

Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting

Tennis Europe's 36th Annual General Meeting was held in Riga, Latvia from March 25th – 28th, where it was hosted for the first time by the Latvian Tennis Union.

Delegates from 36 of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations attended the event, where updates were given on the organisations key constitutional and operative matters, alongside presentations from external speakers and the International Tennis Federation.

The Open Session of the first day had a commercial focus, with presentations from IFM Sports Marketing Surveys Business Development Manager Tony Scott, who discussed the importance of sponsorship in tennis. HEAD's Business Manager Christian Reuter spoke on the strategic alignment of the company's racquet sports division, and Julio Delgado, Managing Director of La Manga Club, wrapped up proceedings by introducing the installations of the award-winning resort.

ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti and Executive Vice-President Juan Margets then gave their traditional updates of ITF activities over the past year, before engaging in a question-and-answer session with delegates. Following the session, the representatives of all nations present took the opportunity to express their unanimous support for the motion recommended by Tennis Europe's President Jacques Dupré, that the Davis and Fed Cup competitions continue to be based on the key principles outlined by the ITF.

The Portuguese and Romanian Tennis Federations each sought the approval of applications for promotion of their affiliation to 'B' Nation status, with both requests receiving full approval from the assembly. Also approved were Tennis Europe's annual budget and accounts, presented by Honorary Treasurer Peter Bretherton. Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää also gave his annual report, as well as an overview of the achievements and evolution of the organisation over the period 1999-2010.

The Meeting was also the location of Tennis Europe's annual awards presentations, with the European Tennis Trophy prizes being given to representatives from Russia (Overall Performance, Junior Tennis), Germany (Seniors Tennis), the Netherlands (Wheelchair Tennis) and Spain (Professional Tennis) during Saturday's plenary session. The many Tennis Europe Junior Tour Players of the Year powered >>



Images from Riga; (Above) Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré opens the Meeting.



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<< by Polar, and Senior Players of the Year awards were also distributed.

Seven Tennis Europe Awards, which are given as recognition of outstanding contribution to the sport following recommendations from member nations, were approved on Saturday and presented to the recipients (or a representative from their national federation). Those honoured in 2010 were Harutyun Pambukyan (Armenia), George Krumov (Bulgaria), Guram Tokhadze (Georgia), Lothar Schrögel (Germany), Tommy Hindley (Great Britain), Iurie Drozd (Moldova) and Sergey Leoniouk (Russia).

The Meeting came to a close with the official dinner at Riga's historic House of Blackheads, where the delegates were joined by the Mayor of Riga Nils Ushakovs for a spectacular concert, which featured members of Latvian Symphony Orchestra, led by renowned violinist Raimonds Ozols.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré commented, "This has been a very good Meeting, and I'd like to express my gratitude to all of the delegates and speakers for attending, and also for their contribu-

tions during the weekend. We have had a busy and productive programme, and we passed several key motions. The high level of interaction during both sessions was particularly pleasing.

Together with Mr. Ricci Bitti, I had the honour of meeting with the President of Latvia, Valdis Zatlers, and was delighted to hear about his enthusiasm for the sport and the plans for the new National Tennis Centre.

Finally, on behalf of Tennis Europe, I'd like to thank the staff of the Latvian Tennis Union, and especially President Juris Savickis, who organised the event flawlessly and treated us to a truly unforgettable social programme."

Mr. Dupré also confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held in the Netherlands, following the invitation of the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Federation. Tennis Europe's conference schedule for 2010 will continue with the Top Executives' Meeting in La Manga Club in Spain from September 28th – October 1st, and the European Coaches' Symposium in Moscow, from October 14th – 18th.



Images from Latvia. Clockwise, from top left: ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti consults with Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, Tony Scott of IFM Sports Marketing Surveys addresses the Meeting during the first day. Leila Meskhi, who collected the Tennis Europe Award on behalf of Guram Tokhadze, and Iurie Drozd, who also received the award. Latvian Tennis Union President welcomes the delegates at an official function.

Tennis Europe launches Member Nations Report

Tennis Europe has launched the 2010 Member Nations Report. The document contains comprehensive statistics and analysis from all 49 of Tennis Europe's member nations and is designed to present the most accurate possible snapshot of the current state of European tennis.

The report condenses the findings of a survey, which was carried out in response to growing demands from individual researchers and the wider tennis industry for detailed data on European participation figures. The survey was carried out over the past year in conjunction with Tennis Europe's official research partner, IFM Sports Marketing Surveys, and revalidated at the end of the year. Full details of the contents can be found below.

This initial study will be the benchmark from which future surveys, repeated in a less detailed manner on a biannual basis, will be used to provide and analyse trends, compare the performances of national tennis federations, and identify areas of interest and change for the tennis industry.

Launching the report at last week's Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting, Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää said, "We are very proud of this report, and I am sure that it will prove to be of great use to all sectors of the tennis industry. We receive an increasing number of enquiries regarding such statistics, and it is great to be able to answer those queries with one comprehensive package. Many months of work have gone into the collection of the data, and we are already looking into how to exploit future versions of the survey to provide maximum benefits for the industry."

