

## Spain dominates the Tennis Europe Junior Masters



From top: The champions lift their trophies alongside CT Rocco Poloimeni President Igino Postorino, the Spanish players celebrate with their coaches.

Spanish players excelled at the 2012 Tennis Europe Junior Masters, winning three of the four categories at the season-ending elite event; the first nation ever to do so.

Eduard Guell Bartina was the first of the three to take to the court, for the boys 14 & Under final, and was in dominant mood as he brushed aside the challenge of Switzerland's Marko Osmakcic 6-3 6-1. Guell won the title without having lost a set, and adds his name to an impressive list of his compatriots to hold the 14&U Junior Masters title, a list that includes Rafael Nadal and Tommy Robredo.

He said, "I'm very happy because when I came here I didn't expect to win the tournament. I've had an abdominal injury for the last couple of weeks. In the first match I played ok, but in the second I felt very comfortable, then today I played great. Marko and I have played five or six times and I'd only won once, so I am happy to win with such a score."

Sara Sorribes Tormo then took to the court for the 16 & Under girls final, against Race to Masters rankings leader Iryna Shymanovich (BLR). There was little to choose between the two players in the early stages of the match, with Sorribes eventually breaking in in the twelfth game to take the first set 7-5. Shymanovich, who had survived a three and a half hour semi final against Kateryna Sliusar (UKR) the previous day, was unable to summon the same energy in the second set, conceding two breaks to lose 6-2.

European champion Sorribes therefore becomes the first girl to win both of Tennis Europe's premier competitions in the same year since Monica Niculescu in 2002, and was naturally satisfied with her performance, saying "It's great to have won, and to end the year on a high note, with another of my objectives achieved".

The final match of the day saw Jaume Munar Clar take on Daniel Orlita of the Czech Republic for the boys 16 & Under title. Both had had similar paths to the final; Munar having to recover from a 4-1 deficit in the final set of his first round match with Petar Conkic (SRB), and Orlita going the distance against second seed Olexiy Kolisnyk (UKR) in a hotly contested semi-final. >>



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<< If Munar was feeling pressure to emulate his compatriots, it didn't show, finding his range during the latter stages of the first set to reel off nine of the last ten games for a comfortable 6-3 6-0 win. He said, "Despite the score it was a tough match, but I played really well in the second set. On the whole I'm very pleased with my performance this week, having played my best in all my matches."

The day's first match was a battle between two of the players to have won most titles this season, with Dalma Galfi of Hungary attempting to win her sixth against Anna Kalinskaya (RUS), who was aiming to win her eighth.

The pair had contrasting paths to the final. Galfi had won her previous matches, against Marija Curnic (CRO) and Tereza Mihailikova (SVK), in straight sets, while her Russian opponent had been involved in some of the longest matches of the tournament, overcoming Andreea Rosca (ROU) 4-6 6-3 7-5 in the first round and edging past compatriot Anna Blinkova 6-7(5) 6-0 6-4 in a late match on Saturday.

Kalinskaya started brightly, racing to a 5-1 lead in the first set before Galfi began to find her range, reeling off six games in a row to take the set 7-5. Kalinskaya hit back strongly, conceding just two games in the second set to level the match. The final set saw some brutally long rallies, but Galfi held on to an early break to become the first Hungarian girl ever to claim a Junior Masters title. "I'm very happy to win the title", she said, "This is one of the best tournaments, and so that was my goal when I came here."

The tournament was a huge success for Hungary, with four players qualifying for the event for the first time. Akos Kotorman finished eighth in the boys 14 & Under event, while Mate Valkusz and Anna Bondar joined Galfi on the podium by taking third place in the Boys 14 & Under and Girls 16 & Under events respectively.

It is worth noting that the final result for Spain could have been even more impressive, as a fourth qualifier, Julia Payola, was forced to withdraw from the Girls 14 & Under on the eve of the tournament. With the next qualifiers unable to travel at such short notice, organisers were able to make a late invitation to local player Irene Lavino to complete the draw; a great experience for the Italian #10, who received warm support from the fans and staff of her home club.

The final day's action was followed by a light-hearted closing ceremony, at which all of the players received gifts from the host club, CT Rocco Polimeni. Each of



From top: Jaume Munar (ESP) in the moment of victory, Hungary's successful squad (left to right Dalma Galfi, Anna Bondar, Mate Valkusz, Akos Kotorman), Tereza Mihailikova accepts her Sportsmanship Award.

the players were given a memento from the club, with gold, silver and bronze medallists also receiving a trophy. Slovakia's Tereza Mihailikova was presented with a special Sportsmanship Award for her attitude throughout the event.

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



## Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting in Luxembourg

48 participants from 24 countries attended the 2012 Top Executives' Meeting, which was hosted by the Luxembourg Tennis Federation in Pétange from 9-11 October.

The annual event is devised to provide a chance for the key decision makers from Tennis Europe's 49 member nations to discuss current issues affecting the sport and serves as an important networking platform.

The 36th edition of the Meeting was opened by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré and his Luxembourg Tennis Federation counterpart Yves Kemp before introductory presentations from Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää and the host federation's General Secretary François Dahm.

This year saw no less than ten presentations from representatives of the member nations, who were keen to share some of their best practices for the benefit of their European colleagues. Amongst the wide variety of topics discussed were Britain's 'allplay' scheme (Roger Draper, LTA), Turkey's explosion of professional tennis events (Ayda Uluç, Turkish Tennis Federation), Serbia's success in the Davis & Fed Cup competitions (Dusan Orlandic, Serbian Tennis Federation), the new strategy of the Hungarian Tennis Federation (Attila Richter), current challenges in German tennis (Stephan Brune, German Tennis Federation), the success of Italy's SuperTennis TV channel (Luisanna Fodde, Italian Tennis Federation) and Irish Marketing the Game initiatives (Des Allen, Tennis Ireland).

