

European Lifetime Seniors Champions



Left to right, Peter Pokorny, Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, Marie Pinterova, Heide Orth, Seniors Committee Chairman Philios Christodoulou, Istvan Gulyas.

Four of Europe's most distinguished senior tennis players have been honoured with the first European Lifetime Senior Champion awards at a special ceremony at Roland Garros.

The accolade recognises both longevity and achievements, and will be presented to an elite band of players who win at least five World and ten European Championship titles during their Senior Circuit careers.

Presenting the awards alongside Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, Senior Committee Chairman Philios Christodoulou said, "On behalf of Tennis Europe, I would like to express our sincere congratulations to the four champions selected to receive this unique and important recognition. Their names will be written down in history alongside all the other top athletes of the tennis world."

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Ivanovic steps up to earn first Grand Slam title

Ana Ivanovic scored the best win of her career to date to earn a second Grand Slam singles title of the year for Serbia, sealing her ascendancy to the world #1 spot in the process.

Turn to page 4 for a full report from Roland Garros, where European players once again dominated the fields.



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HEIDE ORTH

Heide Orth was born into a sporting family in Essen, Germany in 1942 and began to play tennis with her father at the age of 13. By 1960 she had become German junior champion, the first steps on a road to a career that would see her compete on the ladies circuit for many years, in which she was a regular participant in all four Grand Slams, the Australian Open, Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the US Open.

Faithful to her home country, Heide played on the national Fed Cup team on fifteen occasions, and has also been a reliable club representative, playing for ETUF Essen, Blau-Weiss Berlin and Skiclub throughout the years. After marrying in 1965 and giving birth to her first son in 1970, Heide took a five year break from tennis before entering the senior circuit, in which she has become a consistently successful force, having accrued 11 Tennis Europe Player of the Year titles.

Mrs. Orth was delighted to be amongst the winners, remarking, "I am not used to receiving such awards and attending these ceremonies, but this is a really great recognition for senior tennis."

MARIE PINTEROVA

Born in 1946 in Stara Boleslav, Czechoslovakia, Marie Pinterova has had an illustrious tennis career which saw her compete in numerous Grand Slams and record wins over some of the world's most legendary champions.

Amongst her many titles are two Bonfiglio Cups, Two Czech Internationals, Virginia Slims of Jacksonville, Cairo open, Japan Open and the World university Games. She also reached the semi finals in Rome, and was a quarterfinalist at Roland Garros, the German Open, and the US Indoors.

Along the way, she beat many of the greatest players of the time, such as Billie Jean King, Martina Navratilova, Kathy Jordan, Olga Morozova, Andrea Jaeger, Sue Barker and Betty Stove.

Marie married Hungarian textile engineer Andras Pinter in 1974, and had a son, Karim, two years later. She then made a successful comeback to professional tennis at the age of 34, winning the Tokyo title and competing at the Australian Open as a mother.

Since entering the senior circuit, she has gone on to win 11 world championship singles titles and an incredible 24 European titles. Mrs. Pinterova expressed her surprise and satisfaction with the award, saying she



Senior Committee Chairman Philios Christodoulou with European Lifetime Senior Champions (clockwise from top left) Peter Pokorny, Istvan Gulyas Jr., Marie Pinterova and Heide Orth.

had not realised she had won so many titles in recent years.

PETER POKORNY

Peter Pokorny was born in Graz, Austria and became fascinated with tennis at an early age, using his pay for working as a ball-boy at the age of six to pay for his first racquet. By the age of 12, he had already earned a spot in the Austrian Under 18 team. By 14, he had reached the final of the Austrian Championships, and at 18 he was the national Under 18 champion. As an adult, he would go on to win the Austrian championships three times, and made his Davis Cup debut in 1963 against Israel, playing in the event for a further ten years.

His biggest success came in 1973, winning the Indoor Championships in Bremen, a reminder that he was then, and is now, one of Europe's finest indoors players. During the later 1970's, Peter took a break from tennis, focusing on his family and business, before returning in 1980 to become the World Ski/Tennis champion, and captain of the Austrian Davis Cup team in

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1981-82. The following year, at the age of 42, he reached the finals of the Austrian Championships, and entered the senior circuit in 1986. Since then, he has become the most successful senior player of the past decade, accumulating 27 European Championship titles, and earning recognition as the most successful Austrian player ever with an award in 2006. Accepting the award, Mr. Pokorny said that he is still looking to the future rather than the past, and that he hopes to add to his record tally of titles in the next few years.

ISTVAN GULYAS

Istvan Gulyas was born in Pecs, Hungary in 1931 and went on to become one of the most prolific players in the history of his country, winning his national championships 15 times in singles, and 18 times in doubles. Throughout the 1960's, he was a force to be reckoned with on the international circuit, reaching the Roland Garros final in 1966, and the semi final the following year, a year in which he also received the international fair play prize in Paris. He was a regular face in the

world's top ten, and was the second-ranked European during the 1960s. Between 1953 and 1981 he led Ujpesti Dozsa Sport Club to an incredible 27 Hungarian team titles, before moving to Hamburg, where from 1982-1997 he was a player and trainer at the DUWO 08 Tennis Club.

