

Europe's top junior stars shine at Tour's flagship events

Three weeks of European championship events for juniors have come to a conclusion with the crowning of new champions at the third annual Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD.

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour's most intense period of major event activity kicked off in late July with the Tour's most prestigious event, the European Junior Championships, held at three venues across the continent for players aged 14, 16 and 18 & Under.

Many of those national squads then moved on to the European Summer Cups the next week to take part in team competitions for Under 16s and Under 18s, for which qualifying and final rounds were held over a ten-day period.

During the same week, Under 12 teams were in action for the qualifying rounds of the Nations Challenge, with eight boys and eight girls teams moving on the final rounds in early August.

Inside this special edition of Tennis Europe News we have reports, photos and results from all the European Championship events as the continent's top junior stars follow in the footsteps of the sport's all-time greats.



Above: Spain's Under 12 boys celebrate their first ever European title, Below; Russia's Under 16 girls dominated both the individual and team events.



In the Spotlight: Jacques Dupré

Tennis Europe's President Jacques Dupré recently completed his first year in charge of the organisation. We caught up with him in Madrid at the ITF Annual General Meeting to find out his thoughts on his first year at the helm and his plans for the rest of his term.

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Spain wins maiden Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD title, Ukraine defends girls' crown



Spain has won its first ever Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD title, following a 2-1 win over 2007 champions France at the finals in Alghero (ITA).

Jaime Fermosell (pictured, right) put the Spaniards ahead with a hard fought opening rubber win over Matthis Tetart Chague, recovering from 2-6 first set loss to win the final two sets 63 75 and retain his unbeaten record in the event. Alvaro Verdu then settled the tie with a 64 75 win over French #1 Alexandre Muller before the French won a consolation doubles point.

Russia beat Great Britain into third place on the final day, having earlier survived an incredible battle against Italy. In the match of the tournament, Bogdan Bobrov outlasted Marco Mosciatti 46 64 16-14 to settle the tie. The encounter was the longest in the events history, with the Russian eventually converting his eighth match point after 3 hours and 40 minutes of play. Despite finishing the tie at thirty minutes prior to midnight, Russia's hero Bobrov was back on court the next day for a three set singles win over Lucas Taylor as well as a doubles match!

At the girls final rounds in Ajaccio (FRA), Ukraine came out on top for a second successive year, thanks to a crushing 3-0 defeat of Russia.

The defending champions were in fine form all week, losing just one match (a dead doubles rubber against France) in their four ties, and only one set in live matches. Olena Ploskina earned the first point with a



64 61 win over Anastasia Komardina. The tie was secured by Ukrainian #1 Anhelina Kalinina, who became the first girl to play in the final of the event on two occasions, and raced to a 63 62 victory over Russian #1 Anastasia Rychagova. Kalinina and Ploskina then teamed up to defeat Komardina and Daria Kasatkina 62 62 in the closing doubles rubber.

Competing in the event for the first time, Germany's girls team beat Spain 2-1 to finish in third place. A record 62 nations entered the third edition of the annual event. Full draws and results from the competition can be found at TennisEurope.org.

Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD: Final Standings

| | 12 & Under Girls (Ajaccio) | 12 & Under Boys (Alghero) |
|----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 01 | UKRAINE | SPAIN |
| 02 | RUSSIA | FRANCE |
| 03 | GERMANY | RUSSIA |
| 04 | SPAIN | GREAT BRITAIN |
| 05 | CZECH REPUBLIC | ROMANIA |
| 06 | CROATIA | ITALY |
| 07 | FRANCE | UKRAINE |
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European Junior Championships



The European Junior Championships took place during the week of July 20th-26th and once again played witness to some outstanding performances from the continent's top players across three age categories.

Now in its 34th year, the most prestigious event on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour has traditionally seen breakthrough wins for many a future star, with nine former world #1s counting amongst its illustrious line up of former champions.

The 14 & Under event was held in Pilzen (CZE) for a third consecutive year, and saw European #1 Nikola Milojevic of Serbia justify his top seeding to reach the final. His opponent was British giant killer Kyle Edmund, who had upset higher-seeded players in his three previous matches on route to the final. Despite having struggled in his semi final match, in which he had dropped his first set of the tournament before eventually overcoming Marek Routa (CZE) 64 36 60, Milojevic was in commanding form on the final day, sweeping to a 62 60 win.

With the victory, Milojevic became the first Serb ever to win a European Junior Championship title (though compatriot Novak Djokovic won for Yugoslavia in 2001) and consolidates his position as Europe's #1 player in the age group; a position he is now guaranteed to hold until the end of the year. The title is his fifth of the year, having previously triumphed at tough Category 1 events in Tarbes, Livorno, Maia and Bolton.

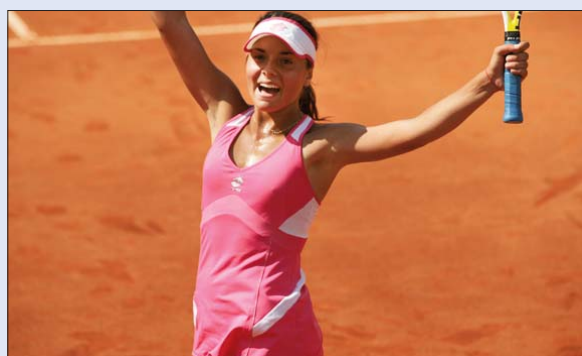
The boys' doubles saw another first as Gonalo Loureiro and Frederico Silva became the first Portuguese players to win at the European Championships. The seventh seeded pair survived a 63 36 (10-8) win over local pair Marek Routa and Robin Stanek.

In the girl's final, Viktoriya Tomova of Bulgaria captured the European #1 spot for the first time thanks to a 62 62 win over home hope Petra Rohanova. Tomova had been in dominant form throughout the week, losing just twelve games in five matches on her way to the final. She becomes the third Bulgarian girl to win a 14 & Under European title, following in the footsteps of Magdalena Maleeva and Lubomira Bachева, who won in 1988 and 1989 respectively.

Rohanova returned to the court later in the day with Gabriela Pantuckova to secure the girls doubles title with a 64 36 (10-6) win over French pair Lou Brouleau and Leolia Jeanjean. It is the third time in four years



Above: Nikola Milojevic (SRB) and Kyle Edmund (GBR) receive their medals. Below: Viktoriya Tomova (BUL) at the moment of victory.



that a Czech Pair has won the girls' doubles crown at the 14 & under event.

Russia's dominance of the girls' competition was the talk of the 16 & Under event in Moscow, where the host nation's team took the tournament by storm. All four players reached the girls' semi finals, marking the first time in the history of the event that all four semi finalists had been from the same nation, and guaranteeing a first ever all-Russian European Championships final.

Arguably the semi finals did much to determine the eventual outcome, with the two finalists having contrasting encounters on the penultimate day. Polina Vinogradova was by far the fresher of the two players, having beaten last year's 14 & Under runner-up Daria Gavrilova in straight sets to reach the final while her opponent Polina Leykina had come from the brink of defeat in a draining match under the hot sun to book her place by outlasting Ksenia Kirillova 36 75 76(3).

Despite her tiredness, Leykina put up a fight in the final, but St. Petersburg resident Vinogradova had all the answers in key moments, breaking in the twelfth game of the second set to secure a 64 75 win. Surprisingly – given the nations dominance of junior tennis in recent years – Vinogradova is the >>

European Junior Championships



<< first Russian girl to conquer the 16 & Under championships.

In the boys' final, 5th seed Filip Horansky blasted past Spaniard Axel Alvarez for the loss of just five games to secure a second European Junior Championships win. Horansky also won the 14 & Under doubles event in 2007, and is the second Slovak winner of the title in four years, following in the footsteps of 2005 champion Martin Klizan.

The boys doubles event saw Great Britain score their first European win in fifteen years as George Morgan teamed with Oliver Golding to beat Romania's Vasile Ghilea and Ciprian Porumb 64 67(5) 10-8. Unseeded Morgan also made an impact on the singles event, scrapping his way to the semi finals and upsetting three seeds in the process, including European #1 Dimitar Kuzmanov, before coming undone against Alvarez.

