

## Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting

The 38th Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting was held from 26-28 November in Budapest, where the annual gathering was hosted by the Hungarian Tennis Association.

32 of Tennis Europe's member nations were represented at the conference, which is intended for the chief executive officers and/or general managers of the European federations and serves as a forum for a discussion of contemporary issues affecting the administration of the sport and for sharing of best practices.

On this occasion, the two-day conference was preceded by a Management Workshop for delegates from nations that benefit from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Program. Led by the region's >>



Walter Goethals is thanked by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré for his years of contribution to the conference.

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

The winners of the 2015 Tennis Europe Junior Tour Player of the Year titles have been revealed.

Year-end #1s Tomas Jirousek (CZE, Boys 14 & Under), Anastasia Potapova (RUS, Girls 14 & Under), Mate Valkusz (HUN, Boys 16 & Under) and Kristina Miletic (SRB) and Eva Marie Voracek (GER, co-ranked at Girls 16 & Under #1) each receive a special prize from Polar for their achievements in 2014.

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## Switzerland claims first-ever Davis Cup title

Roger Federer and Stan Wawrinka led Switzerland to an historic first Davis Cup by BNP Paribas win last month. Full story on Page 6.



## Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting

<< Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic, the workshop's broad aim was to assist the executives with the preparation of 5-year development plans for their federations.

The main meeting was opened by Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré and moderated by the organisation's Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää. Several member nations made presentations, alongside those of Tennis Europe and the International Tennis Federation, which was represented by Executive Vice-President Juan Margets, Executive Director of Professional Tennis Kris Dent and Dave Miley, the Executive Director of Development.

The remainder of the meeting was divided into three key sessions, each of which saw the delegates split into working groups during which topics such as life-long tennis, tennis development, and the commercial and communication strategies of national associations (led by Bruce Phillips and Adam Mason of Altius Sports and John Bushell of Sports Marketing Surveys Inc. respectively) were explored.

Thursday's official dinner at the Kempinski hotel saw the delegates joined by the Hungarian Tennis Association President Lajos Szucs and the country's most celebrated former player Balasz Taroczy. A special award was also given to Walter Goethals of Belgium, who was appearing at his last Top Executives' Meeting, having attended almost all previous editions.



Delegates from countries benefitting from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Program were able to attend a special Management & Administration Workshop on the eve of the conference.

Olli Mäenpää commented, "It's always a thrill to come to this meeting and see so many of the leading executives from our sport eager to contribute and to learn from each other, and it has been encouraging to see many new faces at this edition. I'd like to thank everybody involved, and particularly our guest speakers for their willingness to share their knowledge and expertise. Our friends from the Hungarian Tennis Association did an excellent job in organising the event, and we are extremely grateful for the hospitality and warmth that they have shown us once again."

## Tennis Europe Solidarity Scheme



As announced earlier in the year, Tennis Europe has recently re-launched the Solidarity Scheme, which aims to foster bilateral cooperation between Europe's more prosperous member federations and those from the less-developed tennis nations.

The re-launched scheme, backed by an [online](#) tool for federations to pledge resources or seek help, places an emphasis on specific features of the programme such as coach education workshops and player training camps, though other resources or means of support that member nations can provide are welcome and greatly appreciated.



For further information, contact Project & Development Coordinator [Maciej Szymonski](#).

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



The Player of the Year powered by Polar award is given to the 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 RC3 GPS](#) 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 many of today's top players amongst the former recipients, including stars such as Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Marin Cilic, Gael Monfils, Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin.

### Boys 16 & Under

#### 1. Mate Valkusz (HUN)

Valkusz becomes the first boy ever to claim the 16 & Under Player of the Year title in successive seasons, and was also a 14&U Player of the Year in 2012. He ended the season strongly with a win at the Category 1 Warsaw event, followed by the successful defence of his Junior Masters title. He also helped his country to the final rounds of both the Winter and Summer Cups and claimed a bronze medal at the European Junior Championships.

#### 2. Bojan Jankulovski (MKD)

The first Macedonian player ever to be named as a Player of the Year, Jankulovski won more titles than anyone else – 5 in total – headed by the Category 1 Dema Cup. A runner-up at the Junior Masters, he also reached the quarter finals of the European Junior Championships.

#### 3. Maxim Tybar (BLR)

Tybar has a particularly strong summer, winning three singles titles (including the Category 1 Barcelona event) and qualifying for the Junior Masters. He led his country to the final rounds of the Winter Cups and won two additional doubles titles.

### Girls 16 & Under

#### 1. Kristina Miletic (SRB) / Eva Marie Voracek (GER)

For the first time ever, we have two players tied on points and sharing first position as Players of the Year. Miletic becomes the first Serbian girl to end the season as 16&U #1 after a consistent season in which she won three singles titles, including the Junior Masters, as well as two doubles events. Voracek posted similar stats, also winning three singles and two doubles titles. The pair met just once in 2014 - in



Above: 16 & Under Players of the Year Mate Valkusz, Kristina Miletic and Eva-Marie Voracek.

their very last match of the season, when a poorly Voracek was forced to retire during the Junior Masters final.

#### 3. Csenge Furak (HUN)

Furak ended the season strongly, winning the Category 1 Warsaw event and qualifying for the Junior Masters, where she claimed the bronze medal. She also won an additional two doubles titles early in the season.



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

## Boys 14 & Under

### 1. Tomas Jirousek (CZE)

Runner-up at the European Junior Championships, Jirousek racked up three singles and three doubles titles from his 14 events during the season and helped his country reach the final rounds of both the Winter and Summer Cups. He becomes the first Czech 14&U boy to end the season at #1 since Dusan Lojda in 2002.

### 2. Alen Avidzba (RUS)

Avidzba started the season strongly, winning the Category 1 Khimki tournament, and was incredibly consistent after that, reaching the final of 5 of his 6 other tournaments, including both the Winter and Summer Cups.

### 3. Rudolf Molleker (GER)

European Champion Molleker won four events, and led his country to sweep the team titles for the first time in over 20 years. He also reached the final of both 16 & Under events he played, and won the doubles silver medal at the European Championships.

## Girls 14 & Under

### 1. Anastasia Potapova (RUS)

Heading a first-ever all-Russian list of players of the year, European Champion Potapova was the clear #1 player of the season. She won 6 singles and 5 doubles titles, including the Junior Masters, Winter Cups and three other Category 1 titles, including her first 16 & Under tournament win (Renningen/Rutesheim). Not bad for a player that will still be eligible to play 14 & Under events in 2015!

### 2. Olesya Pervushina (RUS)

With a 34-5 win/loss record, Pervushina's impressive season included back-to-back Category 1 titles at Stockholm and Tim Essonne, gold (doubles) and silver (singles) medals at the European Championships, playing on Russia's winning Winter Cups team and winning the only 16 & Under event in which she played; in singles and doubles.



Above: 14 & Under Players of the Year Tomas Jirousek and Anastasia Potapova.

### 3. Tatiana Makarova (RUS)

Having also featured on the formidable winning Russian Winter Cups team, Makarova went on to win four singles titles (including the 16&U Barcelona event) as well as proving to be a force in doubles, with an additional four titles.

The awards and diplomas for the winners will be handed out at the Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Sofia in March.

A full list of all of the Players of the Year since 1990 can be found [here](#).