Representing his country, Istvan played Davis Cup on 22 occasions, winning 37 matches, of which 22 were singles. As a senior player, he went on to win 8 World Championship titles and many European titles.

Mr. Gulyas' achievements were not confined to the tennis court, and from 1977 to 1988, he also served as President of the Hungarian Tennis Association, and in 1998 he was awarded the life-Work Prize in Budapest. In 2000, Mr Gulyas passed away at the age of 69. His posthumous award was collected by his son Istvan, who commented, "I am very proud of my father. It is great to have this award recognising the achievements of senior tennis players, and I am happy that a lot of people will remember my father as a result. It is good for young Hungarian players to know that there was once a Hungarian playing in the final of Roland Garros."

LTA to Host Star-Studded European Coaches Symposium

Tennis Europe has announced that the forthcoming European Coaches Symposium will be hosted by the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain in London from 23rd to 25th October 2008.

The event, Europe's largest regular gathering of coaching and technical experts, will be held at the National Tennis Centre in Roehampton. Among the keynote speakers confirmed for the event are Carl Maes (LTA Head of Women's Tennis and former coach to Kim Clijsters and Captain of Belgium's winning Fed Cup team), George Goven (current French Fed Cup Captain), Pancho Alvarino (former Spanish Fed Cup coach) and Thomas Högestedt (former coach to Tommy Haas, Nicolas Kiefer and current coach of China's women's team).

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented "This year's Coaches' Symposium is set to be one of the best yet thanks to the fantastic facilities and expert personnel at Roehampton. The LTA continues to make great strides and remains at the forefront of Europe's technical and coaching communities so this is a great opportunity for coaches from all over the

continent to see first hand what they are doing, and also to benefit from the experience of some of Europe's best known and most respected coaches."

LTA Chief Executive Officer Roger Draper said, "It is a great pleasure for us to be able to offer the facilities of the National Tennis Centre to help Europe's coaches in this way. It's also an important chance for our leading coaches to meet and exchange information with their European counterparts and I'm sure that much good work will be done during the conference."

Around 80 representatives invited from Tennis Europe's 49 member nations are expected to attend the conference, where some 40 British coaches will join them. The 29th European Coaches' Symposium is the fourth to be held on British soil, where it returns for the first time since 1990.

The circular with all relevant information concerning the European Coaches Symposium will be sent to National Federations before 15th of July 2008.

Roland Garros 2008

The 2008 French Open was the scene of a changing of the guard at the top of the women's game, while the sport's top men underlined their domination of the rest of the field once again.

Rafael Nadal further enhanced his credentials as the best clay court player of the modern era scoring his most convincing victory yet over world #1 Roger Federer to take the Roland Garros title for the fourth time. Prior to the match, nobody expected that the final against Federer would produce one of the most one-sided scorelines of the tournament. The world #2 dropped just four games – allowing his rival to hold serve just once in the match - to score his ninth win in ten clay court matches against his main rival. Nadal recorded 46 winners and just 7 unforced errors in three sets compared to 31 winners and 35 errors for the Swiss. The victory was only the fourth occasion in the Open era that a man has won a Grand Slam without the loss of a set, a feat last achieved by Björn Borg in 1980. Borg was on hand to present the trophy to the winner, with whom he now shares the distinction of being the only players to win the title four years in a row. Nadal's win capped an yet another incredible clay court season in which the Mallorcan star won titles in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Paris for a fourth consecutive year, adding the only clay court Masters Series title to have eluded him – Hamburg – for good measure.

In the women's event, Ana Ivanovic captured her first Grand Slam title with a win over Dinara Safina, sealing the world #1 spot in the process. Safina had ridden a 12-match win streak to the finals, having won in Berlin prior to the tournament, and had twice recovered from match point down in earlier matches against Maria Sharapova and Elena Dementieva. Her Houdini-like ability to escape from seemingly hopeless situations was absent in the final however, with nerves being a contributing factor to her straight sets defeat.

The victory was a relief for Ivanovic, who held took the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen from last year's champion Justine Henin, who had shocked the tennis world by announcing her retirement from the sport on the eve of the championships. The win represents the second Grand Slam title for Serbia, who along with Jelena Jankovic, Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic and Nenad Zimonjic and also had two other singles semi finalists and a men's and mixed doubles finalist.

For Ivanovic the win is even bigger news, salvaging a



shaky clay court season in which she had won just three matches prior to arriving in Paris. Having won in Indian Wells earlier in the year as well as reaching the final of the Australian open, the Basel resident leaves Paris not just as a Grand Slam champion, but as the seventeenth #1 in the history of the WTA rankings, and will be confident of consolidating her position at the top of the world as the tour moves to more favourable faster surfaces.

In the women's doubles, former world doubles #1 Virginia Ruano Pascual teamed with Spanish compatriot Anabel Medina Garrigues to win her first Grand Slam title since the retirement of former partner Paola Suarez. The pair overcame surprise finalists Francesca Schiavone (ITA) and Casey Dellacqua (AUS) 26 75 64. The victory is the fifth Roland Garros title for Ruano, whose previous four came with former partner Paolo Suarez, and the first Grand Slam doubles title for Medina, with whom the veteran Ruano - who at 34 was the oldest player in the women's draws - hopes to se-

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cure Olympic gold later in the year.