Slovak pair Vivien Juhaszova and Chantal Skamlova emerged victorious in the girls' doubles after a straight forward 62 63 win over Germany's Anna Lena Friedsam and Daris Gajos.

The town of Villach in Austria played host to the 18 & Under event for the first time and saw maiden European titles for singles champions Steven Diez and Elora Dabija, both of whom survived tough battles to clinch their wins.

Dabija ensured that girls title would remain in Romanian hands for a second year with a 64 46 64 win over Richel Hogenkamp of the Netherlands. Hogenkamp had been hoping to add the singles title to her 2008 doubles win, but came up short against the fourth seed despite costing Dabija her only set of the tournament.

Reigning Roland Garros junior champion Kristina Mladenovic of France teamed with Jessica Ginier to win the girls doubles title, beating Hungarians Timea Babos and Zsafia Susanyi.

In the boys event, Steven Diez followed up his semi final win over Junior World #2 Daniel Berta to outlast Hungary's Marton Fucsovics 64 46 75 to secure a seventh European Championship title for his country in this age group. The fifth seed, ATP ranked #730, follows in the footsteps of players such as Carlos Moyá and Albert Costa in lifting the trophy.



Above: (top) Filip Horansky (SVK) poses with his trophy in Moscow, (middle) Winners in Villach I-r Steven Diez, Elora Dabija and Maximillian Neuchrist & Tristan Weissborn, (bottom) The British Under 18 squad poses with coach Greg Rusedski.

In the final match of the event, there was joy for the host nation in the boys' doubles, where Maximillian Neuchrist and Tristan Weissborn upset second seeds Daniel Berta and Patrik Brydolf 64 64. It is the third time in seven years that an Austrian pair has won the boys doubles title.

Full draws and results from the 2009 event can be found online at www.TennisEurope.org.

Russia and France continue winning ways at 16 & Under European Summer Cups

Russia's girls (pictured, right) built on their successful European Junior Championships by teaming up to take the 16 & Under Helvetie Cup for the second time, wrapping up a 2-1 win over Slovak Republic on the final day of the event in Leysin (SUI).

Having suffered a surprise defeat to Ukraine to finish second in their qualifying group, the Russians were keen to make amends at the finals, beating top seeds Hungary and third seeds Germany to reach the final.

Ksenia Kirillova opened the tie, putting the Russians ahead with a 75 64 win over Vivien Juhaszova. The Slovaks had recovered from the loss of their first rubber in both of their previous ties, but were unable to repeat the trick as Daria Gavrilova swept to a routine 64 63 win over Jana Cepelova to clinch the tie. Cepelova then teamed with Chantal Skamlova to score a consolation doubles victory over Gavrilova and Polina Leykina.

The win capped a productive fortnight for the Russian girls, all of whom reached the semi finals or better at the European Individual Championships in Moscow before teaming up for the Summer Cups.

France made the most of the home support to recapture the Boys' 16 & Under Borotra Cup trophy in Le Touquet with a 2-1 win over Czech Republic (pictured).

The unseeded team wrapped up the tie in singles action, thanks to straight sets victories for Mathias Bourgue and Mick Lescure, who beat Lukas Vrnak and Kiri Vesely respectively. The Czechs later regrouped



to win a consolatory doubles match as the four players returned to the court.

The landmark win brings France level with Sweden as the most successful nations in the history of the Championships, with seven titles apiece.

A total of 28 nations entered both the boys and girls events, which also serve respectively as the European qualifying competition for the Junior Davis and Fed Cup by BNP Paribas. The top five teams in each event qualify to travel to the finals at San Luis Potosi in Mexico during the week of September 29th - October 4th.

16 & Under European Summer Cups: Final Standings

| | Helvetie Cup (girls) Leysin (SUI) | Borotra Cup (boys) Le Touquet (FRA) |
|----|--------------------------------------|--|
| 01 | RUSSIA | FRANCE |
| 02 | SLOVAK REPUBLIC | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| 03 | GERMANY | SLOVAK REPUBLIC |
| 04 | UKRAINE | SPAIN |
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Sweden regains 18 & Under European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS title



Sweden won the 18 & Under boys' European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS title for the first time in seven years, thanks to a thrilling victory over the host nation France in La Rochelle.

The Swedes took an early lead as Christian Lindell outlasted Adrien Puget 57 64 86 in the longest match of the 2009 championships. Julien Obry then levelled the tie with a shock straight sets win over the junior world #2 Daniel Berta to set up a deciding doubles match. Obry and Puget returned to the court to face Berta and Patrik Brydolf in what turned out to be an epic encounter, the Swedes eventually pipping their opponents to the finish line by the narrowest of margins, 76(2) 67(6) 10-7.

The win is Sweden's eighth title at the Galea/Valerio Cup, bringing them level with Spain at second on the all-time winners list. Spain beat Hungary 2-0 in the 3rd place play-off match. A total of 23 nations entered the 2009 event.

The remaining European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS finals are due to take place during the weekend of 25th-27th September in Lleida, Spain, where qualifying group winners Ukraine, Spain, Portugal and Serbia will be joined by runners up Bulgaria, Demark, Sweden and Russia, the defending champions.



Above: Team Sweden celebrate their qualifying group win. Below: Junior world #2 and reigning Roland Garros junior champion Daniel Berta on the way to a victory for Sweden.



European Summer Cups presented by TennisLMS: Finals

Galea/Valerio Cup (Boys 18) La Rochelle (FRA)

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| 01 | SWEDEN |
| 02 | FRANCE |
| 03 | SPAIN |
| 04 | HUNGARY |
| 05 | BELARUS |
| 06 | BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA |
| 07 | CROATIA |
| 08 | SLOVAK REPUBLIC |

ITF /Tennis Europe Educational Forum

The third edition of the ITF/Tennis Europe Educational Forum took place during the European Junior Championships in Pilzen (CZE). The event was a great success with 130 players from 36 countries in attendance (70 boys and 60 girls), joined by 36 national team coaches.

The forum is designed to help players to prepare for certain aspects of life as a tennis player, both as juniors and beyond. The two and a half hour meeting saw a variety of topics covered. Tennis Europe's Manager of Junior Tennis, Stephanie Kamberi opened proceedings with an introduction to the role of the International tennis Federation, and that of Tennis Europe.

Dr. Iva Klimesova then followed with a presentation on the importance of nutrition for sport. Tennis journalist Marco Keller ended the agenda with a light-hearted session on media training and interview techniques.

Stephanie Kamberi commented, "The European Championships was the ideal location for this forum, as many of these players will go on to have long and successful careers in the tennis world. We have been able to reach many of the top junior players in Europe at once here in Pilzen and have had great feedback from the participants."



Images from Pilzen. Above, the players gather for the forum. Below, practising interview techniques with Marco Keller.



Level 2 Coaches' Course in Serbia

A Level 2 Coaches' Course was held at Tennis Club Banjica in Belgrade, Serbia from 15th – 25th June. The course was organized by the Serbian Tennis Association and conducted by National tutors Igor Tomašević and Tamara Kovačević under the supervision of ITF/Tennis Europe expert Ales Filipcic (SLO). A total of sixteen participants were in attendance, with ten of them reaching the level required to pass the course.

The Course was aimed for coaches interested in working with competitive junior players and covered areas such as modern teaching methodologies, psychology, advanced tennis tactics and the biomechanics of tennis. Candidates that attended the course were very enthusiastic and were looking forward to receiving additional information in national and international coaches' workshops and conferences in the future.

National tutor Tamara Kovacevic commented: "Due to the popularity of tennis as a sport in Serbia at the moment, we need more educated and qualified coaches. The Serbian Tennis Association plans to organize two more Level 1 Coaches' Courses in October of this year. Additional Level 1 and Level 2 Courses are also planned for 2010.

We would like to express our thanks to Ales Filipcic and Hrvoje Zmajic, the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, for their contribution and support in establishing our National Coaches' Education system."

Jacques Dupré elected to ITF board

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré was elected to the Board of the International Tennis Federation at the organisations' recent Annual General Meeting, which was held in Madrid from 16th-17th July.

