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Elite players end season at Tennis Europe Junior Masters



The remaining major events of the 2011 Tennis Europe Junior Tour have been held in recent weeks, as the final rounds of the Girls' 18 & Under European Summer Cups, and the Tennis Europe Junior Masters brought European Championships activity to a close for another year.

Ukraine's victory at the team event in Lleida saw the nation become the sixth different nation to win a European team event this year, while new champions were crowned at the season-ending Masters event, which brings together the year's top-performing 14 and 16 & Under players for one last time.

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Tennis Europe Regional Meeting and ITF AGM



Above: Delegates at the Tennis Europe Regional Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. Photo: Paul Zimmer. See Page 2.

Tennis Europe Regional Meeting and ITF AGM

A Tennis Europe Regional Meeting was held at the recent International Tennis Federation Annual General Meeting, which was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 21-24 September.

Hosted by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, the meeting was addressed by ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, with ITF Executive Vice-President Juan Margets also in attendance. In all, 30 Tennis Europe member nations were represented at the meeting, which mainly focused on presentations of the European candidates standing for the ITF Board of Directors elections.

The subsequent elections saw Mr. Ricci Bitti re-elected for a fourth term, which runs from 2011 to 2015. Six Europeans – Jean Gachassin (FRA), Juan Margets (ESP), Roman Murashkovsky (RUS), Stuart Smith (GBR), René Stammbach (SUI) and Georg von Waldenfels (GER) – will feature on the new Board of Directors, alongside Ismail El Shafei (EGY),

Lucy Garvin (USA), Jack Graham (CAN), Chris Kypriotis (BRA), Suwat Liptapanlop (THA), Geoff Pollard (AUS) and Jon Vegosen (USA).

Also at the AGM, changes to ITF membership status saw an increase in Class B shares for Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.

Amongst the Europeans recognised with Services to the Game Awards were Toni Nadal (ESP), nominated by the ITF Coaches' Commission, and Ogtay Asadov (AZE), Volodymyr Bogdanov (UKR), Stig Ericson (SWE), Anne Kremer (LUX), Leila Meskhi (GEO), Rauza Islanova (RUS) and Per Wright (NOR).

Tennis Europe's Board of Management also took the opportunity to formally meet during the AGM, with a next meeting scheduled for Paris in November.

Next year's ITF AGM will be hosted by the Danish Tennis Federation in Copenhagen.

2012 Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting

The Board of Management has confirmed that the 2012 Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting will be hosted by the French Tennis Federation in the city of Lyon, from 22-25 March.

A circular containing further information about the meeting will be provided to member nations in due course.

Todor Todorov

Tennis Europe is greatly saddened to report the death of Dr. Todor Todorov, who passed away on October 12th. Having dedicated his life to tennis, Dr. Todorov's contribution to the game in his native Bulgaria was immeasurable.

He served on Tennis Europe's Junior Committee for almost three decades (1981-2008) and was greatly involved with the development of the sport at junior

level. In 2003, his achievements were recognised with the Tennis Europe Award for Services to the Game. A noted author, Dr. Todorov wrote extensively about tennis, publishing books about the sport in general and focusing on Bulgaria.

Dr. Todorov maintained an active role until very recently, and will be greatly missed by the entire European tennis family.

Walter Spiess

Walter Spiess, one of the founding figures of Seniors Tennis in Europe, passed away on October 2nd. Co-chairman of the first Tennis Europe Seniors Committee when it was established in 1976, Mr. Spiess continued in the role until 1993 and left a lasting legacy for seniors tennis in his native Austria.

A founder of Tennis Europe's biggest seniors tournament, the European Indoor Seniors Championships in Seefeld, he was also a keen player, representing his country for many years in senior competitions. He was presented with the Tennis Europe Award in recognition of his life's work in 1999.

Tennis Europe Junior Masters



The Tennis Europe Junior Tour's elite players brought the season to an end in style at the Junior Masters recently. The event, which was staged on clay courts in Reggio Calabria, Italy, from 7 – 9 October, is open to the top 6-ranked European players according to the final Race to the Masters rankings, as well as the European Junior Champions and finalists.

Alexander Zverev of Germany scored arguably the most impressive win of the weekend to take the Boys' 14 & Under title, his third tournament win of the season. To do so, he ended top seeded Romanian Bogdan Borza's hopes of becoming the first player ever to win the European Championships in singles, doubles, as part of a team and the Tennis Europe Junior Masters in the same season. The 6-4 6-4 semi final win was all the more impressive as Borza had won their only previous meeting this year – in the semi finals of the European Championships in Pilzen – for the loss of just four games.

Zverev's opponent in the final was Borza's Summer Cups team-mate Nicolae Frunza, who had caused his own upset to beat Russia's Andrey Rublev in his semifinal. Despite a tough battle in the second set, Zverev held on for a 6-3 7-6(3) win that meant he would go down in history as the first German player ever to win a Masters title.

Belinda Bencic now has more Tennis Europe Junior Tour titles to her name than she has years of age, after claiming the 14 & Under girls' title by brushing to a 6-3 6-1 win over Anastasiya Rychagova of Russia. For her part, Rychagova had earlier ended the hopes of top seed Iryna Shymanovic (BLR) in the match of the tournament, a thrilling 6-0 2-6 7-6(7) semi final.

The win is a 15th tournament victory in total for Bencic, making her the active player with most tournament wins. It has been an interesting season for the promising Swiss player, who in addition to her runner-up spot at the European Junior Championships, has also won her first matches on the professional circuit and reached a final on the ITF 18 & Under circuit.

The top two seeds, Alexander Lebedyn (UKR) and Matej Maruscak (SVK) emerged to face each other for the 16 & Under boys' title. Both players had accumulated four singles titles already this season but it was the Slovak who came out on top, easing to a 6-2



Above: Players at the Educational Forum in Reggio Calabria, Italy

6-4 victory to end the season with an impressive 36-2 win/loss record. Maruscak also climbs to a career-high of fourth in Europe, two spots behind his opponent.

The 16 & Under girls' event saw Ana Konjuh take another step up. Ranked as the #1 14 & under player since becoming the first Croatian girl to win the European Junior Championships in July, she opted to play the higher age category at the Masters and became the first Croatian girl to win the title since Jelena Pandzic won the first edition in 1996.

In the semi finals, she levelled her head-to-head record with Jelena Ostapenko (LAT) at two wins apiece, coming from a set down to win 2-6 6-2 6-1. Her final victory over top seed Ioana Rosca of Romania was more straightforward, winning 6-3 6-2 to complete the last of the finals just before the arrival of heavy rains that forced the cancellation of several play-off matches.

Full draws and results from the Masters, plus the profiles of all 32 players to have qualified can be found [here](#) on the Tennis Europe website.

The Junior Masters was also the location of the 5th annual ITF/Tennis Europe Educational Forum, which was held on the eve of the championships. The Forum is designed to educate the players about the game and their responsibilities as players. As well as an introduction to the work of the ITF and Tennis Europe, the players took part in an informative session on lifestyle and nutrition, presented by Dr. Marco Tescione, which focused on injury prevention and nutrition for a tennis athlete.