The men's doubles witnessed one of the most stunning results in recent memory, as first-time pairing of Luis Horna of Peru and Pablo Cueva claimed the title having recorded a string of upsets throughout the event, including several of the world's top teams. Their final opponents, second seeded Daniel Nestor (CAN) and Nenad Zimonjic (SRB) were swept aside 62 63 in under an hour. Cueva and Horna's title was the first Grand Slam doubles win for an all-South American pair.

Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and Bob Bryan of the USA teamed to win the mixed doubles event. Seeded third, the pair upset top seeds Katarina Srebotnik (SLO) and Nenad Zimonjic (SRB). Azarenka has now won two of the last three mixed doubles Slams, having won last year's US Open.

In the boy's events, Australian Open finalist Tsung-Hua Yang of Taipei came back from 0-5 in the second set to win his first junior Slam by upsetting twelfth seed Jerzy Janowicz of Poland to take the singles competition. The doubles saw Henri Kontinen (FIN) and Christopher Rungkat (INA) in dominant form. The unseeded pair upset top seeds Cunha (BRA) and Ramirez (MEX) in their opening match and did not concede a set throughout the event.

Simona Halep recovered from the loss of a second set tie break to beat Romanian compatriot Elena Bogdan for the girls singles title. The 16-year old, who previously excelled on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour is now making a strong impression on the ITF Junior circuit, having won in Milan on the eve of Roland Garros, and was a semi finalist at the Australian Open in January. Eighth seeds Polna Hercog (SLO) and Joanne Moore (AUS) won the girls doubles with a hard fought 57 61 (10-7) win over Dutch pair Lesley Kerkhove and Arantxa Rus.

With the tours now shifting to grass, the stage is set for an intriguing Wimbledon. Nadal and Federer have both reached the finals at SW19 for the past two years, with the Spaniard seemingly closer to adding the grass court Slam to his resume each time. The tennis world eagerly awaits to see whether the manner of his dispiriting victory over Federer in Paris will shake the confidence of the five-time defending champion as he seeks to edge closer to the overall record of 14 career Grand Slams



and extend his five year unbeaten streak on the surface.

Final Results - Roland Garros 2008

Men's Singles:

(2) R Nadal (ESP) d. (1) R Federer (SUI) 61 63 60

Women's Singles:

(2) A Ivanovic (SRB) d. (13) D Safina (RUS) 64 63

Men's Doubles:

Cuevas (URU)/Horna (PER) d. Nestor (CAN)/Zimonjic (SRB) 62 63

Women's Doubles:

(10) Medina Garrigues/Ruano Pascual (ESP) d. Dellacqua (AUS)/Schiavone (ITA) 26 75 64

Mixed Doubles:

(3) Azarenka (BLR)/B. Bryan (USA) d. Srebotnik (SLO)/Zimonjic (SRB) 62 76(4)

Boys' Singles:

T Yang (TPE) d. (12) J Janowicz (POL) 63 76(5)

Boys' Doubles:

Kontinen (FIN)/Rungkat (INA) d. Brunken (GER)/Reid (AUS) 60 63

Girls' Singles:

(9) S Halep (ROU) d. (10) E Bogdan (ROU) 64 76(3) 62

Girls' Doubles:

(8) Hercog (SLO)/Moore (AUS) d. (7) Kerkhove/Rus (NED) 75 16 (10-7)

Men's Wheelchair Singles:

(1) S Kuneida (JPN) d. (2) R Ammerlaan (NED) 60 76

Men's Wheelchair Doubles:

(2) Kuneida (JPN)/Scheefers (NED) d. (1) Ammerlaan/Vink (NED) 62 75

Women's Wheelchair Singles:

(1) E Vergeer (NED) d. K Homan (NED) 62 62

Women's Wheelchair Doubles:

(1) Griffioen/Vergeer (NED) d. (2) Homan/Walraven (NED) 64 64

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Seniors Tennis Round-Up

The first of the 2008 European Seniors Club Championships titles, the Womens 60 event, has been won by the team from Lagardere Paris Racing.

The French ladies coasted to victory at the event in Budapest without losing a match in any of their four ties, and beat defending champions and home club Matyasfold in the title match.

The next Club Championship event is the Men's 65s, set to take place in Berlin, from 6th July. Team nominations can now be found at www.TennisEurope.org.

European Seniors Outdoor Championships

Germany's oldest tennis club, The 'Rot-Weiss' in Baden Baden is this week hosting the European Seniors Championships for players aged 40+ to 55+ for the 39th consecutive year. The ITF Grade 1 event begins on Monday 9th June with the preliminary men's 50 and 55 rounds, with the men's 40 and 45, and the women's events due to begin on Wednesday 11th.

A total of 215 players from 26 nations are in the starting line up for the event, which promises to be hotly contested in all categories.

