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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year

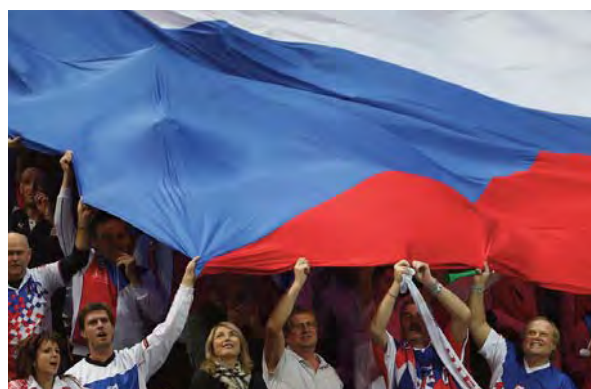
Tennis Europe has revealed the winners of the 2012 Junior Tour Players of the Year titles. See Page 4.



## Czech Republic celebrates Davis and Fed Cup wins

The Czech Republic is celebrating becoming the first European nation ever to win both of the world's team championship titles in the same season.

The national teams first won the Fed Cup and then followed up with the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas title in front of ecstatic sold-out home crowds at Prague's O2 Arena over two weekends in November. Turn to Page 3 for the full story.



## Tennis Europe Coaches Conference powered by Polar



Delegates at the 31st Tennis Europe Coaches Conference in Helsinki. Full report on Page 2.

## Tennis Europe Coaches Conference powered by Polar

The 2012 Tennis Europe Coaches Conference powered by Polar was hosted by the Finnish Tennis Association in Helsinki from 24-28 October.

First held in 1976, the conference is designed to provide an opportunity for those in charge of coaches' education at national tennis federations to meet to discuss contemporary issues facing coaches and to hear about the latest research and developments in the field.

The overall theme of this year's conferences was "Modern approaches to the development of performance players" and the three-day meeting saw a mixture of on-court and regular presentations.

Day 1 focused on teaching methodologies, looking in particular at motor learning and skill acquisition. The second day had a biomechanical slant, looking at conditioning for tennis, while a packed final day was centred on the never ending challenge of developing advanced juniors. Each day concluded with group discussions and a debate with a panel consisting of the speakers from that session.

In total, 115 delegates from 34 European countries were in attendance including some 20 from the host nation and a strong contingent from neighbouring Scandinavian countries. The event was held at Finnish capital's Tali Tennis Centre, one of Europe's biggest indoor facilities and venue for the recent joint ATP Challenger/ITF Women's Circuit event.

Following the conclusion of the regular conference, a special one-day tactical seminar was held for coaches from the host nation as well as 12 nations participating in the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme. Made possible by a grant from Olympic Solidarity, the workshop looked at topics including drills for tactical training, tactics for specific opponents and the development of 'smart' tennis players.

A highlight of the official dinner saw Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää present a special award to Doug MacCurdy for his contribution to the event as well as his decades of work for the development of the sport. See page 9 for an interview with Mr. MacCurdy.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented, "We are very pleased with the outcome of the event, particularly that we had representatives from so many of our member nations in attendance. I'd like to thank the Finnish Tennis Association and in particular Teemu Purho and Pekka Kainulainen for the flawless organisation and social programme. I'd also especially like to thank



From top: Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää and Finnish Tennis Association President Matti Virtanen, Keith Reynolds works with a group of Finnish Under 16s during an on-court presentation.

Olympic Solidarity for supporting the event, and enabling us to invite coaches from developing countries to attend Sunday's extra workshop. The delegates were very enthusiastic as always, and extremely grateful for the possibility to attend."

Many of the presentations were recorded for the iCoach platform, and will be available to view on the site in the near future.

The biannual Tennis Europe Coaches Conference will return in 2014, with dates and the venue for next year's Tennis Europe Specific Theme Conference due to be confirmed soon.



## Czech Republic celebrates Davis & Fed Cup sweep

The Czech Republic has scored a remarkable double to win both the Davis and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas competitions in the same year.

The 100th Davis Cup final began with a routine straight sets victory for David Ferrer who assumed the role of Spanish #1 in the absence of Rafael Nadal to give the visitors an early lead. Czech #1 Tomas Berdych then levelled the match after an exhausting five set win over Nicolas Almagro.

Saturday's doubles tie proved to be pivotal. Czech captain Jaroslav Navratil switched the expected team of Lukas Rosol & Ivo Mlner for the more experienced partnership of Berdych & Stepanek. They had a tough task against Marcel Granollers & Marc López, who arrived in Prague hot on the heels of biggest win of their careers, having taken the ATP World Tour Finals doubles crown in London a few days earlier. The Spaniards began brightly, taking the first set 6-3, but the Czech pair improved as the match progressed, increasingly winning the important points to secure the next two set 7-5, 7-5. By the fourth set the Spanish pair was visibly deflated and the hosts snatched a 2-1 lead to the rapture of the partisan crowd.

On the final day, David Ferrer was once again in steam-roller mode, ending Berdych's unbeaten 10-match win streak in Davis Cup matches in 2012 with a 6-2 6-3 7-5 win that was never really in doubt. Ferrer's victory set up a nailbiting final rubber for Almagro and Stepanek, both desperate to seal the title for their nations. The Czech #1 started stronger, taking the first set 6-4 and dominating a second set tie break to secure a two set lead without the loss of a point in the breaker. Almagro had looked demoralised after the second set, but came back strongly to take the fourth set 6-3, raising the prospect of a memorable comeback. But it was to be Stepanek's day; having begun the year by winning his first Grand Slam title to take the doubles in Australia with Leander Paes, he ended it with a win he that he said he had dreamed of all his life. At 33 years old, he became the first player over 30 years of age ever to win a decisive rubber in a Davis Cup final.

Two weeks earlier the Czechs had dominated the Fed Cup final against Serbia, with Lucie Safarova taking on the starring role as she won her matches against Ana Ivanovic and Jelena Jankovic for the loss of just 9 games in total. Last year's Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova also beat Jankovic but showed that she has still not fully recovered from her recent illness as the Serbs saw hopes of a comeback after a 6-3 7-5 win for Ivanovic.

The 3-1 win meant that the doubles tie (featuring Olympic silver medallists Andrea Hlavackova & Lucie Hradecka against Bojana Jovanovski & Alexandra



Krunic) was not played, but the fans in attendance at the O2 Arena did not mind as a party atmosphere descended as 14,000 people celebrated the successful defence of their title, and a first ever home win for country from seven titles overall (including five as part of Czechoslovakia).

Two legends of the game were also present at the finals of the events; Jana Novotna received the Fed Cup Award of Excellence for her dedication to the competition throughout her long career, while Ivan Lendl was honoured with Davis Cup's equivalent. A member of the win team when Czechoslovakia won its sole Davis Cup title in 1980, Lendl went on to win eight Grand Slams and spend 270 weeks as world #1.