## FAST FACT

Tennis is the fourth most popular total participation sport in France, with 7% of the population aged 6+ having played in the last 12 months. In Germany and the UK it is the 7th most played sport, with 5% of the German and 7% of the British population aged 6+ having played in the last 12 months.

Source: SPORTS MARKETING SURVEYS INC.  
ITF International Participation Programme 2014.

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour – 2015 News

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour calendar for the months of January – July 2015 is now [online](#).

Two event upgrades have so far been confirmed for next season. The 16 & Under event in Torelló, Spain, has been upgraded to category 1 status, and will be played in the week of 4th May instead of its traditional September calendar spot.

The Beloura 16 & Under event in Portugal has also been upgraded to Category 1, and will be held in late summer. More event upgrades will be confirmed soon.

The official championships calendar is also [online](#) with details of the Tour's flagship events. The European Junior Championships will be held during its usual week of 20-26 July. The Tennis Europe Junior Masters will be staged one week later in 2015, from 9-11 October.

It is now possible to sort the [Tennis Europe Junior Rankings](#) by country. Simply select the country of your choice from the drop-down box on the rankings page and click 'filter'.

Players, don't forget that you can fill in your profile when logged in to your Tennis Europe account. You can list your favourite players, playing style, sponsors and hobbies, link to your website and upload a photo. Just click on the 'profile' tab to get started.

If you would like to renew your existing IPIN membership for the 2015 season, log in to your IPIN account on the ITF website [here](#). Once you have logged in, click on the 2015 renewal message and follow the instructions.

You can now follow the Tennis Europe Junior Tour on [Instagram](#).

### Ball Offer / Tournament Directors

Tournament directors are reminded that a generous ball offer exists for your tournaments thanks to our partners at HEAD. More information can be found [here](#).

Winners of the 2014 Tournament Director Competition will be announced in the next few weeks. To enter, all you have to do is to send Tennis Europe photos from your event and/or samples of any promotional materials that you have produced. The first-prize winner will receive a 3-day trip to a Grand Slam, such as that enjoyed by this year's recipient Bartosz Bulat from the Wroclaw Cup. Marco Testi, director of



the 14 & Under Correggio event also won tickets to attend Roland Garros.

### 2015 Rule Changes

Amongst the significant rule changes (to be published on the website in the coming days) for the 2015 season are the following:

Captains at Tennis Europe Junior Tour team events (Winter Cups, Summer Cups and Nations Challenge) is no longer required to be a passport holder of that country. Captains are only permitted to captain teams from one nation in any calendar year.

When multiple players are entered to a 12 & Under tournament from nations that have a national ranking for the age group, attempts will be made – where possible – to ensure that the top four players from each nation will be placed in different halves of the draw.

2015 starter points for 12 & Under players (which will be used for their 2016 ranking) will no longer consider performances at 14 & Under events.

The latest permitted start time for matches at 12 & Under tournaments will be 8pm from 2015. Any match not completed by 11pm should be suspended and completed the following day.

### 25th Anniversary

2015 will be a year of celebrations as the Tennis Europe Junior Tour turns 25. Stay tuned for more details of special events, competitions and promotions throughout the year!



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## Tennis Europe Coaches Conference powered by Polar

110 coaches from 35 countries attended the 2014 Tennis Europe Coaches Conference powered by Polar in Tallinn, which was hosted by the Estonian Tennis Association from 22-26 October.

Held at the city's Tere Tenniscentre, this edition of the conference focused on the overall topic of 'Developing Performance 14 & Under Players' and saw three days of on and off-court presentations from renowned speakers from the tennis world as well as interactive working groups and panel discussions.

Delegates from member nations that benefit from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme were also given the opportunity to attend an additional one-day workshop thanks to the support of Olympic Solidarity.

Technology was at the forefront throughout the event, with special guest Mark Kovacs presenting via Skype to the congress, and Spain's Jaime Fernandez demonstrating high-intensity drills using Polar heart rate monitors and apps. In total, speakers from 12 of Tennis Europe's member nations were among the speakers sharing research results, expertise and best practices from their national programs.

Delegates were also given a preview of Tennis Europe's new coach education website, which will be launched in the coming weeks and aims to increase awareness of and facilitate comparisons between the many different coach education systems in Europe and will be launched the public early in the new year.

Saturday evening saw the delegates treated to a stylish closing dinner at Tallinn's Opera House, which included a performance from Estonia's youngest soprano, Kadri Kipper.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Office Hrvoje Zmajic summed up the meeting, saying, "The last few days have been very productive for all of us. The challenge of producing high performance 14 & Under players is one that concerns all federations, regardless of their size or resources, and I am sure that much of the advice and expertise shared here in Tallinn will be of great assistance. On behalf of Tennis Europe, I'd like to thank Olympic Solidarity for supporting the event and the Estonian Tennis Association for their flawless organisation."



## In the Spotlight: Jaime Fernandez

A key speaker at the recent Tennis Europe Coaches Conference was Jaime Fernandez, a strength and conditioning coach and sports scientist with the Spanish Tennis Federation and professor at the Centre of Sports Research of the University of Elche. We caught up with him to talk about high intensity training and responsible fitness regimes for 14 & Under players.

**You often extoll the virtues of incorporating other sports to players' training and conditioning programs...why do you feel that tennis is not enough?**

In terms of training volume and intensity, tennis is enough. But what I try to encourage is doing some other sports that will help them to achieve other qualities and social skills that are not really well developed in an individual sport like tennis. Also it's a psychological question – they are able to set their minds free for a couple of hours during the week, and that's what makes other sports interesting.

**What about additional fitness activities in particular? Are they necessary?**

I don't think so. You can take advantage of other activities, and introduce them into daily training. For example, we have a lot of people at this conference who mentioned coordination for particular skills, or rhythm; so it can be useful to bring them to an aerobics class. There are new tendencies in other sports, such as football, where they take the kids to ballet classes once a fortnight, because they think that with these kinds of activities they develop basic abilities in a better, more harmonious way. I find that very interesting.

**You wouldn't necessarily expect ballet to be a complementary activity for a young tennis player or footballer...**

But in fact it is, because they learn how to breathe and some basic qualities that are difficult to integrate to daily practice, for example flexibility exercises, and the question of motor control. If you observe some of the kids who focus just on tennis throughout the year, they have less abilities off-court; they are not able to use their left leg for example, or to do simple tasks because they are always doing the same activities, the same repetitions and movements. Tennis itself naturally causes some imbalances, so you have to try to overcome that.

**I'm interested in the high intensity training (HIT) you highlighted. A big threat for players, parents and coaches of this age group is burn-out and overwork-**



**ing. How do you judge what is a good amount of HIT? At 14, all children are very different...**

First of all, you have to see where players are in terms of physical development on the maturation chart. What I've been doing for the last few years takes in account all of the research that has been done with overweight kids. The aim of the studies using HIT is to improve health, so it makes no sense not to also use it to improve performance. Increasingly research is being done using HIT protocols with young athletes and showing that you can obtain improvements at early ages, even 9, 10, 11 years old.