European Tennis Quick Facts:

- * There are 5.4 million licensed tennis players in Europe
- * Germany has almost four times as many tennis courts as all 16 'C' Nations combined.
- * Tennis Europe's group of 8 'A' Nations accounts for 84.9% of all European players.
- * There are as many tennis coaches in Austria (2,300) as there are players in Latvia.
- * Poland (43%) and Romania (44%) have the highest proportions of indoor courts.

Tennis Europe conducted an **exclusive study** that provides unique information from all 49 European Tennis Federations

49 COUNTRY FACTSHEETS

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Statistics & Analysis

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- * Number of **CLUBS**
- * Number of **INDOOR/OUTDOOR COURTS**
- * Number of **COACHES**
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In the Spotlight: Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré

Tennis Europe News spoke to President Jacques Dupré following the recent Annual General Meeting to find out his views on some current issues faced by the organisation, and his plans for the next year at Tennis Europe.

The AGM in Riga was your second as President of Tennis Europe. What are your thoughts on this year's event?

Indeed, this was my second AGM since I was elected. It is fair to say that this was a particularly successful meeting and I am very happy with the outcome. We had a total of 36 of our 49 member nations in attendance, which is remarkable. The two sessions covered a diverse range of subjects and constructive discussions were made. Finally, the welcome that we were given by the Latvian Tennis Union and its President, Juris Savickis, was truly exceptional and was greatly appreciated by all of the participants.

Following your recommendation, all nations present in Riga expressed their strong support for the motion that the Davis and Fed Cups continue to adhere to the 4 basic principles outlined by the International Tennis Federation. Can you explain what these principles are and why you think that they are important?

I was very conscious of the need for the unanimous support of the delegates regarding the motion for the Davis Cup and Fed Cup. The motion that was circulated was based on four basic principles which constitute the pillars of the competition and I believe that these are fundamental, not only to the success of these competitions, but also to the development of tennis in all our national associations, while also respecting the tradition and heritage that we cannot erase as easily as others would like to.

These principles are, firstly, that the competition is played on an annual basis; secondly, that the concept of home and away ties are integral to the competition. Thirdly, it is the role of the national association to appoint players and captains. Finally, that the event is played under the traditional Rules of Tennis.

Beyond these principles, I can envision changes being made to the events in the future, taking into account the interests of players, organisers and sponsors. But everybody present in Riga, and also at the Asian Tennis Federation AGM in Guangzhou, recognised the importance of protecting these central tenets. Many people do not realise that National Associations reinvest their resources for the development of the sport, and the ability to host Davis and Fed Cup ties can help with this.

In Riga, you announced that Tennis Europe would put a motion forward at the 2011 meeting proposing the



increase of membership fees with immediate effect. What are the reasons behind this?

Yes, in line with our constitution, we will propose a modest increase of membership fees with immediate effect in 2011. I think that this step should already have been taken some time ago, since the last increase dates back to 1999. Furthermore, if you consider how much the activities and services of the organisation have evolved in the last ten years, you can easily understand that it is necessary to increase our financial means in order to support and continue this progression. I believe that, on the whole, delegates are aware of this situation. Nevertheless, I would like to repeat that the decision regarding the increase will be taken at the AGM in 2011 respecting the transparent and democratic processes of the organisation.

Portugal and Romania's applications to ascend to 'B' Nation status have been approved. As someone who is heavily involved in the sport's development, what do you think about the progress these nations have made in recent years?

Effectively, the requests from Portugal and Romania were accepted unanimously. I believe that all delegates, like me, have been very impressed by the remarkable progress that both nations have made in recent years in terms of their general structure, and their development. I believe that all the plans that have been put into place are bearing fruit, and this is a source of real satisfaction for all those who participate in the development and implementation of development policies implemented by Tennis Europe.

The recently published Member Nations Report suggests that certain other 'C' Nations are also performing very well. Do you expect to see any similar applications in the coming years?

Indeed, I think that in the very near future, a number of countries that are 'C' Nations today will ask for >>

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<< a change in category. There are projects under-way in several countries that allow for very precise measures of progress, and this is very promising for the development and popularity of our sport.

Going back to the report, a lot of work went into the compilation of these statistics over the last year. How do you think the tennis world can benefit from the contents of this document?

The entire document is packed with very useful statistical data for each country, I believe. Obviously, the report will be useful not only internally for the national associations, but also on different levels, such as when negotiating with, or providing information to other institutional entities, economic and industry bodies, partners and the media.

Another huge task that has been undertaken during your Presidency has been the digitalisation process of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Are you satisfied with the project so far, and what remains to be done?

I think that this project is one of the best initiatives to have been carried out by Tennis Europe. I believe that all of the essential parties - players, organisers, officials, and national associations, even followers of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour – have undoubtedly already seen many positive impacts as the role of each of these individuals has already been facilitated.

There are certain adjustments that still need to be made, but what has already been achieved is fantastic.

After two full years of your mandate, what do you still hope to achieve at Tennis Europe?

There are still a lot of things to do, and I'm happy about that. We still have to finalise Tennis Europe's new constitution. There is a certain number of rules and regulations in different sectors that needs to be reviewed, in order to enable us to continue to be receptive to our member nations, to meet their needs and to provide services while taking into account the evolution and inspiration of all kinds.