External speakers included John Bushell from SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC, who presented on the current status of the sport in Europe, and two representatives from the International Tennis Federation; Executive Vice President Juan Margets, who presented his traditional update from the organisation, and Executive Director of Professional Tennis Kris Dent, who addressed the assembly on matters relating to Davis and Fed Cup and professional tennis.



Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré thanks Luxembourg Tennis Federation President Yves Kemp.

Christian Reuter, HEAD's Business Manager Tennis Balls, also provided an overview of how the company has harnessed social media as part of its communications strategy, while Visual Reality's Daniel Meure expanded on the theme by looking at the success of sports-related mobile apps.

The first afternoon saw the delegates divided into smaller groups in order to participate in an interactive working group session, which focused on participation and encompassed topics such as coaches education, Tennis 10s, Adult Tennis Xpress and membership schemes.

Participants were able to draw on the findings of the European Tennis Report [see Page 5], which was officially launched at the meeting, with copies given to all attendees.

Tennis Europe's Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "We have had a productive couple of days here in Luxembourg and I'd like to thank everyone in attendance for contributing so enthusiastically. I'd especially like to thank Mr. Kemp and the staff of the Luxembourg Tennis Federation once again for their hospitality and for the smooth running of the entire event."



Delegates and speakers at the Top Executives Meeting visit the Pétange Tennis Centre. (Photo courtesy Alain Rischarde).

## European Tennis Report Second Edition Launched

Tennis Europe has announced the publication of the second edition of the European Tennis Report. The unique report provides detailed information from the entire European marketplace, focusing on statistics and trends on a country-by-country basis.

The 67-page report is the result of a biannual survey of the 49 member nations of Tennis Europe, which was conducted during the first six months of this year in association with sports industry research leaders SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC.

The report has undergone a re-design and now includes greatly expanded statistical data. Full reports on each of Tennis Europe's 49 constituent nations are available, including federation contacts, facts and figures, plus statistics showing the current situation and three-year trends of key categories including players, clubs, courts and coaches. Also included are four-year comparisons of all international tournaments, from junior to professional, senior to wheelchair and beach tennis.

Extra features include quick reference guides to all statistical data and expert analysis from SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC.

Priced €390, the report is available for purchase via the Tennis Europe website, and is recommended reading for anyone interested in the European tennis marketplace.



Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää said, "This second edition of the report represents a great leap forward from the previous edition. The ability to compare data over a number of years and to identify trends and areas of growth has enabled us to widen our analyses and add invaluable new information. The report is effectively an encyclopaedia for tennis in Europe and is the only source for many of the insights included. I would like to thank all of the staff at our member nations who have helped us with the challenging task of collating the data."

Tennis Europe and SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC. are now co-operating on the second 'Next Generation Survey', which looks at the consumer behaviour and aspirations of elite junior players from all over Europe.

## Georgian Junior Tennis Initiative

The Alexander Metreveli Cup was held September 24-29 in Tbilisi, as part of the Georgian Tennis Federation's Junior Tennis Initiative. Players of three different age groups took part in the event, with the winner and runner-up rewarded with funding from the Metreveli Tennis Development Fund, which is overseen by Georgia's 1973 Wimbledon finalist Alexander Metreveli.

Mr. Metreveli was joined at the event by his fellow legendary tennis players, Bjorn Borg and Ilie Nastase, who also held a master class for the tournament participants (pictured). Also present was the future Prime Minister of Georgia Mr. Bidzina Ivanishvili.

Tornike Kiknavelidze commented: "I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Metreveli for holding such a great event. It was a wonderful surprise for everyone that Mr. Borg and Mr. Nastase as well as Mr. Bidzina Ivanishvili could attend the tournament. Their presence was a much appreciated expression of support for young tennis players. We're already planning similar events in the future."



"Continuing the close cooperation between the Georgian Federation, the International Tennis Federation and Tennis Europe that has helped us to hold camps for leading players of the Under 10, 12 and 14 age groups, and also tennis development programmes in schools, is a priority for us. I'd like to thank Hrvoje Zmajic, Goran Shevchenko and Tim Jones for their ongoing support."

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## ITF/Tennis Europe Junior Educational Forum

The recent Tennis Europe Junior Masters event was also the location of the 6th annual ITF/Tennis Europe Junior Educational Forum.

A part of the International Tennis Federation's Junior Tennis School programme, the Forum is designed to encourage young players to prepare for their future tennis careers and to prepare them for some of their many responsibilities as a professional athlete.

The meeting was chaired by Tennis Europe's official representative Wil Hoppenbrouwers, who welcomed the players and introduced the speakers.

Jonathan Jobson of Tennis Europe's Communications Department then opened by providing an overview of the work of the organisation, as well as that of the International Tennis Federation.

Speaking at the event for a second consecutive year, Dr. Marco Tescione then gave a presentation about the importance of nutrition and a healthy lifestyle, and how the dietary choices an athlete makes can have a significant effect on their performance.

The players were then split into two groups in order to explore topics relating to the media with Faye Andrews and Eleanor Preston of the Emilia Group. One group received an introduction to the media and how, as successful athletes, they will increasingly have to interact with the media. Using example of current top players, the interactive session introduced the juniors to some basic practical skills for print, radio and TV interviews.

The other group examined the increasingly important field of social media. Players were given an explanation of the difference between private and



Masters players in a media training session with Eleanor Preston.

public persona, as well as how to best use security settings, and looked at the potential benefits of connecting with fans and sponsors online on sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

The two groups then swapped over, allowing everyone to have a chance to participate without the pressure of having to speak in front of the whole meeting.

Commenting on the event, Eleanor Preston said, "These educational forums are hugely important, because success is never just about what happens on court; it's about getting everything right off court too. We at The Emilia Group always enjoy being part of these forums, and it's great to see the players engaging with the subject matter and getting a better understanding."

