

Elite players end season in style at Tennis Europe Junior Masters

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters was held at the CT Sporting Poseidon in Napoli, Italy recently, with the top eight European players battling it out for the last major championship title of the year, all hoping to follow in the footsteps of former champions Rafael Nadal and Kim Clijsters.

Serbian Miki Jankovic and Jovana Jakšić recorded a double victory for their nation in the 16 & Under event, ending the season in style with the country's first ever titles at the event.

Fifth-ranked Jankovic was in control throughout the weekend, sweeping to the final with straight sets wins over Connor Glennon (GBR) and Lukas Mugevicius (LTU). His opponent in the deciding match was home hope Michele Palma, who had received a last minute invitation to participate in the elite event due to the last minute withdrawal of qualified player Elmar Ejupovic.

Palma did well to capitalise on his good fortune. Despite a relatively lowly ranking of 77, the fifteen year old Italian #6 scored upset wins over 9th-ranked Lloyd Glasspool (GBR) and second seed George Tsivadze (GEO) to ensure a home player would appear in the boys final for the first time in three years, and gave Jankovic his toughest test of the weekend before losing 7-5 6-4, rising 40 places in the rankings as a result. (continued >>)



Above: Boys 16 & Under champion Miki Jankovic meets the press.
Below: Girls 14 & Under winner Ksenia Sharifova celebrates with the ball kids.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour News

Tennis Europe recently announced some major changes to the procedures for entering junior tournaments in Europe. Turn to page four for a preview of what to expect, plus an interview with Junior Committee Chairperson Ayda Uluç on how the changes will benefit everyone involved.

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<< For Jankovic, the title represents his third of the season and sees end the year ranked third in Europe for his age group. One of just two top ten players to be born in 1994, he is almost certain to grab the number one spot early next year.

Jovana Jakšić put in an impressive performance to wrap up her biggest title of the year, and her third in total. Having survived a marathon semi final against second seeded Romanian Simona Ionescu 64 26 76(4), the third seed showed her 'A'-game with a 7-5 6-4 defeat of Ganna Poznikhirenko, the only player of the 32 present in Napoli to have qualified for the event for a second consecutive year, having reached the semi finals of the 14 & Under event in 2008.

For her part, Poznikhirenko had earlier upset European #1 Elena Cadar (ROU) in the semi finals, recovering from a dismal first set to advance 1-6 6-2 6-3. As a result of their efforts, Jakšić ends the year ranked third in Europe, whilst Poznikhirenko climbs to fifth.

In the 14 & Under boy's final, second seeded Czech Robin Stanek recorded his third consecutive straight sets win of the event to upset compatriot Marek Routa 7-5 6-2 to take the title, his fourth of the year on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour.

The final was a repeat of the Category 1 Rakovník final earlier in the year, also won by Stanek. Both players also reached the semi finals of the European Championships in Pilzen, and will end the season as two of the top three European Under 14s.

In the girl's event, Russia's Ksenia Sharifova scored her biggest success so far on the Tour. Aged just 13, the Masters victory was third title of the season, having also triumphed at Category 2 events in Umag and Maribor.

Having blitzed through previous matches against Barbara Haas and Oleksandr Korashvili in straight sets, Sharifova was forced to come from behind in the final, conceding the first set 4-6 to Israel's Valeria Patiuk before striking back 6-3 6-2 to seal the win.

The victory for Sharifova marks the third consecutive year that a Russian girl has won the 14 & Under title, and also ensures that Russia's run of fifteen



Above, top: 16 & Under champion Jovana Jakšić shows of her winners' plate. Boys 14 & Under winner Robin Stanek smiles before his semi final match.

consecutive years with a representative in the European 14 & Under top ten remains unbroken.

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters is open to the top eight ranked European players at the end of the season, and has seen participation from some of the best known names in European tennis during its 14 year history. Full draws and results, plus profiles of the players to qualify in 2009 can be found online.

'Tennis 10s' Conference a hit in Rotterdam

A record 120 Delegates from across Europe gathered in Rotterdam from 8-11 October for the European Specific Theme Conference, which this year focused on 10 & Under tennis, and was hosted by the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB).

Officially opened by KNLTB President Karin van Bijsterveld and Tennis Europe Vice-President José Antonio Senz de Broto, the conference was divided into two parts. The first day was given over to 'coaching methodology', during which the assembled experts presented the benefits of modern teaching methodologies, with a particular emphasis on the application of such principles when dealing with youngsters.

The second day of the event focused on 'progressing players', exploring the different tests and guidelines employed by various nations as they seek to establish an optimal path to playing tennis on a full court.

As usual, the afternoon sessions gave way to group work and panel discussions, enabling all delegates to have their say, sharing experiences from all four corners of the continent, and taking the opportunity to question the speakers at length. To close the event, delegates were treated to an official dinner on a boat cruising through Rotterdam.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic said "I'd like to thank the KNLTB for an excellent job in organising the conference. The speakers also made an enormous contribution, and the feedback from delegates has been excellent; I am certain that a great deal of valuable information has been exchanged here in Rotterdam and will be taken back to all of the nations represented. The attendance levels show that this is a key issue for our federations, and we were delighted to be able to accept special guests on this occasion from as far as Brazil, Canada and the United States."

Tennis Europe has placed an increased focus on 10 & Under Tennis in recent years in support of the International Tennis Federation's Play and Stay campaign, which aims to increase participation and encourage greater retention of players by ensuring that new players can "serve, rally and score" from their very first experience of the game. This is achieved through the use of modified balls and equipment, and tennis courts of varying sizes.

In 2008, Tennis Europe conducted a Europe-wide survey of the conditions that exist for 10 & Under



Images from Rotterdam: Centre (left to right), ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic, Tennis Europe Vice-President José Antonio Senz de Broto, KNLTB General Secretary Evert-Jan Hulshof.

players in its 49 member nations, producing a report that has enriched our understanding of the various methods employed by Europe's tennis federations when introducing the game to the youngest players for the first time.