I would also like to see a revival of the European Solidarity Scheme, which is a very important project for me, and can greatly benefit our member nations. Of course, there is an ongoing need to continue to reinforce the projects that are already in place, such as digitalisation, the training and qualifying of coaches, and specific development projects, whilst also trying – and this is an essential point – to allocate more human resources to the service of our nations. 2010 will be a productive year.

Tennis Europe Founder Heinz Grimm honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award

Tennis Europe co-founder Heinz Grimm has been announced as the 2010 recipient of the prestigious Golden Achievement Award from the International Tennis Hall of Fame and the International Tennis Federation.

The award was presented by Sir James Harvie-Watt, a member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, at a special ceremony at the Swiss Tennis Annual General Meeting in Zurich recently.

Mr. Grimm's involvement in the sport has spanned five decades, and left a lasting legacy for European tennis. Beginning in 1968, when he took on his first role in tennis administration as president of the Swiss Tennis Competition Committee, a position he held for twenty years, Heinz went on to serve as Vice President of Swiss Tennis from 1980 - 1994, and in 1995 was named Honorary Vice President of the organisation.

Throughout that time, he was heavily involved with Tennis Europe, then known as the European Tennis



Association. When it was decided that the headquarters should be based in Switzerland, Heinz offered his office for the day-to-day running, where it remained until 1992. In 1978, Heinz was elected as ETA President and continued in this role until his retirement in 1997.

Having been presented with an Honorary Life Presidency in 1993, Mr. Grimm continues to take a keen interest in European tennis matters and attends Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting each year.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Championships

The ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships were held in Antalya, Turkey from 19th – 28th March, where it was hosted by the Turkish Tennis Federation. This special Tennis Europe Junior Tour event takes the form of two consecutive Category 2 tournaments with consolation draws to ensure maximum playing opportunities, and is devised to offer a chance for players from some of Tennis Europe less developed member nations to travel and train together, with the possibility of later selection for the 14 & Under Touring Teams in the summer.

A total of 17 countries were represented in the final draws, and the boys event featured 13 Top 100 players, led by top seed and European #13 Alexander Lebedyn of Ukraine. Lebedyn would prove to be the star of both events, breezing through the first tournament for the loss of just sixteen games in his five matches, including a 6-3 6-3 win over 20th-ranked Arkadijs Slobodkins of Latvia in the final match.

The two players met again in the final of the second event, with Slobodkins putting up a much tougher fight on that occasion, snatching the second set on a tie break before being broken twice in the third set to eventually concede 6-3 6-7(4) 6-2.

Both players saw their rankings improve significantly as a result of their consistency at the events. Lebedyn leapt nine places to #3, while Slobodkins also climbed nine spots, to #14 in Europe.

Artur Dubinski & Ivan Liutarevich of Belarus upset top seeded Lebedyn and Anton Khyzhkin on their way to the first week's doubles title, which they secured with a marathon 7-6(2) 3-6 (11-9) win over Mantas Bugailiskis & Almantas Ozelis of Lithuania. The Lithuanians also reached the final in the second week, but this time Lebedyn & Khyzhkin were too strong, the Ukrainians winning by the equally nail biting score of 6-7(2) 6-4 (11-9).

The girls events saw 9 Top 100 players in action, and top seed Viktoriya Lushkova lived up to her billing as she won the first event without conceding a set. The European #8 was pushed hard in the final match however, and needed two tiebreaks to overcome Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko 7-6(4) 7-6 (5).

The doubles event went to Lithuanian pair Justina Mikulskyte & Akvile Parazinskaite saw off Estonians Erika Hendzel & tatjana Vorobjova 6-3 6-3.



The national teams line up at the opening ceremony.

The second event saw some surprises however, as Akvile Parazinskaite came from the brink of defeat to reverse a loss to Lushkova just a few days earlier, scoring a 3-6 7-5 6-2 win to advance to the final against Ostapenko.

The final was another close battle; with Ostapenko winning the first set 6-4 only for Parazinskaite to snatch the second by the same score. The Latvian second seed found her form in the third set though, as a tired Parazinskaite faded, losing the final six games. Ostapenko climbs to #15 in the European rankings as a result of the win, her second Tennis Europe Junior Tour title.

There was no consolation for the Lithuanian in the doubles, as Viktoriya Lushkova returned to the winners' circle by teaming with compatriot Anhelina Kalinina to beat Parazinskaite & Mikulskyte 6-2 6-0.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented, "Thanks to the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, the Development Championships have once again helped a number of our smaller nations to come together and ensure high quality tournament play for groups of their most talented youngsters. The facilities here in Antalya were first class, and with ten matches over ten days, all players and coaches were able to make the most of the opportunity to work on their games and learn from the experience."

A number of today's top professionals, including Marcos Baghdatis and Alona Bondarenko have benefitted from playing the event in the past.

2010 European Coaches Symposium in Moscow



Tennis Europe has confirmed that the 2010 European Coaches' Symposium, the biggest annual meeting for Europe's leading coaches, will be held at the University for Sports in Moscow, Russia, from October 14th - 18th.

