>	SRB	4235
07	▲	<b>Maria SHARAPOVA</b>	RUS	3726
08	▲	<b>Agnieska RADWANSKA</b>	POL	3000
09	▼	<b>Marion BARTOLI</b>	FRA	2925
10	▼	<b>Shahar PEER</b>	ISR	2890

### European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	11915
02	▶	<b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	9710
03	▶	<b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	8690
04	▲	<b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	5815
05	▼	<b>Robin SÖDERLING</b>	SWE	5235
06	▶	<b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	4330
07	▶	<b>Tomas BERDYCH</b>	CZE	3900
08	▲	<b>Jurgen MELZER</b>	AUT	3055
09	NEW	<b>Nicolas ALMAGRO</b>	ESP	2735
10	▶	<b>Gael MONFILS</b>	FRA	2690



Victoria Azarenka (BLR)



Nicolas Almagro (ESP)



Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)

## Notes and news from Tennis Europe

### Tennis Europe Committees

The newly-elected Board of Management of Tennis Europe convenes for the first time this week in Zürich. We will bring you news of the organisation's committee members for the coming three-year period in the next issue.

### European Senior Championships

Interested parties are reminded that the closing date for submitting applications to host the inaugural European Senior Championships in 2012 is May 16th. For more information, contact Magnus Grönvold, Head of Operations & Administration or Nadja Koran, Coordinator, Senior Department by phone +41 61 335 90 45 or by e-mail: [magnusg@tenniseurope.org](mailto:magnusg@tenniseurope.org) and [nadjak@tenniseurope.org](mailto:nadjak@tenniseurope.org).

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## HEADlines

### Maria Sharapova debuts HEAD INSTINCT racquet in Madrid

Maria Sharapova premiered the new HEAD YouTek Instinct IG racquet during her first round win at the WTA Madrid Masters event. The Russian 2004 Wimbledon champion played a key on-court role in the development of the new HEAD INSTINCT Series, which promises club and professional players 'Effortless Power'.

"The game became a lot more powerful, a lot more physical", Maria Sharapova admits. "I was really looking for a powerful racquet, and am thankful that HEAD provided me with exactly that", she commented on her new weapon. HEAD CEO Johan Eliasch is pleased with the contribution from the newest addition to the HEAD stable. "Maria gave a lot of input to help develop this new series of racquets. We are proud that she joined our team and trusts our products."

The YouTek Instinct IG series launches in two versions, the MP and the S model. Both will allow players to create power in their strokes much easier, due to better manoeuvrability of the racquet during the swinging movement and less energy loss at ball impact. They also feature HEAD's innovative Innegra™ technology, which reduces vibration on ball impact and allows for more control.

The new HEAD Instinct racquets will also be played by ATP Tour players going forward, and will be available in retail outlets worldwide from August onwards.



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### Novak Djokovic Wingtennis: Making Of

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