The forum was brought to a close with a prize giveaway, with clothes, sports equipment and a Polar computer training watch amongst the gifts snapped up by the elite players in attendance.

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Updates

The first installment of the 2013 Tennis Europe Junior Tour calendar is now [online](#), containing information on all events scheduled between January and April. Also online is the 2013 [Official Championships Calendar](#).

### IPIN renewal

Please note that player IPINs can be renewed for 2013 from November 1st, following the usual procedure. Players will receive an e-mail message about this.

### Next Generation Survey

All Tennis Europe Junior Tour account holders are eligible to participate in the Next Generation Survey. Together with SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC, Tennis Europe wants to know more about the 'Next Generation' of top tennis players.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes of your time. Your opinions will help us to improve the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and to enable manufacturers and rest of the tennis community to better understand your needs, aspirations and ambitions. All those who respond are entered into a special prize draw and could win a €500 tennis development grant, €300 of Amazon vouchers or one of three Polar training computer watches.

Please check your email inbox for the link to complete the survey and note that the deadline to do so is next Friday, October 26th.



## Annie Soisbault

Tennis Europe is greatly saddened to report the death of Annie Soisbault, who passed away on September 18th aged 78.

A seven-time French junior and intermediate champion, Soisbault went on to leave competitive tennis behind her, and became one of the most celebrated rally and race drivers of the 1950s and 1960s.

She continued to be an ambassador for tennis long after her retirement though, and until this year

attended each edition of the Soisbault Cup, the Girls 18 & Under European Summer Cups event that originally took its name from her father Robert, a former French Tennis Federation president who created the tournament in 1965.

Her presence will be greatly missed at all future editions of the Cup, where she always took the time to meet the players and share anecdotes from her inspirational life.

## Physical Conditioning Workshop in Cyprus

Twenty coaches from Cyprus took part in a short course focusing on conditioning for tennis in Nicosia, Cyprus, from September 22-25. The 4-day course was conducted under supervision of Alex Cuellar (ESP).

The Conditioning Workshop was designed for coaches and players, working with advanced junior players (16 & Under). The workshop focused on a wide variety of topics, including; physical conditioning, the development of fundamental physical and perceptivo-motor skills, long-term development and training methodology.

The first day of the workshop focused on basic training principles and long term development, with strength and speed methods of training demonstrated in the conference room before being followed by on court drills. During the second day, participants applied conditioning drills in the training of the most promising 16 & Under players in Cyprus. All of the coaches who took part enjoyed watching the players performing the proposed systems of training and drills.

The following two days covered speed development and coordination improvement. The key topic of the last day was flexibility and the different methods of

injury prevention in tennis. The last part, training periodization was covered in the form of a discussion, during which the coaches discussed different points of views.

On a few occasions during the Course, the participants were able to observe the practice of Marcos Baghdatis, who was practicing with two of the best Cypriot junior players at the National tennis centre. It was unique experience for the candidates who were able to see the physical elements of the training of the pro tennis player, who is a role model for young players in Cyprus.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented, "This event has been greatly beneficial to the coaches in attendance, who have been introduced to advanced concepts in conditioning in both classroom and practical environments. Cyprus is a small country that performs very well in the tennis world, and we look forward to seeing more successful players emerge in the near future. I would like to thank Alex Cuellar for his excellent supervision of the course, Cyprus Tennis Federation President Philios Christodoulou for his attendance, and Nick Papadopoulos of the federation for all his work in organizing the course."



## Level 2 Coaches Course in Moldova

A Level 2 coaches course was held from September 1-12 in Moldova's National Tennis School in Chisinau, under the guidance of international expert Dr. Piotr Unierzyski.

14 coaches wishing to improve their level of qualification were in attendance, from Chisinau and also from other regions of Republic of Moldova. The coaches were selected to participate in the course by the Moldavian Tennis Federation (MTF) according to the conditions provided by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and one of the most important terms was the availability of the Level 1 degree by each candidate.

For the first time the course was organized with the financial and organizational support of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Moldova and Olympic Solidarity program. All the course participants received certificates of attendance from the ITF, certificates of attendance from 'Olympic Solidarity', while only the 11 coaches that successfully passed the exams received Level 2 certificates from the Moldavian Tennis Federation and will be able to claim the national license of a higher category since Level 1 and Level 2 degrees are two of the criteria for the coaches' licenses issued by the MTF in the Republic of Moldova.

Dr. Piotr Unierzyski said: "The course was, in my opinion, the best prepared ever I have participated in my 18 years service as the ITF expert. All details the perfectly organised; from equipment, transportation, meals and coffee breaks to players used for demonstrations. And, what is even more important, all the candidates were working perfectly together, supporting and helping each other despite very huge differences in age and coaching experience. I was very happy to watch the progress of young coaches but also the open minds of older coaches who were quickly adopting modern training methods. Also, Mr Egor Semikin was doing great job assisting me during the whole course, especially during assessments. I believe that it was another good step towards devel-



Course tutor Piotr Unierzyski with the participants and Moldova Tennis Federation President Marina Tauber.

opment of strong coaching structure in Moldova".

The closing ceremony of the course was attended by Olympic Champion Larisa Popova, Member of the Executive Committee of the National Olympic Committee, ITF Expert Piotr Unierzyski, Moldavian Tennis Federation President Marina Tauber, Vice-Presidents Vladimir Garstea and Valeriu Helbet, and Egor Semichin, responsible for coaches education at the Moldavian Federation.

The President of the Moldavian Tennis Federation Marina Tauber commented: "As I see every year, the coaches' interest in further education is growing. Amongst the candidates for the courses and seminars there are many experienced coaches but also increasing numbers of young coaches which are very enthusiastic in their work and very open to new ideas. This is a great motivation for us to continue the development of the coaches educational system in our country and we hope to raise a new generation of coaches who will be able to support the existing coaches and bring about a bright future for Moldovan tennis. Right after the course myself, Mr. Unierzyski and Mr. Semichin, who is responsible for Coaches education within the MTF, met and we have already settled some plans and goals for the next years."