Mr. Dupré will serve alongside six re-elected Board members - Juan Margets (ESP), Ismail El Shafei (EGY), Franklin Johnson (USA), Anil Khanna (IND), Geoff Pollard (AUS), and Georg Von Waldenfels (GER) - and will also be joined by fellow new members Lucy Garvin (USA), Jack Graham (CAN), Chris Kypriotis (BRA), Roman Murashkovsky (RUS) and Stuart Smith (GBR). Mr. Dupré, Mrs Garvin and Mr Pollard were also later confirmed as ITF Vice Presidents for the period 2009-2011.

Mr. Dupré expressed his delight at his election, commenting, "It is a great satisfaction for me personally and also I hope for Tennis Europe. It was a further positive surprise to receive the news that I have been nominated as Vice-President. I'm already looking forward to these roles with much enthusiasm."

Also at the ITF AGM, Charlotte Ferrari, who recently retired from Tennis Europe after many years of service in charge of administration and finance, was honoured with an award for services to the game which was presented to her by ITF (and former Tennis Europe) President Francesco Ricci Bitti.



Above: Images from Madrid: top, Jacques Dupré meets with ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti. Below, Mr. Ricci Bitti presents Charlotte Ferrari with her ITF Award.

European Beach Tennis Championships



The third annual European Beach Tennis Championships will be held in Cagliari, Italy, during the weekend of 4th-6th September.

Teams from Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain and Switzerland are expected to take part in the Championships, which will feature mens, womens and mixed doubles events.

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In the Spotlight: Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré

As reported elsewhere in this issue, Jacques Dupré was recently elected to the Board of the International Tennis Federation. Having recently completed the first of a three-year term at the helm of Tennis Europe, we caught up with him to find out his thoughts on his first year in office, and plans for the future of the organisation.

Congratulations on your election to the Board of the International Tennis Federation. What is your reaction to the election?

I am delighted. It is a great satisfaction for me personally and also I hope for Tennis Europe. It was a further positive surprise to receive the news that I have been nominated as Vice-President. I'm already looking forward to both of these roles with much enthusiasm.

What was your motivation in deciding to stand for an ITF Board position?

I've always thought it would be an interesting challenge, and I also believe that my experience within the FFT can benefit the organisation. It was also the wish of the Board of the French Federation as a Grand Slam nation, and my colleagues on the Board of Tennis Europe also encouraged me to stand.

In the Board elections, Europe ultimately lost a seat. Do you think this will have any significance for European tennis?

I don't think it will have a great significance. Europe is a big and strong region, representing 49 nations at the ITF, and has a great diversity including some of the strongest and most developed federations but at the other end of the scale, some very humble ones with a staff of just two people. Therefore it's vitally important for us to have a strong representation to reflect that. However I believe that all regions should be fairly and correctly represented.

In what ways has your life changed since taking office as President of Tennis Europe?

It has changed in many ways. It is a great honour to be Tennis Europe President. At times you feel the weight of the additional responsibilities, having a very precise mission to promote the sport throughout the whole continent. But it's a very motivating challenge, and is satisfying to devote your energies to helping nations to improve their structure and development.

Roland Garros is a busy time for you in your dual roles with Tennis Europe and the French Tennis Federation. What does your work there entail?

After many years of working as General Secretary, this year within the newly elected Board I became Vice-President in charge of International Affairs. So my role and duties during Roland Garros have changed somewhat. I have now to establish the best contacts with the foreign delegations and see that their stay is the most enjoyable.

As a part of that, I also try to encourage the exchange of views with our foreign friends. It's a very interesting task, and there are some things I am looking forward to developing further. This year, for example, we organised a special day dedicated to one country; Serbia. We chose them because it's really a great time for the sport in their country, and in recognition of the good performances of their players. It was a good experience and I'd like to it again. Also, there is traditionally a welcome cocktail for foreign delegations during the championships and I would like to improve the event by formalising it and making it and more efficient and constructive for those who attend.

For people who are not familiar, how does Tennis Europe's Board of Management work?

The Board functions in a very democratic and transparent way. Throughout the year, there is a constant contact between the staff and the Board Members and the Board Members are always kept updated about the current issues or concerns. Additionally, there are at least four meetings a year, at which the key decisions are taken.

What achievements have given you the most satisfaction during your first year in office?

Well, as you know, my background in >>



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<< Tennis Europe was with the development committee, so I am particularly pleased about the success of the "Specific Projects" to have been undertaken as part of the Development Programme, and also the whole 'Play and Stay' project, which has quickly taken hold with national federations and will be of great benefit to the sport in the long term. Also I think that our meetings and conferences have improved even further in terms of their content, which is very satisfying.

Have there been any unexpected challenges that have surprised you?

The main one is the world financial crisis, which of course has had an impact on the management of resources. We are lucky not to have been affected too much thanks to the quality of our management, however it is concerning.

Many federations, tournament organisers and other entities in the tennis world have been affected by the economic crisis. What effects has the recession had on Tennis Europe and its activities, and on tennis in Europe in general?

For the time being there is a limited impact. There have been some cancellations of tournaments but it is still too early to say how it will affect the number of events and the number of players in the clubs. Of particular concern is the situation with our partners and sponsors and of course we hope that their contributions will not be cut or stopped. In any case we should all be aware that things will never be the same after this crisis.

Where do you see the emphasis regarding the implementation of Tennis Europe's Business Plan and strategy in the long term?



The mission of Tennis Europe is to help the less developed nations to structure themselves by giving logistic and financial support and also to assure the accessibility to our sport to all.

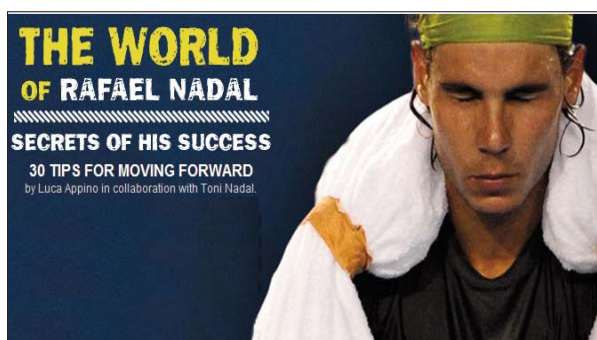
One of the goals you outlined was to help Tennis Europe to grow and to be increasingly efficient as a 'resource centre' for member nations. What progress has been made in this area?

I think that there has been some significant progress in this area. The staff of Tennis Europe has worked hard in a number of areas. In communications, we have seen the re-launched newsletter accompanied by record web visits, and we're looking forward to launching the new website later in the year. As I mentioned before, the content of the conferences has improved greatly. Another important improvement has been the work we have done with Sports Marketing Surveys; several studies have provided detailed analysis on 10 & under tennis, junior players as consumers, and the general state of tennis in Europe. All of these are perfect tools at the disposal of member nations and designed to help them to grow.

Competition winners

Thanks to our readers that entered our Rafael Nadal book competition. The correct answer to the question of which player ended Nadal's 81-match win streak in Rome last year was Juan Carlos Ferrero. Five winners have been randomly drawn and will be receiving their copy of 'the World of Rafa Nadal' by Luca Appino with Toni Nadal shortly. Congratulations to:

Alexandre Lescot (France),
Siddhartha Kunti (Belgium),
Jonathan Conroy (Great Britain)
Alex Zoccoli (Italy) and
Johan Hedsberg (Sweden)



Senior Tennis Round-Up

ITF Senior Circuit tournament organisers are reminded that the deadline to submit application forms for 2010 is August 31st. As from next year, the first three months of the calendar will be published in advance of the main document in order to allow players and events to prepare. For any queries, please contact Nadja koran (nadjak@tenniseurope.org).

CT Palermo of Italy have won a third consecutive title at the Mens 65 **European Club Championships** in Salzburg (AUT). The defending champions coasted to the final, posting easy wins over Centre Point (NED) and the Northern (GBR), but just scraped by Rot-Weiss Berlin to capture the title with a 3-2 final win.