Ukraine reclaims European Summer Cups title

Ukraine has won the Reina/Soisbault Cup, the European 18 & Under team event for girls, for the second time in three years, thanks to a 3-0 win over hosts Spain in Lleida.

The top seeds got off to a strong start as Kateryna Kozlova conceded just games to 2010 European 16 & Under Champion Silvia Garia Jimenez to take a 1-0 lead. Playing at the final rounds for a second successive year, Garbine Muguruza Blanco looked set to level the tie for Spain as she reeled off the first six games of the second singles match against Valentyna Ivakhnenko.

The Ukrainian struck back to level the match with an almost equally one-sided second set, and held on in a tight decider to claim a 0-6 6-1 6-4 victory and clinch the tie. Kozlova then returned to the court for the doubles with Sophia Kovalets, but Garcia Jimenez & Pilar Dominguez Lopez were forced to retire after the loss of a first set tie break.

Ukraine lost just one rubber in their three ties during the course of the weekend (a 'dead' doubles match against Belgium on the opening day), and also accounted for third seeds the Czech Republic in the semi finals.

Spain had been hoping to win their first title at the event since 2003, but had to settle for the silver medal position for a third consecutive year.

The win for Ukraine brings to a close the Summer Cups events for 2011, a year which has seen six different nations lift the European team trophies. A full list of champions can be found below alongside the final positions of the Girls 18 & Under category.



Above (from top), Winners Ukraine celebrate at the prize-giving ceremony, Spain show off their silver medals.

Full draws and results from the competition, plus a photo gallery can be found [here](#) at the Tennis Europe website.

Final Standings

Girls 18 & Under Reina/Soisbault Cup	
1	UKRAINE
2	SPAIN
3	RUSSIA
4	CZECH REPUBLIC
5	BELARUS
6	ROMANIA
7	BELGIUM
8	FRANCE

2011 Roll of Honour

European Summer Cups	
Boys 14	ROMANIA
Boys 16	GREAT BRITAIN
Boys 18	CZECH REPUBLIC
Girls 14	RUSSIA
Girls 16	ITALY
Girls 18	UKRAINE

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference

The 2011 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Conference was held at La Manga Club in Spain from 11-13 October.

The bi-annual event is intended to serve as a forum for those involved in the administration of junior tennis in Europe – including the governing bodies, national tennis federations and tournament directors – to meet and discuss contemporary issues affecting junior tennis, and also to share their expertise and best practices.

A total of 55 delegates were in attendance for this 33rd edition of the conference, representing 25 European countries.

The conference was opened by Tennis Europe Junior Committee Chairwoman Karin van Bijsterveld, and the first morning saw presentations and reports from Tennis Europe's Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää, Junior Tennis Manager Stephanie Kamperi, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic and ITF Head of Seniors/Juniors, Luca Santilli.

Other presentations came from Oliver Scadgell of Great Britain's Lawn Tennis Association (Technology and Social Media in British Tennis), and Jaime Amengual of the Spanish Tennis Federation (Spanish Tennis & Tournament Structure)

The remainder of the conference was interactive, and began with case studies from a number of nations. Marc Wolfertz of the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association and Onur Binay of the Turkish Tennis Federation explained their national junior competition structures, and Johan Sjögren of the Swedish Tennis Association outlined their recent junior tennis strategy changes. François Pareau of the French Tennis Federation looked at financial analyses of international tennis events, while Eugen Ganesu of the Romanian Tennis Federation reported on developments in live streaming of tennis events. Mercedes Jugend Cup Tournament Director Peter Rohsmann discussed innovative ideas for junior tournaments.



Above: delegates pictured during the meeting at La Manga Club.

The first day was brought to a close with the delegates divided into a variety of working groups. Each group debated and shared experiences focused on a specific topic, ranging from 12 & Under tournament formats and the role of the federation in organising international junior events, to the challenges of looking for sponsorship and monitoring the conduct of players, coaches and supporters at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events.

Mrs. Van Bijsterveld commented, "This was a hugely productive meeting and on behalf of Tennis Europe I would like to express my thanks to all of the speakers, committee members and delegates for their contributions. This conference provides a rare and valuable opportunity for many different parties involved in junior tennis to get together and it is very nice to see such enthusiastic participation and willingness to share knowledge and best practices. I'd also like to thank La Manga Club for providing such excellent facilities and surroundings for the meeting."

A Junior Committee meeting was also held following the Conference, enabling the Committee to discuss some of the more pressing issues that arose during the preceding two days.



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European Beach Tennis Championships



Italian teams once again dominated the European Beach Tennis Championships, sweeping the titles at the competition for a fourth consecutive year.

This year's event, held at the Black Sea resort of Albena in Bulgaria from September 16-18, was the biggest yet, both in terms of national entries and draw strength. 124 players from 19 nations were in attendance, with 36 players being ranked within the Top 100.

The all-Italian men's doubles final was a triumph for youth over experience, as second seeds Luca Carli & Michele Cappelletti battled back from the loss of the first set to inflict a stinging defeat on world #1s Alessandro Calbucci & Luca Meliconi 2-6 7-5 6-1. Aged just 18 and 20, Carli & Cappelletti were competing at the event for the first time, while their distinguished opponents already have an accomplished career in Beach Tennis behind them, with at least one of them appearing in every previous edition of the men's final.

Women's champions Simona Briganti & Laura Olivieri also kept up their run of having appeared in every European Championship final so far. Having split the first two titles with different partners, the pair teamed up last year in Antalya and have not lost since, defending their title in Albena with a convincing 6-2 6-2 win over second seeded compatriots Simona Bonadonna & Eva D'Elia.

The mixed doubles competition saw a series of upsets, as unseeded Spaniards Antonio Ramos & Rosa Sitja took out second seeds Briganti & Carli quarterfinals, before falling to Russian pair Irina



Above: Eventual winners Luca Carli & Michele Cappelletti serving during the final (Photo courtesy of Edvard Kozusnik).
Below: Russia, Italy and France take to the podium.

Bulykina & Levan Nanava. Despite a 6-0 first set, the Russians put up a tough fight in the final match but were unable to prevent the Italian sweep, losing 6-0 7-5 to D'Elia & Meliconi. Meliconi thus claimed his first European Championship title after appearing in four previous finals.

The Championships have a history of attracting entries from former professional tennis players and this year was no exception as Elena Likhovtseva of Russia made her debut on the ITF Beach Tennis Tour. The former WTA doubles world #3 and winner of 29 career doubles titles, including two mixed Grand Slams teamed up with another former pro, Maria Goloviznina. The pair lost their opening match to French fifth seeds Manuela Amiard & Adele Sauguet, but later managed to record their first match win together in the consolation competition.

Full draws and results, plus a photo gallery from Albena can be found [here](#).



Tennis Europe Coaches' Education Conference

The Tennis Europe Coaches' Education Conference was held recently in Vilamoura, on the Algarve, where it was hosted by the Portuguese Tennis Federation from September 30 – October 2.

The event was preceded by a two-day Level 1 Tutor's Workshop for the leaders of coaches' education programmes from developing nations. Olympic Solidarity grants enabled tutors from 11 countries to attend the workshop, which was led by Mark Tennant (GBR), Patrick McInerney (AUS) and Hrvoje Zmajic (ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer), and was comprised of a mixture of on and off-court sessions.