The European Specific Theme conference is a biannual event (alternating with the European Coaches Symposium) organised by Tennis Europe for leading experts in coaches' education from each of the organisation's member nations. The meeting is designed to focus on one contemporary coaching topic.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour: Important News for 2010



Tennis Europe recently announced major changes to the entry procedures for the Tennis Europe Junior Tour for the forthcoming 2010 season. With effect from early November, all players taking part in any of the Tour's 320+ events will now need to have an ITF

IPIN (International Player Identification Number), with which they can manage their own entries and withdrawals from tournaments online.

The IPIN is a unique number used by players wishing to participate in international tennis events. In recent years, the IPIN system has been spreading through the tennis world, starting with professional players, and was more recently introduced to players on the ITF Junior Circuit (18 & Under).

Junior IPINs are available for an annual fee of \$30, and are also valid for entry to ITF Junior Circuit (Under 18) tournaments. Each player retains his or her IPIN number throughout their career. When a junior player progresses and decides to play professional events, the same IPIN is used (after paying an upgrade for full membership).

Upon logging in, players will be able to manage their entries and withdrawals for tournaments in the coming weeks, as well as see entry lists and review tournament information.

Further information on the new procedures including changes to entry deadlines will be featured in the next issue of Tennis Europe News and will be available soon online.



We spoke to Tennis Europe's Junior Committee Chairperson Ayda Uluç about the changes.

Why have you decided to implement these changes now?

The project has been in the pipeline for several years already, and has seen a massive investment of Tennis Europe's resources. Our aim is to bring the Tennis Europe Junior Tour to the next level. The tournament directors work very hard to stage these events, many working all year round to plan and secure sponsorship and so on. We want to recognise that work, and also to try to facilitate their job, removing obstacles and ensuring as far as we can that things run smoothly. This can only be done if we have clear procedures and a uniform, universal system for all events and participants.

So why the IPIN?

During the course of this project, we explored many options, but it was clear that there would be no better system than the one that is already in place for the professional and under 18 circuits. Many parents and coaches are already familiar with this system,

not to mention tournament organisers and national federations. Apart from the sporting and fun aspects, the Tennis Europe Junior Tour has a role in preparing young talent for life as tennis players. Now our players will be able to adhere to the same procedures as they progress to other circuits.

Who will benefit from these changes?

I think that everybody involved will view this as a change for the better. Tennis Europe can ensure that all tournaments are organised on a consistent basis and that everything is fair, from the biggest to the smallest events. Players have more freedom to manage their own entries and withdrawals in real time and can use the entry lists to more effectively plan their schedules. National federations can add their teams to events and will spend much less time in tournament administration. Perhaps most significantly, tournament directors will see great benefits as the entry process becomes automated, eliminating mistakes, saving on correspondence with players and giving them a great deal of extra time to dedicate to their event.

What other changes can we expect?

We are working hard at the moment on the launch of our new website, which will take place in spring 2010. Players and fans will have a lot more information at their fingertips as a result of the digitalisation of the tour; they'll be able to check head to head records on the circuit, view the playing history of their opponents, see more regular results updates and so on. The Tennis Europe Junior Tour will be a more interactive experience, and a much more efficient one.

Ukraine wins first ever 18 & Under European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS title



Twin sisters Lyudmila and Nadiya Kichenok teamed up to record Ukraine's first ever victory at the 18 & Under European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS recently, with a 2-0 win over home hopes Spain.

In the opening match, Lyudmila recovered from a second set fight back to upset Lara Arruabarrena, a winner of three Spanish ITF Women's Circuit events already this year, 6-3 4-6 6-4. Nadiya then matched her sibling by coming from behind for a 3-6 6-1 6-2 win over Spanish #1 Maria Teresa Torro to wrap up the tie.

The sisters made their mark from the start of the event and caused the upset of the tournament on the first day when they ended Russia's four year reign as winners, inflicting a first loss on the defending champions since 2004. They went on to upset top seeds Serbia 2-1 in the semi finals, recovering from the loss of the opening singles rubber to snatch the tie in a decisive doubles match.

Ukraine has emerged as a strong force in the European junior team competitions in recent years. The title marks the nation's second European Summer Cups win in two years, following on from the girls 14 & Under triumph in Loano in 2008, which was followed by an appearance in the 2009 final. Russia and Ukraine were the only two nations to qualify for the final rounds in all three age categories of the girls competition (14, 16 and 18 & Under) this year.



Above: Ukraine's winning team of Lyudmila & Nadiya Kichenok, Anastasia Koroliova and coach Larysa Petrenko. Below: Spanish captain Miguel Margets and the runner-up team of Maria Teresa Torro, Lara Arruabarrena and Carmen Lopez Blanco.



European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS: Finals

Girls 18 & Under Reina/Soisbault Cup, Lleida (ESP)

01	UKRAINE
02	SPAIN
03	SERBIA
04	PORTUGAL
05	RUSSIA
06	SWEDEN
07	DENMARK
08	BULGARIA

In the Spotlight: Jackie Reardon, co-author of 'Mindset'



Together with co-author Hans Dekker, Jackie Reardon has recently published 'Mindset', a guide to improving metal discipline with a particular focus on tennis.

The book has received rave reviews from a number of tennis luminaries and caught the imagination of the coaches present at the recent Tennis 10s Conference in Rotterdam, where Jackie was a guest speaker. We caught up with her to find out more.

Your book has received endorsements from some of the biggest names in tennis/coaching. What has pleased you the most from all the feedback?

Without doubt the very first endorsement from Richard Krajicek. Mindset was only a draft when we sent it to him. We had been working intensively on the book for two years but we had no idea if our work would be accepted in the sports world, so we were over the moon with his response. We felt strengthened and motivated by the fact that he clearly agreed with our vision. It helped us believe even more that we could do some good with this book, which is the reason that Hans and I started our collaboration.