**How would you define 'high intensity training'?**

High intensity training is quite a broad term, but it involves repeated short-to long bouts of rather high-intensity exercise interspersed with recovery periods. In the case of children, and at its most simple it can be develop using a combination of, for example, basic speed and agility drills, with short recovery periods, which can be prolonged for a couple of minutes during the warm-up. Just these simple 10-20 first minutes of a session are already very useful for HIT. For kids of this age, we have to forget about long-term or high volume sessions, it's about selective use. And it's not a new concept; players are taking part in HIT drills every day but sometimes do not realise what they are. So the real question is – what is the correct dose?

**That was my next question: kids of all ages are vulnerable to overwork. You mentioned in your >>**



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**<<presentation that there is a correlation between stress fractures and similar injuries and those who spend more than 16 hours a week on court...**

There is a correlation between those who train in higher volumes (16h+ per week) and the injury rate. This is common sense, but it is proven by studies, and we should keep this baseline in our minds, and know that if we exceed 16 hours a week there is a risk of problems. So let's try to integrate the workouts, try to find preventive programs and try to find these target points.

**So the key to high intensity training is quality, not quantity?**

I prefer to say efficiency. If you know that you have to spend 14, 16, 18 hours on court training - and some players spend many more than that, even as juniors - then you already know from scientific data that you are at risk. So let's try to be more efficient and save time for things that are more important. We know that endurance training is not such a determining factor for Under 14s, but it's an important part of development, so incorporate it with HIT and then you save time for other things like injury prevention.

**How do you find a balance of training vs. recovery? If you look at some the top juniors on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, you will see huge variations in their competition loads and training schedules. How do you responsibly choose the right path?**

I don't need to repeat what's in the books and so on. All coaches know about periodization. I totally agree with Peter Born when he said that he recommends using two blocks of 10 weeks per year, which is 20 in total and means that the schedule is reduced. Why? I wouldn't say 10 weeks always has to be exactly 10 weeks - it could be 6-10 - but a first block followed by a second one in which you focus on improving certain qualities or keep working on others. After that you can put the tournaments into the schedule and construct the season. It's just my recommendation, but based on first-hand experience and my research, the optimum situation is to compete for periods of 3-4 weeks if possible, and then have periods of 7-10 days' rest, including complete rest for 3-4 days, before re-starting training.

**Doesn't it depend a great deal on whether you're winning or losing?**

Of course, it's a different story if you lose in the first round every week to if you win all three tournaments. There is still a lot of freedom, but the temp-

tation is usually to add a couple of events if the results are not good, and that's rarely a successful tactic. When you've been on the road for some weeks, particularly at this age, mental exhaustion is quite common, and easy to overlook, and that's why the rest periods are important. These things seem like common sense, but I've found that often they are really complicated for coaches. There is a huge culture of results, we attach a lot of importance to them, and coaches are usually judged by the results of the player, even if the player is very young. It's sometimes difficult for them to explain to parents that there are different types of training; training to improve, training to compete, training to win. And how do you convince a child that they are going to compete but that the result doesn't matter? A loss will affect them, it's only natural. So everybody looks for performance, everybody likes to win. Handling that is a challenge, especially if you don't have a team.

**What tools do you recommend for coaches when using HIT training?**

Well, I favour keeping things simple. I've found that heart rate and training load using the RPE scale is a really simple and useful combination from which I can obtain a lot of interesting and useful data. Even if the heart rate analysis has its limitations, especially in the kinds of sports that have a lot of periods of high intensity combined with lower intensity and rest. It's tricky and you have to take that into account, which is why you have to use more than one measurement tool. For the heart rate I always use Polar systems, in conjunction with their Team app. It's a very useful, free app with direct live feedback to your iPad. So whilst you train, you can have your iPad there on the basket and you're able to monitor your players at the same time as you are doing the drill, or whilst doing other kinds of HIT training. So you can really gauge where they are and can better define what you want with your training and how effective it's being. Of course you can also track over periods to find out about their progression. The good thing is that you can set it up for individual intensity, adding names, ages, height and weight, and you can introduce the maximum heart rate based on lab tests or field tests - if you have it - which means that you can be really accurate in terms of controlling what is going in terms of heart rate response. You can control what is happening with the training, if averages are increasing or decreasing, and you can detect some problems. Any good performance coach should consider using Polar equipment to get the most out of their fitness training.

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## Switzerland claims first Davis Cup title

Switzerland has won the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas title for the first time, following a 3-1 win over hosts France on the final weekend of the competition at the Stade Pierre Mauroy in Lille.

The opening day saw the teams level at 1-1 after Stan Wawrinka upset French #1 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in four sets and Gael Monfils despatched Roger Federer in three sets.

Day two saw Federer and Wawrinka recapture the doubles form that earned the 2008 Olympic gold medal, breezing past Julien Benneteau & Richard Gasquet in straight sets.

The final day saw Richard Gasquet step in to replace the injured Tsonga. All eyes were on Federer, who had retired from the title match of the ATP World Tour Finals just seven days previously with a back injury, but there was no sign of discomfort as the Swiss #1 dropped just four points on serve in the first set, and conceded just eight games in the entire match to give the visitors an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Commentators were quick to appraise the win as Federer's crowning glory, assuring the player of his all-time great status and filling the only hole in his resumé. But the 17-time Grand Slam winner said on court, "This one is for the boys. I have won enough. I am just happy that we can give everyone in our country a historic moment."



Federer's victory on the final day was watched by a 27,448 spectators, a new record for the crowd at an officially-sanctioned tennis event, and the second time that a world attendance record had been established that weekend.

Switzerland becomes just the 14th nation to win the Davis Cup in the 115-year history of the competition, and will start their title defence in Belgium during the weekend of 6-8 March. Runners-up France will again gage a neighbouring country, this time travelling to Germany.

## Years of Glory

Switzerland has played a key role on the pro circuit in the past decades – from Olympic champion Marc Rosset and Stan Wawrinka to the sublime Roger Federer and Martina Hingis, also including chapters on Davis Cup and Fed Cup. "Years of Glory" portrays the "Golden Era of Swiss Tennis" through stories, interviews, essays, caricatures, statistics and photos. Journalists Marco Keller and Simon Graf interviewed all these illustrious champions about their joys, struggles, fears and recipes for success. In an exclusive interview Federer shares how he made it from budding talent to record winner, Hingis talks openly about her relationship with her mother and coach, Rosset about his inner battle and pioneer Heinz Günthardt about his strategies to keep in step with the best despite a chronic hip condition. "Years of Glory" dramatizes vividly: As numerous as the Swiss successes have been, all of these strong personalities followed a very unique path.

Years of Glory was released in 2013 and is available in English, German (Jubeljahre) and French (Années de Gloire). It contains 200 pages and plenty of pictures.



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## Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 2015 Preview

The 2015 edition of Europe's biggest junior team tennis competition, the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD, is now just six weeks away.

A total of 182 national teams are due to take part in the event over four consecutive weekends in January and February. Teams are divided into qualifying groups of 6-8 countries, from which the winner and runner-up will advance to the final rounds a fortnight later. Each tie consists of two singles and one doubles match.

The curtain will raise on the competition at the end of January with the 12 & Under qualifying event, when Romania (boys) and the Czech Republic (girls) will open the defence of their titles.

Last year saw each of the six available titles won by a different nation. Germany's boys claimed their first 14 & Under title in over 20 years, while Russia fielded the players that ended the season ranked No.1, 2 and 3 to breeze to the girls' title.