The programme will focus on developing successful players for

the future and will cover different development strategies by comparing 'east' and 'west' European approaches, exchanging information about the use of

modern training equipment, and will discuss the best practices in developing players' tactical, technical and mental skills.

Confirmed speakers so far include some of the top experts in the field, such as Anna Skorodumova (RUS), Bruce Elliot (AUS), Steven Martens (GBR), Frank van Fraayenhoven (NED), as well as several former top players.

As usual, the conference will be open to a maximum of two participants from each of Tennis Europe's member nations. All delegates should be involved as persons in charge of National Junior or Coaches' Education Programmes.

The official circular for the event containing further information and entry forms will be sent to member nations in early April.

Tennis 10s Coaches Workshop in Bucharest

On 12th February, the Romanian Tennis Federation joined with the ITF and Tennis Europe to organise a coaches workshop with a special emphasis on Tennis 10s competitions. During the workshop, coaches were familiarised with modern teaching methodology and in the use of scaled down equipment in working with starter and young players. Amongst the participants were also some of the best known coaches in Romania, such as Alina Tecsor (Fed Cup coach), Sever Dron (former top 20 ATP), Catalina Cristea (former top 100 WTA), Adrian Marcu (former Davis Cup captain and coach) and current national junior coaches.

Doru Murariu, one of the participants commented: "I had the chance to work as a coach in Germany and Canada where I used these innovative methods. In my opinion we should also establish the training programmes for children, adapted to their ages and physical abilities. Specialists agree that certain ages for a child are more favourable for developing certain skills. As their coaches, we have to recognize those periods and exploit them. Using optimal ball and court size as well as applying appropriate competitions will enable more players to feel success. This is very important as at this level, success means enjoying to play tennis."

Adrian Marcu added: "These methods must be implemented in Romania. We have to adjust our existing system as soon as possible. I am already familiar with some of the methods presented here and, in my opin-

ion, the challenge will be to create the optimal 10 & Under competition framework suitable for Romania." Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer who was speaking at the conference summarized: "The main objective of Play & stay Campaign is increasing awareness for tennis. The national associations, coaches, and clubs should know how to attract and, even more importantly, retain players within our sport. Across western Europe there are already countries that are implementing the Play & Stay campaign. Our goal is to encourage all countries in Europe to develop competition frameworks for players aged 10 & Under in the coming years."

A first step in this respect was already taken by the Romanian Tennis Federation and Media Production Group (MPG), so that *Tennis10*, the Romanian version of the programme, joins the international campaign developed by the ITF, by initiating a national project dedicated to children aged between 4 and 10 years old and an open method of tennis initiation, as well as a series of specific competitions.

During 2010, the *Tennis10* competitions will take place alongside the largest tournaments for amateur tennis players, within the broader strategy dedicated to supporting the development of tennis participation. At least 34 competitions will be organized under this format. In order to provide material support for the project, MPG and the sponsors will offer a complete competition kit to all clubs that agree to implement the *Tennis10* format, within a staged process.



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Beyond the Baseline...

The **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** presented its annual awards in Miami last week. Winners were as follows: Serena Williams (Player of the Year), Venus & Serena Williams (Doubles Team of the Year), Yanina Wickmayer (Most Improved Player), Melanie Oudin (Newcomer), Kim Clijsters (Comeback Player, and Sportsmanship Award), Liezel Huber (Player Service). The awards are determined by the worlds tennis media, with the Tour players themselves voting for the Player Service and Sportsmanship awards. From the fan vote online at the Tour website, Elena Dementieva won the Fan Favourite Player awards, while Venus & Serena Williams won the Fan favourite Doubles Team award.

At the **ATP World Tour's** equivalent awards ceremony, held at Indian Wells, Roger Federer was the big winner, scooping the Player of the Year, Fan Favourite and Sportsmanship Awards. Bob & Mike Bryan won the Doubles Team and Fan favourite Doubles Awards. Comeback Player went to another Swiss, Marco Chiudinelli, while the Most improved Player and Newcomer titles went to John Isner and Horacio Zeballos respectively. MaliVai Washington was given the Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award.

Rome's Foro Italico, the historic home of the Rome Masters event, will also be the site of the forthcoming **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** semi final between Italy and Czech Republic, due to take place on April 24th - 25th. The site has recently opened a brand new 10,500-seat centre court. The other semi final will be played in Birmingham, Alabama between the United States and Russia.

Three of the four **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** quarter-final venues have been confirmed. Croatia will host Serbia in Split at the Spaladium Arena on a surface to be confirmed. The Czech Republic will travel to Chile's Enjoy Tennis Centre in Coquimbo, and the Olympic Stadium in Moscow will host the tie between Russia and Argentina. The remaining venue, for France's home tie against Spain will be revealed in early April.

Tim Henman is set to end his three-year retirement after committing to playing at the ATP Champions Tour AEGON Masters event in London from November 30th – December 5th.

Former world #7 **Nicole Pietrangeli** has announced her retirement from the sport at the age of 20. Twice a Grand Slam semifinalist, the Czech won six WTA Tour titles during her career, and is engaged to marry Radek Stepanek in July.

Former world #8 **Guillermo Cañas** of Argentina has also announced his immediate retirement, and that he will go on to work with Under 12s in the United States.