Can Mindset principles really be employed by all types of player to improve their game, or is there a particular type of player that is more likely to benefit from reading the book?

The Mindset principles are universal. Not only can they be used by all standards of players, but by anyone wanting to achieve an optimal performance level. Athletes of all fields; football, table tennis, volleyball, hockey and also a world renowned opera singer are all working with the Mindset principles at this given moment. The reason for this we believe is because Mindset is based on 'ancient wisdoms' that we have translated into a mental guide for people wanting to perform to their best ability.

The KNLTB has integrated aspects of Mindset into their coaching programs. How has this been implemented?

Frank van Fraayenhoven, our head of coaching education in Holland has introduced Mindset as 'obligato-

ry' reading in the first coaching year. It helps the coaches by giving them a 'simple language' to express what normally would be a 'complex and long story' about the mental side of the game. In the exams the coaches are asked questions about the contents of the book, such as 'What is the difference between 'story thinking' and 'action thinking'? or 'What can a coach do to practically teach a player to control his emotions during a match situation?' The students realise that 'training mentality' can be made tangible and they then can integrate it into their own lessons. Also I have been working together for the last year with Hugo Ekker, Rohan Goetzke and the travelling coaches in applying the Mindset principles in the coaching of young professional tennis players.

Throughout the book, you return to the example of the classic 2008 Wimbledon final between Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer to illustrate your thoughts on 'action thinking'. Why do you think these two players are such good examples of action thinkers?

Their honesty and openness in sharing their knowledge of how they have learnt to perform to their best ability is inspiring and reflects the qualities of an action thinker. For example, Roger admits in many interviews that he is regularly in 'story thinking'. Then goes on to explain how he changes his focus to action thinking (those are my words, Roger uses his own terms!) In his own words he says; "The fear is there every single time, you don't want to be the one losing in the first round. But then I focus on the big picture." He says that he visualises how exciting it is to be performing on centre court, he calls up the emotions and feeling of 'enjoyment' when he will be playing. This is the mindset of an action thinker. As for Rafael, Uncle Toni explains that he has coached him in acceptance since he was four years old.

Their behaviour on and off court is that of an 'action thinker' – they focus on what matters and not on their fears, although they do not deny them. In our opinion it is a privilege to have Rafael and Roger at the top of our game at this moment. They show us that being honest and sportsmanlike is not incompatible with winning.

Can you briefly explain the six 'pillars' outlined in the book, and how they contribute to becoming a stable player?

By realising that life skills (the pillars) can bring Mental balance (action thinking) the athlete can train his mentality whether on or off court. Due to this heightened awareness, when the tough moments come in the match, the athlete has a much quicker reference to be able to attain a balanced Mindset. >>

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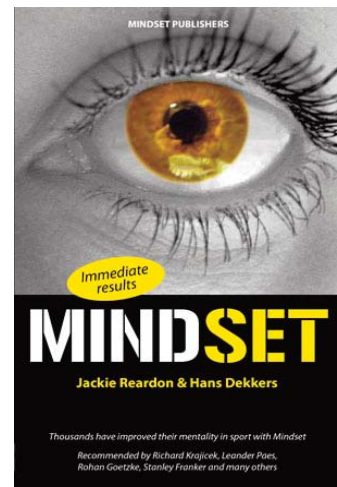
<< It is remarkable to us that athletes often believe that they can only train their mentality during a match situation. The first two pillars are the foundation of our method. 'Friendly eyes' is a state of mind, where the athlete concerns himself with observing, not judging. 'Good mistakes' is the realisation that one never actually makes mistakes on purpose, and so beating up on yourself is of no use. The third pillar is 'curiosity'; not only curiosity about your tactics, technique and fitness level, but also curiosity about self-improvement; that of the player and the coach. How often does a player ask a coach 'Can you help me improve mentally, tell me what you think I should do to change?', and how often does a coach ask 'Are you satisfied with how things are going? Is there anything I'm doing that you feel could be done better?' If these questions are asked specifically and regularly and answered honestly, then the mental direction becomes clear. The fourth pillar is 'self discipline'. I often quote the actress Julie Andrews on this: 'Some people regard discipline as a chore, for me it's a kind of order that sets me free to fly.' Looked at from another angle, self-discipline brings so much pleasure.

The sixth and final pillar is the mother of the other five pillars: 'Acceptance'. When the coach and player are constantly aware of the other five pillars, they are doing everything they can within their ability and therefore the situation can be accepted as it is. This generates a sense of calm, from which self-confidence will grow.

We can all relate to times when we have lapsed into 'story thinking', lost concentration and lost a match. Sometimes the more importance a match has, the greater the likelihood of this happening. How can you start to change such an entrenched habit?

You can start to change such a habit by realising the advantages that 'friendly eyes' and 'good mistakes' will have on your focus. They literally will enable you to switch from story thinking to action thinking. How does this work? Mindset helps the player become aware of the fact that there are four different types of concentration: two internal attentions and two external attentions. Tennis is principally an external sport, anticipation and tactical insight are based on 'seeing' or as we say in Mindset 'scanning and zooming.' This is an external concentration form. When the player realises that he has a choice where his attention is – internal or external - he can use the first two pillars to quickly calm his inner turmoil and bring his attention to where it should be – mainly external and visual. By being irritated with yourself or your opponent, or the crowd, or the bad preparation, or whatever, you are

generating a strong negative internal focus, which has absolutely no advantage whatsoever. Just by the realisation that you have a choice of which concentration form you want to use – external or internal - and by using the first two pillars to speed up this process of switching your attention, you will be on the road to action thinking.



How can 'mindset' techniques be applied to the youngest players? Is it the job of the coach to do this subliminally, or is it never too young to start working on your mental discipline?

The earlier a coach starts teaching mental awareness the better. By implementing 'friendly eyes' and 'good mistakes' the child feels the safety to experiment and be creative in his approach to the game. On court the coach can teach the children from a very young age to use the 'instruments' described in Chapter 6 of the Mindset.