The men's 40 section features the incumbent European Champion Robert Eisele (ITF #3), plus 2007 semifinalists Mauro Elias (#8) and Christoph Schaal (#14). Joining them are the Rot-Weiss' own Marc Bientzle amongst others. The Men's 45 field sees great changes, with only 8 of last years starting line up of 30 players competing again. Amongst them are quarterfinalists Achim Gass, Pawel Holwek, Andreas Muschick and semifinalist Martin Kern. Reigning European Champion Pierre Godfroid will try to defend his title in the men's 50 event, where the Belgian world #1 may face a re-match of last years final against Klaus Liebthal. Also in the draw are Norbert Henn, moving into this age group for the first time, and long-time participant Heiner Seuss. As in recent years, the Men's 55 draw is the biggest, with a total of 54 participants. World #1 Andrew Rae of Australia heads the field, alongside last year's finalist Lubomir Petrov.

The ladies 40 event looks set to see a rematch of last years thrilling final between the eventual champion Anke Wurst (#5) and, top ranked Olga Shaposhnikova of Russia. The 45s event will have a new champion in the absence of last year's winner Maria Rosa Bruno.



Left to right: Carol Campling, Gail Benedetti and Françoise Durr of Team Lagardere Paris Racing celebrate their win in Budapest

Top-ranked Barbara Koutna will be keen to add the European Championship to her resumé after losing last years final, and will face competition from Luisa Gouveia of Portugal (#14) and Reinhild Ferlemann of Germany (#17). In the Over 50s event, Claudia Thomalla Adam will be shooting for her third consecutive title. 2007 finalist Lynn Mortimer of Australia will be expected to put up a strong challenge, alongside Spains Encarnacion Gomis Ruiz and Dagmar Anwar of Germany. Ladies 55 champion Heidi Eisterlehner will once again defend her title, aiming for a fourth consecutive win, having beaten Monika Stech for the title in recent years. Both ladies are back and this year have a tough task with the first-time participation of Swiss Isabella Enz in this event.

Further information on the event can be found at the Senior Tennis results pages of www.TennisEurope.org, or at the [official website](#) of the TC Rot-Weiss.

Beyond the Baseline...

The **ITF's annual World Champions Dinner** was held at Roland Garros, and saw Player of the Year awards go to singles champions Roger Federer and Justine Henin, doubles champions Bob and Mike Bryan, and Cara Black and Liezel Huber, junior champions Ricardas Berankis and Urszula Radwanska, and wheelchair champions Shingo Kunieda and Esther Vergeer.

Former world #1 **Stefan Edberg** has agreed to appear on the BlackRock Tour of Champions and will play in Paris and London at the end of the year, where he could face former rival Pete Sampras for the first time in 13 years. Another former Grand Slam champion, **Yevgeny Kafelnikov**, will also make his debut on the Tour in Eindhoven in October. Boris Becker has said that he has no plans to join his former rivals on a regular basis on the Tour.

Former top twenty player **Horst Skoff** passed away last weekend at the age of 39, having suffering a heart attack whilst on a business trip. The Austrian, a winner of four tour titles, had been director of a tennis academy in recent years.

Sweden's **Sven Davidson** also passed away recently at the age of 79. Mr. Davidson reached a career of #3, and was the first Swede to win the Roland Garros title, in 1957.

Richard Gasquet is the top European player so far to decline to take part in the forthcoming Olympic Games, joining Tommy Haas on the sidelines. The full entry list for the Olympics will be announced by the International Tennis Federation on July 2nd.

The International Tennis Federation has published the first ever **Beach Tennis** rankings, following the conclusion of the first event of the new circuit. Visit www.itftennis.com/beachtennis/rankings.

The **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** has appointed Scott McLeod as Global Head of Sponsorship Sales. In his new role as Senior VP Business Development, MacLeod will be responsible for sponsorship sales development,

on-line advertising sales and licensing, and will work from the organisation's European headquarters in London.

The **All-England Club** has announced the wild cards for this year's **Wimbledon** Championships. Britain's Jamie Baker and Alex Bogdanovic will be joined by Jeremy Chardy (FRA), Frank Dancevic (CAN) and Xavier Malisse (BEL) in the men's singles. In the women's event, four British players were rewarded with invitations; Elena Baltacha, Naomi Cavaday, Katie O'Brien and Melanie South. They will be joined by Urszula Radwanska of Poland and Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro, a surprise quarter finalist at the recent French Open. Several remaining wild cards remain available for the winners of a play-off competition to be held next week.

The **Lawn Tennis Association** has announced a new role for Steve Martens. The former Belgian Davis Cup captain will assume the role of Player Director, overseeing both men's and women's games in the UK whilst also searching for new talent.

The **ATP** and the **Sony Ericsson WTA Tour** have joined forces to assist in relief efforts to benefit victims of the recent earthquake tragedy in Sichuan Province, China. A three-pronged approach is currently underway, including: Monetary donations collected from tournament members and both the ATP and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour; Online auctions of signed player memorabilia; and videotaped player messages of hope and inspiration aired in China.

World #3 **Jelena Jankovic** is featured on a new postage stamp in her native Serbia.

Andrew Murray recently re-signed his contract with racquet manufacturer HEAD. Under the terms of the 4-year deal, he will be the ambassador for the HEAD Radical range.