Positive sponsorship news from the **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour**, who recently announced extensions to their existing partnerships with Sony Ericsson and Travelex. Meanwhile, the **ITF** has announced that HP, the world's largest technology company, has become an international sponsor of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas, thanks to a four-year deal.

Serena Williams has withdrawn from next week's WTA event in Marbella, as she continues to rest her left knee. She has been replaced in the draw by **Victoria Azarenka**, while **Kim Clijsters** is another late entry.

Ernesto Llagostera recently became the first Latvian player ever to win an ATP title, beating Ivo Karlovic to secure the Delray Beach crown.

Roger Federer has confirmed that he will miss the Monte Carlo ATP Masters 1000 event, instead beginning his clay court campaign in Rome before going on to Estoril and Madrid.

TennisTV.com will be streaming free live coverage of the Miami doubles finals this weekend.

Goran Ivanisevic, **Sergi Bruguera** and **Thomas Enqvist** will be amongst the stars taking part at the forthcoming ATP Champions Tour event in Barcelona, played during the first weekend of the regular ATP World Tour event in mid-April.

Ana Ivanovic has withdrawn from the Serbian Fed Cup team ahead of their World Group playoff with Slovakia next month, concerned about a lack of form.

Fast Facts



Spain boasts the highest numbers of recreational tennis players of any European country (4.59 million), yet has just 11% of the total amount of courts as #1 ranked Germany.

Source: 2010 Tennis Europe Member Nations Report.

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

With effect from January 2010, Tennis Europe has introduced a new junior ranking system, devised to give a unified overall list that shows the relative strengths of all players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's 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 tour-

naments, all of which are weighted according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking will continue to be available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to the overall rankings. For more information on the rankings system, including a full explanation of the changes for 2010, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as of March 30th, 2010.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	1178
02	▲	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	894
03	▶	Aliaksandra SASNOVICH	BLR	885
04	NEW	Victoriya TOMOVA	BUL	874
05	▶	Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO	UKR	839
06	▶	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	773
07	▼	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	770
08	▶	Elena CADAR	ROU	749
09	NEW	Anna Lena FRIEDSAM	GER	746
10	▼	Polina LEYKINA	RUS	742



Victoriya Tomova (BUL)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	789
02	▶	Robin STANEK	CZE	742
03	NEW	Mathias BOURGUE	FRA	697
04	▲	Enzo PY	FRA	648
05	▲	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	632
06	▼	Marek ROUTA	CZE	616
07	▲	Igor SMILANSKY	ISR	608
08	▼	Frederico SILVA	POR	605
09	▼	Pedja KRSTIN	SRB	604
10	▼	Artem OGANESYAN	RUS	561



Mathias Bourgue (FRA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

There are three new entries to the boys 14 & Under rankings this month, the Ukraine's Alexander Lebedyn's back to back Development Championships title enabling him to leap to #3 in Europe. At the recent Zvezda Cup in Minsk, Dimitry Popko beat Russian compatriot Roman Nashatrykin in the final, with both players breaking into the top ten as a result.

Another Russian, Ulyana Ayzatulina, is the only new entry in the girls list, having won her second title at the Brodvejaus Pica Cup in Siauliai last month. Meanwhile, Valeria Patiuk of Israel has reclaimed the #1 spot.

Rankings below are as of March 30th 2010. Full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Valeria PATIUK	ISR	623
02	▼	Oleksandra KORASHVILI	UKR	595
03	▶	Barbara HAAS	AUT	545
04	▶	Ksenia SHARIFOVA	RUS	485
05	▶	Indy DE VROOME	NED	475
06	▲	Katerina SINIAKOVA	CZE	460
06	▲	Viktoriia LUSHKOVA	UKR	460
08	▶	Eleanor DEAN	GBR	445
09	NEW	Ulyana AYZATULINA	RUS	390
10	▼	Ioana DUCU	ROU	375



Viktoriia Lushkova (UKR)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	535
02	▶	Olivier NAGY	SVK	470
03	NEW	Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	410
04	▼	Quentin HALYS	FRA	405
05	▼	Danil MEDVEDEV	RUS	400
06	▼	Thomas BRECHEMIER	FRA	385
07	▼	Alexandr CHEPELEV	RUS	360
08	NEW	Roman NASHATRYKIN	RUS	360
09	▼	Martin BLASKO	SVK	350
10	NEW	Dimitry POPKO	RUS	335