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## European Seniors Club Championships at La Manga

The award winning La Manga Club resort in Murcia, Spain, was the location of the European Seniors Club Championships, which were held over two weeks beginning on September 25th.

This year marked the first that all categories of the competition were held simultaneously at the same venue, a popular move with the players that led to sociable and festive atmosphere and demonstrated the scale of the event, with a total of 89 teams taking part, comprised of well of 400 players.

During the first week the seniors' events (players aged 35-55 and over) were played and saw some familiar names amongst the winners. The Men's 35s event saw Bastion Baselaar of the Netherlands finish as runners-up for a frustrating second consecutive year, beaten this time 3-2 by TC Sissach of Switzerland in a thrilling match tie break.

The other men's seniors' categories were dominated by Italian teams. SC Villa d'Adda defended their Men's 45s crown with a 3-0 win over LTV Leuderspark of the Netherlands. TC Canottieri Mincio kept the Men's 50s title in Italian hands after compatriots ADS Asisca d'Isonzo opted not to defend their 2011 win, edging TC Lugano (SUI) to the title. Finally TC Tosi Alles successfully defended their title with a 3-1 win over TC Plessis Trevisse of France.

On the women's side, TC Eaubonne of France defended their 40s crown with a 2-0 win over LTC Rapid (NED), while ASD Prato (ITA) beat the only side from the host nation to reach a final, RCT-Barcelona 1899, to claim the women's 50s title.

The 'Super Seniors' took centre stage during the second week, with the men's 70s team from CT Palermo in the starring role, securing their sixth successful European title. The team had dominated the 65s event, winning it for the last five years, and made the best possible transition to the new age category, condemning TV Centre Point of Netherlands to a second successive year as finalists.

The men's 60s event went to Badener AC of Austria, who beat AC Sithwalda (NED) in what was a first European Club Championships final appearance for both teams. The Men's 65s event went to DSD Düsseldorf, who won their first title since 2008 with a 5-0 win over Ljan, the first Norwegian team ever to feature in European Club Championships title match.

Last year's women's 60s winners the 45 Club (GBR) fell just short of defending their title, beaten 2-1 in the



Above: Women's 65s winners Lagardere Paris Racing (FRA) and Men's 55 winners TC Tosi Alles (ITA).

final by their compatriots from the Warwick Boat Club. Meanwhile, the formidable team from Lagardere Paris Racing kept alive their five year winning streak. Having won the 60s crown from 2008-2010, they successfully defended the 65s title won last year in Salzburg.

Some of the players at the event were accompanied by their partners, friends and families, with many electing to stay on to enjoy La Manga's world-class facilities after the competition. Following the success of the event, the 2013 competition will also be held at La Manga. Dates will be confirmed in due course.

All the draws from the European Seniors Club Championships, plus photo galleries, can be found [here](#).

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Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Singles, doubles & plate competition (singles only) Optional participants' dinner
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Finals Prize giving & dinner
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## Beyond the Baseline...

**Rafael Nadal** has confirmed that he plans to return to competitive tennis in time for the 2013 Australian Open amid rumours that he is planning to play the South American springtime clay court events in order to avoid overstraining his knee.

**Roger Federer** recently spent his 300th week as world #1.

The draws for this **WTA Tour Championships** in Istanbul are now confirmed, with the eight players coming from eight different countries for the first time in the history of the event. The red group features Victoria Azarenka (BLR), Serena Williams (USA), Angelique Kerber (GER) and Li Na (CHN), while the White Group features Maria Sharapova (RUS), Agnieszka Radwanska (POL), Petra Kvitova (CZE) and Sara Errani (ITA).

**David Ferrer** of Spain has joined Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray in sealing his berth at the ATP World Tour Finals in London from 5-12 November.

**Australian Open** organisers have raised the event's prize money to a record \$31.1 million in 2013 following pressure from players who felt that they were unfairly compensated at Grand Slam events.

A Global **Cardio Tennis** Training Course will be held in London from 26-27 November. For more information, or to register, click [here](#).

The O2 Arena in Prague will be the location of the **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** final between Czech Republic and Spain from November 16-18. The arena will therefore become the first venue to host both the Davis and Fed Cup finals in the same year, with the Fed Cup final between Czech Republic and Serbia taking place from 3-4 November. Tickets for the Fed Cup final sold out in just six hours.

The **ATP World Team Cup** in Düsseldorf is no more. From next year the event, traditionally held the week prior to Roland Garros, will be replaced by an ATP 250 series tournament. Eurosport has signed a deal to be the exclusive European media partner of the event and will broadcast the tournament in its entirety.

Qatar Airways has replaced Commonwealth Bank as the title sponsor of the **WTA Tournament of**

**Champions**, due to be held from October 30-November 4 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The **European Collegiate Tennis Association** League finals will be held in Roehampton, London, from 9-11 November.

**Serena Williams** will play the post-Wimbledon WTA clay court event in Bastad, Sweden, next year for the first time in her career.

The ITF has announced the venues for the 2013 **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** competition's first round ties, due to be played during the weekend of 9-10 February. In the World Group, Czech Republic will host Australia on indoor hard court in Ostrava, Italy will host the USA on indoor clay in Rimini, Russia will host Japan on an indoor hard court in Moscow's Olympic Stadium and Serbia will host Slovakia on indoor hard in Nis. World Group II sees Switzerland host Belgium in Bern (indoor hard), Sweden travel to Buenos Aires to play Argentina (outdoor clay), France hosts Germany in Limoges (indoor clay), and Spain host Ukraine at a venue to be confirmed. During the same week, the Europe/Africa Zone Group 1 ties will be played in Eilat, Israel. Europe/Africa Zone Group II will play in Ulcinj, Montenegro during the week of April 15, and Group III will play during the week of May 6 in Chisinau, Moldova.