France made the most of their home advantage to claim the 16 & Under boys' title, while Hungary's girls won their second title in six years.



Players at this year's Boys 16 & under final rounds in Ronchin.

You can visit the website's dedicated [tournament page](#) to see the full entry lists, qualifying group allocations, fact sheets and further information.

Established in 1976, the Winter Cups are a highlight of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and have seen many top players, including Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Victoria Azarenka, represent their countries for the first time in team competitions. A 12 & Under category was introduced in 2012 in response to popular demand from member nations.

### Boys 12&U - Qualifying (30 January - 1 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Dornbirn (AUT)</b>	Austria, Croatia, Estonia, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Switzerland
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Hradek nad Nisou (CZE)</b>	Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Kazan (RUS)</b>	Belarus, Finland, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Russia
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Istanbul (TUR)</b>	Bulgaria, Denmark, Great Britain, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Veska (CZE)</b>	13-15 February

### Girls 12&U - Qualifying (30 January - 1 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Ebreichsdorf (AUT)</b>	Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Rakovnik (CZE)</b>	Cyprus, Czech Rep, Hungary, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Tallinn (EST)</b>	Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, Ukraine
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Trabzon (TUR)</b>	Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Sunderland (GBR)</b>	13-15 February



## 2015 Dates & Qualifying Zones



### Boys 14&Under - Qualifying (6-8 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Minsk (BLR)</b>	Belarus, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Latvia, Norway, Romania, Slovakia
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Esch sur Alzette (LUX)</b>	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Novokuznetsk (RUS)</b>	Croatia, Georgia, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Switzerland
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Istanbul (TUR)</b>	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Correggio (ITA)</b>	20-22 February

### Girls 14 & Under: Qualifying (6-8 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Rakovnik (CZE)</b>	Croatia, Czech Rep, Estonia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Novokuznetsk (RUS)</b>	Belarus, Belgium, Cyprus, Italy, Latvia, Norway, Russia
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Karlskrona (SWE)</b>	Denmark, Gt Britain, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Trabzon (TUR)</b>	Austria, Bulgaria, France, Georgia, Germany, Turkey, Ukraine
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Rakovnik (CZE)</b>	20-22 February

### Boys 16 & Under: Qualifying (6-8 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Cholet (FRA)</b>	France, Latvia, Norway, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Pecs (HUN)</b>	Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Germany, Gt Britain, Hungary, Switzerland
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Coimbra (POR)</b>	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Sweden
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Ankara (TUR)</b>	Azerbaijan, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Turkey
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Ronchin (FRA)</b>	20-22 February

### Girls 16 & Under: Qualifying (6-8 February)

<b>Zone A</b>	<b>Brest (FRA)</b>	Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Rep, France, Georgia, Germany, Portugal, Ukraine
<b>Zone B</b>	<b>Maniago (ITA)</b>	Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Spain
<b>Zone C</b>	<b>Zutphen (NED)</b>	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Gt Britain, Latvia, Netherlands, Romania, Switzerland
<b>Zone D</b>	<b>Istanbul (TUR)</b>	Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey
<b>Finals</b>	<b>Veska (CZE)</b>	20-22 February



  
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## Behind the Baseline...

Many high-profile coaching changes have been announced during the off-season. **Agnieszka Radwanska** will be working with Martina Navratilova in 2015 as she seeks to win a first Grand Slam title. **Simona Halep** will work with fellow-Romanian Victor Ionita and consultant Thomas Hogstedt. **Tomas Berdych** has hooked up with Andy Murray's former assistant coach Dani Vallverdu, while trainer Jez Green has also left Murray's team. **Sergey Stakhovsky** has teamed up with Fabrice Santoro.

The **Women's Tennis Association** has announced a 10-year media rights deal with Perform Group amounting to to \$525 million, the biggest agreement in women's sports history. Under the terms of the agreement, all 2,000 main draw singles and 300 doubles semifinals and finals will be televisable each year.

Meanwhile the **ATP World Tour** has announced significant prize money increases over the coming years, with overall player prize money expected to reach \$135 million by 2018.

Next year's **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group first round matches are as follows (hosting nations listed first): Canada vs. Czech Republic, Italy vs. France, Poland vs. Russia, Germany vs. Australia. World Group II: Slovakia vs. Netherlands, Spain vs. Romania, Switzerland vs. Sweden, Argentina vs. USA. Ties will be played during the weekend of 7-8 February.

Wedding bells: **Andy Murray** has announced his engagement to girlfriend Kim Sears, while **Martina Navratilova** has married her partner Julia Lemigova.

**Leander Paes** and **Martina Hingis** will team up in mixed doubles at the Australian Open.

**Patty Schnyder** has given birth to her first child, a daughter named Kim Ayla.

Defending champion **Juan Martin del Potro** will return to the ATP Tour in Sydney next month to compete in his first tournament in almost a year, having undergone wrist surgery.

**Rafael Nadal** attended a ceremony to mark the start of construction of his tennis academy in his home town of Manacor in Mallorca, expected to open in

2016. The Spanish world #3 has also confirmed that he will repeat his stint on South American clay courts following the Australian Open, and will lead the field at the Argentina Open in February.

**Katrina Adams** will start work as the new USTA Chair, CEO and President on January 1st. She will be the first former professional player to head the organisation.

The **Geneva Open** will make its debut as an ATP 250-series tournament next year, replacing the Düsseldorf Open. The clay court event will be held from 16-23 May and returns to the ATP calendar for the first time since 1991. Meanwhile TK Sparta Praha in Prague is expected to host a WTA International Series event during the week of April 27.

The entire ATP Top 100 and 99 of the Top 100 WTA players have entered the **Australian Open**.

Germany's **Mona Barthel** is likely to miss the Australian season after suffering a torn ligament in training.

**Grigor Dimitrov** has signed a five-year partnership with Rolex.

The WTA **Katowice Open** has unveiled plans for the next edition, including a new Court 1, new practice courts and a new overall sponsor, the city of Katowice.

Porsche has extended its contract as the Premium Partner of the **German Tennis Federation** for a further three years, until 2017.

**Roger Federer** and **Stan Wawrinka** will face off in the Match for Africa 2 exhibition at Zurich's Hallenstadion on December 21st. Proceeds will go to the Roger Federer Foundation.

**Fernando Gonzalez** won the recent Statoil Masters title in London, beating **Andy Roddick** in the final. The tournament was the Chilean's debut on the ATP Champions Tour.

The current issue of Spanish tennis magazine 'Tenis World' will be the last.

### FAST FACT

Tennis players start at different ages across Europe - 73% of players who play now in France took up the sport under the age of 18, compared to only 57% in Germany.

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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 includes all eligible 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 (see next page), as well as being integrated to these overall rankings.

For more information on the ranking system, visit [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org). The 'Race to the Masters' ranking is also available separately, and includes points earned exclusively on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Rankings below are as of December 16, 2014.