Alexander Lebedyn (UKR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb-20	Auray (FRA)	D Shatalin (RUS)	B Sigouin (CAN)	60 63	Igamber/Shatalin (RUS)
		M Lumsden (GBR)	P Muamba (CAN)	62 62	Ifizhen/Pospelova (RUS)
Mar-22	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	D Shatalin (RUS)	A Dubrivnyy (RUS)	64 75	Nesterov/Shatalin (RUS)
		A Pospelova (RUS)	Y Bryzgalova (RUS)	62 62	Bryzgalova/Kalinskaya (RUS)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar-08	Helsinki (FIN)	3 S Soendergaard (DEN)	C Morriss (GBR)	61 62	Carli (ITA)/Soendergaard (DEN)
		C Freya (GBR)	P Novoselova (RUS)	57 64 64	Ditlev (DEN)/Poncelet (BEL)
Mar-15	Oulu (FIN)	3 A Tabilo (CAN)	A Turco (ITA)	64 36 62	Cash/Venn (GBR)
		P Piirtola (FIN)	L Rush (GBR)	61 62	Hoeyer (DEN)/Piirtola (FIN)
Mar-15	Minsk (BLR)	2 D Popko (RUS)	P Andriuc (ROU)	62 62	Pechkin/Popko (RUS)
		V Kudermetova (RUS)	T Pichkadze (RUS)	75 36 63	Sakalouskaya/Shymanovich (BLR)
Mar-15	Kosice (SVK)	2 O Nagy (SVK)	L Miedler (AUT)	64 63	Miedler/Voglgruber (AUT)
		I Csoregi (ROU)	H Ploskina (UKR)	62 63	Palcic/Potocnik (SLO)
Mar-15	Antalya (TUR)	2 A Lebedyn (UKR)	A Slobodkins (LAT)	63 63	Dubinski/Liutarevich (BLR)
		V Lushkova (UKR)	J Ostapenko (LAT)	76(4) 76(5)	Mikulskyte/Nadibaidze (LTU)
Mar-22	Antalya (TUR)	2 A Lebedyn (UKR)	A Slobodkins (LAT)	63 67(4) 62	Khyzhkin/Lebedyn (UKR)
		J Ostapenko (LAT)	A Parazinskaite (LTU)	64 46 60	Kalinina/Lushkova (UKR)
Mar-22	Minsk (BLR)	2 D Popko (RUS)	R Nashatrykin (RUS)	75 63	Chepelev/Nashatrykin (RUS)
		T Bokhua (RUS)	A Rychagova (RUS)	62 36 76(3)	Bokhua/Shkundina (RUS)



Photos: left, Auray U12 finalist Benjamin Sigouin. Right, Ukraine's team get together at the Development Championships. For more images from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, visit the gallery at: <http://gallery.tenniseurope.org/gallery.aspx>

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb-20	Chambon sur L. (FRA)	1 L Lokoli (FRA)	E Py (FRA)	64 63	Bambridge/Pearce (GBR)
		A Jumel (FRA)	M Benoit (BEL)	62 64	Benoit/Kerfs (BEL)
Feb-20	Tallinn (EST)	3 I Zubov (RUS)	D Medvedv (RUS)	62 62	Kravtsov/Zubov (RUS)
		E Paalma (EST)	A Zenovka (RUS)	64 63	Paalma/Vorobja (EST)
Mar-08	Nastola (FIN)	3 A Vasilenko (RUS)	J Barra (POR)	64 26 61	Kravtsov/Vasilenko (RUS)
		D Tarasenko (RUS)	V Bessonova (RUS)	63 75	Loikkanen/Malinen (FIN)
Mar-08	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 I Smilansky (ISR)	S Kyratzis (CYP)	62 75	Kyratzis (CYP)/Yersh (BLR)
		V Patiuk (ISR)	L Or (ISR)	64 75	Sergheeva (MDA)/Zablotskaya (BLR)
Mar-08	Milovice (CZE)	2 L Ilic (SRB)	M Kianicka (SVK)	63 63	Faraone (ITA)/Mares (CZE)
		B Bencic (SUI)	N Schweineroва (CZE)	61 64	Jirsakova/Siniakova (CZE)
Mar-15	Ashkelon (ISR)	3 O Ram-Harel (ISR)	M Kalovelonis (GRE)	61 62	Cohen/Mazor (ISR)
		V Patiuk (ISR)	A Zablotskaya (BLR)	63 36 64	Sergheeva (MDA)/Zablotskaya (BLR)
Mar-15	Oulu (FIN)	3 M Geerts (BEL)	K Lapins (LAT)	63 36 64	Sinkko/Telinkangas (FIN)
		D Konoptseva (GBR)	V Popko (RUS)	60 61	Konoptseva (GBR)/Nekhoroshikh (RUS)



Chambon-sur-Lignon winner Audrey Jumel (FRA). For more images from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, visit the gallery at: <http://gallery.tenniseurope.org/gallery.aspx>