**Tommy Haas** of Germany has become just the fourth active ATP player to record 500 match victories, following in the footsteps of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Lleyton Hewitt.

Recently-retired former world #1 **Kim Clijsters** was at the WTA event in Luxembourg last week in a coaching role with friend and Belgian compatriot Kirsten Flipkens, who confirmed that they will work together at some 2013 events.

**Bob and Mike Bryan** have clinched the year-end world #1 ranking for a record eighth time.

Andy Murray, John Isner, Nicolas Pietrangeli, Alejandro Falla and recent retirees Andy Roddick and Juan Carlos Ferrero will take part at the **Miami Tennis Cup** exhibition from November 30-December 2. The event will be played at Crandon Park on a specially-painted white court with red lines.

### FAST FACT

At the 2012 Wimbledon Championships 382 of the 574 competitors in all competitions, two-thirds of the total, were from Europe.

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

Tennis Europe's junior ranking system is 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 professional tournaments, all of which are weighted

according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately containing points earned exclusively at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the rankings system, visit [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

Rankings below are as of October 16th, 2012.

### Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Taylor TOWNSEND</b>	USA	2970
02	▶	<b>Katerina SINIAKOVA</b>	CZE	2268
03	▶	<b>Elizaveta KULICHOVA</b>	RUS	1913
04	▲	<b>Antonia LOTTNER</b>	GER	1816
05	▲	<b>Aliona BOLSOVA</b>	MDA	1690
06	▲	<b>Iryna SHYMANOVICH</b>	BLR	1650
07	NEW	<b>Donna VEKIC</b>	CRO	1610
08	▼	<b>Belinda BENCIC</b>	SUI	1519
09	▼	<b>Ana KONJUH</b>	CRO	1470
10	NEW	<b>Anna BONDAR</b>	HUN	1415



Anna Bondar (HUN)

### Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	2154
02	▶	<b>Elias YMER</b>	SWE	1535
03	▲	<b>Petros CHRYSOCHOS</b>	CYP	1528
04	▲	<b>Filippo BALDI</b>	ITA	1389
05	▼	<b>Lucas MIEDLER</b>	AUT	1362
06	▼	<b>Johan Sebastien TATLOT</b>	FRA	1250
07	▶	<b>Noah RUBIN</b>	USA	1205
08	▲	<b>Dennis USPENSKY</b>	USA	1203
09	▶	<b>Hyeon CHUNG</b>	KOR	1133
10	NEW	<b>Jaume MUNAR CLAR</b>	ESP	1090



Petros Chrysochos (CYP)





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Spain's Eduard Guell Bartrina's strong finish to the season sees him enter the Boys Top Ten for the first time. Guell was a key member of Spain's winning Summer Cups team back in July and has gone from strength to strength ever since, winning singles and doubles at the Category 1 event at Barcelona's Sanchez-Casal Academy last month before going on to take the Junior Masters title in Italy.

Having entered the Girls Top ten last month, Anna Blinkova of Russia is the fastest climber this time,

after winning back to back Category 2 16 & Under events in Cornellá and Torelló and finishing in bronze medal position at the Junior Masters.

Leader of the rankings for much of the season, Olga Fridman (UKR) was forced to withdraw from the Masters with injury, robbing her of a chance to finish the year in the top spot, though Dalma Galfi earned it in style by winning the season-ending event.

Rankings below are as of October 16th, 2012.

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Dalma GALFI</b>	HUN	1000
02	▶	<b>Olga FRIDMAN</b>	UKR	945
03	▶	<b>Anna KALINSKAYA</b>	RUS	835
04	▶	<b>Maia LUMSDEN</b>	GBR	785
05	▲	<b>Viktoria KUZMOVA</b>	SVK	770
06	▼	<b>Aleksandra POSPELOVA</b>	RUS	765
06	▲	<b>Anna BLINKOVA</b>	RUS	765
08	▼	<b>Tereza MIHALIKOVA</b>	SVK	750
09	▼	<b>Andreea Amalia ROSCA</b>	ROU	728
10	▼	<b>Tamara KUPKOVA</b>	SVK	670



Anna Blinkova (RUS)

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Mikael YEMER</b>	SWE	855
02	▶	<b>Marko OSMACIC</b>	SUI	805
03	▶	<b>Jay CLARKE</b>	GBR	750
04	▲	<b>Mate VALKUSZ</b>	HUN	725
05	▼	<b>Samuel SIPPEL</b>	GER	715
06	NEW	<b>Eduard GUELL BARTRINA</b>	ESP	685
07	▼	<b>Denys KLOK</b>	UKR	675
08	▼	<b>Kenneth RAISMA</b>	EST	620
08	▼	<b>Stefanos TSITSIPAS</b>	GRE	620
10	▼	<b>Akos KOTORMAN</b>	HUN	595



Eduard Guell Bartrina (ESP)



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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 10	Kiev (UKR)	M Kvantaliani (UKR)	P Shumeiko (UKR)	64 61	Kravchenko (UKR)/Zgirovsky (BLR)
		D Yastremska (UKR)	K Zavatska (UKR)	76(4) 61	Yastremska/Zavatska (UKR)
Sep 10	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	S Danilov (RUS)	K Golikov (RUS)	61 63	Chermoshentsev/Danilov (RUS)
		A Kulikova (RUS)	A Sukhotina (RUS)	63 62	Horoshevskaya/Kseniya (RUS)
Sep 17	Riga (LAT)	Y Bondarevskiy (RUS)	I Chubko (RUS)	62 63	Chubko (RUS)/Shumeiko (UKR)
		D Vismane (LAT)	S Golubovskaya (RUS)	64 63	Golubovskaya/Tikhonova (RUS)
Sep 24	Logoisk (BLR)	N Vylegzhanin (RUS)	M Borisiouk (BLR)	62 61	Borisiouk/Zgirovsky (BLR)
		S Treshcheva (RUS)	E Grib (BLR)	62 60	Belonog/Treshcheva (RUS)
Sep 24	Kiev (UKR)	T Jhabrailov (RUS)	M Kvantaliani (UKR)	75 76(3)	Malakhov/Parshutin (UKR)
		O Andrieieva (UKR)	M Lyven (UKR)	26 64 76(3)	Epur (RUS)/Mayorova Bakhtina (ESP)

### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 10	Prague (CZE)	3 O Vicenda (CZE)	B Tran (AUS)	62 60	Duda/Nouza (CZE)
		M Vondrousova (CZE)	M Pantuckova (CZE)	64 63	Polanska/Prochazkova (CZE)
Sep 10	Chisinau (MDA)	3 A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	A Nesterov (RUS)	62 61	Braynin (UKR)/Dubrivnyy (RUS)
		A Gasanova (RUS)	S Esterman (RUS)	63 64	Esterman/Gasanova (RUS)
Sep 17	Kiev (UKR)	3 N Katsnelson (UKR)	N Mishin (RUS)	16 63 64	Katsnelson/Nesterenko (UKR)
		E Kazionova (RUS)	Y Aksonova (UKR)	63 61	Orichkevitch/Shakhraychuk (UKR)
Sep 17	Magaluf (ESP)	3 D Shatalin (RUS)	M Tybar (BLR)	62 61	Davidovich/Regalado Pedrol (ESP)
		I Ibbou (ALG)	V Lapko (BLR)	62 06 75	Chemodanova (RUS)/Lapko (BLR)
Sep 24	Umag (CRO)	3 M Fuele (HUN)	M Zeljenka (HUN)	61 26 63	Hruncak/Liska (SVK)
		Z Downik (SLO)	G Craciun (ROU)	62 62	Ilowska (AUT)/Losnacova (SVK)
Oct 1	Junior Masters (ITA)	E E Guell Bartrina (ESP)	M Osmakcic (SUI)	63 61	
		D Galfi (HUN)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	75 26 64	

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep 10	Torelló (ESP)	2 P Martinez (ESP)	B Zapata Miralles (ESP)	61 62	Herrera/Martinez Portero (ESP)
		A Blinkova (RUS)	S Zhuk (RUS)	63 63	Badosa/Serrano Garcia (ESP)
Sep 10	Sintra (POR)	3 T Cacao (POR)	C Reynolds (GBR)	64 62	Caruco (POR)/Prihodko (UKR)
		B Bento (POR)	I Murta (POR)	26 62 62	Bento/Mesquita (POR)
Sep 17	Chisinau (MDA)	3 O Kolisnyk (UKR)	A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	46 63 62	Guskov (RUS)/Vanta (ROU)
		A Gasanova (RUS)	E Buss (RUS)	62 61	Martinov/Medvedcova (MDA)
Sep 17	Porto (POR)	3 O Prihodko (UKR)	T Cacao (POR)	64 46 63	Popyrin (AUS)/Prihodko (UKR)
		M Tavares (POR)	E Antropova (RUS)	60 62	Bento/Mesquita (POR)
Sep 24	Riga (LAT)	2 M Losbergs (LAT)	R Wrzesinski (POL)	62 63	Losbergs (LAT)/Zvikas (LTU)
		V Yushchenko (RUS)	A Shapovalova (RUS)	63 61	Dehterevich (BLR)/Shapovalova (RUS)
Sep 24	Palmanova (ESP)	3 D Uspensky (USA)	D Vukicevic (SRB)	61 64	Guenther (GER)/Shatalin (RUS)
		I Ibbou (ALG)	A Schaffner Riera (ESP)	57 63 63	Comella/Delicado Orihuela (ESP)
Sep 24	Porto (POR)	3 C Reynolds (GBR)	F Cunha Silva (POR)	64 64	Prihodko (UKR)/Reynolds (GBR)
		M Fernandes (POR)	O Basko (RUS)	64 60	Fernandes/Sualehe (POR)
Oct 1	Junior Masters (ITA)	E J Munar Clar (ESP)	D Orlita (CZE)	63 60	
		S Sorribes Tormo (ESP)	I Shymanovich (BLR)	75 62	



Photos, left to right: Ines Ibbou (ALG), girls' singles champion at the 16 & Under Guillermo Vilas Tennis Academy Trophy in Mallorca, Marina Antonova (RUS) and Vera Lapko (BLR), girls' singles final at the Calvia 14 & under event, and Joao Antonio (POR), boys' singles champion at the 14 & Under Benidorm event last month.