They were joined by other speakers at the main conference including Rob Antoun & Jane Bowen (GBR), Miguel Crespo (ITF), Vitor Cabral (POR), José Curado (POR), Peter Farrell (IRL), Robyn Jones (GBR), Alain Kronenberger (FRA), David Sanz (ESP), Frank van Fraayenhoven (NED) and Tony Bennett of the Professional Golfer Association (PGA), the first time a representative from another sporting association has been invited to share their coaching insights.

The aim of the conference was to share best practices from various coaches' education systems in Europe, focusing on topics such as Competency-based Coaches' Education, Continuous Education and Licensing Systems, and the Development of National Associations Coaches' Education Systems.

The event was attended by the persons responsible for coaches' education in 34 of Tennis Europe's member nations, plus a number of coaches and tutors from the host federation. Also in attendance were Marques da Silva, Vice President of the Portuguese Olympic Committee, Ilídio Trindade, General Secretary of the Portuguese Sports Confederation, Mario Teixeira, Vice President of Portuguese Sports Institute, and Pedro Costa Macedo, Vice President of the Portuguese Tennis Federation.

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Development Officer, commented, "This is the second time that a Tennis Europe coaching conference has focused exclusively on the topic of coaches' education, and it has proven to be a very worthwhile exercise. The enthusiasm of the delegates was as evident as always, and the interactive sessions and group work has given us plenty of food for thought and follow up projects. I'd like to thank the Portuguese Federation for their excellent work in organising a flawless event, which was greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance. I'd also like to express our gratitude to Olympic Solidarity, whose contribution enabled us to provide extra help to the nations that needed it."

It was also confirmed during the conference that the 2012 European Coaches' Symposium will be hosted by the Finnish Tennis Association in Helsinki.



Photos (clockwise, from top right), Participants at the Tutors' Workshop, speakers receive gifts of local produce from the Portuguese Tennis Federation, delegates at the conference, Hrvoje Zmajic leads an on-court session.

European nations lead ITF Recognition of Coaches Education Programmes

As discussed at the Coaches' Education Conference in Portugal, one of the key projects of the current ITF Coaches' Education Programme is the Recognition of Coaches Education Systems of National Associations. The aim of this project is to ensure all federations are operating at the required standards in their coaches' education systems, as recognised by the ITF based on criteria and minimum standards for coaches' education agreed by the ITF Coaches Commission.

The ultimate goal of the initiative is to globally assess and recognise nations at one of the three levels of the approval scheme; Gold, Silver and Bronze. Nations that are self-sufficient with basic criteria, up to the equivalent of the Level 1 ITF syllabi, will be awarded Level 1/Bronze approval. A country with the criteria in place up to the equivalent of the ITF level 2 syllabi, will be awarded Level 2/Silver approval. For nations demonstrating the highest levels in coach education, player development, officiating and sport science, these will be awarded the highest Level 3/Gold approval. The overall objective of the Coach Education recognition scheme is to ensure that the coach education being performed in our member nations is at least meeting the minimum standards necessary to protect and grow our sport as well as motivating and helping nations to become self sufficient in the education of their coaches.

Recognition Criteria

Coaches Education Systems are comprised of a variety of components at a number of levels, each of which offers progression for coaches and reflects best practice and current educational needs.

The ITF Coaches Commission devised an 8-point checklist of criteria for recognition, which stipulates that national tennis federations must (1) have and run a Coaches Education Department and have a Coaches and/or Coaching – Sport Science Commission, (2) have a Coaches Education Director together with a periodically trained staff that will include course and / or sport science tutors for the courses, (3) have a competency-based coaches' education programme/structure, (4) have a calendar with regular activities, courses, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc. for the coaches and other tennis professionals in the country, (5) have a coach licensing programme by which licensed coaches can obtain an annual professional license (coach card) to be allowed to coach tennis in the country, (6) create or use a series of coaches' education resources, (7) have a Continuous Education Professional



Development Programme, and (8) other relevant activities may be included to the brief of the system, such as compliance with national regulations, as well as those of the NOC, IOC and ITF.

European nations lead the way

The project started in 2009 with two nations: Australia and Spain, which following a visit and thorough evaluation by an ITF expert had their coaches education systems recognised by the ITF. Nine of the ten federations that accepted to take part in the programme in 2011 were European (Great Britain, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy, Germany, France, and Austria, alongside Canada). The objective is that all 10 nations above will be approved by the end of 2011 and then the ITF will continue the project including a further group of approximately 20 countries in 2012. Subsequently, the approval will be opened to all nations with the flexibility to approve systems at Bronze (self-sufficient at Level One) and Silver (self sufficient at Level Two) from 2013 onwards.

Miguel Crespo, of the ITF's Development/Coaching Department explains, "With many of Europe's most developed tennis nations currently taking part in the recognition scheme, we hope that in the future all 49 Tennis Europe member nations will have certified coaches education systems. The conference in Portugal showed once again that European federations are eager to improve and to collaborate with each other, and I believe that the case studies presented by the first nations to undergo the process served to inspire the delegates from the next wave of nations that will be recognised in 2012."

Competency-Based Assessment: Coaches Education in Netherlands

Founded in 1899, the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB) has a history of pioneering coaches' education techniques, and has recently led the way in the implementation of the competency-based assessments now required by the ITF.

History

The Dutch Tennis Coaches Association was established in 1929 and is still the oldest 'sports union' in the Netherlands. Coaches' education began with ball-boys who, after several years of observing and listening, gradually started to feed balls, act as sparring partners and teach. The oldest list on record with results of coaches' exams dates from 1948. Some of the older and most experienced tennis teachers administered exams to young novice teachers. The results were staggering. On a scale from one (lowest mark) to ten (highest mark), often a 3, 4 or 5 appeared on the list; meaning the result was 'not good enough' and less than 20 % of the candidates had passed the exam.

Throughout the years, the courses, the tutoring and the demands to be placed on coaches became more appropriate and exact. However, the marks awarded to coaches taking such exams have always come under scrutiny because of the subjectivity of the exam system.

A new approach

Since 2000, the Netherlands has aspired to be one of the world's top ten countries for sport. This has resulted in better facilities, funding, financial support and coaching. During this decade, coaching in the Netherlands has become more standardised across all sports, including tennis. Coach education and training has begun to be based around a competency based curriculum.

A competency can be defined as a set of knowledge, skills and attitudes. Competencies are skills performed to a specific standard under specific conditions. In a competency based training system, progression and improvement is the mastery of specific knowledge and skills, and is learner-centred.

In competency based learning (CBL) subjectivity has been minimized, marks have become less important, the value of isolated theoretical knowledge has diminished and candidates determine themselves when they are ready to pass the exam. The task of tutors is to formulate their demands in clear, concrete and observable behaviour. This clear description of observable behaviour makes it possi-



ble for the candidate to work specifically on those demands. Knowing what assessors demand from you makes it easier to prepare for that. If the criteria are well described, there is less room for subjective interpretation. Take two competencies for example, one well described and one not so well described: 'the candidate gives a good example' versus 'the candidate demonstrates the stroke at least two times, facing the player(s) and making sure the players can see the hitting shoulder, the contact point and the result of the ball'. The first description leaves ample room for interpretation or subjectivity.