While several other nations have won the Davis and Fed Cup double in the same year, the feat has not been achieved since 1990, when the USA did it for the seventh time. The Czech Republic stands alone in having also won the Hopman Cup at the start of the season, the first nation ever to win all three international team competitions in the same year.

Both teams face tough openers when they begin the task of defending their titles next season. The Davis Cup squad will travel to Switzerland from 1-3 February, while the Fed Cup team will host Australia the following weekend.

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



The Player of the Year powered by Polar award is given to three best-performing European players in the 14 and 16 & Under age categories of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour according to the final Race to Junior Masters ranking of the season. The #1 player in each group receives a state of the art [Polar RS800 CX](#) computerised training wrist watch, and all winners receive a diploma.

Over the years, the award has proven to be a reliable indicator of future success, with former recipients including many of today's top players, including stars such as Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Marin Cilic, Gael Monfils, Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin.

### Boys 16 & Under

#### 1. Petros Chrysochos (CYP)

Having finished second in 2011, Petros Chrysochos joins a small band of players to have won the Player of the Year title twice. 2012 was the most successful year yet for the Cypriot, who spent the entire season ranked in the Top Ten, winning three singles and four doubles titles as well as claiming the bronze medal at the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

#### 2. Jaume Antoni Munar Clar (ESP)

Munar played his first Tennis Europe Junior Tour event of 2012 as late as June, but went on to rack up a series of impressive wins, ending the season with a 24-3 win/loss record that saw him capture titles in Aviles and the Category 1 event in Barcelona before going on to dominate at the Junior Masters, a run which saw his ranking rise by over 470 places.

#### 3. Daniel Orlita (CZE)

An incredibly consistent performer, Orlita lost before the quarter finals just once in ten tournaments, and reached the finals of seven events, collecting three singles and one doubles title and increasing his overall ranking by 300 spots during the season.

### Girls 16 & Under

#### 1. Iryna Shymanovich (BLR)

A second consecutive season as a Player of the Year is Shymanovich's reward for a strong showing throughout the summer, during which time she collected back-to-back singles and doubles title at events in Milan and Crema, before going to add a second Category 1 title in Barcelona and reach the final of the Junior Masters.



Above: 16 & Under Players of the Year Petros Chrysochos (CYP) and Iryna Shymanovich (BLR).

#### 2. Aliona Bolsova (MDA)

The first player from Moldova to receive a Player of the Year title, Bolsova recorded a string of successes throughout the season, starting with singles and doubles victory at Chambon-sur-Lignon in February and going on to reach another 4 singles and 4 doubles finals, winning the Category 1 Montecatini singles title and three other doubles events.

#### 3. Anna Bondar (HUN)

Bondar lost just four times in 2012, establishing one of the Tour's longest win streaks as she won 21 singles matches to win titles in Budapest, Novi Sad and Milovice before finishing as runner-up in Milano. She also won two doubles titles and claimed the bronze medal at the Tennis Europe Junior Masters.

### Boys 14 & Under

#### 1. Mikael Yemer (SWE)

Surprisingly, Yemer becomes the first ever Swedish recipient of a Player of the Year title, capping a year in which he followed several of his legendary compatriots (including Stefan Edberg, Mats Wilander and Robin Söderling) in winning the Tour's biggest prize,

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

the European Junior Championships. Yemer also won three other titles, and has been ranked within the Top 5 since May after beginning the year outside the Top 100.

### 2. Mate Valkusz (HUN)

Valkusz performed well in all of the biggest events on the Tour, winning bronze medals at the European Championships and Junior Masters, as well as becoming the first Hungarian boy in over 20 years to win the European Doubles title (with Akos Kotormán). Throughout the year he won a total of five doubles and two singles titles and was ranked in the Top 20 all season.

### 3. Eduard Güell Bartrina (ESP)

One of three Spanish Junior Masters champions this year, Güell saved his best tennis for the tail end of the season, leading his team to the Summer Cups title before going on to win singles and doubles at the Category 1 Barcelona event and dominating the Junior Masters. As the season drew to an end, he reached his first 16 & Under final at Sanxenxo, where he also won the doubles title.

### Girls 14 & Under

#### 1. Dalma Galfi (HUN)

With just five losses in 44 matches, Galfi had an outstanding year, making at least the final in eight consecutive tournaments, winning 6 singles titles (including two at 16 & Under level) and 3 doubles, and ending the season in style with a win at the Junior Masters.

#### 2. Olga Fridman (UKR)

Having spent much of the season at the top of the rankings, she was forced to withdraw from the Junior Masters, later returning to #1 after winning her first 16 & Under title in Biel. Prior to that she had dominated the 14 & Under circuit, winning Category 1 titles in Stockholm, St. Genevieve des Bois and Paris, and becoming the first Ukrainian girl to claim the European 14 & Under Championship title.



Above: 14 & Under Players of the Year Mikael Yemer (SWE) and Dalma Galfi (HUN).

#### 3. Viktoria Kuzmova (SVK)

Kuzmova started the season by reaching the final of her first five tournaments, winning titles at two events in Milovice, a Category 2 event in Trnava, and leading her team to the finals of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD. After reaching the top of the rankings in February and March, she played more sporadically, winning a first 16 & Under title in Zabrze and claiming the European 14 & Under Doubles title with Tereza Mihalikova in July.

## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Update

A reminder that 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](#).

### Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD

Dates, venues and qualifying group information for the second edition of the 12 & Under Winter Cups compe-

tition are already online, with qualifying rounds due to begin during the weekend of 25-27 January. Full information on the 14 and 16 & Under categories will be published in the coming days.

### IPIN Renewal

Players can already renew their IPINs for the 2013 season. Simply log into your IPIN account and follow the renewal instructions.



## Technical Workshop in FYR Macedonia

After the successful launch of the 10 & Under program in FYR Macedonia in 2007 and numerous events organized in the subsequent period, a follow up technical workshop was recently organized in order to bring the newest ideas related to working with players aged 12 & Under.

The event was organized at TC Jug in Skopje from 13 - 16 September and was financially supported by the International Tennis Federation, Tennis Europe and Macedonian Tennis Federation. The seminar topic was "Long Term Development of 6 - 12-year old Players" and was led by the ITF expert Ales Filipcic of Slovenia.

The workshop consisted of both theoretical and practical presentations and was attended by 35 enthusiastic coaches who followed the presentations with interest and were inspired for their future work by the new methodologies that were explained.

The president of the Macedonian Tennis Federation's Coaches Committee, Goran Shevchenko commented; "This event was very important for Macedonian tennis. In the past years the majority of coaches' education events were organized for children using red and orange courts, and we felt that our coaches were missing the knowledge for green court players and also about the transition of players from green to regular courts. We believe that continuous coaches education is one of the key factors in producing the high level of players, so the MTF will continue with this long-term goal."