The win means CT Palermo stand clear as the most successful club in the history of the 65 & Over event, eclipsing the two titles won by both Blau-Weiss Köln and Klipper Hamburg. Should they manage to defend their title once more next year, Palermo will become only the second club ever to win a European Championship trophy in four consecutive years.

Top seeds TC Wolfsburg Pforzheim of Germany raced to the Men's 60s title last week in Rakovnik (CZE), losing just one match in three ties. Their final opponent was CT Lucca of Italy. Both teams were appearing in their first European Championship final.

All of the remaining mens and women's Club Championships will be played in the coming few weeks. It is still possible to enter some of these categories. More information is available online: http://www.tenniseurope.org/VeteransTennis/Vet_Te_European-Club-Champs_2009.aspx

The **European Outdoor Senior Championships** for Over 35s was held in its traditional home of Rottach-Weissach, Germany, during the week of July 20th, and saw a number of wins for home players.

Susi Fortun-Lohrmann blasted her way through a women's draw that saw only one player from 2008 return to action. Having received a first round bye, Fortun flew through her three remaining matches for the loss of just four games in total, leaving her with plenty of energy for the doubles event. There she teamed with compatriot Caroline Schneider, her victim in the singles final, to complete a rare sweep of titles.



Above: Top - Mens 65 champions TC Palermo in Salzburg.
Below - Men 60 winners TC Wolfsburg Profzheim in Rakovnik.

Fellow German Gerhard Fahlke posted a series of upset wins to snatch his first ever European Championship title in the men's event. #5 seed Sven Leuzinger (SUI), #3 Michael Austen (GER) and #2 Clement Weinhandl (AUT) all fell in straight sets to the unseeded player on route to the final.

His opponent in the title match was top seed Benjamin Budziak of Poland, who had overcome Sandor Noszaly in the semis. The match went the full distance, with Budziak recovering from the brink of defeat to take the second set before being outlasted in a final set tie break, 63 67(3) 76(5).

Fahlke then teamed with compatriot Thassilo Haun to take the doubles crown with a 75 75 win over Hungarians Tamas György and Sandor Noszaly.

Beyond the Baseline...

Natalie Dechy of France has retired from the sport at the age of 30, following the announcement that she is pregnant with her first child. Dechy won one career singles and seven doubles titles, including three Grand Slams.

Juergen Waber, coach of Sybille Bammer, has been confirmed as the new Austrian Fed Cup captain.

Murcia has been confirmed as the venue of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas semi final between Spain and Israel, due to be played during the weekend of September 18-20. The other tie, between Croatia and the Czech Republic will be held in Porec, the scene of earlier 2009 wins against Chile and USA.

Invacare has extended its sponsorship of the World Team Cup, the ITF's flagship Wheelchair Tennis event. The event, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year in Nottingham, Great Britain, was a great success for European teams. Netherlands won both the womens and junior events, while France and Austria won the mens world group and world group 2 titles respectively. Great Britain closed the event with a home win, taking their third Quads title.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Goran Ivanisevic have been added to the bill of the forthcoming BNP Paribas Zurich Open, which will see an unprecedented format, with 8 former world #1s, Grand Slam champions and Davis Cup winners completing against each other alongside a junior event featuring 8 of the worlds best juniors. The players will team up (one veteran, one junior) on the final day for a special doubles event. Stefan Edberg and John McEnroe are amongst the other confirmed players.

Former Australian #1 and top ten player Alicia Molik is preparing for a comeback to the game, just a year after retiring. Her last competitive match was at the Beijing Olympics, though the 28 year old has entered a \$25,000 ITF event next month and is believed to be planning to focus on doubles.

Injury watch: British #1 Anne Keothavong has been ruled out for the rest of the season due to a knee injury. David Nalbandian, Carlos Moya and Mario Ancic are amongst the other players to have already withdrawn from the US Open.

Serena Williams will publish her autobiographical book 'On the Line' on September 1st.

Roger Federer and wife Mirka recently became parents of twin girls. Charlene Riva and Myla Rose were born on July 23rd on what Federer called the "best day" of his life. Meanwhile, the world #1's Davis Cup team-mate Stanislas Wawrinka has announced that he is expecting a child with his partner Ilham Vuilloud.

Richard Gasquet has split with his coach Guillaume Peyre and has reunited with former trainer Eric Deblicker as he prepares a possible return to ATP action.

Portugal's Nuno Marques ended Marcelo Rios' two-year win streak at the ATP Champions Tour event in Vale do Lobo this week with a crushing 61 62 win.

Nick Bolletieri has revealed that Mary Pierce has begun preparations for a comeback at the age of 34. The two-time Grand Slam champion is said to be training in Florida.

the International Tennis Federation has launched a Chinese language version of its e-learning website www.itfjunior Tennisschool.com, bringing the total number of languages available to four (alongside English, French and Spanish).

Former world #1 Kim Clijsters made an impressive return to professional tennis, beating #13 Marion Bartoli in straight sets in the first round of the Cincinnati event. Bartoli arrived in the US city in good form, having won the biggest title of her career so far - Stanford - a week beforehand.

Fast Facts

More than half of European-ranked junior players intend to become full time professional tennis players after the age of 18. The figure is higher for girls (64%) than boys (57%).
A further 18% of boys and 16% of girls intend to take on tennis scholarships at college or university.

Source: Tennis Europe/Sports Marketing Surveys 'Next Generation Survey', for further information contact Carola Löffler - carolal@tenniseurope.org





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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Whilst the European Championships had a massive impact on the rankings this month, several players have broken into the top ten thanks to outstanding performances in some of the regular Tour events. Leeuwarden champion Indy de Vroome and Köln runner-up Lisa-Marie Maetschke head four new entries to the girls' list. Petra Rohanova takes over at the top, ending Victoriya Tomova's reign after just one week.

Robin Stanek's excellent home performances in winning the Category 1 Rakovnik title and reaching the European Championship semis sees his blast into the boys' top ten at #4 ahead of Pilzen finalist Kyle Edmund.

The top eight European players at the end of the season qualify to take part in the TennisEurope Junior Masters event due to be held in Napoli from October 2-4.

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 | ▼ | Petra UBERALOVA | SVK | 455 |
| 07 | NEW | Indy DE VROOME | NED | 425 |
| 08 | NEW | Lisa-Marie MAETSCHKE | GER | 410 |
| 09 | NEW | Aneta DVORAKOVA | CZE | 390 |
| 10 | NEW | Marie BENOIT | BEL | 385 |



Indy de Vroome (NED)

14 & Under Boys

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▶ | Nikola MILOJEVIC | SRB | 810 |
| 02 | ▶ | Enzo PY | FRA | 565 |
| 03 | ▲ | Marek ROUTA | CZE | 545 |
| 04 | NEW | Robin STANEK | CZE | 525 |
| 05 | ▼ | Evan HOYT | GBR | 515 |
| 06 | ▶ | Frederico SILVA | POR | 510 |
| 07 | NEW | Kyle EDMUND | GBR | 500 |
| 08 | ▼ | Igor SMILANSKI | ISR | 500 |
| 09 | ▼ | Stefano NAPOLITANO | ITA | 480 |
| 10 | ▼ | Matteo DONATI | ITA | 455 |



Kyle Edmund (GBR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 16 & Under

Axel Alvarez has become to the second Spaniard in a month to reach the summit of the boys' U16 rankings, thanks to his runner-up spot at the European Championships. Former #1 Vasile Ghilea re-enters the list at #7 but is surprisingly the only new entry following the tour's biggest event in terms of points yield.

The girls' list is similarly static, though Aliaksandra Sasnovich usurps Jovana Jaksic to

take the top spot. European Champion Polina Vinogradova just misses out on a top 10 place, re-entering at #14. Milovice winner Tereza Smitkova is the only new entry, appearing at #10 despite only having four Tour events to her name.

Rankings are updated each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org and are available in alphabetical and numerical formats. Rankings below as of 10.08.2009.