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb-22	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	M Torro-Flor (ESP)	G Gatto Monticone (ITA)	75 36 64	Gatto/Quercia (ITA)
Feb-22	Portimao (POR)	\$10,000	C Giovine (ITA)	K Bertens (NED)	36 62 76(1)	Jegiolka/Sobaszekiewicz (POL)
Feb-22	Biberach (GER)	\$50,000+H	J Larsson (SWE)	R Oprandi (ITA)	46 62 62	Cohen Aloro (FRA)/Sfar (TUN)
Mar-01	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	E Mayr (ITA)	J Mayr (ITA)	64 62	Pochabova/Tabakova (SVK)
Mar-01	Lyon (FRA)	\$10,000	A Remondina (ITA)	A Korzeniak (POL)	61 76(0)	Brozda/Kiszczyńska (POL)
Mar-01	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	E Balsamo (ITA)	A Cadantu (ROU)	61 64	Balsamo/Sulpizio (ITA)
Mar-01	Minsk (BLR)	\$25,000	A Lapushchenkova (RUS)	L Tsurenko (UKR)	61 36 76(2)	Bovina (RUS)/Pavlovic (FRA)
Mar-08	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Pochabova (SVK)	E Mayr (ITA)	61 75	Enache/Mitu (ROU)
Mar-08	Buchen (GER)	\$10,000	R Oprandi (ITA)	I Buryachok (UKR)	61 63	Buryachok (UKR)/Sadikovic (SUI)
Mar-08	Dijon (FRA)	\$10,000	G Piven (UKR)	A Laurendon (FRA)	64 75	Guisard/Laurendon (FRA)
Mar-15	Amiens (FRA)	\$10,000	C De Gubernatis (FRA)	G Gatto Monticone (ITA)	63 63	Mishor (ISR)/Tinjac (CRO)
Mar-15	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Mayr (ITA)	M Torro-Flor (ESP)	62 61	Bertens/Harmsen (NED)
Mar-15	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	K Piter (POL)	L Jurikova (SVK)	62 76(6)	Ejdesgaard (DEN)/Piter (POL)
Mar-15	St. Petersburg (RUS)	\$10,000	A Panova (RUS)	N Silva (POR)	61 75	Sotnikova/Zanevska (UKR)
Mar-15	Wetzikon (SUI)	\$10,000	A Sadikovic (SUI)	N Zander (GER)	75 75	Knoll/Sadikovic (SUI)
Mar-22	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	V Ivakhnenko (UKR)	M Buzarnescu (ROU)	63 60	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Gerasimou (GRE)
Mar-22	Gonesse (FRA)	\$10,000	I Kuryanovich (BLR)	G Gatto Monticone (ITA)	60 63	Bergot (FRA)/Kuryanovich (BLR)
Mar-22	Pomezia (ITA)	\$10,000	M Caregaro (ITA)	E Compostizo (ESP)	61 61	Chieppa (ITA)/Ungur (ROU)
Mar-22	Jersey (GBR)	\$25,000	J Larsson (SWE)	A Smith (GBR)	62 63	Ani (EST)/Smith (GBR)
Mar-22	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	A Lapushchenkova (RUS)	E Kulikova (RUS)	64 62	Bratchikova (RUS)/Pavlovic (FRA)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb-22	Baku (AZE)	\$15,000	J Janowicz (POL)	M Ledovskikh (RUS)	64 76(6)	Middelkoop/Ven Der Duim (NED)
Feb-22	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$15,000	H Kontinen (FIN)	A Peya (AUT)	63 76(4)	Eaton/Inglot (GBR)
Mar-01	Faro (POR)	\$10,000	B Paire (FRA)	A Cruciat (ROU)	36 64 62	Czes-Carrere/Paire (FRA)
Mar-01	Terrasa (ESP)	\$10,000	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	P Clar Roselló (ESP)	75 62	Rexach/Trujillo (ESP)
Mar-01	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	J Huta Gulang (NED)	E Prodon (FRA)	76(4) 60	Mirnegg/Wiltschnigg (AUT)
Mar-08	Lille (FRA)	\$15,000	R Bemelmans (BEL)	N Desein (BEL)	64 62	Bemelmans/Desein (BEL)
Mar-08	Tipton (GBR)	\$15,000	R Bautista (ESP)	D Smethurst (GBR)	75 64	Capkovic/Martin (SVK)
Mar-08	Lagos (POR)	\$10,000	G Alcaide (ESP)	B Paire (FRA)	64 46 63	Cruciat/Ionita (ROU)
Mar-08	Sabadell (ESP)	\$10,000	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	A Di Mauro (ITA)	62 62	Coll/Granollers (ESP)
Mar-08	Taverne (SUI)	\$10,000	L Vanni (ITA)	M Meigel (GER)	63 63	Gawron/Olejniczak (POL)
Mar-08	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	T Fabbiano (ITA)	P Cervenak (SVK)	63 64	Poplavskyy/Smirnov (UKR)
Mar-15	Porec (CRO)	\$10,000	J Pospisil (CZE)	A Balazs (HUN)	26 63 63	Poch Gradiin (ESP)/Viola (ITA)
Mar-15	Poitiers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	R Bemelmans (BEL)	C Brezac (FRA)	64 46 64	Bemelmans/Mertens (BEL)
Mar-15	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	A Martin (SVK)	I Sijlsing (NED)	26 62 76(4)	Capkovic/Martin (SVK)
Mar-15	Trento (ITA)	\$15,000	J Ager (AUT)	S Galvani (ITA)	63 57 64	Fidirko (BLR)/Moser (AUT)
Mar-15	Albufeira (PO)	\$10,000	B Paire (FRA)	T Schoorel (NED)	76(5) 64	Matos/Miele (BRA)
Mar-15	Badalona (ESP)	\$10,000	G Trujillo Soler (ESP)	P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	63 46 64	Coll/Granollers (ESP)
Mar-15	Wetzikon (SUI)	\$10,000	M Middelkoop (NED)	S Ehrt (SUI)	63 64	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Mar-15	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	P Cervenak (SVK)	M Teixeira (FRA)	61 63	Grozdanov/Trayko (BUL)
Mar-22	Rovinj (CRO)	\$10,000	A Balazs (HUN)	M Viola (ITA)	64 64	Draganija (CRO)/Stebe (GER)
Mar-22	Roma (ITA)	\$15,000	A Haider Maurer (AUT)	M Jaziri (TUN)	63 75	Aldi/Giorgini (ITA)
Mar-22	Zaragoza (ESP)	\$10,000	D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	P Carreno (ESP)	63 64	Marse/Sabate (ESP)
Mar-22	Vaduz (LIE)	\$10,000	A Pavic (CRO)	A Juska (LAT)	63 76(3)	Charroin (FRA)/Juska (LAT)
Mar-22	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Mirnegg (AUT)	I Bjelica (SRB)	61 64	Triska/Urbanek (CZE)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Thanks in part to previous #1 Dinara Safina's continued inactivity due to a chronic back injury, Caroline Wozniacki claims her place as the first ever player from Denmark to reach the top of the European rankings.