The assessor could say: "I did not like that", "he should have done some more" or "he could have taken a better position." The second (and longer) description leaves far less room for interpretation. The assessor should observe the demonstration of the candidate and decide on "yes, it meets the description" or "no, the demonstration did not cover the description".

For practical assessment, the use of tools such as video recordings of coaching behaviour by the candidate makes it possible to self-assess the performance and/or to have an expert (experienced coach) evaluate and give useful feedback. This allows for optimal preparation and improvement prior to the actual assessment.

With coaches' education continuously improving, the Dutch model has shown that competency based training offers an effective method of assessing coaches, supporting countries in their quest to produce more players that enjoy the game as well as better players to represent the country at all levels of competition.

Thanks to Frank van Fraayenhoven, KNLTB.

Tennis Open Days in Ireland

Over the past year Tennis Ireland has encouraged all of its member clubs to host an Open Day. This concept has proven very successful in encouraging people to visit their local club, and ultimately getting them to sign up and become members of the club. A major development of the project will see the middle Sunday of Wimbledon 2012 being declared 'National Tennis Day', with the Federation generating nationwide publicity for the Open Days that will be held in as many clubs as possible.

What does a club need to do in order to run a successful Open Day? The following is an adapted extract from a new book, 'Directing Tennis Programmes' written by Tennis Ireland coach Peter Farrell.

Publicising the Day

The key to success is the publicity campaign run beforehand. The brief is to alert as many people as possible in your catchment area to the opportunity to try tennis:

1. Write articles for local papers. National newspapers will not be interested in your open day, but local papers thrive on this type of news.
2. Speak on local radio. National radio will ignore your pleas, but local radio also has a lot of airtime to fill.
3. Place signs and leaflets in shops, supermarkets and schools.
4. Place banners outside the club.
5. Ask members to alert one acquaintance each. Give a tin of tennis balls to each member who brings a friend. If the friend joins the club, the member gets a discount off his membership fee the following year.
6. Put signs near approach roads to the area (local authority permission may be necessary).
7. Use internet-based social media – for example, Twitter, Facebook etc.

Some of the above can be done for free, the rest at relatively small cost.

On the Day

The following personnel need to be on hand:

1. Committee members to greet and answer questions.
2. Playing members to rally with potential new members. It is a good idea to get experienced players rallying with those who attend the open day. They will keep the ball under control and so potential new members will feel competent at the game.
3. Committee members at the sign-up desk to deal with membership forms and incoming fees.
4. Catering committee to prepare and serve refreshments.



Place banners outside the club

***'Our Open Day went very well, got around 20 new members, mostly juniors but the odd family membership as well which is always good. We found the Fastest Serve Competition attracted the most people on the day and was the best fun.'* - North Ireland club.**

5. A local sports retailer. They should have demonstration racquets on hand for those who come without one.

6. For further spin-off publicity, invite representatives of local media to the event. If they don't show up on the day, draft an article yourself on how successful the day was. Send it in to local newspapers, accompanied by some photographs.

On Court

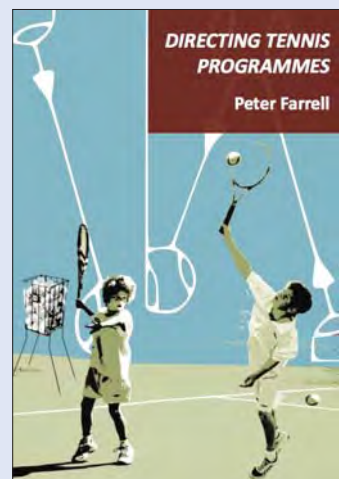
A range of events can take place on court to make sure that everyone has fun:

1. Coaching staff should organise on-court activities: a gentle introduction to the game for children and adults.
2. The club's top players should play an exhibition match.
3. Could a member of the police force be convinced to bring along a speed gun to measure the day's fastest serve?
4. For better or worse, we live in a celebrity-obsessed world. If someone well known were a member of the club (or a friend of a member) would they come along to the open day and add some glamour?
5. Play the Coach: everyone gets to play best of 5 points against the club coach – the loser makes a small donation to charity.
6. Play like a Pro: a court is set up with an umpire, linesmen, ball boys and as many spectators as possible. Feel what the pros feel...
7. Play Wimbledon: is there a grass area in your club that could be turned into a court for the day? The bounce doesn't have to be perfect and it doesn't even have to be a full-size court – it will still give people some feeling of what it is like to play the world's most famous tournament. >>

Tennis Open Days in Ireland

Special Membership Offers

- << 1. Offer a discount on annual membership for year one to people who join the club on the day.
2. Offer a short-term membership (say three months) for people who are still unsure about whether to make a commitment.
3. Offer direct-debit or standing-order facilities.
4. Extend all offers for a period of one week for people who attend the open day. This allows those who want to think about it to do so.
5. Supply a free coaching voucher.
6. Your local sports' retailer might offer a discount voucher for players who join from the open day. It is in the retailer's interest to create good relationships with new tennis-club members.
7. On the principle of 'try before you buy', potential new members might be allowed play free for one week following on from the open day. This could give you several more opportunities to turn 'tryers' into 'buyers'.



'We had an Open Day for juniors on Saturday. Got 100 new juniors! Wow!' - South Ireland club.

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European Senior Clubs Championships

The remaining European Senior Clubs Championships for 2011 were completed during September. The Men's 50s event in Arosa (SUI) saw Italian club ASD Gradisca D'Isonzo claim their first ever European title with a win over St George's Hill LTC of Great Britain. Both teams had reached the final with two 5-0 wins in the round-robin stage, but the Italian club was too strong, beating the Brits 3-0.

Three categories were held simultaneously in Vale do Lobo, Portugal, from 20-24 September. The Men's 35s saw another first time champion crowned, as Brottkärrs Tennis Förening of Sweden breezed through the draw, establishing a 19-1 win loss record, including a 5-0 win over Bastion Baselaar (NED) in the final.

France's Club Sportifmunicipal D'Eaubonne became the first French club in five years (and third overall) to lift the Womens 40s trophy, wrapping up two singles wins to clinch the final match before Popeye Gold Star (NED) earned a consolation doubles win.

The Women's 50s event saw a repeat of last year's



Men's 50 winners ASD Gradisca d'Isonzo with their gold medals in Arosa.

all-British final between Woodford Wells Club and the Wimbledon Club. The result was a reversal of fortunes from a year ago, as Patricia Wire & Elisabeth Eden teamed to beat Christine French & Hazel Lindfield in the deciding doubles match to end Wimbledon's hopes of a third consecutive title.

Full draws and results and photo galleries from the competition can be found [here](#).

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European University Tennis Championships

The 8th European Universities Tennis Championship took place in St. Gallen, Switzerland from 4-10 of September. 23 teams (12 men and 11 women) from 17 universities and 12 countries took part in the event. Students from all over Europe took advantage of the opportunity to demonstrate their skills at their chosen sport and to visit some very beautiful locations as part of the social programme. Some of the participants had current ATP/WTa points, with the highest being Alicja Rosolska of Kozminki University Poland, a 2008 Olympic Games participant, who is currently ranked #39 in the WTA Doubles ranking.