ITF expert Ales Filipcic added; "More than 30 tennis coaches worked very hard during this Tennis 10s



Coaches Course. Over four days we presented basic theoretical information about game-based approaches and general ideas on how to integrate tactical and technical development in the 10 & Under category. The course was practically oriented and all relevant topics were presented on court with young tennis players. I think the course succeeded in its aims of preparing coaches to help beginners and young intermediate players to progress faster and have fun using various tournament formats."

## Tennis iCoach

Tennis iCoach is the official coaching platform from the ITF. It is the world's premier coach education resource offering both practical information and tennis specific sport science content on technique, tactics, biomechanics, psychology, sports medicine and coaching methodology.

Tennis iCoach provides exclusive access to videos from ITF Worldwide and Regional Coaches Conferences where members can learn about cutting edge developments in the game from the world's top coaches and coach education experts.

Members can also access hours of exclusive video and over 1,300 sequence photos featuring the best

male and female players from multiple angles and scenarios. Tennis iCoach also offers biomechanical analysis of player strokes, e-learnings and a wide range of informative sport science articles applied to tennis.

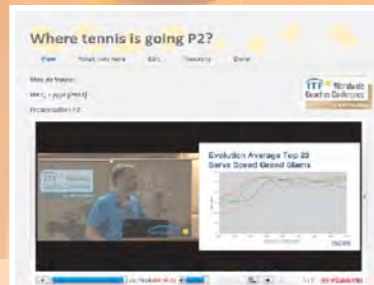
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## 2013 Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference

Join Tennis Australia in Melbourne for the sixth annual Australian Grand Slam Coaches Conference. We welcome coaches of all levels to register for the conference, visit the Australian Open and see what Melbourne in the summertime has to offer!

The conference will provide delegates with the latest in training techniques, programs, and management tips allowing delegates to explore the theme - 'Developing Expertise' and stay ahead of the game.

Sessions will be led by high profile speakers and consist of on court demonstrations, off court presentations and practical workshops. This conference is a must attend industry event and provides access to the latest information in an unrivalled learning environment with abundant networking opportunities.

Speakers to date include Sharon Hannan (Coach of Sally Pearson, 2012 Olympic Gold Medallist), Beni Linder (Strength and Conditioning coach of several ATP Top 200 and WTA Top 100 players) and Toni Nadal (Coach and Uncle of Rafael Nadal).

The Registration package includes registration to all sessions and workshops from 10-13 January 2013, morning tea and lunch catering for the full event, BBQ reception on first evening and conference dinner and drinks at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on the final evening.

Also included are official Australian Open accreditation: ground pass access 14-16 January 2013 (value \$102) and free tram travel on the Melbourne Tram Network for the duration of pass, a gift pack including Official Australian Open Player Towel and access to presentation notes.

For the full list of speakers and for more information please visit [www.tennis.com.au/coachesconference](http://www.tennis.com.au/coachesconference) or email [coachesconference@tennis.com.au](mailto:coachesconference@tennis.com.au)

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## In the Spotlight: Doug MacCurdy

At the recent Coaches Conference in Helsinki, keynote speaker Doug MacCurdy was presented with the European Coaches Symposium Award in recognition of his contributions to the event over the last three decades. Having spent 15 years as the ITF's Director of Development and with many years in the field in all continents, we caught up with him to discuss his work and some current global development issues.

### **How did the ITF Development Programme come to be established, and how did you get involved?**

A big turning point for the ITF came in 1980, which I think was the first year that there had been an international sponsor of the Davis Cup. Prior to that, the ITF had been dependent on the membership dues of its nations, so there was very little money to do anything, including you could say servicing its own less-developed members. When some of the founders of the European Tennis Association [Tennis Europe] came in, like Phillipe Chatrier and Paolo Angeli, they were able to secure sponsorship of the Davis Cup, which transformed the ITF from almost a 100% volunteer organisation with no financial base, into an organisation with a valuable property.

I remember at one Annual General Meeting, people were discussing the ideal height of the roof for indoor Davis Cup ties, and an African delegate stood up and said, "Well that's fine, but we need some balls and racquets, and maybe a little instruction." This registered in Chatrier's mind, and so around 1978, and with very little budget, the ITF started to initiate some programs, particularly in Africa, and the activities snowballed from there. I was personally invited to conduct a lot of these overseas coaching assignments and then in 1984 the decision was taken to professionalise the staff of the ITF, which was when Mr. Chatrier invited me to become the first Director of Development.

### **Were you already attending the European Coaches Symposium at that time?**

Occasionally yes. From around 1978 until I came to London [to work at the ITF] I was working on specific projects for the ITF for around 4 months a year, so I met the people involved in the European Coaches Symposium at ITF meetings and we became great friends. From around that time I started to periodically attend the European workshops whenever I could. In 1982 I was still living in the US and was working as a consultant to the USTA and also doing things internationally with the ITF and it occurred to me that a worldwide coaches workshop similar to



Doug MacCurdy at the recent Tennis Europe Coaches Conference in Helsinki.

the European gathering would be a good idea.

### **How do you feel about being given the European Coaches Symposium award?**

Well, when I was working in development, many of the people involved were Europeans. I always felt very comfortable travelling in Europe, built up a lot of good friendships and so obviously it was a super honour when I left the ITF in 1998 that I received the ETA Award. Nice things were said about me being "an American who understood Europe" [laughs]. This came out of the blue, and I am delighted that whoever decided this thinks that I have made some valuable contributions to this particular meeting. Personally, I don't think that [my contributions] were all that extensive but partly through the association with the ITF and partly through being here but I do feel like I'm part of the network of European coaches, and that's very nice.

### **How valuable do you think the Coaches Conference is? How does it compare to equivalents in the other regional associations?**

It's extremely valuable, but difficult to compare directly. In Asia for example, we do regional workshops, and we organise ITF Level 1 and Level 2 courses, and are starting to do more Level 3s in Asia, but it's a little more complicated than in Europe. For example, if you're Indonesian, or from Pakistan, or Japanese, those are three totally different languages, and there are vast distances involved, so the coordination is also a lot more challenging than it is in Europe, where – yes there are language challenges, but at least everybody is close together geographically. >>

## In the Spotlight: Doug MacCurdy

**You've worked all over the world, with several years of experience in almost all of the continents. What do you see as the main differences between the world's regions?**

Well, the other night I was talking about how when open tennis began in 1968, the state of the game was such that it was pretty well dominated by American and Australian players, who accounted for something like 50% of the Top 100 men and 70% of Top 100 women. So I think that the Europeans were very clever to form Tennis Europe, to get together and say, "How do we counter this avalanche from the rest of the world?" They started to cooperate more and more, sharing best practices at things like the European Coaches Symposium and Top Executives Meeting, coordinating their circuits, and all of a sudden the competitive structure is not even close to being matched anywhere else in the world. A great example is that if you are a good player coming from a country like Croatia, you can conceivably get into the top 150 in the world without having to travel more than 6 hours by car. That does not happen in North or South America, or Africa or Asia, where the distances are vast. If you couple that with very high standards of coaching, then it's very difficult for the world to catch up.