### Overall Girls' Ranking - 16 & Under

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Catherine Cartan BELLIS</b>	USA	2511
02	►	<b>Fanny STOLLAR</b>	HUN	2323
03	▲	<b>Dalma GALFI</b>	HUN	2175
04	►	<b>Marie BOUZKOVA</b>	CZE	1931
05	▼	<b>Anna KALINSKAYA</b>	RUS	1863
06	►	<b>Marketa VONDROUSOVA</b>	CZE	1778
07	►	<b>Anna BLINKOVA</b>	RUS	1770
08	NEW	<b>Olesya PERVUSHINA</b>	RUS	1536
09	NEW	<b>Sofya ZHUK</b>	RUS	1377
10	NEW	<b>Kimberly BIRRELL</b>	AUS	1370



Olesya Pervushina (RUS)

### Overall Boys' Ranking - 16 & Under

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	<b>Orlando LUZ</b>	BRA	2596
02	►	<b>Stefan KOZLOV</b>	USA	2467
03	▲	<b>Mate VALKUSZ</b>	HUN	2293
04	▲	<b>Mikael YMER</b>	SWE	1860
05	▼	<b>Francis TIAFOE</b>	USA	1852
06	▼	<b>Michael MMOH</b>	USA	1850
07	▲	<b>Yunseong CHUNG</b>	KOR	1824
08	▲	<b>Corentin MOUTET</b>	FRA	1572
09	▼	<b>Bojan JANKULOVSKI</b>	MKD	1488
10	►	<b>Chan-Yeong OH</b>	KOR	1373



Mate Valkusz (HUN)





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Having breezed to the Davos Junior Open title in Switzerland recently without losing a set, Serbia's Olga Danilovic is the sole new entry in this issue's Tennis Europe Junior Tour 14 & Under Top Ten. Danilovic looks certain to be one of the players to watch next season, having won five titles in 2014, including two 16 & Under events.

Recent Kremlin Cup champion Nikolay Vylegzhanin of Russia climbs to within one spot of his previous best ranking following his victory at the Category 1

tournament, his second such win of the season. Vylegzhanin finishes the year on a 10-match win streak, having also won at the 16 & Under Venden Cup in late September.

Following October's Junior Masters in October, the final Race to Masters rankings of the season were released, providing the [year-end rankings](#) for play at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events.

Rankings below are as of December 16th, 2014.

### 14 & Under Girls

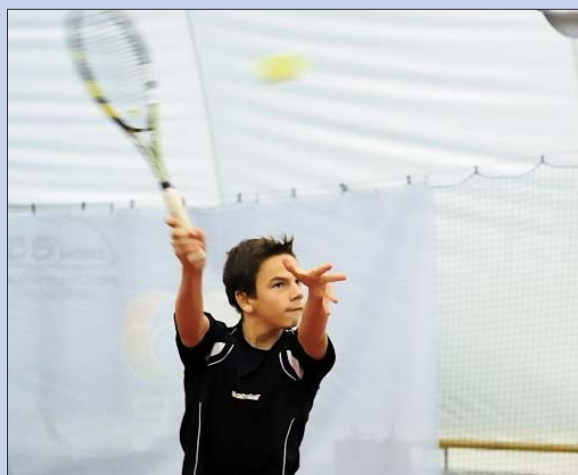
Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Anastasia POTAPOVA</b>	RUS	1255
02	▲	<b>Tatiana MAKAROVA</b>	RUS	960
03	▼	<b>Olesya PERVUSHINA</b>	RUS	903
04	▶	<b>Francesca JONES</b>	GBR	805
05	▶	<b>Lucie KANKOVA</b>	CZE	775
06	▶	<b>Daria SOLOVYEVA</b>	RUS	755
06	▲	<b>Selma CADAR</b>	ROU	755
07	NEW	<b>Olga DANILOVIC</b>	SRB	740
09	▼	<b>Dayana YASTREMSKA</b>	UKR	720
10	▼	<b>Iga SWIATEK</b>	POL	720



Olga Danilovic (SRB)

### 14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	<b>Rudolf MOLLEKER</b>	GER	955
02	▶	<b>Tomas JIROUSEK</b>	CZE	810
03	▲	<b>Nikolay VYLEGZHANIN</b>	RUS	780
04	▼	<b>Yshai OLIEL</b>	ISR	770
05	▶	<b>Nicola KUHN</b>	GER	720
06	▲	<b>Alexey ZAKHAROV</b>	RUS	715
07	▲	<b>Egor NOSKIN</b>	RUS	675
08	▶	<b>Marko MILADINOVIC</b>	SRB	640
09	▼	<b>Alen AVIDZBA</b>	RUS	635
10	▶	<b>Tomasz DUDEK</b>	POL	570



Nikolay Vylegzhanin (RUS). Photo: juniortennis.ru



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 27	Telde (ESP)	D Buzonics (HUN)	D Barreto Sanchez (ESP)	63 62	Barreto Sanchez/Mansilla Diez (ESP)
		A Wirges (GER)	M Osterreicher (AUT)	63 76(5)	Ditlev (DEN)/Van Mol (BEL)
Oct 27	Gradignan (FRA)	H Mayot (FRA)	A Cazaux (FRA)	64 36 76(7)	Cazaux/Garcian (FRA)
		Z Falkner (SLO)	C Morin (FRA)	64 64	Falkner (SLO)/Pellicano (MLT)
Nov 10	Antalya (TUR)	M Stoeger (GER)	S Gima (ROU)	63 63	Gima/Ionel (ROU)
		D Vidmanova (RUS)	Z Sarioglan (TUR)	26 64 60	Kanapatskaya (BLR)/Vidmanova (RUS)
Dec 8	Coimbra (POR)	J Malkowski (SUI)	J Dando (FRA)	63 76(3)	Llamas Ruiz/Lopez Andujar (ESP)
		D Messiah Edibson (ESP)	M Custic Braut (ESP)	64 63	Ditlev/Elsborg (DEN)

### 16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 27	Pontevedra (ESP)	3 V Dancu (ROU)	K Kirovski (SRB)	46 75 63	Almeida/Von Hafe Perez (POR)
		D Medvedeva (RUS)	V Dancenco (MDA)	64 16 60	Jaskiewicz (POL)/Zdrubecka (CZE)
Nov 17	Dmitrov (RUS)	3 E Noskin (RUS)	L Sheyngezikh (BUL)	61 26 63	Besednikov/Myagkov (RUS)
		V Koval (RUS)	P Krupchenko (RUS)	36 64 64	Krupchenko/Rakhimova (RUS)