Both men's and women's events were filled with intense games throughout the championship. The final day produced two new champions. The women's tournament was won by Moscow MESI with a 2-0 victory over University School of Physical Education Wroclaw. Third and fourth places also went to Poland as Kozminki University won 2-0 against University of Warszawa. In the men's tournament the French team of the University of Poitiers won the title with a 2-0 victory against Moscow MESI. Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan won 2-1 against the University of Hamburg to take the bronze medal. According to EUSA Technical Delegate Nick Grivas the championship was a great success not only from a sporting but also from the organisational point of view.

The prize-giving and closing ceremonies took place at the Executive Campus of the University of St. Gallen. Karl Güntzel, President of the Parliament of the Canton St. Gallen, congratulated the athletes for



Above: the women's podium in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

their fair play. Organising Committee Chair Daniel Studer praised the engagement of the 50 volunteers. After the final banquet the players' party lasted until the very early morning.

The European Universities Tennis Championship is a team competition, organized every year by European University Sport Association, with the winners of the National Universities Tennis Championships eligible to participate. Next year's Championships will be held in Cordoba, Spain between July 13 and 24, during the 1st edition of the European Universities Games, which is set to feature 10 sports.

Full results, photos and more information about the event can be found online at www.eusa.eu and <http://www.unisg.ch/euctennis2011>.

Final Standings

MEN		WOMEN	
1	University of Poitiers (FRA)		Moscow MESI (RUS)
2	Moscow MESI (RUS)		University School of P.E. Wroclaw (POL)
3	Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan (POL)		Kozminki University (POL)
4	University of Hamburg (GER)		University of Warsaw (POL)
5	University of Valencia (ESP)		University of Hamburg (GER)
6	Dublin City University (IRL)		University of Valencia (ESP)
7	University of Bern (SUI)		University of Amsterdam (NED)
8	University of AMsterdam (NED)		Dublin City University (IRL)
9	Marmara University (TUR)		University of Exeter (GBR)
10	University of St. Gallen (SUI)		Marmara University (TUR)
11	University of Cyprus (CYP)		University of Minho (POR)
12	Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities (POL)		

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Beyond the Baseline...

The **Spanish Tennis Federation** has announced that it intends to host the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas final against Argentina in Seville's Olympic Stadium during the weekend of 2-4 December. The venue was also used during the 2004 final, when Spain beat the USA, and set the record for the highest ever daily attendance at an officially-sanctioned tennis match (27,200).

The 2012 **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** draw has been made. The World Group is as follows (host nation listed first) Spain vs. Kazakhstan, Austria vs. Russia, Canada vs. France, Switzerland vs. USA, Czech Republic vs. Italy, Serbia vs. Sweden, Japan vs. Croatia and Germany vs. Argentina. The Europe/Africa Zone Group 1 sees Great Britain host Slovakia, Netherlands host Finland and Slovenia host Denmark while all other teams have first round byes. Group II's line-up sees Ukraine vs. Monaco, Cyprus vs. Morocco, Hungary vs. Ireland, Egypt vs. Latvia, Belarus vs. Moldova, Turkey vs. Bosnia & Herzegovina, Estonia vs. Luxembourg and Poland vs. Madagascar.

Some of the 2012 **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** first round venues have been announced. Russia will face Spain at the Olympic Stadium in Moscow (also the venue for this year's final against Czech Republic). Belgium will take on Serbia at the Spiroudome in Charleroi. Israel will host the Europe/Africa Zone Group 1 on hard courts at Eilat.

Having played just one match since an early loss at Roland Garros, **Kim Clijsters** has confirmed that she intends to play a full season in 2012, and is working with Carl Maes, former Belgian Fed Cup captain and Head of Women's Tennis at the LTA.

Enric Molina of Spain has been named as the ITF's new Head of Officiating.

Thomas Muster has announced that the event in Vienna later this month will be his last appearance on the ATP World Tour, though he expects to play some selected Challenger events in 2011.

Martina Hingis is the first big name to be confirmed for the brand new Legend's tournament to be held at next year's Australian Open.

Andy Murray's win over Rafael Nadal in the Tokyo final, followed by his doubles win alongside his

brother Jamie, meant that the Scot became the first player on the ATP World Tour to win both titles at the same event this season.

A Belgian choreographer is reportedly preparing a musical based on the life of former world #1 **Justine Henin**. The show will be a mix of dance, text, songs, and animated choreography performed mostly by children and will be premiered next year at the tennis academy, which 29-year-old Henin runs in Limelette, south of Brussels.

Spanish Davis Cup team-mates Rafael Nadal, David Ferrer, Fernando Verdasco and Feliciano López will take part in a round-robin exhibition on the 22nd October to raise funds for **Andres Gimeno**. They'll be joined by a number of other Spanish greats, including Sergi Bruguera, Jordi Arrese, Emilio Sanchez-Vicario and Manolo Santana.

A free online **Tennis Psychology** information and consultancy service for professional and amateur competitive tennis players, as well as coaches, federations and parents has been launched online. The website at www.tennispsych.com aims to provide information and inspiration, and has a free consultancy service by email and Skype.

Stanislas Wawrinka and coach Peter Lundgren have ended their working relationship after a little under 18 months.

Britain's Lawn Tennis Association has promoted current Davis Cup captain **Leon Smith** to Head of Men's and Women's Tennis, which he will carry out in tandem with his current role.

The 12th **World Congress of the Society for Tennis Medicine and Science** will be organized for the first time by the French Tennis Federation and will be held in Paris on November 10-12 during the BNP Paribas Masters in Bercy.

Robin Söderling has confirmed that he will not return to competition in 2011 as he continues to recover from mononucleosis.

Former world #5 **Anna Chakvetadze** is reportedly seeking a career in politics, and has been named as a candidate for Russia's Right Cause Party at the forthcoming Duma elections.

<< FAST FACTS >>

Wimbledon Men's Singles champion Novak Djokovic spent 16.5 hours on the show courts at this year's tournament. Ladies' Singles champion Petra Kvitová spent 6.25 hours on Centre, No.1 or No.2 courts.

Source: SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC. Wimbledon Census 2011.



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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 profes-

sional 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.

Rankings below are as of October 18th, 2011.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	2824
02	►	Ashleigh BARTY	AUS	2462
03	►	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	1763
04	▲	Ioana ROSCA	ROU	1660
05	▲	Madison KEYS	USA	1564
06	▼	Indy DE VROOME	NED	1517
07	▼	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	1462
08	▼	Anett KONTAVEIT	EST	1439
09	►	Victoria KAN	RUS	1260
10	NEW	Barbora KREJCIKOVA	CZE	1252



#1 Irina Khromacheva (RUS)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Enzo COUACAUD	FRA	1485
02	▲	Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	1376
03	▼	Kyle EDMUND	GBR	1265
04	▲	Matej MARUSCAK	SVK	1248
05	▼	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	1150
06	▲	Krittin KOAYKUL	THA	1128
07	▼	Stefano NAPOLITANO	ITA	1063
08	▼	Petros CHRYSOCHOS	CYP	1050
09	NEW	Marek ROUTA	CZE	1045
09	NEW	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	1035



#1 Enzo Coucaud (FRA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

The leading 14 & Under players were keen to put in a good performance at the Tennis Europe Junior Masters as for players the event represents the last stop on the Tour after a long season.