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep 10	Getafe (ESP)	\$10,000	A Lobkov (RUS)	O Roca Batalla (ESP)	63 76(2)	Lopez Jaen/Roca Batalla (ESP)
Sep 10	Mulhouse (FRA)	\$15,000+H	M Gicquel (FRA)	G Burquier (FRA)	63 64	Brezac/Penaud (FRA)
Sep 10	Nottingham (GBR)	\$10,000	D Evans (GBR)	R Bloomfield (GBR)	76(4) 76(2)	Corrie/Marsalek (GBR)
Sep 10	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$15,000	N Bailashvili (RUS)	T Androic (CRO)	63 46 76(1)	Manafov (UKR)/Shyla (BLR)
Sep 10	Siena (ITA)	\$10,000	R Bellotti (ITA)	M Crugnola (ITA)	62 ret	Arneodo/Inzerillo (FRA)
Sep 10	Subotica (SRB)	\$10,000	J Kovalik (SVK)	L Djere (SRB)	36 60 63	Kovalik (SVK)/Lucak /CZE
Sep 10	Uppsala (SWE)	\$10,000	H Nys (FRA)	R Olin (SWE)	60 57 63	Sekulic (SWE)/Wedegge (DEN)
Sep 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	T Garanganga (ZIM)	N Moser (AUT)	3-0 ret	Dmitriev (RUS)/Margaroli (SUI)
Sep 17	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+H	M Gicquel (FRA)	S Ehrat (SUI)	62 63	Bossel (SUI)/Obry (FRA)
Sep 17	Biella (ITA)	\$10,000	M Giner (ESP)	D Giorgini (ITA)	63 75	Fioravante (ITA)/Rodriguez (COL)
Sep 17	Espinho (POR)	\$15,000	J Vesely (CZE)	H Laaksonen (FIN)	62 64	Fransen/Koolhof (NED)
Sep 17	Nis (SRB)	\$10,000	M Zekic (SRB)	T Grozdanov (BUL)	57 61 61	Kekez/Mijacevic (CRO)
Sep 17	Danderyd (SWE)	\$10,000	I Arvidsson (SWE)	T Nieminen (FIN)	76(6) 63	Eleskovic/Figueroa (SWE)
Sep 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	T Garanganga (ZIM)	A Plotniy (RUS)	36 62 62	Dmitriev (RUS)/Margaroli (SUI)
Sep 17	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	R Marcora (ITA)	A Artunedo (ESP)	63 76(3)	Arenas Gualda/Pulgar (ESP)
Sep 24	Seville (ESP)	\$10,000	G Granollers Pujol (ESP)	J Kubler (AUS)	60 46 61	Granollers/Samper Montana (ESP)
Sep 24	Sarreguemines (FRA)	\$10,000	T Puetz (GER)	E Rousset (FRA)	75 62	Obry/Penaud (FRA)
Sep 24	Hambach (GER)	\$10,000	N Pauffley (GER)	S Seifert (GER)	64 64	Cacic (SRB)/Sikora (SVK)
Sep 24	Pozzuoli (ITA)	\$10,000	R Bellotti (ITA)	C Rodriguez (COL)	67(8) 61 75	Fioravante/Volante (ITA)
Sep 24	Sokobanja (SRB)	\$10,000	J Kovalik (SVK)	L Pouille (FRA)	63 57 64	Bjelica (SRB)/Setkic (BIH)
Sep 24	Falun (SWE)	\$10,000	D Smethurst (GBR)	J Milton (GBR)	46 60 61	Brunstrom/Eriksson (SWE)
Sep 24	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Pavlasek (CZE)	A Ciumac (MDA)	61 63	Klein/Propoggia (AUS)
Sep 24	Porto (POR)	\$15,000	M Giner (ESP)	H Laaksonen (FIN)	76(6) 62	Domingues/Loureiro (POR)
Oct 1	Sabadell (ESP)	\$10,000	R Carballes (ESP)	G Granollers (ESP)	64 61	Marse Vidri/Trujillo Soler (ESP)
Oct 1	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	N Renavand (FRA)	A Olivetti (FRA)	76(4) 63	Jankovits/Sidorenko (FRA)
Oct 1	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	S Seifert (GER)	S Ehrat (SUI)	63 36 62	Gawron/Panfil (POL)
Oct 1	Jankoping (SWE)	\$10,000	A Vinciguerra (SWE)	E Chvojka (CAN)	64 76(3)	Bergevi/Simonsson (SWE)
Oct 1	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	S Bohli (SUI)	B Klein (AUS)	76(3) 76(4)	Dubarenco (MDA)/Klein (AUS)
Oct 8	Solin (CRO)	\$10,000	A Martin (SVK)	J Pospisil (CZE)	62 62	Delic/Draganja (CRO)
Oct 8	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	D Guez (FRA)	M Lammer (SUI)	76(3) 67(6) 61	Benneteau/Renavand (FRA)
Oct 8	Essen (GER)	\$10,000	J Struff (GER)	B Knittel (GER)	63 62	Frantzen (NED)/Ward (GBR)
Oct 8	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Basic (BIH)	M Gombos (SVK)	64 64	Majsajdr/Vaculik (CZE)