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

### 14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct 20	Jurmala (LAT)	3 J de Jong (NED)	Y Verwater (NED)	64 16 64	De Jong/Verwater (NED)
		T Pachkaleva (RUS)	A Korolkova (RUS)	62 62	Makarova/ Pachkaleva (RUS)
Oct 27	Davos (SUI)	2 H Schulenburg (SUI)	G Gruenig (SUI)	75 62	Gruenig/von der Schulenberg (SUI)
		O Danilovic (SRB)	A Avilycheva (RUS)	62 63	Marazzotta/Ochsner (SUI)
Oct 27	Telde (ESP)	3 N Alvarez Varona (ESP)	W Grant (USA)	75 60	Alvarez Varona/Arcos del Valle (ESP)
		C Molina Megias (ESP)	Z Ryan (IRL)	64 60	Custic Braut/Lantugua (ESP)
Oct 27	Nicosia (CYP)	3 L Tomic (BIH)	G Mityurin (RUS)	76(8) 62	Lobanov/Senchuk (RUS)
		A Shanidze (GEO)	V Petrenko (UKR)	61 35 5-1 def	Molchanova/Petrenko (UKR)
Nov 3	Moscow (RUS)	1 N Vylegzhanin (RUS)	E Noskin (RUS)	63 75	Ibragimov/ Skatov (RUS)
		S Treshcheva (RUS)	Y Hatouka (BLR)	76(6) 64	Krupchenko/Rakhimova (RUS)
Nov 3	Limassol (CYP)	3 L Tomic (BIH)	N Davlianidze (GEO)	36 76(6) 62	Bonnet Flores/Pourroy (FRA)
		D Frayman (RUS)	V Petrenko (UKR)	75 60	Molchanova/Petrenko (UKR)
Nov 10	Edgbaston (GBR)	3 J Draper (GBR)	P Delage (FRA)	62 63	Cazaux/Gobat (FRA)
		G Heath (GBR)	I Harvison (USA)	61 64	Bencheikh/Halemai (FRA)
Nov 17	Stavanger (NOR)	3 A Hepburn (GBR)	N Tepmahc (FRA)	64 76(3)	Minsaas (NOR)/Tepmahc (FRA)
		M Novikova (BUL)	E Elde (NOR)	75 75	Semenistaja/Semenistaja (LAT)
Nov 17	Stockholm (SWE)	3 N Zampoli (ITA)	P Pohjola (FIN)	63 76(4)	Garpered/Grevelius (SWE)
		L Zaar (SWE)	H Sepman (EST)	46 60 63	Plakk/Sepman (EST)
Nov 24	Baku (AZE)	3 T Evloev (RUS)	D Kuraksin (RUS)	62 62	Ermak/Evloev (RUS)
		Z Kardava (RUS)	D Semenistaja (LAT)	63 36 64	Kardava/Khalturina (RUS)
Nov 24	Gothenburg (SWE)	3 J Garpered (SWE)	J Klov Nilsson (SWE)	62 62	Navarp/Ornberg (SWE)
		D Frayman (RUS)	O Helmi (DEN)	36 64 64	Opitz/Schmidt Axelsson (SWE)
Dec 1	Milovice (CZE)	2 J Draper (GBR)	J Forejtek (CZE)	60 62	Forejtek/Vondrak (CZE)
		O Corneanu (ROU)	V Nikolovova (CZE)	63 75	Chwalinska/Rogozinska Dzik (POL)
Dec 1	Nastola (FIN)	3 M Minin (RUS)	I Shrolik (RUS)	63 61	Kazakov/Minin (RUS)
		A Korolkova (RUS)	M Bilokin (UKR)	64 61	Bilokin (UKR)/Burdina (RUS)

### 'Stars of Tomorrow' video

Click the image on the right to view the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 'Stars of Tomorrow' video on YouTube, featuring interviews with some of the Tour's most celebrated former players, including Victoria Azarenka, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Richard Gasquet and many more...





## ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 13	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	O Roca Batalla (ESP)	R Ortega Olmedo	75 64	Mertens (BEL)/Ortega (ESP)
Oct 13	Cap d'Agde (FRA)	\$10,000	M Authom (BEL)	A Sidorenko (FRA)	64 62	Groen (NED)/Sidorenko (FRA)
Oct 13	Bad Salzdetfurth (GER)	\$10,000	J Mertl (CZE)	M Michalicka (CZE)	64 26 63	Krawietz/Marterer (GER)
Oct 13	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	J Satral (CZE)	A Folie (BEL)	46 64 61	Heller/Masur (GER)
Oct 13	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	J Tatlot (FRA)	W Trusendi (ITA)	26 75 63	Caruso/Naso (ITA)
Oct 13	Ponta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	F Silva (POR)	S Barry (IRL)	64 63	Falcao/Gil (POR)
Oct 13	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	F Gaio (POR)	H Ehara (JPN)	16 60 64	Jankovits/Rosenzweig (GER)
Oct 13	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	D Zhyrmon (BLR)	M Dubarenko (MDA)	62 36 76(5)	Grigelis/Mugevicius (LTU)
Oct 20	Goehren (GER)	\$10,000	M Moraing (GER)	M Marterer (GER)	76(4) 76(4)	Dinslaken/Moraing (GER)
Oct 20	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	S Caruso (ITA)	G Naso (ITA)	64 75	Bonadio/Rondoni (ITA)
Oct 20	Ponta Delgada (POR)	\$10,000	R Machado (POR)	F Silva (POR)	62 63	Domingues/Gaspar Murta (POR)
Oct 20	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	Q Halys (FRA)	R Rodriguez (VEN)	63 62	Bonzi/Halys (FRA)
Oct 20	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Krstin (SRB)	K Dmitriev (RUS)	64 75	Semrajc (SLO)/Weissborn (AUT)
Oct 20	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	E Tyurnev (RUS)	V Baluda (RUS)	26 75 76(4)	Betau/Bury (BLR)
Oct 20	Jablonec (CZE)	\$15,000	N Mektic (CRO)	J Hernych (CZE)	64 64	Michalicka/ Suc (CZE)
Oct 20	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	P Vivero Gonzalez (ESP)	63 75	Granollers-Pujol/Roca Batalla (ESP)
Oct 20	Manchester (GBR)	\$15,000	T Farquharson (GBR)	A Bossel (SUI)	64 61	Grigelis (LTU)/Rice (GBR)
Oct 20	Rodez (FRA)	\$15,000	M Authom (BEL)	A Virgili (ITA)	75 06 63	Cluskey/O'Hare (IRL)
Oct 27	Tartu (EST)	\$10,000	D Zhyrmon (BLR)	A Rublev (RUS)	64 62	Vasilenko/Zaitcev (RUS)
Oct 27	Loughborough (GBR)	\$10,000	M Authom (BEL)	L Grigelis (LTU)	62 61	Clayton/Martin (GBR)
Oct 27	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	I Bjelica (SRB)	R Bellotti (ITA)	75 63	Bjelica/Zekic (SRB)
Oct 27	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	N Ghedin (ITA)	G Naso (ITA)	36 64 64	Grimolizzi (ARG)/Portaluri (ITA)
Oct 27	Elvas (POR)	\$10,000	R Ojeda Lara (ESP)	R Barbosa (POR)	61 63	Barbosa/Tavares (POR)
Oct 27	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Safwat (EGY)	M Sieber (GER)	75 36 64	Obert/Woerner (GER)
Oct 27	Opava (CZE)	\$10,000	J Mertl (CZE)	J Pospisil (CZE)	61 61	Pospisil/Satral (CZE)
Oct 27	Oslo (NOR)	\$15,000	J Marie (FRA)	Y Mertens (BEL)	60 62	Rosenholm (SWE)/Walsh (GBR)
Nov 3	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Safiullin (RUS)	I Bjelica (SRB)	60 36 63	Jakupovic (GRE)/Kalovelonis (RUS)
Nov 3	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	G Naso (ITA)	G Mager (ITA)	64 63	Bester (CAN)/Volante (ITA)
Nov 3	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	J Zopp (EST)	E Elistratov (RUS)	61 64	Bublik/Tyurnev (RUS)
Nov 3	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Ilkel (TUR)	D Popko (KAZ)	63 61	Gooch (RSA)/Silverman (USA)
Nov 3	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	M Authom (BEL)	J Milton (GBR)	62 64	O'Hare (IRL)/Salisbury (GBR)
Nov 3	Oslo (NOR)	\$15,000	J Obry (FRA)	J De Loore (BEL)	62 63	Sabanov/Sabanov (CRO)
Nov 10	Nicosia (CYP)	\$10,000	A Sikora (SVK)	A Lazov (BUL)	76(6) 61	Bartolotti/Crepaldi (ITA)
Nov 10	Parnu (EST)	\$10,000	A Bossel (SUI)	L Mugevicius (LTU)	67(2) 62 64	Muzaev/Tyurnev (RUS)