**When you were first director of development, in the mid-1980s, the Soviet Union was still intact, and there were a lot fewer countries than there are now. What has been the main impact in terms of coordinating development?**

I find the whole nature of this change very interesting. All of a sudden there were 20 or so new nations joining Tennis Europe. I have visited almost all of them, from the Baltic countries to the Balkans, Ukraine to Kazakhstan, and it's fascinating because they had pretty much all followed the Soviet system of development. In fact the emergence of these countries has given us many more players, and many more opportunities to compete because in the case of the Soviet Union, if you made the national team - which consisted of maybe 4 men and 4 women - you would have had a nice schedule to play and possibilities to travel, but there were so many forgotten players underneath who never had those opportunities. So it has created many more chances for players to be in the game to some extent. Obviously they have excelled at it.

**What are your projects at the moment?**

For the last 6 years or so I have been involved in three long-term projects in conjunction with the ITF

and Olympic Solidarity and the national associations in China, India and Thailand. My main role right now is as Player Development Director for South Korea. The task in Korea is a Korean Tennis Association initiative but I am still doing some projects for the ITF. I spend around half of the year in Korea, and am also able to monitor it from home in the States. We have essentially created a National Training Centre and now are trying to develop the system in order to see a few more world class players emerge, that's the goal.

**Do cultural differences in Asia present a challenge for the role of a coach used to working in Europe and the States?**

Not so much, but it's good to be aware of them. In Asian countries that I've visited it seems that the methods of education are based more on repetition and memorising, and probably a little bit less in the area of guided discovery, so the style of coaching has traditionally been very authoritarian and teachers are held in high regard. They might say, "Hit five forehands, and hit them like this", but the player would not decide which forehand should be used, or how many to practice. Tennis is an open-skilled sport in which you have to make thousands of decisions and so what we are trying to encourage is coaching that involves decision making in the mind, not just repetition of the stroke, because it's not enough for tennis. Slowly but surely those changes are starting to occur in tennis coaching.



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## Centenary Tennis Clubs Association round-up

The Centenary Tennis Clubs Association (CTC) continues to expand, and has recently concluded a busy summer of tournament activities and special events across Europe and beyond.

A highlight of the season was the centenary celebrations of Garden Tennis Royan in France. The club went to great lengths to make its 100th birthday a memorable event and marked the centenary by travelling back in time to theme the day with dress and memorabilia from 1912. Special guests CTC President Juan Maria Tintoré and All-England Club representative Julian Tatum and their partners were brought to the club in vintage convertible cars from the era, while a special tennis exhibition was played with participants fully dressed in all-white and using wooden racquets and the white tennis balls of the time.

### Senior Competitions

Four senior events were held for mixed teams, kicking off with a three-team meeting at Carrickmines LTC in Ireland, where TC Padova, led by former ATP Top 30 player Omar Camporese, reversed an opening day defeat to beat the host club for the crown, having also earlier beaten RCT Barcelona-1899.

Three further meetings were held in September, beginning with a popular event at ICLTK Praha that attracted 34 players and guests from clubs in Switzerland, France and Spain, including a host of former Top 100 players. The host club eased to victory, beating TC Geneve 5-1 in the final. The Czech President (also President of the club) Mr. Vaclav Klaus was in attendance for the opening evening, while 1973 Wimbledon champion Jan Kodes was amongst the guests at the presentation ceremony.

Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in Dublin hosted the next event over two days during the weekend of 21-22 September. The club is one of the oldest in the world, dating back to 1877, and welcomed guests from Stockholm's Kungliga LTC and Leimonias in Belgium as well as submitting two teams from their ample line-up of players. The final victory went to the Swedish club, winning by 6 matches to 3.

Athens Lawn Tennis Club hosted another event during the same weekend, welcoming teams from TC Parioli in Italy and Austria's Wiener Park Club. The host club's A-Team reached the final but succumbed to a strong team from Rome's TC Parioli, who once again were able to count upon the skills of former WTA Top 10 player Sandrine Testud.

Winchester TSC organised the second edition of the special one-day event for clubs from Great Britain



Above, from top; Centenary celebrations at Garden Tennis Royan, Prague senior competition winners ICLTK.

and Ireland. Three English clubs took part as well as a joint team of two Irish clubs and events were held over four different categories, with Roehampton proclaimed as the overall winners based on finishing positions across all the events.

Once again the appeal of the CTC competitions reached beyond Europe. The Wanderers Tennis Club in South Africa hosted the second SA Zone Social Championships for seniors, a competitive event that was won by Bedfordview Country Club for a second consecutive year.

### Junior Competitions

Four junior friendly competitions were held during the summer, kicking off with the 12 & Under Carrickmines Cup in Ireland at the end of August. Six teams were in attendance for the event, which was won by the ICLTK Praha.

The Czech club in turn organised the 14 & Under ICLTK Praha Cup, which took place at the end of October and saw another six teams in action. Sweden's Kungliga beat Carrickmines LTC 5-1 in the final to claim their second CTC Competitions title of 2012 overall.

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## Centenary Tennis Clubs Association round-up

<< 14 & Under teams from both ICLTK and Carrickmines also attended a friendly event at RCT Barcelona in early September, where the club from Prague was proclaimed as champion of the inaugural competition after three days of matches.

Kungliga LTK in Stockholm hosted this year's 16 & Under Fitzwilliam Cup, welcoming a team from Ireland's Fitzwilliam Club. With two other teams forced to withdraw at short notice, the event gave the players plenty of match practice, with the host club eventually prevailing 11-6 in an expanded format over two days. The visiting players were thrilled to rub shoulders with Grand Slam champions such as Robin Söderling (pictured), Jonas Björkman and Thomas Johansson, all of whom play at the host club.

In addition to the competitions, a special junior exchange was organised between the RCT Barcelona and Carrickmines LTC. Around a dozen players from each club spent two weeks with local families, training and playing matches as well as improving their language skills. The event was a great success, and included a comprehensive tennis and social program that was put together by both clubs to ensure that the young players enjoyed a month of cultural and tennis activities, with many new friendships forged.

Affiliated to Tennis Europe, and recognised by the International Tennis Federation, the Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs was founded in 1996 by



Robin Söderling meets players from Ireland's Fitzwilliam Club.

eight European clubs who shared the aim of creating an international organisation to support the traditions of the sport.

Each of the founder clubs counted on over a hundred years of history, with significant tennis and sporting traditions, as well as an important social role in their communities. Member clubs include some of the most recognisable clubs in the world, including Queen's Club (GBR), Kooyong (AUS) and Westside Club (USA).