16 & Under Girls

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|------------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▲ | Aliaksandra SASNOVICH | BLR | 430 |
| 02 | ▼ | Jovana JAKSIC | SRB | 425 |
| 03 | ▲ | Elena CADAR | ROU | 370 |
| 04 | ▲ | Tjasa SRIMPF | SLO | 360 |
| 05 | ▶ | Ganna POZNIKHIRENKO | UKR | 355 |
| 06 | ▶ | Agnes BUKTA | HUN | 350 |
| 07 | ▶ | Marijana NOVAKOVIC | BIH | 335 |
| 08 | ▲ | Simona IONESCU | ROU | 305 |
| 09 | ▲ | Cristina DINU | ROU | 300 |
| 10 | NEW | Tereza SMITKOVA | CZE | 280 |



Ganna Poznikhirenko (UKR). Photo: Stephane Martinache.

16 & Under Boys

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|--------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▲ | Axel ALVAREZ | ESP | 565 |
| 02 | ▼ | Dimitar KUZMANOV | BUL | 500 |
| 03 | ▲ | Roberto CARBALLES | ESP | 465 |
| 04 | ▼ | Benjamin UGARTE | CHI | 405 |
| 05 | ▼ | Miki JANKOVIC | SRB | 405 |
| 06 | ▲ | Mate DELIC | CRO | 345 |
| 07 | NEW | Vasile GHILEA | ROU | 340 |
| 08 | ▲ | Ricardo RODRIGUEZ | VEN | 335 |
| 09 | ▲ | Vladislav MANAFOV | UKR | 330 |
| 10 | ▼ | Dominik THIEM | AUT | 325 |



Vasile Alexandru Ghilea (ROU)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

| Date | Tournament | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles Winner |
|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Jul-06 | Rakovnik (CZE) | C Patzanovsky (GER) | O Ctvrak (CZE) | 62 62 | Holotik/Prokop (CZE) |
| | | M Kolodziejova (CZE) | N Holanova (CZE) | 60 62 | Kolodziejova/Knutsonova (CZE) |
| Jul-06 | Otocec (SLO) | T Babelis (LTU) | G Grison (ITA) | 75 61 | Schweiger Muzar/Kokalj (SLO) |
| | | M Pislak (SLO) | B Torelli (ITA) | 76 62 | Kovacs/Galfi (HUN) |
| Jul-06 | Porto san Giorgio (ITA) | M Mosciatti (ITA) | A Rublev (RUS) | 76(7) 36 63 | Mosciatti/Siccardi (ITA) |
| | | A Komardina (RUS) | A Iska (IND) | 62 63 | Reddy/Venugopal (IND) |
| Jul-06 | Vsevolozhsk (RUS) | G Potemkin (RUS) | R Safiullin (RUS) | 61 61 | Khroustalev/Safiullin (RUS) |
| | | A Yakovleva (RUS) | M Magay (RUS) | 62 16 60 | Novikova/Voronova (RUS) |
| Jul-13 | Brescia (ITA) | Italy | Hungary | 2-0 | |
| | | France | Italy | 2-0 | |
| Jul-13 | Bitola (MKD) | T Igamberdyev (RUS) | S Lazarevic (SRB) | 63 64 | Igamberdyev (RUS)/Trajkovski (AUS) |
| | | V Jordanovska (MKD) | I Tasevska (MKD) | 64 62 | Krzovska/Tasevska (MKD) |
| Jul-20 | Stobrec (CRO) | G Potemkin (RUS) | M Alpeza (CRO) | 61 61 | Glvac/Selecky (SVK) |
| | | E Sedunova (RUS) | I Cudina (CRO) | 64 63 | Valimaa/Simpson (GBR) |
| Jul-20 | Chelyabinsk (RUS) | A Lipatov (RUS) | D Shatalin (RUS) | 63 61 | Shatalin/Lipatov (RUS) |
| | | V Ereemeeva (RUS) | D Bulatova (RUS) | 76(4) 61 | Tretiak/Vaskina (RUS) |
| Jul-27 | Kufstein (AUT) | B Hannestad (DEN) | J Gleixner (GER) | 62 61 | Rudolph/Stutz (SUI) |
| | | I Shymanovich (BLR) | R Dimitrova (BUL) | 64 26 62 | Grammatikopoulou (GRE)/ Shymanovich (BLR) |
| Jul-27 | Zlin (CZE) | J Pazdera (CZE) | P Hajek (CZE) | 63 16 62 | Hajek/Poboril (CZE) |
| | | L Avnesyan (RUS) | V Deptova (CZE) | 62 62 | Deptova/Kvapilova (CZE) |
| Aug-03 | Frankenthal (GER) | L Buth (GER) | S Paulus (GER) | 64 64 | Mönter/Günther (GER) |
| | | I Shymanovich (BLR) | K Hobgarski (GER) | 64 64 | Gerlach/Mirau (GER) |
| Aug-03 | Oetwil (SUI) | K Stutz (SUI) | M Lächli (SUI) | 46 61 61 | Rudolph/Stutz (SUI) |
| | | C Grimm (SUI) | J Brühwiler (SUI) | 60 61 | Plews (GBR)/Lyukshinova (RUS) |

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

14 & Under

| Date | Tournament | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles Winner |
|--------|-----------------------|------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Jul-13 | Leeuwarden (NED) | 1 | T Saito (JPN) | Y Nishioka (JPN) | 57 76(4) | 63 Andrienko/Desyatnik (RUS) |
| | | | I De Vroome (NED) | D Lebesheva (BLR) | 46 62 63 | Barty/Stojic (AUS) |
| Jul-13 | Furstenfeld (AUT) | 2 | P Platzer (AUT) | K Skvorc (CRO) | 16 60 61 | Schofberger/Voglgruber (AUT) |
| | | | B Haas (AUT) | K Sharifova (RUS) | 62 63 | Slavickova/Marikova (CZE) |
| Jul-13 | Jablonec (CZE) | 3 | P Kekercheni (UKR) | J Choinski (GER) | 62 60 | Walcow/Klos (POL) |
| | | | K Siniakova (CZE) | D Kulhankova (CZE) | 62 63 | Mayerova/Kulova (CZE) |
| Jul-13 | Otocec (SLO) | 3 | H Wagner (GER) | F Baldi (ITA) | 61 76(6) | Gaber/Horvat (SLO) |
| | | | D Herdzelas (BIH) | R Szentcs (HUN) | 62 61 | Palinkas/Szentcs (HUN) |
| Jul-13 | Ankara (TUR) | 3 | B Firat (TUR) | C Ilkel (TUR) | 26 61 60 | Tuna/Ilkel (TUR) |
| | | | F Atilgan (TUR) | G Adar (TUR) | 76(3) 76(3) | Aheichyk (BLR)/Hoedt (NED) |
| Jul-13 | Solihull (GBR) | 3 | P Ashley (GBR) | W Huyton (GBR) | 62 63 | Argyriou/Lizen (GBR) |
| | | | S Lohan (IRL) | K Boulter (GBR) | 64 61 | Folland/Millar (GBR) |
| Jul-13 | Kopavogur (ISL) | 3 | J Paris (GBR) | O Olin (SWE) | 64 62 | Svander (ITA)/Olin (SWE) |
| | | | I Sanders (GBR) | C Lynch (IRL) | 60 63 | Macpherson/Sanders (GBR) |
| Jul-20 | Rueil Malmaison (FRA) | 3 | J Chamba (ECU) | A Favrot (FRA) | 76 67 62 | Saito/Nishioka (JPN) |
| | | | M Kowase (JPN) | L Tholey (FRA) | 63 61 | Okuno/Kawase (JPN) |
| Jul-20 | Oberentfelden (SUI) | 3 | A Obert (GER) | S Ofner (AUT) | 57 62 60 | Borter/Moghini (SUI) |
| | | | K Kerimbayeva (KAZ) | C Schauer (AUT) | 61 62 | Kerimbayeva/Nemchen (KAZ) |
| Jul-20 | Dublin (IRL) | 3 | R Ridout (GBR) | R Peniston (GBR) | 64 62 | Parker/Huyton (GBR) |
| | | | H Dart (GBR) | I Hearnshaw (GBR) | 64 76(3) | Dart/Dunne (GBR) |
| Jul-27 | Köln (GER) | 1 | J Panta (PER) | J Paz (ARG) | 62 63 | Chamba (ECU)/Paz (ARG) |
| | | | B Haas (AUT) | L Maetschke (GER) | 36 76(5) 61 | Barty (AUS)/Gonzales (ECU) |
| Jul-27 | Waiblingen (GER) | 2 | O Ram (ISR) | Y Kryvoy (RUS) | 76(2) 76(8) | Windahl (SWE)/Ram (ISR) |
| | | | B Krejciakova (CZE) | N Rubel (BLR) | 75 64 | Krejciakova/Cvackova (CZE) |
| Jul-27 | Bournemouth (GBR) | 3 | R Frankel (GBR) | A Sendegaya (GBR) | 64 64 | Jhun/Mitchell (GBR) |
| | | | K Boulter (GBR) | E Taylor (GBR) | 64 62 | Dart/Taylor (GBR) |
| Jul-27 | Kufstein (AUT) | 2 | M Maruscak (SVK) | A Biro (HUN) | 61 63 | Biro (HUN)/Maruscak (SVK) |
| | | | A Heil (AUT) | B Kotelesova (SVK) | 62 61 | Ditlev/Melsted (DEN) |
| Jul-27 | Svilengrad (BUL) | 3 | L Papayiannis (CYP) | A Culicovsschi (RUS) | 75 36 62 | Agarwal (IND)/Krivokuca (CRO) |
| | | | A Nikolova (BUL) | J Savva (CYP) | 64 60 | Todorova/Zlatanova (BUL) |
| Jul-27 | Krasnogorsk (RUS) | 3 | K Tribshatok (RUS) | A Chepelev (RUS) | 76(3) 62 | Koshelev/Korolev (RUS) |
| | | | Y Alexandrova (RUS) | I Chernaya (RUS) | 46 76(5) 63 | Shkundina/Salimova (RUS) |
| Aug-03 | Hasselt (BEL) | 1 | G Quinzi (ITA) | J Chamba (ECU) | 61 64 | Bambridge/Pearce (GBR) |
| | | | M Sherief (EGY) | D Gonzales (ECU) | 64 62 | Angeles (PER)/Blanco (VEN) |
| Aug-03 | Sofia (BUL) | 3 | I Buzelan (ROU) | N Krivokuca (CRO) | 63 60 | Not played |
| | | | N Stojanovic (SRB) | S Andreeva (BUL) | 75 63 | Not played |