EUROPEAN TENNIS CALENDAR
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Fast Facts

Sports Marketing Surveys

European sports fans see Tennis as more 'skilful' than Football, more 'clean and honest' than Cricket and a 'better sport for sponsors' than Golf.

Source: Sports Marketing Surveys European Player & Fan Study 2007.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest



Jan Zlesak, Tournament Director of the Bohemia Milford Cup in Prague, recently enjoyed a trip to the French Open in Paris as a result of his success in the **Tennis Europe Junior Tournament Director Competition**.

The prize rewards Tour event organisers for their work in fulfilling organisational requirements and their extra promotional efforts. For more information on how to enter the 2008 prize draw, contact Magnus Grönvold:

magnusg@tenniseurope.org.

Team nominations for the forthcoming **European Summer Cups** are now online at TennisEurope.org. The team events once again serve as the European qualifying competition for the ITF World Junior Tennis (14 & Under) and Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup by BNP Paris /16 & Under) events.

Several new tournaments have been added to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour calendar:

<i>Week:</i>	<i>Location:</i>	<i>Category:</i>
July 14	Preveza (GRE)	3 (under 14)
September 8	Vaduz (LIE)	3 (Under 14)
September 15	Corradino (MLT)	3 (under 14)

Ganna Poznikhirenko (pictured) has won more events than other player on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour so far this year. The Ukrainian 14-year old has a

total of five wins; three at 14 & Under level (Kiev, Haskovo and Siauliai) and two at 16 & Under (Odessa and Kiev). She also has three doubles and has seen her ranking rocket to 17th at 14 & under and 37th at 16 & under.

In boys' play, Italy's **Gianluigi Quinzi** has also successfully straddled two circuits, winning 12 & Under events in Auray and Le Passage as well as the 14 & Under Chisinau title. Ranked #65, Quinzi is one of only two 1996-born players in the top 100.



The **2009 Tennis Europe Official Junior Championships Calendar** has been unveiled. Key dates are as follows:

Feb 06-08: Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Qualifying Rounds (14/16 & Under)
 Feb 20-22: Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Final Rounds (14/16 & Under)
 Jun 28-30: European Summer Cups Qualifying Rounds (14 & Under)
 Jul 03-05: European Summer Cups Final Rounds (14 & Under)
 Jul 20-26: European Junior Championships (14/16/18 & Under)
 Jul 23-26: Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD Qualifying Rounds (12 & Under)
 Jul 29-31: European Summer Cups Qualifying Rounds (16/18 & Under)
 Aug 03-05: European Summer Cups Final Rounds (16/18 & Under)
 Aug 06-09: Tennis Europe Nations Challenge by HEAD Final Rounds (12 & Under)
 Oct 02-04: Tennis Europe Junior Masters (14/16 & Under)



TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR TOUR - DID YOU KNOW?

In 2001-2, the Boy's 14 & Under European Top 5 included the likes of Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andrew Murray.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 14 & Under

Jessica Ren of Great Britain (right) returns to the top 10 this month after reaching the final of the Category 1 event in Prague recently, in which she lost a nail biting close match to fifth-ranked Yulia Putintseva.

The rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org, and can be found in both alphabetical and numerical formats, as well as in printable versions.

Rankings below as of 6th June 2008.



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Daria GAVRILOVA	RUS	675
2	▶	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	590
3	▶	Polina LEIKINA	RUS	580
4	▶	Nastja KOLAR	SLO	565
5	▶	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	540
6	▶	Pernilla MENDESOVA	CZE	440
7	NEW	Jessica REN	GBR	435
8	NEW	Elina SVITOLINA	UKR	425
9	▶	Leolia JEANJEAN	FRA	400
10	▶	Petra UBERALOVA	SVK	390

14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▶	Evgeni KARLOVSKI	RUS	605
2	▲	Julien CAGNINA	BEL	600
3	▼	Liam BROADY	GBR	530
4	▶	Konstantin GERLAKH	RUS	525
5	▲	Jeroen VANNESTE	BEL	495
6	▼	Miki JANKOVIC	SRB	465
7	▼	Maxim LUNKIN	RUS	455
8	▲	Jannis KAHLKE	GER	430
9	NEW	Evgeniy AKHMADEEV	UKR	420
10	▼	Moos SPORKEN	NED	410

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings - 16 & Under



Mate Zsiga of Hungary (left) finally ended the year-long reign of Spain's Carlos Boluda at the top of the Tennis Europe Junior Rankings this week. The Hungarian has won three titles so far this season, including the Tennis Europe Winter Cups.