The coach and parent need to create an atmosphere of growth. Of course children need to be corrected, but the corrections are given on 'the handling' not 'the child'. We all remember a moment in our youth when a coach, parent or teacher got cross with us, this can remain in our minds for years as a sort of wound. If the coach or parent makes a mistake in their approach towards the child, by scolding them harshly, perhaps impatiently and unfairly, they need to admit to this. After all they are only human, they can say sorry to the child and therefore affect the learning atmosphere. We are all allowed to make mistakes, as long as we learn from them. The coach and the parent need to be constantly aware of their behaviour and body language. In this way the child feels that 'friendly eyes' and 'good mistakes' is a process that everyone embraces...not only them!

For further information about Mindset, visit www.themindset.eu. The proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Mindset Foundation, which supports young South African women to further their education: www.foundation.themindset.eu.

European Senior Club Championships for Women

European Senior Club Championships activity drew to a close for another with the conclusion of the women's events, which were held in Vale do Lobo, Portugal recently and saw participation from over 100 players from across the continent.

Barcelona's Real Club de Tennis 1899 recaptured the Over 40s title that they last won in 2007. Having kicked off with a comfortable 3-0 win over Britain's St. George's Hill, the Spanish team edged past Popeye Gold Star of Netherlands in the semi finals, splitting singles matches before advancing courtesy of a three set doubles win.

In the final match RCT Barcelona were forced to come from behind, as ASD Nomenato's Cristina Giordani conceded just four games to Inma Varas to give the Italian club an early lead. Ana Segura then became the heroine of the Spanish team, fighting back from the loss of the first set against Katy Agnelli to snatch a 5-7 6-4 6-1 win to level the tie. Energised by the victory, Varas and Segura returned to the court to inflict a 6-2 6-1 loss on the Italians, securing a fourth European Seniors Club Championships title for their club overall.

With last year's winners Blau-Weiss Berlin not in the draw, new champions were guaranteed in the Women's 50s event, where unseeded Wimbledon Club of Great Britain emerged as victors after a scrappy few days in which the eventual winners were forced to play a deciding doubles match in each of their three ties.

The deciding match was the toughest. With each team having earlier won a singles match, it was the slightly fresher legs of the British that took to the podium, as Penny Mortimer and the rested Penny

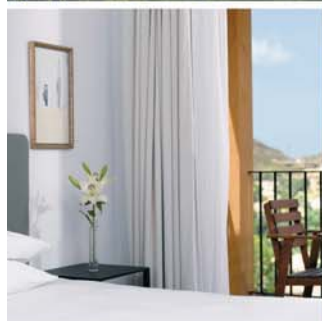
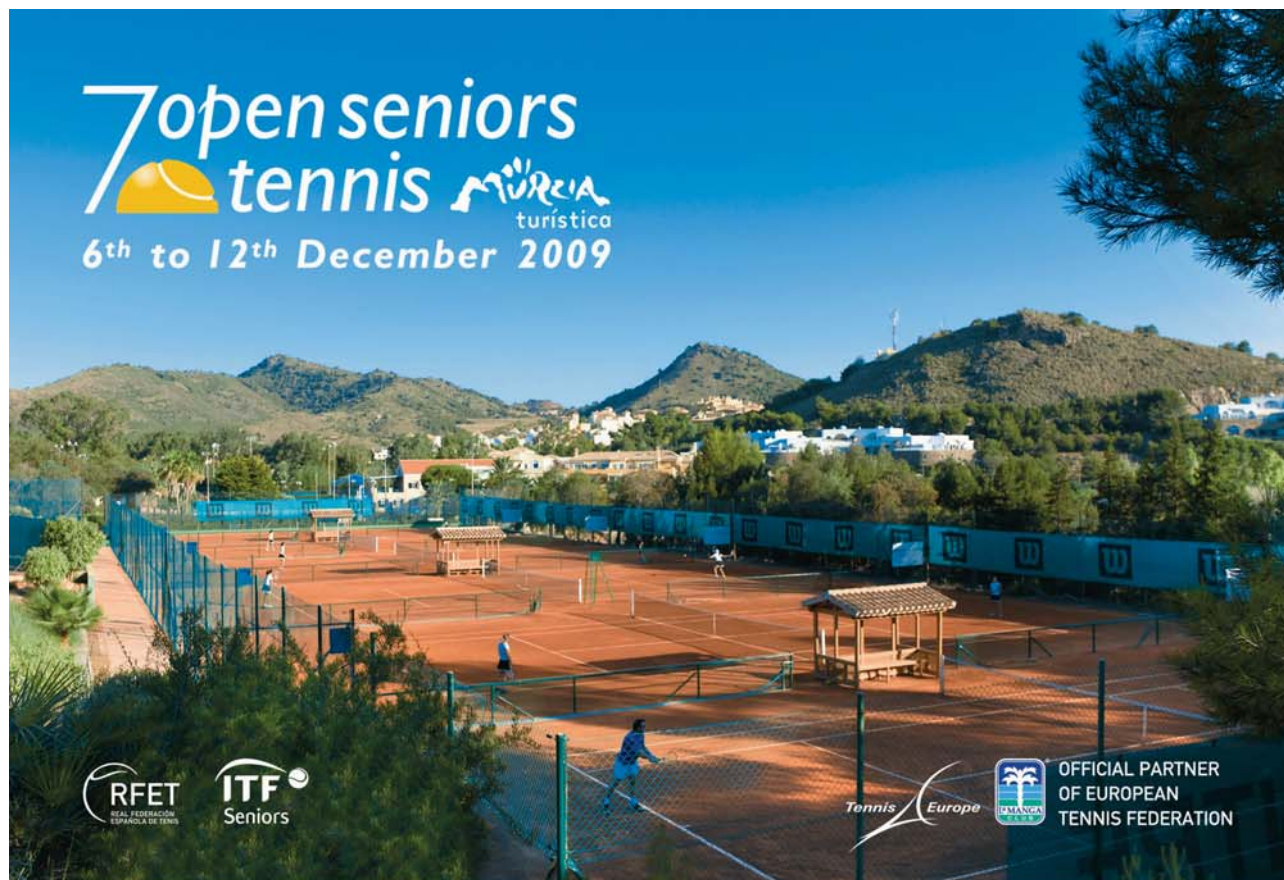
Sheehan fought back for a 3-6 7-6(2) 7-6(2) over ZTC Shot's Thea Rietveld and Annelies Van De Zweep.