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

| Date | Tournament | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles Winner |
|--------|---------------------|------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jul-13 | Krasnogorsk (RUS) | 3 | G Shashkanov (RUS) | A Spirin (RUS) | 63 61 | Sobko/Elistratov (RUS) |
| | | | Y Valetova (RUS) | A Karpova (RUS) | 62 60 | Chernaya/Frolova (RUS) |
| Jul-13 | Sofia (BUL) | 3 | S Clayton (GBR) | P Mitev (BUL) | 60 16 76(2) | Bunting/Cocco (GBR) |
| | | | D Maxl (AUT) | B Fasciani (ITA) | 61 36 76(4) | Peruhova/Savova (BUL) |
| Jul-13 | Michalovce (SVK) | 3 | P Fabian (SVK) | M Kianicka (SVK) | 61 61 | Faith/Polivka (SVK) |
| | | | A Markuskova (SVK) | A Petrzalkova (SVK) | 62 61 | Ostrozlikova/Markuskova (SVK) |
| Jul-13 | Corradino (MLT) | 3 | M Hertl (GER) | M Righi (ITA) | 62 62 | Hertl/Durazzo (GER) |
| | | | S Gattuso (ITA) | A Rella (ITA) | 62 62 | Gattuso/Constantino (ITA) |
| Jul-13 | Aviles (ESP) | 3 | R Ojeda (ESP) | I Glez (ESP) | 61 61 | Not played |
| | | | S Garcia (ESP) | A Murillo (ESP) | 61 76 | Not played |
| Jul-20 | Oberentfelden (SUI) | 3 | R Deshayes (FRA) | J Malik (GBR) | 64 60 | Deshayes (FRA)/Malik (GBR) |
| | | | L Krohnen-Dauser (GER) | N Stadler (SUI) | 36 62 63 | Berezhnaya/Khairudinova (KAZ) |
| Jul-20 | Gausdal (NOR) | 3 | G Cocco (ITA) | N Navapukhar (GBR) | 64 62 | Cocco (ITA)/Baev (NOR) |
| | | | Not played | | | |
| Jul-20 | Ivanovo (RUS) | 3 | G Shashkanov (RUS) | E Elisratov (RUS) | 63 64 | Napaskin/Shashkanov (RUS) |
| | | | A Frolova (RUS) | A Karpova (RUS) | 62 62 | Rogova/Svarkovskaya (RUS) |
| Jul-27 | Waiblingen (GER) | 2 | O Frank (GER) | K Gerlakh (RUS) | 62 62 | Tsivadze (GEO)/Mugevicius (LTU) |
| | | | E Bauer (SRB) | A Wind (GER) | 61 61 | Sedano (ITA)/Ghermani (GER) |
| Jul-27 | Brussels (BEL) | 3 | A Kokorev (RUS) | M Blonda (BEL) | 64 62 | Kokrev (RUS)/Storme (BEL) |
| | | | E Devine (GBR) | K Zimmermann (BEL) | 62 63 | Devine (GBR)/Zimmermann (BEL) |
| Jul-27 | Prievidza (SVK) | 3 | J Busby (SVK) | M Dubjel (SVK) | 63 61 | Kianicka/Kianicka (SVK) |
| | | | M Sramkova (SVK) | S Tumova (SVK) | 64 61 | Markuskova/Tumova (SVK) |
| Aug-03 | Ulm (GER) | 2 | M Herrmann (GER) | L Glasspool (GBR) | 76(7) 61 | Tsivadze (GEO)/Mugevicius (LTU) |
| | | | E Cadar (ROU) | B Botusharova (BUL) | 64 64 | Berezhnaya/Khairudinova (KAZ) |
| Aug-03 | Krems (AUT) | 2 | C Glennon (GBR) | M Dubjel (SVK) | 36 63 62 | Dubjel/Polivka (SVK) |
| | | | L Huber (GER) | L Enea (ROU) | 62 61 | Brock/Huber (GER) |
| Aug-03 | Skopje (MKD) | 3 | D Auritei (ROU) | O Panoulas (GRE) | 60 63 | Cetinel (TUR)/Zelenkov (MKD) |
| | | | M Jovanova (MKD) | L Gjorcevska (MKD) | 64 57 61 | Jovanova/Gjorcevska (MKD) |
| Aug-03 | Viljandi (EST) | 3 | L Antropikas (LTU) | I Fomkins (LAT) | 63 61 | Fomkins/Lapins (LAT) |
| | | | A Nionova (LAT) | A Cepelyte (LTU) | 61 61 | Tihomirova (LAT)/Zheleznyak (RUS) |

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

The European rankings are largely unchanged this month. Many players have taken advantage of a post-Wimbledon lull to focus their attention to matters as diverse as the arrival of children (Federer), rehabilitation (Nadal), driving lessons (Murray) and holidays (Djokovic).

Of the few top men to be in action, Nikolay Davydenko's decision to play paid dividends, with his Umag title enough to lift him back into the top five, whilst Robin Soderling's Bastad title - his first ever clay court win - consolidates his top ten place.

Flavia Pennetta of Italy enters the European top ten for the first time following her win in Los Angeles. The title was her second of the year and is the biggest of her career so far.

Portoroz winner Dinara Safina is in danger of losing the world #1 spot to Serena Williams during the US hardcourt season, but is likely to be safe as European #1 until the end of the year, with a 3,000 point lead over second-placed compatriot Elena Dementieva. Rankings are as of August 10th, 2009.