The five best singles results, plus the two best doubles results and the best (one) team competition result count towards a players' ranking. The top eight European players at the end of each season qualify to compete at the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters. This year's event will be held during the weekend of 3-5th October in Orbetello, Italy. Rankings are published each Thursday at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below as of 6th June 2008.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Ema BURGIC	BIH	480
2	▲	Sviatlana PIRAZHENKA	BLR	455
3	▼	Camila SILVA	CHI	450
4	NEW	Silviya ZHELYAZKOVA	BUL	365
5	▲	Aleksandra MITROVSKA	BUL	355
6	▼	Natalia PINTUSAVA	BLR	355
7	▼	Dorothea ERIC	SRB	350
8	▼	Despoina PAPAMICHAIL	GRE	350
9	NEW	Anastasiya KYRYLOVA	UKR	330
10	▼	Agnes BUKTA	HUN	311.8

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	520
2	▼	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	450
3	▲	Pavel FILIN	BLR	380
4	▲	Konstantin MIKOS	GRE	370
5	▲	Damir DZUMHUR	BIH	365
6	▼	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	330
7	NEW	Adrian PARTL	SVK	329
8	►	Aleksandre KONDULUKOV	RUS	320
9	▼	Laszlo SENDROI	HUN	310
10	NEW	Denys PUME	UKR	310

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & UNDER

Date	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
May-12	Prokuplje (SRB)		S Jakovljevic (SRB)	I Kolaric (SRB)	62 76(4)	Pantelic/Sunjevaric (SRB)
			I Csoregi (ROU)	T Curguz (SRB)	62 60	Curguz/Markovic (SRB)
May-26	Kiev (UKR)		A Khyzhkin (UKR)	A Lebedyn (UKR)	61 64	Gulyevsky/Khyzhkin (UKR)
			V Bogoslovskaya (RUS)	R Makarova (UKR)	76(4) 63	Ivanichenko/Lodikova (RUS)
May-26	Sarajevo (BIH)		K Kralj (GER)	P Rogan (MNE)	75 62	Kubat/Resulovic (BIH)
			D Muminovic (BIH)	L Cabro (BIH)	61 63	Mehikic/Muminovic (BIH)
May-26	Siauliai (LTU)		M Bugialiskis (LTU)	D Medvedev (RUS)	61 61	Bugialiskis/Ozelis (LTU)
			A Federova (RUS)	S Cesnekova (SVK)	60 46 63	Cesnekova (SVK)/ Detlava (LAT)

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May-12	Prague (CZE)	1	J Cagnina (BEL)	J Kahlke (GER)	61 76(5)	Kahlke (GER)/Sporken (NED)
			Y Putintseva (RUS)	J Ren (GBR)	62 16 75	
May-12	Zabrze (POL)	2	M Podzus (LAT)	L Mugevicius (LTU)	62 61	Podzus/Podzus (LAT)
			P Czarnik (POL)	D Bogolij (UKR)	16 75 61	Bogolij (UKR)/ Bessenyeyova (SVK)
May-12	Maribor (SLO)	2	J Vanneste (BEL)	J Schretter (AUT)	64 61	Geerts/Vanneste (BEL)
			T Srimpf (SLO)	E Lemmens (BEL)	75 61	Eccel/Moratelli (ITA)
May-12	Kiev (UKR)	2	E Akhmadeev (UKR)	P Kekercheni (UKR)	76(5) 76(5)	Ivashka (BLR)/ Shashkanov (RUS)
			G Poznikhirenko (UKR)	T Zakarlyuk (UKR)	57 76(6) 64	Melnichenko/ Poznikhirenko (UKR)
May-19	Piestany (SVK)	1	K Gerlakh (RUS)	J Cagnina (BEL)	62 1-0 ret	Safranek/Pavlassek (CZE)
			P Martins (POR)	E Svitolina (RUS)	76(5) 76(5)	Khromacheva (RUS)/ Uberalova (SVK)
May-19	Maribor (SLO)	2	J Vanneste (BEL)	J Schretter (AUT)	63 76(4)	Boon/Kokkinakis (AUS)
			T Srimpf (SLO)	E Lemmens (BEL)	64 63	De Sutter/Mertens (BEL)
May-19	Skopje (MKD)	3	N Milojevic (SRB)	I Divkovic (BIH)	64 61	Erun (TUR)/Mascetti (ITA)
			E Bauer (SRB)	D Vekic (CRO)	61 61	Banicevic/Dzinic (SRB)
May-26	Correggio (ITA)	2	V Mensurado (PO)	M Mares (CZE)	26 75 62	Maccari/Palma (ITA)
			F Palmigiano (ITA)	A Moratelli (ITA)	76(4) 75	Daniel (JPN)/ Palmigiano (ITA)
May-26	Chisinau (MDA)	3	G Quinzi (ITA)	Y Kryvoy (UKR)	62 64	Kryvoy/Prokopov (UKR)
			A Vdovenco (MDA)	M Zakarlyuk (UKR)	63 76(6)	Sergheeva/Vdovenco (MDA)
May-26	Sandefjord (NOR)	3	M Torpegard (DEN)	N Hellstrand (SWE)	60 62	Wiese/Wangsten Oye (NOR)
			B Krejcikova (CZE)	M Pedersen (GER)	61 61	Krejcikova/Hruba (CZE)

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Week	Tournament	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
May-26	Subotica (SRB)	3	G Madarasz (HUN)	M Goles Babic (CRO)	64 57 61	Goles Babic/Miocic (CRO)
			E Bauer (SRB)	G Pantuckova (CZE)	63 61	Muller (HUN)/ Pantuckova (CZE)