The win is a first ever European title for the Wimbledon Club, who also reached last year's Womens 40s final.

In the 60s event, Lagardere Paris Racing successfully defended the title they won last year in Budapest, topping their round robin group in convincing fashion before overcoming Britain's TC Bridgewater in the final. Carol Camplin put the French team ahead with a 6-4 6-1 win over Jacky Boothman. Ellie Krocke then levelled things for the Brits thanks to a 6-1 6-1 win over Gail Benedetti. The four players then returned to the court for the doubles, of which the French were always in control, returning the 6-1 6-1 scoreline of earlier in the day to wrap up their clubs' second consecutive win.

In other news, the world's leading super seniors players are gearing up for the World Championships in Australia, set to be held during the first two weeks of November, ahead of the next publication of the ITF Senior Rankings, due to take place on November 23rd.





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Beyond the Baseline...

Serena Williams is set to lead the US Fed Cup team in the final against Italy in Reggio Calabria during the weekend of November 7-8, and will take her place alongside team-mates Leisel Huber, Alex Glatch and Melanie Oudin. The final will be streamed live at www.fedcup.tv.

The ITF has announced that the inaugural **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** Heart award will be presented at the final of the competition, recognising a "player who has represented their country with distinction, shown exceptional courage on court and demonstrated outstanding commitment to the team" during the year. The four nominees are Alexa Glatch, Melanie Oudin, Flavia Pennetta and Francesca Schiavone. The winner will be given \$2,500 to donate to their favourite charity.

The **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** final between Spain and the Czech Republic will take place at Barcelona's Palau Sant Jordi during the weekend of December 4-6, scene of the Spanish team's 2000 triumph over Australia.

Fabrice Santoro is reportedly considering delaying his planned retirement in order to become the first player to take part in Grand Slam in four different decades.

Meanwhile, former world #1 **Justine Henin** has revealed that her 15-month retirement from the game will end when she makes her first appearance of 2010 in Brisbane, from January 3-10.

Former junior world #1 **Kristian Pless** of Denmark has announced his retirement, as have 35-year old Romanian veteran **Andrei Pavel**, long-time Japanese #1 **Ai Sugiyama** and her compatriot **Akiko Morigami**.

Five European teams are set to compete at the **Hopman Cup**, the ITF's official mixed teams competition due to take place during the first week of January as players prepare for the Australian Open. Amongst those in action are Russia's Elena Dementieva and Igor Andreiev, Spain's Maria José

Sanchez Martinez, Romanians Sorana Cirstea and Victor Hanesu and Germany's Sabine Lisicki and Philipp Kohlschreiber. Andy Murray and Laura Robson will make their debut for Great Britain, while the USA, Australia and Asian qualifier complete the draw.

Mats Wilander has resigned from his role as Swedish Davis Cup captain, along with assistant coach **Joakim Nystrom**. Wilander's replacement is former world #4 **Thomas Enqvist**.

Rafael Nadal has been presented with a life-size replica of the coveted Conde de Godó trophy, in recognition of his five consecutive wins at the Barcelona tournament. The world #2 took the opportunity to confirm his participation in 2010 when he will attempt to stretch his record breaking win streak at the event.

Former European Junior Champion **Tatiana Golovin** has admitted that a return to the courts is unlikely following her diagnosis with degenerative spondylitis of the back.

World #10 **Agnieska Radwanska** will have an operation on her right hand following the end of the season.

European players feature heavily at the inaugural **Commonwealth Bank Tournament of Champions** event in Bali from 4-8 November. The special event is only open to winners of Sony Ericsson WTA Tour international tournaments, and features Marion Bartoli, Sam Stosur, Yanina Wickmayer, Anabel Medina Garrigues, Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Shahar Peer, Melinda Czink, Agnes Szavay, Aravane Rezai and Magdalena Rybarikova. Sabine Lisicki and Japanese comeback queen Kimiko Date received wild card invitations.

Austrian #1 **Sybille Bammer** will play an exhibition match against former ATP world #1 **Thomas Muster** in Salzburg on November 28th.

Fast Facts

There are over 5 million tennis players registered with their national federations in Europe. 2.7 million are adult players, 900,000 are senior players over 35 years old, and over 1.5 million are registered Junior players.

Source: 2009 Tennis Europe Member Nations Report, to be published shortly.





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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

The results of the Tennis Europe Junior Masters can clearly be seen in the 14 & Under rankings this month, as the qualifiers for the season ending championships all solidify their positions amongst the elite. Girls' winner Ksenia Sharifova enters the top ten at eight, taking over as Russia's #1 14 & Under player in the process. She is joined by Oleksandra Korashvili of Ukraine, who ended the season strongly.

In the boys' list, Nikola Milojevic retains his #1 spot despite skipping the Masters. There are no new entries to the top ten, with the only major changes being the rise of Czech pair Marek Routa and Robin Stanek to second and third, overtaking another Masters absentee, Enzo Py.