Both finalists at the event were able to shift their ranking. Anastasiya Rychagova leapfrogged Jelena Ostapenko to take third spot, while Nicolae Frunza's runner-up spot ensures that he will end the season just behind his Summer Cups team-

mate and European Championships doubles partner Bogdan Borza, the first time that Romania has had two boys in the top two positions of the rankings. Masters champion Alexander Zverev consolidated his place at #4, while girls' champion Belinda Bencic climbed to #31, based on just two tournament appearances.

The full lists, plus the final Race to the Junior Masters rankings can be found at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are as of October 18th, 2011.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Ana KONJUH	CRO	1145
02	▶	Iryna SHYMANOVIC	BLR	920
03	▲	Anastasiya RYCHAGOVA	RUS	865
04	▼	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	840
05	▲	Anastasiya KOMARDINA	RUS	825
06	▼	Ivana JOROVIC	SRB	760
07	▶	Anastasia NEFEDOVA	RUS	690
08	▶	Miriam KOLODZIEJOVA	CZE	660
08	▶	Daria KASATKINA	RUS	660
10	▶	Vendula ZOVINCOVA	CZE	650



#1 Ana Konjuh (CRO)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	1035
02	▲	Nicolae FRUNZA	ROU	850
03	▼	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	780
04	▶	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	715
05	▲	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	680
06	▼	Evgeny TYURNEV	RUS	630
07	▼	Domagoj BILJESKO	CRO	613
08	▶	Dominik STARY	CZE	595
09	▲	Alex MOLCAN	SVK	585
10	▼	Michal DEMBEK	POL	560



#1 Bogdan Borza (ROU)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 19	Riga (LAT)	K Zuk (POL)	M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	63 64	Sikorski/Zuk (POL)
		N Shytouskaya (BLR)	I Krause (DEN)	76(3) 63	Bakaite/Zykute (LTU)
Sep 19	Kiev (UKR)	A Avidzba (RUS)	L Sheyngezikh (RUS)	75 62	Mashtakov/Rainin (UKR)
		D Orichkevitch (UKR)	T Andryeyva (UKR)	62 61	Borodiy/Gevel (UKR)
Sep 26	Logoisk (BLR)	P Klimov (RUS)	M Sokolovskiy (RUS)	62 64	Liaonenka (BLR)/Sokolovskiy (RUS)
		A Anshba (RUS)	U Grib (BLR)	36 63 61	Alexandrova/Markevich (BLR)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 12	Umag (CRO)	2 A Molcan (SVK)	D Vukicevic (SRB)	75 46 64	Biljesko (CRO)/Milicevic (SRB)
		K Jokic (BIH)	M Pislak (SLO)	61 61	Bondar (HUN)/Knutson (CZE)
Sep 12	Madrid (ESP)	3 C Taberner (ESP)	J Lopez Perez Fuster (ESP)	36 64 63	Fermosell/Semmler (ESP)
		N Lopez Diaz (ESP)	M Garcia Gausi (ESP)	75 36 62	Gutierrez Carrasco (ESP)/Salas (FRA)
Sep 12	Chisinau (MDA)	3 A Malyshev (UKR)	P Maltsev (RUS)	62 75	Adam (ROU)/Matvieici (MDA)
		A Klymenko (UKR)	D Kruzhkova (RUS)	62 62	Kruzhkova/Makhorkina (RUS)
Sep 12	Prague (CZE)	3 S Sippel (GER)	F Matejka (CZE)	46 62 4-0 ret	Matejka/Musil (CZE)
		I Ibbou (ALG)	M Bouzkova (CZE)	62 06 63	Miklova/Pektorova (CZE)
Sep 19	Calvia (ESP)	3 A Gajdica (SVK)	P Kroluk (POL)	46 75 64	Bentiez Zafra (ESP)/Morell R. (AUS)
		A Pospelova (RUS)	P Comella Aguilo (ESP)	60 61	Malmqvist/Malmqvist (SWE)
Sep 26	Kiev (UKR)	3 D Klok (UKR)	F Modnykov (UKR)	76(4) 60	Chechel/Malyshev (UKR)
		G Nazarova (UKR)	A Klymenko (UKR)	62 63	Dzyuba/Nazarova (UKR)
Oct 2	Junior Masters (ITA)	M A Zverev (GER)	N Frunza (ROU)	63 76(3)	N/A
		B Bencic (SUI)	A Rychagova (RUS)	63 61	N/A

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 12	Torelló (ESP)	2 A Barroso Campos (ESP)	A Rublev (RUS)	75 57 75	Barroso Campos/Calvo Eman (ESP)
		D Kasatkina (RUS)	V Zlatanova (BUL)	64 62	Ormeno Ruiz (ESP)/Plews (GBR)
Sep 12	Porto (POR)	3 N Deus (POR)	M Leite (POR)	61 76(6)	Deus/Lemos (POR)
		A Santos (POR)	M Fernandes (POR)	64 61	Fernandes/Silva (POR)
Sep 19	Chisinau (MDA)	3 A Cozbinov (MDA)	B Apostol (ROU)	76(2) 06 62	Shcherba/Ursu (UKR)
		A Klymenko (UKR)	D Kruzhkova (RUS)	62 62	Pletnyeva (UKR)/Sadykzhanova (UZB)
Sep 19	Porto (POR)	3 S Tsoroni (AUS)	N Turchetti (ITA)	62 64	Deus/Lemos (POR)
		A Santos (POR)	M Tavares (POR)	46 62 61	Santos/Silva (POR)
Sep 26	Riga (LAT)	2 R Safiullin (RUS)	N Batanov (RUS)	46 63 64	Brugnerotto (ITA)/Losbergs (LAT)
		K Sarkisova (RUS)	A Semashko (RUS)	64 62	Bryzgalova/Sarkisova (RUS)
Sep 26	Palmanova (ESP)	3 A Rublev (RUS)	S Tsoroni (AUS)	64 76(8)	Meparidze (GEO)/Uspensky (USA)
		V Babic (MNE)	N Perepadenko (ESP)	64 62	Babic (MNE)/Perepadenko (ESP)
Oct 2	Junior Masters (ITA)	M M Maruscak (SVK)	A Lebedyn (UKR)	62 64	N/A
		A Konjuh (CRO)	I Rosca (ROU)	63 62	N/A



Clockwise from top left: Andrey Rublev hits a forehand on his way to a first 16&U title in Mallorca. Ball kids at the same event, Boys runner up Bernabe Zapata Miralles, girls winner Ana Roman Dominguez, boys winner Pedro Martinez Portero, girls runner up Paula Martinez Garcia (ESP) in Benidorm, Girls singles winner Marija Curnic (CRO) on the left before the Tirana 16&U final against Vasilisa Aponasenko (RUS). More photos can be found at the [Tennis Europe Junior Tour photo gallery](#).