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### ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Nov 10	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Safiullin (RUS)	D Bejtulahi (SRB)	46 76(2)	64 Petrovic/Vucic (SRB)
Nov 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Semrajc (SLO)	K Krawietz (GER)	63 75	Krawietz/Marterer (GER)
Nov 17	Larnaca (CYP)	\$10,000	L Lokoli (FRA)	P Chrysochos (CYP)	64 60	Clayton/Gabb (GBR)
Nov 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Semrajc (SLO)	R Rodriguez (VEN)	63 36 64	Semrajc (SLO)/Weissborn (AUT)
Nov 24	Larnaca (CYP)	\$10,000	P Chrysochos (CYP)	E Crepaldi (ITA)	36 76(8)	60 Barry/O'Hare (IRL)
Nov 24	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Safiullin (RUS)	D Mylokostov (UKR)	76(7) 63	Miedler/Weissborn (AUT)
Dec 1	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Safiullin (RUS)	F Silva (POR)	61 1-2 ret	Podzus/Podzus (LAT)
Dec 8	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Podzus (LAT)	E Crepaldi (ITA)	62 60	Apostol (ROU)/Mugevicius (LTU)

### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 13	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	C Dentoni (ITA)	A Klasen (GER)	63 63	Klasen/Klasen (GER)
Oct 13	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	V Kuzmova (SVK)	B Haas (AUT)	64 63	Nakano (JPN)/Stamatova (BUL)
Oct 13	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	K von Deichmann (LIE)	D Negreanu (ROU)	46 76(4)	64 Baranska (POL)/De Bernardi (FRA)
Oct 13	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	C Wittthoeft (GER)	U Radwanska (POL)	63 76(6)	Foretz/Hesse (FRA)



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### ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Oct 20	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	D Buzean (ROU)	M Spigarelli (ITA)	62 64	Buzean/Platon (ROU)
Oct 20	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	B Haas (AUT)	46 63 76(6)	Jani (HUN)/Stamatova (BUL)
Oct 20	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	N Cavaday (GBR)	T Morderger (GER)	76(3) 64	Munozova (SWE)/Muntean (FRA)
Oct 20	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Maleckova (CZE)	S Reix (FRA)	63 63	cancelled
Oct 20	Poitiers (FRA)	\$100,000	T Babos (HUN)	O Dodin (FRA)	63 46 75	Hlavackova/Hradecka (CZE)
Oct 27	Benicarlo (ESP)	\$10,000	A Gamiz (VEN)	A Nancarrow (AUS)	63 61	Bolsova (ESP)/Gamiz (VEN)
Oct 27	Loughborough (GBR)	\$10,000	A Bowtell (GBR)	S Reix (FRA)	67(6) 61 76(3)	Borecka (CZE)/Reix (FRA)
Oct 27	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	D Galfi (HUN)	J Grabher (AUT)	63 60	Serban/Simion (ROU)
Oct 27	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	M Caregaro (ITA)	S Rubini (ITA)	64 64	Brescia/Sabino (ITA)
Oct 27	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	E Flood (NOR)	T Sugnaux (SUI)	63 63	Guarachi (USA)/Stojanovic (SRB)
Oct 27	Stockholm (SWE)	\$10,000	N Cavaday (GBR)	M Lazareva (RUS)	57 63 63	Curovic (SRB)/Lazareva (RUS)
Oct 27	Istanbul (TUR)	\$25,000	B Krejcikova (CZE)	V Golubic (SUI)	61 64	Knoll (SUI)/Soylu (TUR)
Oct 27	Nantes (FRA)	\$50,000+H	K Siniakova (CZE)	O Jabeur (TUR)	75 62	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Nov 3	Vinaros (ESP)	\$10,000	A Carreras (GBR)	D Sumova (CZE)	64 61	Lemmens (BEL)/Marti Rieimbau (ESP)
Nov 3	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	D Galfi (HUN)	V Grammatikopoulou (GRE)	62 46 76(4)	Bondar/Galfi (HUN)
Nov 3	Sta Margherita (ITA)	\$10,000	A Schaefer (GER)	C Giovine (ITA)	60 63	Brescia/Caregaro (ITA)
Nov 3	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	K Barbat (DEN)	C Lister (SWE)	62 62	Guarachi (USA)/Lodikova (RUS)
Nov 3	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Bara (ROU)	M Sezer (TUR)	63 62	Bara (ROU)/Sezer (TUR)
Nov 3	Bath (GBR)	\$25,000	S Vogt (LIE)	A Brianti (ITA)	63 76(3)	Kerkhove (NED)/Knoll (SUI)
Nov 3	Equerdreville (FRA)	\$25,000	S Foretz (FRA)	A Kalinina (RUS)	5-2 ret	Doroshina (RUS)/Marozava (UKR)
Nov 10	Castellon (ESP)	\$10,000	O Saez Larra (ESP)	A Carreras (GBR)	36 61 62	Bolsova (ESP)/Gamiz (VEN)
Nov 10	Heraklion (GRE)	\$10,000	N Kostic (SRB)	T Lukas (CRO)	60 63	Siedliska (POL)/Wachaczyk (GER)
Nov 10	Helsinki (FIN)	\$10,000	A Bowtell (GBR)	T Sugnaux (SUI)	62 63	Laine (FIN)/Pashkova (RUS)
Nov 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	N Alibalic (CRO)	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	63 60	Folts (UZB)/Prosperi (ITA)
Nov 10	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	A Vrljic (SRB)	E Alexandrova (RUS)	36 64 76(7)	Kremen/Marozava (BLR)
Nov 17	Nules (ESP)	\$10,000	O Saez Larra (ESP)	Y Cavalle-Reimers (ESP)	62 64	Nancarrow (AUS)/Saez Larra (ESP)
Nov 17	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	I Bara (ROU)	63 62	Fomina (UKR)/Gorgodze (GEO)
Nov 17	Zawada (POL)	\$25,000	O Dodin (FRA)	J Ostapenko (LAT)	75 64	Kalinina/Shkudin (UKR)
Nov 24	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Jani (HUN)	E Gorgodze (GEO)	64 60	Gorgodze/Kvatsabaia (GEO)
Dec 1	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	B Stefkova (CZE)	D Khazaniuk (ISR)	62 60	Bondar (HUN)/Csoregi (ROU)
Dec 1	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Konig (AUT)	L Gjorcheska (MKD)	75 64	Kvatsabaia (GEO)/Skamlova (SVK)
Dec 8	Tel Aviv (ISR)	\$10,000	M Paigina (RUS)	O Fridman (UKR)	61 26 76(3)	Helbet (MDA)/Paigina (RUS)
Dec 8	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Stokke (NOR)	C Skamlova (SVK)	75 64	Bara/Buzean (ROU)

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## European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