European Women

| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|-----|----------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▶ | Dinara SAFINA | RUS | 9601 |
| 02 | ▶ | Elena DEMENTIEVA | RUS | 6591 |
| 03 | ▲ | Jelena JANKOVIC | SRB | 5930 |
| 04 | ▼ | Svetlana KUZNETSOVA | RUS | 5851 |
| 05 | ▶ | Vera ZVONARENVA | RUS | 5400 |
| 06 | ▲ | Caroline WOZNIACKI | DEN | 4750 |
| 07 | ▼ | Victoria AZARENKA | BLR | 4539 |
| 08 | ▶ | Nadia PETROVA | RUS | 3290 |
| 09 | ▶ | Ana IVANOVIC | SRB | 3212 |
| 10 | NEW | Flavia PENNETTA | ITA | 3190 |

European Men

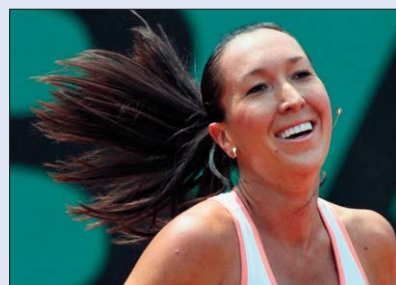
| Rank | | Name | Nat. | Points |
|------|---|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 01 | ▶ | Roger FEDERER | SUI | 11060 |
| 02 | ▶ | Rafael NADAL | ESP | 9285 |
| 03 | ▶ | Andy MURRAY | GBR | 8260 |
| 04 | ▶ | Novak DJOKOVIC | SRB | 7380 |
| 05 | ▲ | Jo-Wilfried TSONGA | FRA | 3650 |
| 06 | ▲ | Nikolay DAVYDENKO | RUS | 3525 |
| 07 | ▼ | Gilles SIMON | FRA | 3330 |
| 08 | ▼ | Fernando VERDASCO | ESP | 3135 |
| 09 | ▶ | Robin SODERLING | SWE | 3020 |
| 10 | ▶ | Gael MONFILS | FRA | 2640 |



Flavia Pennetta (ITA)



Nikolay Davydenko (RUS)



Jelena Jankovic (SRB)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles |
|--------|----------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Jul-13 | Caceres (ESP) | \$10,000 | E Guisard (FRA) | R Bou-Nogueiro (ESP) | 63 76(1) | Bua (ARG)/Lopez Rueda (ESP) |
| Jul-13 | Frinton (GBR) | \$10,000 | H Watson (GBR) | A Fitzpatrick (GBR) | 46 64 62 | Rae/Windley (GBR) |
| Jul-13 | Izmir (TUR) | \$10,000 | P Ozgen (TUR) | S Zaniewska (POL) | 60 64 | Kvatsabaia (GEO)/Tsybysheva (RUS) |
| Jul-13 | Bucha (UKR) | \$25,000 | Y Kalabina (RUS) | A Szatmari (ROU) | 67(6) 76(5) 61 | Buryachok/Teplyakova (UKR) |
| Jul-13 | Darmstadt (GER) | \$25,000 | S Gronert (GER) | Z Kucova (SVK) | 61 61 | Perkovic/Stephan (GER) |
| Jul-13 | Rome (ITA) | \$25,000 | E Compostizo de Andres (ESP) | E Cabeza Candela (ESP) | 63 67(2) 62 | Irigoyen (ARG)/Mircic (SRB) |
| Jul-13 | Zwevegem (BEL) | \$25,000 | K Flipkens (BEL) | Y Sema (JPN) | 63 63 | Chalova (RUS)/Jurak (CRO) |
| Jul-13 | Contrexeville (FRA) | \$50,000 | E Bychkova (RUS) | K Woerle (GER) | 64 64 | Meusberger (AUT)/Woerle (GER) |
| Jul-20 | Bucharest (ROU) | \$10,000 | E Bogdan (ROU) | D Evtimova (BUL) | 63 61 | Gaspar/Matei (ROU) |
| Jul-20 | Horb (GER) | \$10,000 | L Kriegsmannova (CZE) | M Gerards (NED) | 64 64 | Gerards/Koek (NED) |
| Jul-20 | Istanbul (TUR) | \$10,000 | A Tsybysheva (RUS) | M de Lattre (POR) | 62 46 64 | Ozgen (TUR)/Shapakidze (GEO) |
| Jul-20 | Piestany (SVK) | \$10,000 | D Sedenkova (CZE) | K Vankova (CZE) | 64 63 | Domgala (POL)/Jandova (CZE) |
| Jul-20 | Kharkiv (UKR) | \$25,000 | M Adamczak (AUS) | T Mrdeza (CRO) | 57 61 64 | Adamczak/Kriz (AUS) |
| Jul-20 | Les Contamines (FRA) | \$25,000 | P Sanduska (POL) | N Ozegovic (CRO) | 64 60 | Andrei (ROU)/Sanduska (POL) |
| Jul-20 | Valladolid (ESP) | \$25,000 | H El Tabakh (CAN) | E Cabeza Candela (ESP) | 62 36 63 | El Tabakh (CAN)/Fontdevila (ESP) |
| Jul-20 | Petange (LUX) | \$75,000 | A Parra Santonja (ESP) | E Bychkova (RUS) | 63 62 | Cohen Aloro (FRA)/Sfar (TUN) |
| Jul-27 | Bree (BEL) | \$10,000 | J Babilon (GER) | Y Kryvorutchko (UKR) | 63 75 | Bertens/Lemoine (NED) |
| Jul-27 | Gardone (ITA) | \$10,000 | J Mayr (ITA) | A Remondina (ITA) | 60 60 | Chieppa/Giovine (ITA) |
| Jul-27 | Onesti (ROU) | \$10,000 | E Dabija (ROU) | A Damaschin (ROU) | 64 57 76(4) | Damaschin/Enache (ROU) |
| Jul-27 | Palic (SRB) | \$10,000 | A Filipovski (HUN) | A Mijacika (CRO) | 63 75 | Antunovic (HUN)/Mijacika (CRO) |
| Jul-27 | Tampere (FIN) | \$10,000 | S Roma (SWE) | A Orlik (BLR) | 67(2) 76(3) 64 | Laine (FIN)/Roma (SWE) |
| Jul-27 | Bad Saulgau (GER) | \$25,000 | A Hlavackova (CZE) | A Jovanovic (SRB) | 64 64 | Jensen (DEN)/Larsson (SWE) |
| Jul-27 | Vigo (ESP) | \$25,000 | G Stoop (GBR) | K O'Brien (GBR) | 75 62 | Kosinska (POL)/Thorpe (FRA) |
| Aug-03 | Arad (ROU) | \$10,000 | A Mijacika (CRO) | D Enache (ROU) | 61 62 | Enache/Mitu (ROU) |
| Aug-03 | Ilawa (POL) | \$10,000 | S Zaniewska (POL) | Z Zlochova (SVK) | 64 64 | Domagala/Kawa (POL) |
| Aug-03 | Rebecq (NED) | \$10,000 | R Hogenkamp (NED) | C Sibille (FRA) | 46 63 64 | Bertens/Thyssen (NED) |
| Aug-03 | Savitaipale (FIN) | \$10,000 | E Laine (FIN) | A Schutting (EST) | 75 61 | Marcinkevica (LAT)/Orlik (BLR) |
| Aug-03 | Vienna (AUT) | \$10,000 | L Kriegsmannova (CZE) | N Zoric (SRB) | 64 67(7) 75 | Jandova (CZE)/Kochanova (SVK) |
| Aug-03 | Hechingen (GER) | \$25,000 | Y Meusberger (AUT) | J Larsson (SWE) | 57 75 62 | Meusberger (AUT)/Woehr (GER) |
| Aug-03 | Monteroni (ITA) | \$25,000 | I Lisjak (CRO) | C Giovine (ITA) | 64 62 | Klemenschits/Mayr (AUT) |
| Aug-03 | Moscow (RUS) | \$25,000 | K Pervak (RUS) | E Ivanova (RUS) | 46 64 62 | Ivanova/Rodionova (RUS) |