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep 10	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	M Partaud (FRA)	T Bua (ARG)	64 64	Bua (ARG)/Cavalle Reimers (ESP)
Sep 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	G Paznikhirenko (UKR)	A Bogdan (ROU)	26 75 64	Bogoliy/zakarlyuk (UKR)
Sep 10	Sofia (BUL)	\$25,000	C Mitu (ROU)	S Fichman (CAN)	63 46 62	Piter/Sobaszkievicz (POL)
Sep 10	Mont-de-Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	T Bacsinszky (SUI)	T Pereira (BRA)	62 36 62	Bacsinszky (SUI)/Buzarensu (ROU)
Sep 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Mestach (BEL)	Y Koshino (JPN)	63 62	Koshino/Tsuji (JPN)
Sep 17	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	T Bua (ARG)	A Carreras (GBR)	63 75	Bua (ARG)/Cervera Vazquez (ESP)
Sep 17	Batumi (GEO)	\$15,000	A Amiraghyan (ARM)	A Shkudun (UKR)	61 63	Kalabina/Pashkova (RUS)
Sep 17	Dobrich (BUL)	\$25,000	A Schaefer (GER)	A van der Meet (NED)	62 62	Piter/Sobaszkievicz (POL)
Sep 17	Yoshkar Ola (RUS)	\$25,000	M Gasparyan (RUS)	N Kichenok (UKR)	75 76(3)	Gasparyan (RUS)/Kapshay (UKR)
Sep 17	Saint Malo (FRA)	\$25,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	E Cabeza Candela (ESP)	62 67(5) 60	Ozgen (TUR)/Sotnikova (UKR)
Sep 17	Podgorica (MNE)	\$50,000	R Voracova (CZE)	M Camerin (ITA)	36 62 60	Clerico (ITA)/Zaja (GER)
Sep 17	Shrewsbury (GBR)	\$75,000	A Beck (GER)	S Voegelé (SUI)	62 64	Dolonc (SRB)/Voegelé (SUI)
Sep 24	Prague (CZE)	\$10,000	M Linette (POL)	Z Luknarova (SVK)	62 76(7)	Brown (GBR)/Moratelli (ITA)
Sep 24	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	Z Zulabska (CZE)	75 75	Laurendon (FRA)/Vankova (CZE)
Sep 24	Varna (BUL)	\$10,000	V Tomova (BUL)	A Vasylyeva (UKR)	61 64	Boev (BEL)/Vasylyeva (UKR)
Sep 24	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	A Naydenova (BUL)	J Suvrijn (FRA)	60 64	Ejdesgaard (DEN)/Naydenova (BUL)
Sep 24	Clermont (FRA)	\$25,000	S Voegelé (SUI)	T Malek (GER)	64 61	Marcinkevica (LAT)/Schoofs (NED)
Sep 24	Telavi (GEO)	\$50,000	E Svitolina (UKR)	L Tsurenko (UKR)	61 62	Jani (HUN)/Shakovets (GER)
Oct 1	Solin (CRO)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	B Pera (CRO)	57 62 75	Jurikova/Skamlova (SVK)
Oct 1	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	K Vankova (CZE)	E Ianchuk (UKR)	46 64 60	Ianchuk (UKR)/Pirazhenka (BLR)
Oct 1	Kalamata (GRE)	\$10,000	L Michel (SUI)	K von Deichmann (LIE)	76(4) 06 60	Huynh Phuong Dai (VIE)/Shlomo (ISR)
Oct 8	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	V Kan (RUS)	D Pfizenmaier (GER)	46 64 5-2 ret	Krejciikova/Malikova (CZE)
Oct 8	Horb (GER)	\$10,000	L Siegemund (GER)	G Sanesi (ITA)	63 60	Hayman (NZL)/Schoelink (NED)
Oct 8	Mytilini (GRE)	\$10,000	D Vogasari (GRE)	S Zagorska (POL)	61 26 64	Arcangioli/Sarrazin (FRA)
Oct 8	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	L Hofmann (AUT)	62 63	Laurendon (FRA)/Vankova (CZE)
Oct 8	Sant Cugat (ESP)	\$25,000	M Torro-Flor (ESP)	E Cabeza Candela (ESP)	61 64	Costas/Parra Santonja (ESP)
Oct 8	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	M Puig (PUR)	M Koehler (POR)	36 64 61	Beltrame/Coin (FRA)

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## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

There are very few changes to the European rankings this month, with the top nine players in both the men's and women's lists remaining static from last month. Nadia Petrova is the lone new entry to the women's Top Ten, reclaiming her spot following her biggest result for several years, victory at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo, where she beat three consecutive players from the world's Top Ten (Errani, Stosur and Radwanska) to lift the title.

Similarly, Richard Gasquet of France re-enters the men's Top Ten following his first tournament win of

the year in Bangkok three weeks ago.

The battle for the year-end #1 spot is well and truly on, with Maria Sharapova needing a poor performance from Victoria Azarenka at the WTA Championships to have any chance of usurping her rival, while Novak Djokovic has a better chance of overhauling Roger Federer, with the Swiss under pressure to defend many points from his phenomenal end to the 2011 season.

Rankings as of 15th October 2012.

### European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Victoria AZARENKA</b>	BLR	10955
02	▶	<b>Maria SHARAPOVA</b>	RUS	9135
03	▶	<b>Agnieszka RADWANKSA</b>	POL	7265
04	▶	<b>Petra KVITOVA</b>	CZE	6515
05	▶	<b>Angelique KERBER</b>	GER	5470
06	▶	<b>Sara ERRANI</b>	ITA	4855
07	▶	<b>Marion BARTOLI</b>	FRA	3850
08	▶	<b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	3585
09	▶	<b>Ana IVANOVIC</b>	SRB	3075
10	NEW	<b>Nadia PETROVA</b>	RUS	2845

### European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	12165
02	▶	<b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	11970
03	▶	<b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	7690
04	▶	<b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	6995
05	▶	<b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	5360
06	▶	<b>Tomas BERDYCH</b>	CZE	4840
07	▶	<b>Jo-Wilfried TSONGA</b>	FRA	4810
08	▶	<b>Janko TIPSAREVIC</b>	SRB	3265
09	▶	<b>Nicolas ALMAGRO</b>	ESP	2435
10	NEW	<b>Richard GASQUET</b>	FRA	2415



Maria Sharapova (RUS)



Richard Gasquet (FRA)



Nadia Petrova (RUS)



## Notes and news from Tennis Europe

### Notes from National Associations

Mr. Spyros Zannias has been re-elected as President of the Hellenic Tennis Federation.

Mr. Mario Molias has been elected as the new President of the Andorran Tennis Federation.

### Tennis Europe Coaches Conference

The 2012 Tennis Europe Coaches Conference will be hosted by the Finnish Tennis Association in Helsinki from Wednesday 24th - Sunday 28th October.

### European Racquet Stringers' Association

The latest issue of ERSA's Racquet Tech magazine has just been published and is available online [here](#).

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### Djokovic beats Murray in HEAD to HEAD final

Novak Djokovic defeated fellow HEAD racquet rebel Andy Murray 5-7, 7-6(11), 6-3 to win the Shanghai Rolex ATP Masters 1000 after saving five match points in the thrilling struggle lasting three and a half hours.

The title was the 33rd in Djokovic's career, who has won five trophies this season with his YouTek IG Speed MP 18/20 and is moving closer to possibly ending the season on the ATP No. 1 ranking. Djokovic became the third man to play finals in all nine Masters 1000 events, winning titles in seven of them. [Read more.](#)



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