### European Women

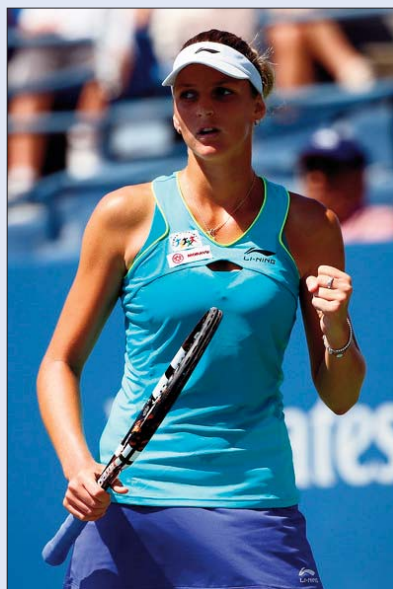
Rank (WTA)	Name	Nat.	Points
1 (2)	► <b>Maria SHARAPOVA</b>	RUS	7050
2 (3)	► <b>Simona HALEP</b>	ROU	6292
3 (4)	► <b>Petra KVITOVA</b>	CZE	5966
4 (5)	▲ <b>Ana IVANOVIC</b>	SRB	4820
5 (6)	▼ <b>Agnieszka RADWANKSA</b>	POL	4810
6 (8)	► <b>Caroline WOZNIACKI</b>	DEN	4625
7 (9)	► <b>Angelique KERBER</b>	GER	3480
8 (10)	▲ <b>Dominika CIBULKOVA</b>	SVK	3052
9 (11)	► <b>Ekaterina MAKAROVA</b>	RUS	2970
10 (12)	▲ <b>Flavia PENNETTA</b>	ITA	2861
11 (13)	▲ <b>Andrea PETKOVIC</b>	GER	2780
12 (14)	▼ <b>Sara ERRANI</b>	ITA	2775
13 (15)	▼ <b>Jelena JANKOVIC</b>	SRB	2675
14 (16)	► <b>Lucie SAFAROVA</b>	CZE	2615
15 (17)	► <b>Carla SUAREZ NAVARRO</b>	ESP	2415
16 (19)	► <b>Alizé CORNET</b>	FRA	2255
17 (20)	► <b>Garbiñe MUGURUZA</b>	ESP	2043
18 (23)	<b>NEW</b> <b>Karolina PLISKOVA</b>	CZE	1830
19 (24)	<b>NEW</b> <b>A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA</b>	RUS	1820
20 (25)	▼ <b>B. ZHLAVOVA STRYCOVA</b>	CZE	1750

### European Men

Rank (ATP)	Name	Nat.	Points
1 (1)	► <b>Novak DJOKOVIC</b>	SRB	11360
2 (2)	► <b>Roger FEDERER</b>	SUI	9775
3 (3)	► <b>Rafael NADAL</b>	ESP	6835
4 (4)	► <b>Stan WAWRINKA</b>	SUI	5370
5 (6)	▲ <b>Andy MURRAY</b>	GBR	4675
6 (7)	► <b>Tomas BERDYCH</b>	CZE	4600
7 (9)	► <b>Marin CILIC</b>	CRO	4150
8 (10)	▼ <b>David FERRER</b>	ESP	4045
9 (11)	▼ <b>Grigor DIMITROV</b>	BUL	3645
10 (12)	► <b>Jo-Wilfried TSONGA</b>	FRA	2740
11 (13)	► <b>Ernests GULBIS</b>	LAT	2455
12 (14)	► <b>Feliciano LOPEZ</b>	ESP	2130
13 (15)	► <b>Roberto BAUTISTA AGUT</b>	ESP	2110
14 (17)	▲ <b>Tommy ROBREDO</b>	ESP	2015
15 (18)	▲ <b>Gael MONFILS</b>	FRA	1900
16 (20)	▼ <b>Fabio FOGNINI</b>	ITA	1790
17 (21)	▼ <b>Gilles SIMON</b>	FRA	1730
18 (22)	<b>NEW</b> <b>David GOFFIN</b>	BEL	1599
19 (23)	▲ <b>Alexandr DOLGOPOLOV</b>	UKR	1455
20 (24)	▼ <b>Philipp KOHLSCRIEBER</b>	GER	1415



David Goffin (BEL)



Karolina Pliskova (CZE)



Andy Murray (GBR)

## Notes from Tennis Europe

### Season's greetings from the staff of Tennis Europe!

Please note that our offices will be closed for the Christmas break from 24 December-2 January (inclusive).

### Annual General Meeting

The 2015 Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, from 26-29 March. Member nations are advised that the entry deadline for delegates is January 28th. Please contact [Nadja Koran](#) for further information.

### European Racquet Stringers' Association

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Tech online magazine is now available to download or read online [here](#).

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## HEADlines

### New HEAD campaign: #gameraiser

Why just play the game if you can raise it? HEAD dares tennis' next generation to grow further and keep challenging the status quo with a new global campaign summed up in one telling hash tag: #gameraiser. It is meant to inspire, unite, and engage consumers and professional tennis players around the world to share motivating stories - on and off the court.

"Real life often writes the best stories. With this campaign we give a voice to our ambassadors and everyday heroes alike - from coaches and volunteers in the club to the local kid bringing home its first trophy," says Ottmar Barbian, Vice President Racquets Sports Division. "Everybody can be a game raiser. We invite tennis players at all levels but in particular the next generation to talk about their achievements and how they are making a difference."

The global campaign indeed reaches beyond the tennis court: Through inspirational content on the campaign social media hub [head.com/gameraiser](http://head.com/gameraiser) and engaging activities, HEAD provides inspiration for those who have failed to try again and those who have succeeded to keep going further. In addition, by providing the next generation tennis player with innovative products and technologies as well as inspirational stories, HEAD fuels the game raiser's spirit and the ambition to push further.

To join the campaign, browse through inspirational content, share inspirational stories and get more information go to [www.head.com/gameraiser](http://www.head.com/gameraiser).



### HEAD presents new Graphene XT Speed racquets

The faster game is on: Recommended by the world's #1 tennis player Novak Djokovic, the new Graphene XT Speed racquet line combines an iconic new design and the improved Graphene XT technology into one speedy package.

The Graphene XT Speed racquets feature the next generation of the revolutionary Graphene technology, which is based on the use of graphene, the strongest yet lightest material in the world. With its benefits in mind, the updated technology Graphene XT now features a 30% stronger material structure that has been engineered to optimize the racquet's weight distribution to where players need it most. As a result, racquets with Graphene XT feature a 10% better energy transfer for a higher ball speed and faster game.

For the Graphene XT Speed REV models the new technology also has a direct effect on weight as they are up to 20% lighter compared to a conventional with an equivalent swing weight. This allows the energy generated during the swing to be directly transferred to the ball for a faster game on every court. The REV models also feature the innovative Adaptive String Pattern (ASP) technology, which allows the player to exchange the grommet strips and choose between a 16/16 pattern for more spin or the 16/19 pattern for more control.

In addition to the new Speed models REV Pro and MP A (also available with ASP), the Speed racquet line is available in the well-known models Pro, MP, S and Lite. All racquets make speed come to life in the new design as well: The asymmetric look with selected use of neon color spots and the eye-catching neon-colored strings make quite an iconic statement.

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