Rankings below are as of October 29th, 2009. Full rankings lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	715
02	▶	Victoriya TOMOVA	BUL	710
03	▶	Darya LEBESHEVA	BLR	560
04	▶	Gabriela PANTUCKOVA	CZE	520
05	▶	Barbara HAAS	AUT	495
06	▲	Valeria PATIUK	ISR	475
07	▼	Lisa-Marie MAETSCHKE	GER	465
08	NEW	Ksenia SHARIFOVA	RUS	435
09	▶	Indy DE VROOME	NED	390
10	NEW	Oleksandra KORASHVILI	UKR	395



Oleksandra Korashvili (UKR)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	780
02	▲	Marek ROUTA	CZE	615
03	▲	Robin STANEK	CZE	595
04	▼	Enzo PY	FRA	565
05	▲	Frederico SILVA	POR	540
06	▶	Artem OGANESYAN	RUS	520
07	▶	Luke BAMBRIDGE	GBR	515
08	▼	Evan HOYT	GBR	515
09	▼	Kyle EDMUND	GBR	500
10	▶	Igor SMILANSKI	ISR	500



Frederico Silva (POR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 16 & Under

Following the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters, the rankings lists show little change. Romanian players dominate the girls list, with Andreea Badileanu entering the top having finished in fifth position in Napoli, where she joined three of her compatriots at the eight-player event. Masters runner-up Ganna Poznikhirenko rises to fifth in Europe while the eventual winner Jovana Jaksic consolidates her place at fourth.

The boys list is equally static. Napoli champion Miki Jankovic leaps back up to third as a result of his Masters win, while the only new entry is Lukas Mugevicius, who re-enters the top ten at #10 after reaching the semi finals.

Rankings are as of October 29th. Full lists are updated each Thursday and published at www.TennisEurope.org

16 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Elena CADAR	ROU	495
02	►	Simona IONESCU	ROU	470
03	►	Aliaksandra SASNOVICH	BLR	430
04	►	Jovana JAKSIC	SRB	395
05	▲	Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO	UKR	395
06	▼	Tjasa SRIMPF	SLO	360
07	▲	Agnes BUKTA	HUN	350
08	▲	Borislava BOTUSHAROVA	BUL	325
09	▲	Irina Maria BARA	ROU	315
10	NEW	Andreea BADILEANU	ROU	305



Tjasa Srimpf (SLO)

16 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Dimitar KUZMANOV	BUL	500
02	►	Axel ALVAREZ	ESP	455
03	▲	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	440
04	▲	George TSIVADZE	GEO	430
05	▼	Oriol ROCA BATALLA	ESP	420
06	▼	Benjamin UGARTE	CHI	405
07	▼	Roberto CARBALLES	ESP	400
08	►	Elmar EJUPOVIC	BIH	380
09	►	Lloyd GLASSPOOL	GBR	355
10	NEW	Lukas MUGEVICIUS	LTU	345



Miki Jankovic (SRB) Photo: Stéphane Martinache



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Oct-19	Turku (FIN)	P Niklas Salminen (FIN)	L Sarpola (FIN)	62 64	Igamberdyev/Dorofeev (RUS)
		M Shmeleva (RUS)	E Voronova (RUS)	62 61	Pasanen/Takainen (FIN)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep-21	Magaluf (ESP)	A Barroso (ESP)	M Vilella (ESP)	62 63	Ruppili/Reed Thomas (SUI)
		Y Alexandrova (RUS)	J Ostapenko (LAT)	61 61	Ayzatulina (RUS)/Ostapenko (LAT)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Sep-21	Chisinau (MDA)	M Dubarenco (MDA)	E Elistratov (RUS)	63 60	Celarschi/Dubarenco (MDA)
		O Terteac (MDA)	J Sergheeva (MDA)	60 16 62	Ciobanu/Soltanici (MDA)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Europe's top players have fallen roughly into two categories over the past month or so; those who could relax, safe in the knowledge that they had already qualified for the season-ending ATP and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour events, and those who were on the road fighting for valuable points as they attempt to secure a lucrative spot.

Heading the latter category was Nikolay Davydenko. The Russian #1 put in some of his best performances of the year to win titles in Kuala Lumpur and at the Masters 1000 event in Shanghai.

Novak Djokovic's win in Beijing was enough to secure a return to the #3 spot, leapfrogging a resting Andy Murray.

At the women's event in Beijing, Svetlana Kuznetsova won her first event since Roland Garros, lifting herself to third in Europe once again. Surprise early defeats in Asia for Dinara Safina have dented her lead at #1, though she looks set to be Europe's best player until at least after the Australian Open. Rankings as of October 26th.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	7731
02	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5772
03	►	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	5485
04	▼	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5415
05	▲	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	4451
06	▼	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3555
07	▼	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	3550
08	▲	Agnieska RADWANSKA	POL	3340
09	▼	Flavia PENNETTA	FRA	3150
10	NEW	Marion BARTOLI	ITA	3105

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	10305
02	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	9095
03	▲	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	7950
04	▼	Andy MURRAY	GBR	6890
05	▲	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4700
06	▼	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	3930
07	►	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	3330
08	▲	Robin SODERLING	SWE	2900
09	▼	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2655
10	NEW	Marin CILIC	CRO	2355



Novak Djokovic (SRB)



Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)