The organisation is now comprised of well over 50 clubs from five continents and in 2010 unveiled a three-year partnership with EFG International private bank. For further information about the CTC, visit [www.centenarytennisclubs.com](http://www.centenarytennisclubs.com).



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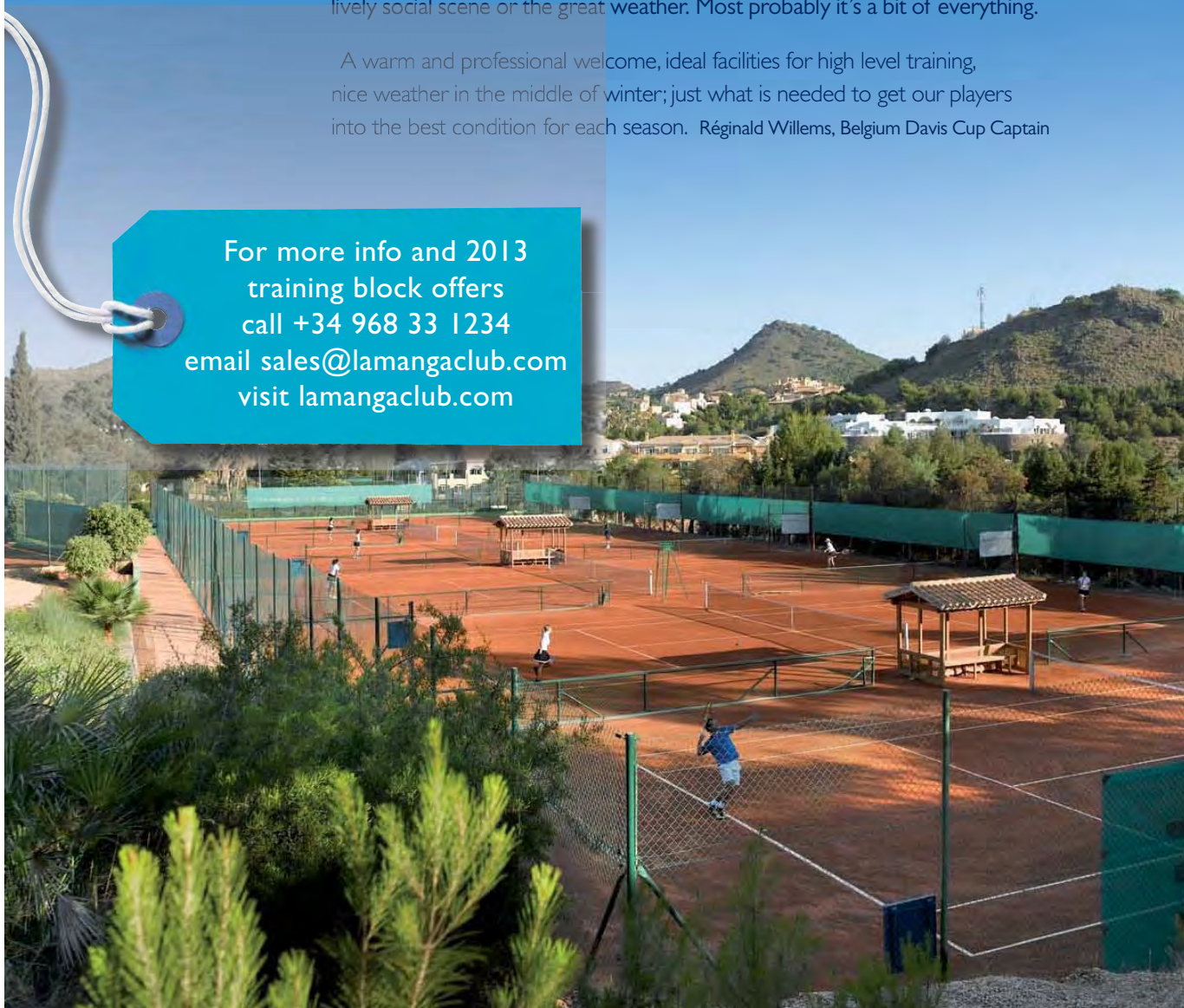
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## Beyond the Baseline...

The International Tennis Federation has launched **World Tennis Day**, a joint initiative with StarGames set to take place on March 4th, aimed at promoting the game and in particular grassroots programs around the world. Amongst the events confirmed so far are exhibitions between Li Na and Caroline Wozniacki and Ivan Lendl and John McEnroe in Hong Kong, and the 'BNP Paribas Showdown' in New York where Serena Williams will face Victoria Azarenka and Rafael Nadal will play Juan Martin del Potro. National associations from the USA, Czech Republic, Spain, Argentina, Brazil, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, Norway, Portugal and South Africa have all announced plans for the day.

The Tennis Play and Stay website has been relaunched at [www.tennisplayandstay.com](http://www.tennisplayandstay.com).

As part of its 2013 Centenary celebrations, the ITF launched a new **Davis Cup Commitment Award** at the recent final in Prague. The first recipients included Czechs Tomas Berdych, Jan Kodes and Tomas Smid, Spaniards Manolo Santana, Juan Gisbert and Feliciano Lopez, Nicola Pietrangeli of Italy and San Marino's Domenico Vicini.

**Novak Djokovic** will attend the Statoil Masters at London's Royal Albert Hall on December 8th to receive the GB Youth Inspiration Award from the Duke of Cambridge. The world #1 recently played an exhibition in Brazil with former world #1 Gustavo Kuerten in Brazil in front of over 10,000 people.

**Carsten Arriens** has been confirmed as the new German Davis Cup captain.

Venus Williams, Marion Bartoli and Sara Errani are among the early entries to the **Open GDF Suez** in Paris next February.

**Roger Federer's** schedule for 2013 has been released, with the world #2 set to take the unusual step of omitting the Miami Masters 1000 and Basel events from his calendar.

Former doubles world #1 **Gisela Dulko** of Argentina has announced her retirement.

The **ATP World Tour Finals** will remain at London's O2 Arena for an extra two years, until 2015. Over 1 million fans have attended the event since it was first held in the British capital in 2009, with a record

263,229 tickets sold in 2012.

Britain's **Lawn Tennis Association** and Tennis Foundation donated £200 for every ace hit at the ATP World Tour Finals, raising over £50,000 towards tennis facilities for inner London schools.

The ITF has announced extensions of **Davis Cup** sponsorship deals with Rolex and NH Hoteles.

Ukrainian player **Sergey Bubka Jr** is recovering from a broken arm, leg and hip damage sustained in a fall from a hotel window in Paris.

**Kim Clijsters** will play a farewell exhibition match against Venus Williams in Antwerp on December 12th, while Victoria Azarenka and Serena Williams will begin their 2013 seasons with an exhibition in Thailand on December 29th.

Candidate cities to the host the **WTA Championships** from 2014 onwards are Kazan (RUS), Mexico City (MEX), Singapore and Tianjin (CHN).