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ITF Men's Circuit

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score | Doubles |
|--------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Jul-13 | Telfs (AUT) | \$10,000 | J Ager (AUT) | A Bedene (SLO) | 63 76(2) | Melzer/Oswald (AUT) |
| Jul-13 | Tallinn (EST) | \$15,000 | J Zopp (EST) | J Poldma (EST) | 36 63 64 | Kunnapp/Zopp (EST) |
| Jul-13 | Saint Gervais (FRA) | \$15,000 | A Menendez (ESP) | J Sousa (POR) | 16 64 75 | Martin (FRA)/Shamasdin (CAN) |
| Jul-13 | Tbilisi (GEO) | \$15,000 | M Marrai (ITA) | I Sergeyev (UKR) | 57 61 63 | Feaver (GBR)/King (IRL) |
| Jul-13 | Aschaffenberg (GER) | \$10,000 | T Schoorel (NED) | K Mesaros (CRO) | 62 60 | Bruggeling/Van der Valk (NED) |
| Jul-13 | Frinton (GBR) | \$15,000 | J Milton (GBR) | D Rice (GBR) | 26 62 64 | Farron-Mahon/O'Brien (IRL) |
| Jul-13 | Palazzolo (ITA) | \$10,000 | G Hormazabal (CHI) | S Vagnozzi (ITA) | 75 60 | Grassi (ITA)/Hormazabal (CHI) |
| Jul-13 | Cluj (ROU) | \$10,000 | C Gard (ROU) | J Skoloudnik (CZE) | 06 61 62 | Alekseenko/Alekseenko (UKR) |
| Jul-13 | Elche (ESP) | \$10,000 | S Diez (ESP) | D Canudas (ESP) | 61 64 | De Verbizier/Descloix (FRA) |
| Jul-20 | Kramsach (AUT) | \$10,000 | A Martin (SVK) | J Semrajc (SLO) | 46 63 64 | Brunner/Lang (AUT) |
| Jul-20 | Kuressaare (EST) | \$10,000 | A Michon (FRA) | G Rufin (FRA) | 63 76(5) | Heliovaara/Kontinen (FIN) |
| Jul-20 | Tbilisi (GEO) | \$15,000 | M Jaziri (TUN) | D Savic (SRB) | 46 64 64 | Anikanov/Smirnov (UKR) |
| Jul-20 | Cologne (GER) | \$10,000 | P Cervenak (SVK) | A Dupuis (FRA) | 62 62 | Brkic (BIH)/Pavcic (CRO) |
| Jul-20 | Modena (ITA) | \$15,000 | N Desein (BEL) | F Aldi (ITA) | 26 75 63 | Desein/Mertens (BEL) |
| Jul-20 | Oradea (ITA) | \$10,000 | G Balazs (HUN) | M Estivariz (BOL) | 63 60 | Balazs/Balazs (HUN) |
| Jul-20 | Gandia (ESP) | \$10,000 | S Gutierrez Ferrol (ESP) | J Checa Calvo (ESP) | 63 64 | Calderon F/Checa Calvo (ESP) |
| Jul-27 | Dortmund (GER) | \$15,000+H | A Menendez (ESP) | C Stebe (GER) | 75 61 | Pospisil (CZE)/Renard (FRA) |
| Jul-27 | Ilkley (GBR) | \$15,000 | M Fischer (AUT) | N Pauffley (GBR) | 62 64 | Eaton (GBR)/Fischer (AUT) |
| Jul-27 | La Spezia (ITA) | \$15,000 | D Giorgini (ITA) | M Zay (GER) | 62 57 63 | Grassi/Trusendi (ITA) |
| Jul-27 | Jurmala (LAT) | \$10,000 | H Podlipnik Castillo (CHI) | M Simoni (ITA) | 61 60 | Farron-Mahon (IRL)/Kromann (DEN) |
| Jul-27 | Denia (ESP) | \$10,000 | P Sousa (POR) | G Granollers Pujol (ESP) | 60 62 | Calderon/Giner (ESP) |
| Aug-03 | Wetzlar (GER) | \$10,000 | B Knittel (GER) | A Pastorino (ARG) | 75 64 | Bruggeling/Van der Valk (NED) |
| Aug-03 | Ottershaw (GBR) | \$10,000 | I Klec (SLO) | M Phillips (GBR) | 64 63 | Bradshaw/Inglot (GBR) |
| Aug-03 | Avezzano (ITA) | \$10,000 | G Tosic (MNE) | D Giorgini (ITA) | 61 46 76(4) | Danilovic/Tosic (MNE) |
| Aug-03 | Vilnius (LTU) | \$10,000 | H Kontinen (FIN) | T Nieminen (FIN) | 61 63 | Burquier/Cazes-Careere (FRA) |
| Aug-03 | Moscow (RUS) | \$15,000 | G Rufin (FRA) | V Rudnev (RUS) | 62 64 | Belyaev/Donskoy (RUS) |
| Aug-03 | Novi Sad (SRB) | \$10,000 | D Katic (SRB) | U Ignatik (BLR) | 36 63 62 | Bjelica/Zekic (SRB) |
| Aug-03 | Stupava (SVK) | \$10,000 | M Klizan (SVK) | J Skoloudnik (CZE) | 63 64 | Kowalczyk/Panfil (POL) |
| Aug-03 | Xativa (ESP) | \$10,000 | J Checa Calvo (ESP) | A Boje Ordenez (ESP) | 61 64 | Boje/Palacios (ESP) |
| Aug-03 | Bakio (ESP) | \$10,000 | L Rochette (FRA) | G Olaso (ESP) | 76(4) 67(7) 64 | Rumenov/Vivanco (ESP) |

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Member nations are reminded that the entry deadline for the forthcoming Tennis 10's Conference is August 28th. Further details can be found here: <http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/ESTC.aspx>

10 & Under Tennis Conference in Rotterdam

The forthcoming Tennis Europe Junior Tour conference is set for Paris during the weekend of September 4-6. Delegates from a total of 30 countries are currently expected to attend the event, which will see important information unveiled regarding the future of the Tour. For further information about the event, please contact Stephanie Kamberi: stephaniek@tenniseurope.org

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/RT3-2009web.pdf

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HEAD players get Radical on court and win titles

HEAD players Robin Soderling and Jeremy Chardy dominated on court with their new YOUTEK™ Radical racquets to take home the titles at recent ATP tournaments in Bastad and Stuttgart.

World No. 11 Robin Soderling, who plays with a YOUTEK™ Radical MP, earned his fourth ATP World Tour title by defeating Juan Monaco 6-3, 7-6(4) in front of his home crowd at the Catella Swedish Open in Bastad. Soderling did not drop a single set on his way to his victory.

"It is a dream come true to win this tournament," said Soderling. "It's very big to win a title in Sweden and I have always dreamt of winning this title."

HEAD player Jeremy Chardy captured his first ATP World Tour title at the Mercedes Cup in Stuttgart after besting No. 4 seed and fellow HEAD player Victor Hanesu in a close match 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. Hanesu also reached the men's doubles final.

"It was a tough match," said Chardy. "I was very nervous at the start and in the second set I started to play my game. In the third set, I had two service breaks but found it difficult to close out."

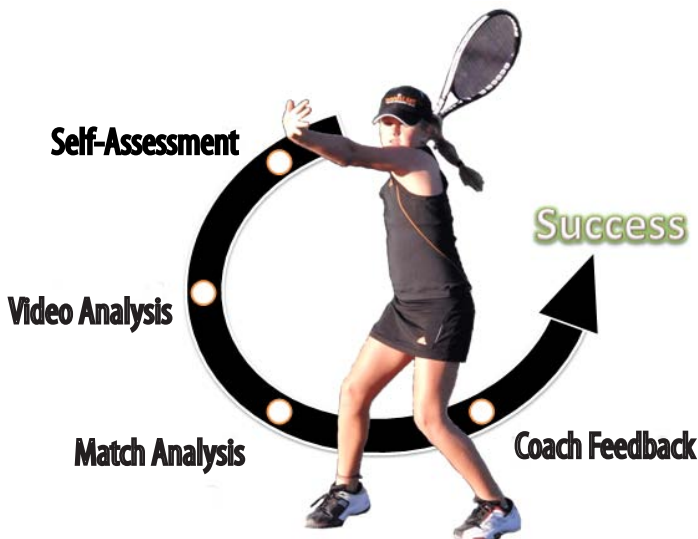
Chardy, who also plays with a YOUTEK™ Radical MP, moved to a career-high No. 32 in the South African Airways 2009 ATP Rankings.

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