Marion Bartoli (FRA)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep-21	Espinho (POR)	\$10,000	F El Allami (MAR)	E Lechemia (FRA)	63 62	Garcia/Lechemia (FRA)
Sep-21	Sandanski (BUL)	\$10,000	D Evtimova (BUL)	T Germanlieva (BUL)	63 60	Bindi/Grazioso (ITA)
Sep-21	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	S Soler Espinosa (ESP)	I Buryachok (UKR)	63 64	Bratchikova (RUS)/Pavlovic (FRA)
Sep-21	Telavi (GEO)	\$25,000	R Jani (HUN)	M Klaffner (AUT)	62 64	Ewijk/Meddens (NED)
Sep-21	Shrewsbury (GBR)	\$75,000	E Baltacha (GBR)	K O'Brien (GBR)	63 46 63	Barrois (GER)/Meusberger (AUT)
Sep-21	Saint Malo (FRA)	\$100,000+H	A Parra Santonja (ESP)	A Dulgheru (ROU)	64 63	Bacszinsky (SUI)/Garbin (ITA)
Sep-28	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	K Bertens (NED)	N Pipiya (RUS)	62 62	Bertens/Koek (NED)
Sep-28	Ciampino (ITA)	\$10,000	S Martinovic (BIH)	F Quercia (ITA)	64 62	Martinovic (BIH)/Shamayko (RUS)
Sep-28	Clermond (FRA)	\$10,000	P Sanduska (POL)	A Bergot (FRA)	76 61	Bergot/Ka (FRA)
Sep-28	Dobrich (BUL)	\$10,000	S Metei (ROU)	D Evtimova (BUL)	62 63	Marcu/Matei (ROU)
Sep-28	Granada (ESP)	\$25,000	M Irigoyen (ARG)	B Garcia (ESP)	75 26 43	retBratchikova/Rodionova (RUS)
Sep-28	Helsinki (FIN)	\$25,000	K Pervak (RUS)	S Foretz (FRA)	64 62	Laine (FIN)/South (GBR)
Sep-28	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$25,000	O Kalashnikova (GEO)	S Shapatava (GEO)	46 63 62	Jani (HUN)/Kapshay (UKR)
Sep-28	Athens (GRE)	\$100,000+H	J Dokic (AUS)	E Daniilidou (GRE)	62 61	Daniilidou (GRE)/Woehr (GER)
Oct-05	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	N Pipiya (RUS)	M Di Lattre (POR)	64 46 76(4)	Buzarnescu (ROU)/Vankova (CZE)
Oct-05	Foggia (ITA)	\$10,000	A Remondina (ITA)	C Giovine (ITA)	76 16 76(6)	Barbieri/Grymalka (ITA)
Oct-05	Les Franqueses (ESP)	\$10,000	I Ramialison (FRA)	C Chala (FRA)	36 64 64	hermoso (MEX)/Muguruza (ESP)
Oct-05	Limoges (FRA)	\$25,000	C Feuerstein (FRA)	A Laurendon (FRA)	60 57 63	Chalova (RUS)/Kalashnikova (GEO)
Oct-05	Podgorica (MNE)	\$25,000	R Voracova (CZE)	A Timotic (SRB)	75 21	ret Clerico (ITA)/Kosinska (POL)
Oct-05	Barnstaple (GBR)	\$50,000	J Larsson (SWE)	P Parmentier (FRA)	62 62	Larsson (SWE)/Smith (GBR)
Oct-12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Torro (ESP)	A Orlik (BLR)	60 63	Buyukakcay (TUR)/Khabibulina (UZB)
Oct-12	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	A Krunic (SRB)	K Morgosova (SVK)	60 63	Honcova/Morgosova (SVK)
Oct-12	Kharkiv (UKR)	\$10,000	L Kichenok (UKR)	N Kichenok (UKR)	67(2) 63 62	Kichenok/Kichenok (UKR)
Oct-12	Mytilini (GRE)	\$10,000	J Rae (GBR)	J Windley (GBR)	62 61	Brozda/Jegiolka (POL)
Oct-12	Settimo (ITA)	\$10,000	E Balsamo (ITA)	S Chieppa (ITA)	64 61	Gatto Monticone/Quercia (ITA)
Oct-12	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	S Arvidsson (SWE)	J Dokic (AUS)	62 76(7)	Fedosova (FRA)/Sfar (TUN)
Oct-12	Madrid (ESP)	\$50,000	A Floris (ITA)	D Evtimova (BUL)	61 63	Kustova (BLR)/Voracova (CZE)
Oct-19	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	A Orlik (BLR)	64 63	Orlik (BLR)/Vankova (CZE)
Oct-19	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	M Mezak (CRO)	R Jani (HUN)	06 75 76(4)	Jani (HUN)/Perrin (SUI)
Oct-19	Sevilla (ESP)	\$10,000	L Arruabarrena (ESP)	N Kozic (SRB)	61 62	Del Barrio (ESP)/Van Uiter (NED)
Oct-19	Thessaloniki (GRE)	\$10,000	O Brozda (POL)	T Germanlieva (BUL)	57 61 62	Enache/Hristea (ROU)
Oct-19	Glasgow (GBR)	\$25,000	J Larsson (SWE)	M South (GBR)	61 16 63	Laine (FIN)/South (GBR)
Oct-19	Saint Raphael (FRA)	\$50,000	P Parmentier (FRA)	S Zahlavova (CZE)	76(4) 62	Feuerstein/Foretz (FRA)