**HEAD** has renewed its agreement to supply the balls for the ATP World Tour until 2017. The ATP has also renewed its partnership with 'Platinum Partner & Office Solutions Provider' Ricoh.

**Jo-Wilfried Tsonga** has begun working with new coach Roger Rasheed.

**Rafael Nadal** has returned to the practice courts this week, with the aim of being able to compete at a pre-season exhibition in Abu Dhabi.

**Marcos Baghdatis** and wife Karolina Sprem have become parents with the birth of daughter Zahara.

This weekend (24-25 November) sees the **Clash of Continents** exhibition in Singapore with players from four continents, with Juan Monaco, Janko Tipsarevic, Sam Querrey and Kei Nishikori due to face off.

**Andy Murray** has been granted the Freedom of the City of Sterling in Scotland.

China's **Zhang Yuxuan** has claimed the first Australian Open wild card, winning the Asia-Pacific women's play-off competition in Nanjing.

### FAST FACT

A total of 14 of the 49 European nations were unrepresented by players at Wimbledon earlier this year.

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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 November 20th, 2012.

### Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Taylor TOWNSEND</b>	USA	2852
02	▶	<b>Katerina SINIAKOVA</b>	CZE	2660
03	▶	<b>Elizaveta KULICHOVA</b>	RUS	1915
04	▶	<b>Antonia LOTTNER</b>	GER	1826
05	▲	<b>Iryna SHYMANOVICH</b>	BLR	1770
06	▲	<b>Donna VEKIC</b>	CRO	1730
07	▼	<b>Aliona BOLSOVA</b>	MDA	1721
08	NEW	<b>Francoise ABANDA</b>	CAN	1585
09	▼	<b>Belinda BENCIC</b>	SUI	1519
10	▼	<b>Ana KONJUH</b>	CRO	1472



Antonia Lottner (GER)

### Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Gianluigi QUINZI</b>	ITA	2190
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>Noah RUBIN</b>	USA	1354
07	▼	<b>Johan Sebastien TATLOT</b>	FRA	1350
08	▲	<b>Jaume MUNAR CLAR</b>	ESP	1280
09	▶	<b>Hyeon CHUNG</b>	KOR	1276
10	▼	<b>Dennis USPENSKY</b>	USA	1215



Jaume Munar Clar (ESP)



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

There are few changes to the Top Ten this month, with the Tennis Europe Junior Tour enjoying a relatively quiet phase.

Two 16 & Under tournaments have had an effect the rankings though; victory at the Category 2 event in Biel (her first appearance on the Tour since winning the European 14 & under Championships in July) allows Olga Fridman of Ukraine to re-claim the top spot from rival Dalma Galfi. The tournament was her first 16 & Under singles title, and fifth win of

the season so far, with the other tournaments all being Category 1 or better.

Junior Masters champion Eduard Güell of Spain also reached his first 16 & Under final at the Sanxenxo event in Pontevedra, but was pipped to the title by compatriot Alvaro Lopez San Martin. The pair also teamed up to take the doubles title, which leaves Güell at his highest position ever, #4.

Rankings below are as of November 20th, 2012.

### 14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	<b>Olga FRIDMAN</b>	UKR	1030
02	▼	<b>Dalma GALFI</b>	HUN	1000
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



#2 Dalma Galfi (HUN) & #1 Olga Fridman (UKR)

### 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>Eduard GÜELL BARTRINA</b>	ESP	725
05	▼	<b>Mate VALKUSZ</b>	HUN	715
06	▶	<b>Samuel SIPPEL</b>	GER	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



Mikael Yemer (SWE)

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 22	Lohja (FIN)	A Zakharov (RUS)	K Paluch (POL)	36 75 63	Chubko/Zakharov (RUS)
		E Makarova (RUS)	D Chayka (RUS)	61 63	Makarova/Treshcheva (RUS)
Oct 29	Telde (ESP)	T Curras Abasolo (ESP)	A Serrano Osoba (ESP)	75 63	Curras (ESP)/Kawakami (JPN)
		C Molina Megias (ESP)	D Stoica (ROU)	63 64	Drummy (IRL)/Molina Megias (ESP)
Oct 29	Gradignan (FRA)	C Sanchez Jover (ESP)	Y Steinegger (SUI)	64 76(5)	Alvarez Varona/Sanchez Jover (ESP)
		C Girbau Romero (ESP)	J Lawrence Taylor (GBR)	62 64	Karakus/Lesage (FRA)
Nov 12	Antalya (TUR)	M Lanz (SUI)	A Saner (SUI)	60 62	Lanz/Saner (SUI)
		D Solovyeva (RUS)	G Topalova (BUL)	61 61	Novak (SLO)/Solovyeva (RUS)

### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 22	Larnaca (CYP)	3 S Ramazzotti (ITA)	O Hefez (ISR)	57 76(10) 60	Christoforou (CYP)/Ramazzotti (ITA)
		M Khomchenko (RUS)	G Walker (GBR)	61 62	Cohen/Krolitzky (ISR)
Oct 22	Jurmala (LAT)	3 W Davies (GBR)	K Tamm (EST)	64 64	Bulygin/Myagkov (RUS)
		A Sabalenka (BLR)	D Dehterevich (BLR)	63 64	Falei/Kryvatulava (BLR)
Oct 29	Telde (ESP)	3 A Dominguez (ESP)	A Roglan (ESP)	63 62	Catala Juan (ESP)/Vale (POR)
		M Gonzalez (ESP)	K Kuznetsova (RUS)	16 62 62	Cortina Pou/Gonzalez Encinas (ESP)
Oct 29	Davos (SUI)	3 M Fuele (HUN)	L Müller (SUI)	64 61	De Montfalcon (FRA)/Panic (SUI)
		A Ureke (RUS)	S Bandecchi (SUI)	61 62	Milovanovic (SUI)/Robic (CRO)
Nov 5	Moscow (RUS)	1 M Kecmanovic (SRB)	N Kolobaev (RUS)	62 75	Guskov/Sahabutdinov (RUS)
		Y Bryzgalova (RUS)	E Levashova (RUS)	64 63	Blinkova/Kruzhkova (RUS)
Nov 5	Umea (SWE)	3 F Malbasic (SWE)	T Tonelid (SWE)	63 64	Friberg/Olovsson (SWE)
		A Brune Olsen (NOR)	A Makarova (RUS)	75 76(0)	Brune Olsen/Helgo (NOR)