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep 12	Mulhouse (FRA)	\$15,000+H	P Herbert (FRA)	J Ouanna (FRA)	64 64	Herbert/Olivetti (FRA)
Sep 12	Nottingham (GBR)	\$10,000	R Bloomfield (GBR)	A Ward (GBR)	67(6) 63 64	Goodall/Willis (GBR)
Sep 12	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	B Westerhof (NED)	H Podlipnik Castillo (CHI)	61 64	Podlipnik (CHI)/Rath (AUT)
Sep 12	Beer Sheva (ISR)	\$10,000	S Seifert (GER)	R Roelofse (RSA)	62 63	Borgo (ITA)/Danis (SVK)
Sep 12	Porto Torres (ITA)	\$15,000	P Oswald (AUT)	M Capone (ITA)	63 75	Moser/Oswald (AUT)
Sep 12	Nis (SRB)	\$10,000	G Sakharov (FRA)	K Mesaros (CRO)	76(4) 61	Sakharov (FRA)/Vasiliev (RUS)
Sep 12	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	A Artunedo (ESP)	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	62 1-0 ret	Arenas Gualda/Pulgar Garcia (ESP)
Sep 12	Uppsala (SWE)	\$10,000	S Ehrt (SUI)	C Bergman (SWE)	76(1) 75	Bergman/Eriksson (SWE)
Sep 19	Umag (CRO)	\$10,000	G Gignoun (BEL)	K Krawietz (GER)	46 62 63	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Sep 19	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+H	M Authom (BEL)	A Bossel (BEL)	76(3) 67(2) 64	Sidorenko (FRA)/Silva (BRA)
Sep 19	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	M Michalicka (CZE)	S Moneke (GER)	63 64	Michalicka (CZE)/van der Linden (NED)
Sep 19	Brusaporto (ITA)	\$15,000	P Oswald (AUT)	L Vanni (ITA)	46 64 63	Iannuzzi/Vanni (ITA)
Sep 19	Espinho (POR)	\$15,000	J Obry (FRA)	M Giner (ESP)	64 26 63	Mina/Obry (FRA)
Sep 19	Soko Banja (SRB)	\$10,000	J Samper-Montana (ESP)	G Sakharov (FRA)	76(4) 64	Khotulev (RUS)/Niki (JPN)
Sep 19	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	A Artunedo (ESP)	A Lobkov (RUS)	36 61 3-0 ret	Arenas Gualda/Pulgar Garcia (ESP)
Sep 19	Danderyd (SWE)	\$10,000	G Morgan (GBR)	A Ward (GBR)	46 64 64	Burton/Morgan (GBR)
Sep 26	Umag (CRO)	\$15,000	D Lajovic (SRB)	A Kuznetsov (RUS)	64 06 75	Androic (CRO)/Cacic (SRB)
Sep 26	Forbach (FRA)	\$10,000	R Coco (FRA)	A Olivetti (FRA)	46 76(2) 76(1)	Andersen (RSA)/Cluskey (IRL)
Sep 26	Hambach (GER)	\$10,000	M Lenz (GER)	M Baumann (GER)	75 76(5)	Ehrt (SUI)/Pavic (CRO)
Sep 26	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	A Balazs (HUN)	N Devilder (FRA)	76(4) 75	Gombos (SVK)/Jebavy (CZE)
Sep 26	Frascati (ITA)	\$10,000	A Michon (FRA)	R Sabau (ROU)	64 61	Schmid (CZE)/Wiltschig (AUT)
Sep 26	Porto (POR)	\$15,000	B Westerhof (NED)	S Vovk (RUS)	75 61	Muzaev/Rumyantsev (RUS)
Sep 26	Sevilla (ESP)	\$10,000	J Samper-Montana (ESP)	J Werner (GER)	63 64	Diez (CAN)/Vicente (ESP)
Sep 26	Falun (SWE)	\$10,000	A Ward (GBR)	C Bergman (SWE)	26 64 61	Golding/Smethurst (GBR)
Sep 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Gasparyan (RUS)	P Oswald (AUT)	67(7) 64 63	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Oct 3	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	J Mertl (CZE)	A Sidorenko (FRA)	36 63 64	Botti/Rochette (FRA)
Oct 3	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	T Puetz (GER)	P Herbert (FRA)	63 63	Anagnostopol/Mergea (ROU)
Oct 3	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	M Crugnola (ITA)	E Iannuzzi (ITA)	76(4) 62	Bega/Sinicropi (ITA)
Oct 3	Cordoba (ESP)	\$15,000	I Navarro (ESP)	A Menendez (ESP)	67(4) 64 76(6)	Lopez Jaen/Trujillo (ESP)
Oct 3	Lidkoping (SWE)	\$10,000	D Smethurst (GBR)	C Bergman (SWE)	36 63 76(5)	Bergman/Rosenholm (SWE)
Oct 3	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Oswald (AUT)	M Konecny (CZE)	64 61	Rice/Thornley (GBR)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 10	Solin (CRO)	\$15,000	N Van der Meer (NED)	A Bedene (SLO)	36 64 62	Aganastopol/Mergea (ROU)
Oct 10	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	J Mertl (CZE)	O Patience (FRA)	63 46 64	Fischer (GER)/Mertl (CZE)
Oct 10	Isernhagen (GER)	\$10,000	T Nieminen (FIN)	P Torebko (GER)	62 64	Lenz/von Massow (GER)
Oct 10	Biella (ITA)	\$10,000	A Arnaboldi (ITA)	J Obry (FRA)	64 60	Colangelo/Crugnola (ITA)
Oct 10	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$15,000	G Granollers (ESP)	M Fornell (ESP)	62 64	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Oct 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Konecny (CZE)	E Chvojka (CAN)	63 64	cancelled



ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	N Frankova (CZE)	F Stephenson (GBR)	64 63	Butkovska (SVK)/Hsu (USA)
Sep 12	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	V Golubic (SUI)	L Cervera Vazquez (ESP)	61 76(5)	Cavalle Reimers/Rapisarda Calvo (ESP)
Sep 12	Porto Rafti (GRE)	\$10,000	X Hermoso (MEX)	O Lankri (ISR)	46 64 62	Siedliska/Zagorska (POL)
Sep 12	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$10,000	T Mikadze (GEO)	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	60 62	Kvatsabaia/Mikadze (GEO)
Sep 12	Mont de Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	B Botto (PER)	L Thorpe (FRA)	62 64	Nowak (GER)/(Perrin (SUI)
Sep 12	Rotterdam (NED)	\$25,000	D Pfizenmaier (GER)	S Vogt (LIE)	36 61 61	Mekel/Tigu (NED)
Sep 12	Zagreb (CRO)	\$50,000+H	D Evtimova (BUL)	A Pivovarov (RUS)	62 62	Koehler (POR)/Marosi (HUN)
Sep 12	Sofia (BUL)	\$100,000	S Soler Espinosa (ESP)	R Oprandi (ITA)	26 6-6 ret	Bratchikova (RUS)/Jurak (CRO)
Sep 19	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	C Hsu (USA)	N Frankova (CZE)	60 75	Frankova (CZE)/Hsu (USA)
Sep 19	Athens (GRE)	\$10,000	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	M Sakkari (GRE)	16 63 63	Lukacs (HUN)/Shakovets (GER)
Sep 19	Espinho (POR)	\$10,000	J Ginier (FRA)	M Pons (FRA)	75 62	Daniels/Nowak (GER)
Sep 19	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	R de la Torre Sanchez (ESP)	J Mayr (ITA)	46 62 75	Mayr/Mayr (ITA)
Sep 19	Varna (BUL)	\$10,000	R Platon (ROU)	D Zafirova (BUL)	60 61	Hristea/Platon (ROU)
Sep 19	Foggia (ITA)	\$25,000	P Ormaechea (ARG)	R Voracova (CZE)	64 64	Husarova (SVK)/Voracova (CZE)
Sep 19	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$25,000	L Tsurenko (UKR)	R Jani (HUN)	76(3) 63	Buryachuk (UKR)/Jani (HUN)
Sep 19	Shrewsbury (GBR)	\$75,000	M Barthel (GER)	H Watson (GBR)	60 63	Koehler (POR)/Marosi (HUN)
Sep 19	Saint Malo (FRA)	\$100,000+H	S Cirstea (ROU)	S Soler Espinosa (ESP)	62 62	Bratchikova (RUS)/Jurak (CRO)
Sep 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Z Zalabska (CZE)	H Melander (SWE)	61 76(6)	Esen/Esen (TUR)
Sep 26	Plovdiv (BUL)	\$10,000	D Pfizenmaier (GER)	J Jaksic (SRB)	64 64	Pfizenmaier/Wachaczyk (GER)
Sep 26	Umag (CRO)	\$10,000	T Mrdeza (CRO)	Z Zlochova (SVK)	76(2) 46 62	Butkovska (SVK)/Kostic (SRB)
Sep 26	Clermont Ferrand (FRA)	\$25,000	A Hlavackova (CZE)	T Malek (GER)	64 06 76(6)	Jugic-Salkic (BIH)/Keothavong (GBR)
Sep 26	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	N Burnett (ITA)	P Ormaechea (ARG)	62 63	De La Torre Sanchez/Garcia Perez (ESP)
Sep 26	Telavi (GEO)	\$50,000	A Panova (RUS)	A Cadantu (ROU)	46 61 61	Bogdan/Buzarnescu (ROU)
Oct 3	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Mayr (ITA)	E Mayr (ITA)	61 63	Mayr/Mayr (ITA)
Oct 3	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	M Giral Lores (VEN)	N Parrizas Diaz (ESP)	46 64 64	Grajdek (GER)/Jegiolk (POL)
Oct 3	Pirot (SRB)	\$10,000	N Kostic (SRB)	J Jaksic (SRB)	63 63	Argylan (HUN)/Zafirova (BUL)
Oct 3	Settimo (ITA)	\$10,000	A Schaefer (GER)	F di Sarra (ITA)	36 63 76(3)	Daniels/Schaefer (GER)
Oct 3	Solin (CRO)	\$10,000	D Banovec (CRO)	Z Zlochova (SVK)	75 75	Borecka/Krejsova (CZE)
Oct 3	Dobrich (BUL)	\$25,000	E Kostova (BUL)	E Bogdan (ROU)	76(6) 62	Marcu/Mitu (ROU)
Oct 3	Yerevan (ARM)	\$25,000	J Cohen (USA)	A Koch-Benevenuto (CHI)	76(6) 62	Mikadze/Shapatava (GEO)
Oct 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Zucchini (ITA)	A Bogdan (ROU)	60 ret	cancelled
Oct 10	Bol (CRO)	\$10,000	K Popovic (CRO)	I Mekovec (CRO)	62 67(0) 75	Morgosova/Tvaroskova (SVK)
Oct 10	Cagliari (ITA)	\$10,000	A Sasnovich (BLR)	A Schaefer (GER)	64 63	Gabba/Savoretti (ITA)
Oct 10	Yerevan (ARM)	\$10,000	A Schmiedlova (SVK)	T Mikadze (GEO)	64 63	Grymalska (ITA)/Vasylyeva (UKR)
Oct 10	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$25,000	R Jani (HUN)	M Chakhnashvili (GEO)	64 62	Cepelova (SVK)/Piter (POL)
Oct 10	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	A Riske (USA)	A Amanmuradova (UZB)	26 62 75	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)

European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Impressive win streaks from Agnieszka Radwanska and Andy Murray have seen them make major progress in the rankings in recent weeks. Radwanska moves up to her highest ever position of sixth in Europe thanks to back to back tournament victories in Tokyo and Beijing, a run that has left her in good standing as she aims to clinch a place at the WTA Tour Championships in Istanbul later this month.

Petra Kvitova also moves up to a career-high at #4 after winning her fifth title of a breakthrough season last week in Linz.

Andy Murray's Asian win streak was even more impressive, taking in three singles (and one doubles) titles in consecutive weeks with victories in Bangkok and Tokyo plus the defence of his title at the Masters 1000 event in Shanghai. The run enabled him to move ahead of Roger Federer into the #3 spot, a position that he is likely to keep until the end of the year as Federer must defend the points he earned in winning three of his final four events of the 2010 season, including the ATP World Tour Finals.

Rankings as of October 17th, 2011.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	8005
02	▶	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	6370
03	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	6190
04	▲	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	5970
05	▼	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	5755
06	NEW	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	4940
07	▲	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	4610
08	▲	Andrea PETKOVIC	GER	4580
09	▼	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	4501
10	▼	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	4210

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	13860
02	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	10375
03	▲	Andy MURRAY	GBR	7825
04	▼	Roger FEDERER	SUI	7780
05	▶	David FERRER	ESP	4710
06	▶	Robin SÖDERLING	SWE	3500
07	▲	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	3230
08	▲	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2880
09	▼	Gael MONFILS	FRA	2525
10	NEW	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2380



Andy Murray (GBR)



Petra Kvitova (CZE)



Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Top Executives' Meeting

Tennis Austria will host the 2011 Top Executives' Meeting in Vienna from the 25-27th of this month.

Tennis Europe on YouTube

Tennis Europe now has its own YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/tenniseurope.

European Racquet Stringers' Association

The latest issue of ERSA's Racquet Tech magazine has been published and is available for download here: <http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/rt4-2011web?viewMode=magazine>

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Andy Murray takes over at #3

HEAD Racquet rebel Andy Murray has become the second HEAD player in the ATP Top 3 as the Scot won the ATP Masters 1000 event in Shanghai and took over the third ranking spot from Roger Federer. Murray now stands with No. 1 Novak Djokovic among the elite of the sport after defeating Spain's David Ferrer 7-5, 6-4. "I was really happy with the way I stayed focused, it's hard to explain," said Murray. "It's almost you'd think the more matches you win, the less pressure you feel."

The victory achieved with his YouTek Radical Pro completes an October Asian trophy hat-trick for Murray, who vowed to move up into the Top Three by the end of this ATP season. The 24-year-old did that and more as he won three titles as many weeks - Bangkok, Tokyo and now Shanghai - claiming his fifth trophy of the season and 21st of his career with his China achievement.

"This has been one of the best runs of my life," said Murray, "I've played very well over the last few weeks. I really wanted to win today and defend this title. I managed to come through. Shanghai is one of my favourite places, I've always played well here." The victory in one and three-quarter hours was the second straight at the Qi Zhong arena for Murray, who improved to 8-1 overall in Masters 1000 finals.



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