Wozniacki fell to Jelena Jankovic in the recent Indian Wells final. The win, which marked the Serbian #1's first title in six months, sees her climb back up to sixth. Yanina Wickmayer rounds off the list, entering the top ten for the first time.

In the men's list, Andy Murray has briefly overtaken Rafael Nadal once more to send the Spaniard down to #4 in Europe, though the Briton's early defeat in Miami this week will ensure a swift return to the old pecking order.

Ivan Ljubicic's first Masters 1000 title in Indian Wells, where he beat both Nadal and Novak Djokovic enables the 31-year old to return to Europe's top ten for the first time since October 2007.

Rankings as of March 29th, 2010.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	6375
02	▼	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	6230
03	▶	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5930
04	▲	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5100
05	▼	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	4930
06	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	4765
07	▼	Agnieska RADWANSKA	POL	4080
08	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	3185
09	▼	Flavia PENNETTA	ITA	3100
10	NEW	Yanina WICKMAYER	BEL	3030

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	11035
02	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	8220
03	▲	Andy MURRAY	GBR	6885
04	▼	Rafael NADAL	ESP	6800
05	▶	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5335
06	▶	Robin SODERLING	SWE	4245
07	▶	Marin CILIC	CRO	2935
08	▲	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	2915
09	▼	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	2725
10	NEW	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	2340



Ivan Ljubicic (CRO)



Caroline Wozniacki (DEN)



Yanina Wickmayer (BEL)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

National Associations

The Hungarian Tennis Association has a new President; Ms. Tunde Nagy.

Ivo Kaderka has been re-elected as President of the Czech Tennis Association, and will serve until 2014. Jaroslav Tacner is the Vice-President.

Shalala Nuraliyeva is the new Manager of the Azerbaijan Tennis Federation: snuraliyeva@gmail.com

European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's e-newsletter has been published and is available for reading here: <http://issuu.com/ersa/docs/e-news3-2010.indd?viewMode=magazine>

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Novak Djokovic vs. Tennis Machine

ATP World Tour No. 2 Novak Djokovic gives tennis fanatics a chance to see the HEAD player off court in his upcoming lead roles in broadcasted tennis viral films. The films cleverly exemplify Head's motto "The Power of You" by depicting an experiment with tennis balls and racquets, where an astonishing chain reaction is unexpectedly created to the surprise of Novak and his team.

Captured by small digital video cameras, one viral depicts a step within the experiment- identifying the ball, racquet, ball reaction. The camera shows Novak strike a ball at the face of one racquet which in turn catapults around and strikes a ball on a rubber chord, hitting the next racquet. Novak and the team excitedly watch as the whole process takes place extremely fast and apparently without diminishing force between hits.

Novak works with two individuals on the experiment - Jeff and Lars. Jeff is depicted as the brains behind the project and chief engineer, Lars is the assembly operator while lead role Novak is the instigator and player.

The viral films began by depicting the team's contraptions formed from tennis balls and racquets, where the basic ball, racquet, ball reaction is created and tested. Eventually a few contraptions turn into a hall filled with hundreds of contraptions. Everywhere you look, there are balls hanging from the ceilings by rubber cords and Speed racquets in brackets.

Finally, it is time for the big experiment. Novak strikes the first ball, starting the process. At incredible speed, one racquet after another strikes ball towards the next racquet - the team watches the process in shock, but the real surprise comes when the final ball hits the first racquet, and the



whole reaction starts over again!

To see the clip, visit www.head.com/experiment. Viewers can watch Novak's experiment take place on several online platforms like YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. In addition to the viral films, fans also have the opportunity to view the exclusive behind-the-scenes footage and making of the production.

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#2 Novak Djokovic, attendance at an exclusive training day and the possibility to watch an ATP World Tour Tournament live from special VIP seats.

The grand prize also allows the winner to bring a friend, as this unbelievable opportunity includes VIP seats for two, roundtrip airfare and stay in the players' hotel.

In addition to the grand prize, participants have the chance to win numerous other exciting HEAD prizes such as new racquets, bags, footwear, strings and grips, or a set of the always-trusted HEAD ATP tennis balls.

Microsite: www.head.com/goldenheadtennisball
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