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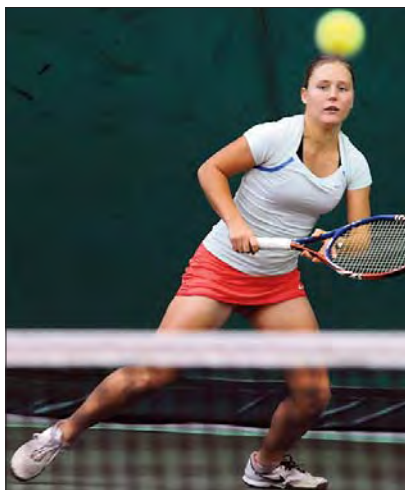
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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 22	Biel (SUI)	2 J Nikles (SUI)	K Tabrizi (USA)	36 46 62	Castelnuovo/Nikles (SUI)
		O Fridman (UKR)	S Zhuk (RUS)	76(2) 64	Arnold/Milovanovic (SUI)
Oct 22	Pontevedra (ESP)	3 A Lopez S. Martin (ESP)	E Guell Bartrina (ESP)	63 75	Guell/Lopez San Martin (ESP)
		C Bucsa (MDA)	E Belenova (RUS)	61 60	Belenova (RUS)/Moreno (ESP)
Nov 5	Umea (SWE)	3 A Noren (SWE)	R Vladareanu (SWE)	61 61	Akerlund/Vidgren (SWE)
		M Pasanen (FIN)	K Valgema (EST)	63 63	Timonen (FIN)/Valgema (EST)



Clockwise, from top left: 14&U Kremlin Cup winners Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB) and Yulia Bryzgalova (RUS - thanks to [www.juniortennis.ru](http://www.juniortennis.ru)). Sanxenxo 16&U girls winner Cristina Bucsa (MDA) and runner-up Elena Belenova (RUS). Sanxenxo 16&U boys runner-up Eduard Güell Bartrina (ESP) and winner Alvaro Lopez San Martin (ESP). Jurmala 14&U winners Aryna Sabalenka (BLR) and Will Davies (GBR).

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## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 15	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$15,000	A Martin (SVK)	D Lojda (CZE)	75 36 61	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Oct 15	La Roche (FRA)	\$15,000+H	M Authom (BEL)	G Burquier (FRA)	62 36 62	Andersen (RSA)/Nys (FRA)
Oct 15	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	B Knittel (GER)	A Hewitt (GBR)	62 64	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Oct 15	Bad Salzedturfurth (GER)	\$10,000	J Huta Gulang (NED)	S Reinwein (GER)	64 64	El-Effendi (USA)/Walsh (GBR)
Oct 15	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	M Bradaric (CRO)	A Folie (BEL)	75 3-0 ret	Carpenter/Morgan (GBR)
Oct 15	Akko (ISR)	\$10,000	P Herbert (FRA)	A Sikora (SVK)	64 62	Herbert (FRA)/Sillanpaa (FIN)
Oct 22	Ashkelon (ISR)	\$10,000	W Koolhof (NED)	M Neuchrist (AUT)	61 62	Fransen/Koolhof (NED)
Oct 22	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$15,000	D Lojda (CZE)	J Pospisil (CZE)	62 63	Androic/Marcan (CRO)
Oct 22	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Kern (GER)	A Sadecky (SUI)	61 76(5)	Pokrajac (CAN)/Sadecky (SUI)
Oct 22	Rodez (FRA)	\$15,000+H	F Martin (FRA)	M Authom (BEL)	63 62	El-Effendi (USA)/Walsh (GBR)
Oct 22	Cardiff (GBR)	\$15,000	B Knittel (GER)	T Puetz (GER)	61 62	Knittel/Krawietz (GER)
Oct 22	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Huta Gulang (NED)	E Korolev (RUS)	63 63	Forcin/Thivant (FRA)
Oct 29	Netanya (ISR)	\$10,000	M Neuchrist (AUT)	A Michon (FRA)	64 64	Smirnov/Uzhylovsky (UKR)
Oct 29	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Galovic (ITA)	R Kern (GER)	26 76(4) 75	Fransen/Koolhof (NED)
Oct 29	Roznov (CZE)	\$10,000	R Jebavy (CZE)	J Satral (CZE)	62 64	Jebavy/Setral (CZE)
Oct 29	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Ilhan (TUR)	V Uzhylovsky (UKR)	76(8) 62	Jakupovic (GRE)/Jankovits (FRA)
Nov 5	Opava (CZE)	\$10,000	N Pauffley (GER)	R Jebavy (CZE)	64 26 64	Lucak/Snobel (CZE)
Nov 5	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Kern (GER)	I Arenas Gualda (ESP)	61 3-1 ret	Cacic (SRB)/Delic (CRO)
Nov 5	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Setkic (BIH)	A Smirnov (UKR)	16 62 61	Smirnov/Uzhylovsky (UKR)
Nov 12	Jablonec (CZE)	\$10,000	M Mecir (SVK)	M Michalicka (CZE)	64 36 76(3)	Kovacka/Michalicka (CZE)
Nov 12	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Delic (CRO)	N Cacic (SRB)	64 76(3)	Cacic (SRB)/Delic (CRO)
Nov 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Ilhan (TUR)	Y Reuter (BEL)	63 62	Cagnina/De Greef (BEL)



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# ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



## ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 15	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	B Krejciikova (CZE)	P Leykina (RUS)	64 61	Bruzzozone/Mendo (GER)
Oct 15	Akko (ISR)	\$10,000	N Kolat (POL)	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	67(5) 64 62	Brozda/Kolat (POL)
Oct 15	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	C Jaeger (SUI)	M Arcangioli (FRA)	61 64	Arcangioli/Sarrazin (FRA)
Oct 15	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	O Ianchuk (UKR)	D Schuurs (NED)	62 26 63	Fomina (UKR)/Gjorcheska (MKD)
Oct 15	Seville (ESP)	\$25,000	T Pereira (BRA)	E Cabeza Candela (ESP)	46 76(3) 76(5)	Kania/Piter (POL)
Oct 15	Glasgow (GBR)	\$25,000	S Murray (GBR)	A van Uytvanck (BEL)	63 26 63	Jegiolka (POL)/Marcinkevica (LAT)
Oct 15	Limoges (FRA)	\$50,000	C Feuerstein (FRA)	M Zanevska (UKR)	75 63	Linette/Zaniewska (POL)
Oct 22	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	L Andrei (ROU)	L Jurikova (SVK)	36 64 62	Krejciikova/Malikova (CZE)
Oct 22	Ashkelon (ISR)	\$10,000	E Cadar (ROU)	E Tour (ISR)	16 61 62	Brozda/Kolat (POL)
Oct 22	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	S Roma (SWE)	E Webley-Smith (GBR)	62 61	Bashota (SWE)/Ostapenko (LAT)
Oct 22	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	O Ianchuk (UKR)	D Buzean (ROU)	36 64 64	Damaschin (ROU)/Sobaszkievich (POL)
Oct 22	Ismaning (GER)	\$75,000+H	A Beck (GER)	E Birnerova (CZE)	63 76(6)	Oprandi/Sadikovic (SUI)
Oct 22	Poitiers (FRA)	\$100,000	M Puig (PUR)	E Vesnina (RUS)	75 16 75	Castano (COL)/Jugic-Salkic (BIH)
Oct 29	Coimbra (POR)	\$10,000	K von Deichmann (LIE)	A Bolsova (MDA)	61 63	Gorbachkova/Pushkareva (RUS)
Oct 29	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	G Poznikhirenko (UKR)	62 76(3)	Buzean (ROU)/Harmsen (NED)
Oct 29	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	J Ostapenko (LAT)	E Allgurin (SWE)	61 63	Melander/Milosavljevic (SWE)
Oct 29	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Arcangioli (FRA)	B Botusharova (BUL)	61 62	Arcangioli/Sarrazin (FRA)
Oct 29	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	R Hogenkamp (NED)	C Buyukakcay (TUR)	64 63	Buyuykakcay/Ozgen (TUR)
Oct 29	Netanya (ISR)	\$25,000	A Schmiedlova (SVK)	S Vogt (LIE)	06 63 64	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Oct 29	Nantes (FRA)	\$50,000+H	M Niculescu (ROU)	Y Putintseva (RUS)	62 63	Castano (COL)/Jugic-Salkic (BIH)
Oct 29	Barnstaple (GBR)	\$75,000	A Beck (GER)	E Daniilidou (GRE)	67(1) 62 62	Amanmuradova (UZB)/Dolonc (SRB)
Nov 5	Loughborough (GBR)	\$10,000	R Voracova (CZE)	J Kimmelman (GER)	75 67(6) 63	Fitzpatrick/Windley (GBR)
Nov 5	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	B Eraydin (TUR)	L Hofmann (AUT)	64 60	Eraydin (TUR)/Myers (AUS)
Nov 5	Guimaraes (POR)	\$10,000	L Tholey (FRA)	E Cascino (FRA)	63 61	Moura/Vale Costa (POR)
Nov 5	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Jaksic (SRB)	A Konjuh (CRO)	63 61	Bukta (HUN)/Krejsova (CZE)
Nov 5	Benicarlo (ESP)	\$25,000	L Pous Tio (ESP)	D Pfizenmaier (GER)	64 61	Perrin (SUI)/Zec Peskiric (SLO)
Nov 5	Equeurdville (FRA)	\$25,000	A Van Uytvanck (BEL)	J Coin (FRA)	61 36 63	Linette/Piter (POL)
Nov 5	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	A Sasnovich (BLR)	L Kichenok (UKR)	60 76(4)	Dzehalevich/Sasnovich (BLR)
Nov 12	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	M Arcangioli (FRA)	I Kocher (SUI)	76(7) 63	Eraydin (TUR)/Myers (AUS)
Nov 12	Edgbaston (GBR)	\$10,000	R Voracova (CZE)	H Dart (GBR)	64 62	Fitzpatrick/Windley (GBR)
Nov 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Bukta (HUN)	L Andrei (ROU)	62 57 63	Andrei/Platon (ROU)
Nov 12	Helsinki (FIN)	\$25,000	A Sadikovic (SUI)	A Schmiedlova (SVK)	64 60	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Nov 12	Zawada (POL)	\$25,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	A Vrljic (CRO)	63 62	Pliskova/Pliskova (CZE)

## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Following the season-ending championships for men and women, there are some notable changes in the European Top Ten, even if there are no new entries. A brilliant run from Novak Djokovic sees the Serb overtake Roger Federer to reclaim the #1 spot, ending the year in the coveted position for a second consecutive season.

Further down the list, Richard Gasquet just manages to clinch a spot in the Year-End ATP World Tour Top Ten as the 9th-ranked European. Though level on points with Nicolas Almagro, the

Frenchman played four less tournaments to achieve them.

The top of the women's list remains the same, though Maria Sharapova's runner-up spot at the WTA Championships in Istanbul brings her to within striking distance of Victoria Azarenka's #1 position. Angelique Kerber and Sara Errani both end the year in their highest-ever positions, while a late surge from Tokyo and Sofia champion Nadia Petrova sees the veteran Russian back up to #9.

Rankings as of 19th November 2012.

### European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Victoria AZARENKA</b>	BLR	10595
02	►	<b>Maria SHARAPOVA</b>	RUS	10045
03	►	<b>Agnieszka RADWANKSA</b>	POL	7425
04	▲	<b>Angelique KERBER</b>	GER	5550
05	▲	<b>Sara ERRANI</b>	ITA	5100
06	▼	<b>Petra KVITOVA</b>	CZE	5085
07	▲	<b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	3765
08	▼	<b>Marion BARTOLI</b>	FRA	3740
09	▲	<b>Nadia PETROVA</b>	RUS	3040
10	▼	<b>Ana IVANOVIC</b>	SRB	2900

### European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	<b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	12920
02	▼	<b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	10265
03	►	<b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	8000
04	►	<b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	6795
05	►	<b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	6505
06	►	<b>Tomas BERDYCH</b>	CZE	4680
07	►	<b>Jo-Wilfried TSONGA</b>	FRA	3490
08	►	<b>Janko TIPSAREVIC</b>	SRB	2990
09	▲	<b>Richard GASQUET</b>	FRA	2515
10	▼	<b>Nicolas ALMAGRO</b>	ESP	2515



Novak Djokovic (SRB)



Victoria Azarenka (BLR)

## Notes and news from Tennis Europe

### Notes from National Associations

Mr. Vasco Magalhães Costa has been elected as President of the Portuguese Tennis Federation.

### 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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## HEADlines

### Secret Testing with Novak Djokovic

The season 2012 has just finished. But HEAD Racquet Rebel Novak Djokovic is already testing his new racquet to be prepared for the upcoming year.

This video shows you how impressive Novak's new secret weapon really is. Following the World No.1 you now also have the chance to test one out of 50 prototype racquets.

The world's top-ranked tennis player has completed his secret testing to try out the next generation of his racquet – with some really spectacular results. Guarded by security staff and fully draped with black clothes Djokovic arrives at the court with a black suitcase, which is handcuffed to his wrist and labelled with a mysterious 'G' logo. [Watch now](#).



### Be the first to test Novak's secret weapon

It seems that Novak Djokovic has been testing a new secret weapon on the court - with extraordinary impact! Now you have the chance to become involved in the testing process!

Simply go to [head.com/g](http://head.com/g) and take the chance to be one out of 50 tennis fans worldwide to demo Novak's new secret HEAD racquet: <https://www.head.com/G>

### Celebrate the No.1

Novak Djokovic has done it again. He is back on top of the world and will finish the year 2012 as No. 1 in the ATP World Tour rankings for the second season in a row.

To celebrate his success, we want to give him a special gift and you can be a part of it! Use the last chance to help us creating a big multipicture poster with images of you, his biggest fans!

[http://apps.facebook.com/celebrate\\_novak/](http://apps.facebook.com/celebrate_novak/)



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