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ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Sep-21	Mostar (BIH)	\$15,000	M Sieber (GER)	B Knittel (GER)	75 75	Hizak/Zmak (CRO)
Sep-21	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000+H	R Bemelmans (FRA)	P Ysern (FRA)	67 61 75	CharroinRenard (FRA)
Sep-21	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	T Angelinos (GRE)	A Zguns (LAT)	63 46 62	Di Ienno/Grassi (ITA)
Sep-21	Alghero (ITA)	\$10,000	V Pospisil (CAN)	F Piccari (ITA)	63 67(5) 63	Gaio/Giannessi (ITA)
Sep-21	Espinho (POR)	\$15,000	P Clar (ESP)	M Phillips (GBR)	64 46 63	Falcao/Sousa (POR)
Sep-21	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	R Bautista (ESP)	T Schoorel (NED)	64 63	Frantzen/Schoorel (NED)
Sep-21	Falun (SWE)	\$15,000	P Figueroa (SWE)	F Nielsen (DEN)	63 46 62	Emmrich (GER)/Siljestrom (SWE)
Sep-28	Mostar (BIH)	\$15,000	J Semrajc (SLO)	M Sieber (GER)	60 61	Draganja/Marcan (CRO)
Sep-28	Sarreguemines (FRA)	\$10,000	M Koning (NED)	L Walter (FRA)	76(5) 63	Koning (NED)/Van Haasttran (AHO)
Sep-28	Hambach (GER)	\$10,000	P Gojowczyk (GER)	B Paire (FRA)	64 64	Inglot/Jones (GBR)
Sep-28	Paros (GRE)	\$10,000	C Grassi (ITA)	A De Greef (BEL)	75 64	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Sep-28	Quartu (ITA)	\$10,000	V Pospisil (CAN)	M Viola (ITA)	61 62	Burrieza/Marti (ESP)
Sep-28	Martos (ESP)	\$15,000	V Ignatik (BLR)	R Bautista (ESP)	61 36 76(3)	Gonzalez Jimenez/Rexach (ESP)
Oct-05	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	D Guez (FRA)	A Juska (LAT)	76 64	Gaston/Simmonds (USA)
Oct-05	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	M Przysiezny (POL)	H Kontinen (FIN)	36 62 75	Inglot/Jones (GBR)
Oct-05	Paros (GRE)	\$10,000	P Jelenic (CRO)	M Copil (ROU)	26 64 76(3)	Guenat (SUI)/O'Brien (IRL)
Oct-05	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	S Ianni (ITA)	A Falgheri (ITA)	62 63	Ianni/Volante (ITA)
Oct-05	Cordoba (ESP)	\$15,000	A Menendez (ESP)	P Cervenak (SVK)	63 63	Boje-Ordenez/Martin Adalia (ESP)
Oct-12	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	M Przysiezny (POL)	S Betau (BLR)	62 63	Betau/Fidirko (BLR)
Oct-12	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$15,000	A Bedene (SLO)	A Balazs (HUN)	62 76(11)	Rmus/Rola (SLO)
Oct-12	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	A Dupuis (FRA)	C Niland (IRL)	63 46 64	Bayet/Burquier (FRA)
Oct-12	Isernhagen (GER)	\$10,000	J Paukku (FIN)	J Brunken (GER)	64 62	horecny/Pazicky (SVK)
Oct-12	Heraklio (GRE)	\$10,000	A Sadecky (SUI)	A Jakupovic (GRE)	64 60	Sadecky (SUI)/Vasiliev (RUS)
Oct-12	Frascati (ITA)	\$10,000	G Tosic (MNE)	M Viola (ITA)	60 76(3)	Hizak (CRO)/Tosic (MNE)
Oct-19	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	M Przysiezny (POL)	N Fidirko (BLR)	63 62	Betau/Fidirko (BLR)
Oct-19	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$15,000	P Clar (ESP)	A Balazs (HUN)	63 75	Draganja/Marcan (CRO)
Oct-19	La Roche (FRA)	\$15,000+H	N Desein (BEL)	B Dupuy (FRA)	63 46 76(2)	Desein (BEL)/Duclos (CAN)
Oct-19	Glasgow (GBR)	\$15,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	D Evans (GBR)	60 62	Eaton/Inglot (GBR)
Oct-19	Sabadell (ESP)	\$15,000	S Gutierrez Ferrol (ESP)	A Boje Ordenez (ESP)	36 61 75	Lopez Jaen/Rexach (ESP)
Oct-19	Adana (TUR)	\$10,000	T Angelinos (GRE)	P Jelenic (CRO)	75 64	Bradaric/Jelenic (CRO)

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National Associations

The Latvian Tennis Union has a new email address: tennislatvia@gmail.com

The Serbia Tennis Federation also has a new email address: office@teniskisavez.com

Patrice Hagelauer has begun work as the new Sporting/Technical Director of the French Tennis Federation.

European Racquet Stringers Digest

The latest edition of ERSA's Racquet Tech magazine has been published and is available for download here: www.ersa-stringers.com/pdf/RT42009web.pdf

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HEAD's Speed Pro Racquet Gathers Accolades

In the toughest racquet test conducted to-date by the German magazine, Deutsche Tennis Zeitung, the YOUTEKM Speed Pro came out on top, ranking No. 1 amongst other tour racquets praised for its thin and heavy frame.

The weapon of choice for World No.4 Novak Djokovic, the YOUTEKM Speed Pro received the best combined point scores out of the 10 point scale, receiving 8.7 points. Testers praised the racquet's stability, control and overall power.

"We are extremely pleased with the results of the YOUTEKM Speed Pro," said Robert Marte, Executive Vice President of the Racquetsports Division. "Being named most accurate showcases the superior technology of YOUTEKM and affirms its performance abilities amongst all types of tennis players."

This year the magazine heightened the test criteria and the point evaluation to help determine a clear winner between points and evaluations. Racquets were rated on 10 point scale and testers were allowed more freedom in the grading process. Additionally, none of the racquet grade results were omitted like in previous testings.

Also ranked in the top 3 with a result of 7.9 points, the YOUTEKM Radical Pro was recognized for its bigger head size and open string bed. The racquet scored strong amongst testers for its power and handling.

The Speed Pro series incorporates HEAD's newest technology, YOUTEKM, into the frame. The technology infuses d3oTM, a "smart material" made from specially designed molecules that "lock together" upon racquet impact. Located in the shaft of the racquet, d3o reacts to the needs of a player in nano seconds, providing a softer touch and better feel to slow hits and increased stiffness necessary to create power behind fast strokes. In addition to d3oTM, the racquet series introduces Teflon® grommets by DuPont which create a bigger "sweet spot" across the string bed.



HEAD Players taste success in Asia

The Asian autumn circuit was a fruitful for one for HEAD players, with Novak Djokovic and Svetlana Kuznetsova both climbing back to third in the world after winning the Beijing titles.

Playing in an all-HEAD final and using a YOUTEK Speed Pro, Djokovic beat Marin Cilic in straight sets, commenting, "It was a great win. I have had a lot of success in China in the past but Cilic tested me throughout the entire match. This is a solid win to take to my next tournament and the Barclays."

Mikhail Youzhny kept up the good run for HEAD, reaching the Tokyo final in the same week, which he followed up with his first tournament win in almost two years, triumphing at his home event, the Kremlin Cup in Moscow.

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