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May-12	Maribor (SLO)	2	A Partl (SVK)	S Sachs (GER)	75 75	Godry/Molnar (HUN)
			L Fiala (SUI)	S Zhelyazkova (BUL)	61 64	Casanova/Fiala (SUI)
May-12	Kiev (UKR)	2	D Mamedov (UKR)	Y Ogedov (UKR)	61 60	Malyshev/ Miroshnychenko (UKR)
			V Ivakhnenko (UKR)	A Kyrylova (UKR)	62 62	Ivakhnenko/Kyrylova (UKR)
May-12	Zenica (BIH)	3	G Brkic (CRO)	V Tashi (SUI)	46 60 61	Pehar/Cutura (CRO)
			M Novakovic (BIH)	I Vukovic (CRO)	75 64	Husic/Novakovic (BIH)
May-19	Maribor (SLO)	2	M Zsiga (HUN)	G Morgan (GBR)	63 61	Salibasic (BIH)/Pavic (CRO)
			X Knoll (SUI)	M Ibanez Galindo (ESP)	61 63	Cavalle/Ibanez (ESP)
May-19	Foligno (ITA)	2	G Micolani (ITA)	A Mastrelia (ITA)	62 60	Cammarata/Dall'Asta (ITA)
			M Toto (ITA)	M Furlanetto (ITA)	76(7) 76(1)	Georgieva/Stornetta (ITA)
May-19	Kiev (UKR)	3	D Pume (UKR)	M Malyshev (UKR)	60 63	Odegov/Pume (UKR)
			G Poznikhirenko (UKR)	T Zakarlyuk (UKR)	46 64 62	Poznikhirenko/ Melnichenko (UKR)
May-19	Raanaana (ISR)	3	E Hecht (ISR)	D Belfer (ISR)	67(3) 63 63	Faiman/Papis (ISR)
			M Yogev (ISR)	N Mor (ISR)	64 75	Kapustin/Shigina (ISR)
May-26	Crema (ITA)	2	A Dall'Asta (ITA)	G Micolani (ITA)	60 75	Contini (ITA)/Benaiges Blasco (ESP)
			J Simic (BIH)	M Parmigiani (ITA)	75 36 61	Zhelyazkova/Mitrovska (BUL)
May-26	Odessa (UKR)	3	D Pume (UKR)	D Mylokostov (UKR)	62 63	Malyshev/Pume (UKR)
			G Poznikhirenko (UKR)	A Melnickenko (UKR)	62 62	Poznikhirenko/ Melnichenko (UKR)
May-26	Radom (POL)	3	A Kazijevs (LAT)	R Howe (AUS)	62 61	Romanowicz/Smola (POL)
			A Petrzalkova (SVK)	N Kozel (POL)	75 62	Adamska/Kozel (POL)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit						
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
May-12	Rousse (BUL)	\$10,000	M Authom (BEL)	Y Martens (BEL)	76(4) 63	Leonte (ROU)/Vasiliev (RUS)
May-12	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	L Belic (CRO)	J Such Perez (ESP)	63 37(2)	Filenikov (RUS)/Grassi (ITA)
May-12	Most (CZE)	\$10,000	K Triska (CZE)	J Praibis (CZE)	64 76(4)	Jebavy/Zeman (CZE)
May-12	Heraklio (GRE)	\$10,000	K Skupski (GBR)	D Fernandez (ESP)	63 63	Gemouchidis/Jakupovic (GRE)
May-12	Godollo (HUN)	\$10,000	G Balazs (HUN)	S Wauters (BEL)	76(6) 76	Hadad (ISR)/Wauters (BEL)
May-12	Averno Napoli	\$15,000	R Machado (POR)	A Pastorino (ARG)	64 36 76	Alvarez/Noviski (ARG)
May-12	Katowice (POL)	\$15,000	G Olaso (ESP)	P Cervenak (SVK)	76(10) 63	Gawron/Panfil (POL)
May-12	Pitesti (ROU)	\$10,000	V Ionita (ROU)	R Sabau (ROU)	w/o	Belyaev/Krotiouk (RUS)
May-12	Balaguer (ESP)	\$10,000	D Diaz Ventura (ESP)	A Ward (GBR)	61 64	Boje Ordonez/Martin Adalia (ESP)
May-19	Brcko (BIH)	\$10,000	N Mektic (CRO)	D Bloemke (CAN)	62 63	Savic (SRB)/Visak (CRO)
May-19	Pleven (BUL)	\$10,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	X Pujo (FRA)	75 36 62	Mertens (BEL)/Zekic (SRB)
May-19	Jablonec Nad	\$10,000	J Pospisil (CZE)	M Vacek (CZE)	63 63	Chvojka (CAN)/Pospisil (CZE)
May-19	Kalamata (GRE)	\$10,000	R Roshardt (SUI)	N Bamford (GBR)	63 76(5)	Bamford/Illingworth (GBR)
May-19	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	M Viola (ITA)	A Balazs (HUN)	76(5) 63	Rmus/Turk (SLO)
May-19	Parma (ITA)	\$15,000	D Silva (BRA)	D Veronelli (ARG)	63 64	Enev (BUL)/Paukku (FIN)
May-19	Zabrze (POL)	\$10,000	G Panfil (POL)	G Hormazabal (CHI)	36 61 64	Hormazabal/Podlipnik (CHI)
May-19	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	T Craciun (ROU)	N Renavand (FRA)	62 64	Demekhine (RUS)/Kataliarou
May-19	Vallldoreix (ESP)	\$10,000	G Dmitrov (BUL)	P Santos Gonzalez	63 64	Clar/Rexach (ESP)
May-26	Prijedor (BIH)	\$10,000	S Markovic (BIH)	A Setkic (BIH)	62 63	Bradaric (CRO)/Brkic (BIH)
May-26	Sofia (BUL)	\$10,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	T Grozdanov (BUL)	61 63	Grozdanov/Ivanov (BUL)
May-26	Karlovy Vary	\$10,000	M Tabara (CZE)	A Martin (SVK)	64 62	Bardockzy (HUN)/Vacek (CZE)
May-26	Cesena (ITA)	\$15,000	R Bemelmans (BEL)	C Avellan (ECU)	64 36 60	Bemelmans (BEL)/Zeballos (ARG)
May-26	Krakow (POL)	\$10,000	H Podlipnik (CHI)	J Skoloudik (CZE)	75 63	Hormazabal/Podlipnik (CHI)
May-26	Craiova (ROU)	\$10,000	T Craciun (ROU)	G Moraru (ROU)	36 63 64	Katliarou (BLR)/Plotniy (RUS)
May-26	Krsko (SLO)	\$10,000	G Zemlja (SLO)	M Zimmermann	46 64 61	Reissig/Steinberger (AUT)
May-26	Maspalomas	\$10,000	D Diaz Ventura (ESP)	A Ramos (ESP)	75 63	Diaz Ventura/Santos Gonzalez
Jun-02	Teramo (ITA)	\$10,000	F Piccari (ITA)	M Ryderstedt (SWE)	64 64	Di Meo/Piccari (ITA)
Jun-02	Koszalin (POL)	\$10,000	G Hormazabal (CHI)	G Panfil (POL)	61 75	Romanowski (POL)/Zopp (EST)
Jun-02	Bacau (ROU)	\$10,000	T Craciun (ROU)	K Maamoun (EGY)	61 57 64	Craciun/Ionita (ROU)
Jun-02	Maribor (SLO)	\$10,000	M Tkalec (SLO)	V Skenderovic	61 62	Bemelmans/De Keersmaeker
Jun-02	Puerto Cruz	\$15,000	J Checa Calvo (ESP)	O Burrieza Lopez	26 76(0)	Boje Ordonez/Martin Adalia (ESP)
Jun-02	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	L Vanni (ITA)	D Petrov (UKR)	76(5) 75	Bury/Voltchkov (BLR)

ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit						
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winners
May-12	Badalona (ESP)	\$10,000	E Fernandez Brugues	M Gabarrus (ESP)	46 61 61	Davato/Sabino (ITA)
May-12	Bucharest (ROU)	\$10,000	S Halep (ROU)	S Vongsouth (FRA)	76(4) 63	Boczova/Tabakova (SVK)
May-12	Caserta (ITA)	\$25,000	J Dokic (AUS)	P Mayr (AUT)	63 61	Han/Xu (CHN)
May-12	Szczecin (POL)	\$25,000	B Zahlavova Strycova	L Wienerova (SVK)	64 62	Gerlova/Hladikova (CZE)
May-12	St Gaudens (FRA)	\$50,000	P Cetkowska (CZE)	MJ Martinez	64 64	Hseih (TPE)/Pelletier (CAN)
May-19	Falkenberg (SWE)	\$10,000	K Andlovic (SWE)	H Jensen (DEN)	75 75	Eriksson (SWE)/Jensen (DEN)
May-19	Galati (ROU)	\$10,000	V Sulpizio (ITA)	K Kucova (SVK)	62 76(2)	Kucova (SVK)/Sulpizio (ITA)
May-19	Gorizia (ITA)	\$10,000	L Sabino (ITA)	S Chieppa (ITA)	61 60	Jurak (CRO)/Sabino (ITA)
May-19	Raanana (ISR)	\$10,000	M Shapakidze (GEO)	I Georgatou (GRE)	26 76(5)	Glushko (ISR)/Shapakidze (GEO)
May-19	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	N Bratchikova (RUS)	K Pervak (RUS)	36 61 75	Laine (FIN)/Mircic (SRB)
May-26	Braga (POR)	\$10,000	M Maddens (NED)	V Nunez Fuentes	75 62	Beltrami/Bua (ARG)
May-26	Budva (MNE)	\$10,000	P Kiraly (HUN)	T Mrdeza (CRO)	75 61	Avramovic/Kozic (SRB)
May-26	Gaziantep (TUR)	\$10,000	C Buyukakcay (TUR)	P Ozgen (TUR)	75 64	Buyukakcay/Ozgen (TUR)
May-26	Kharkov (UKR)	\$10,000	E Kulikova (RUS)	A Vasylyeva	64 76(5)	Ivakhnenko/Kyrylova (UKR)
May-26	Olecko (POL)	\$10,000	E Cieplucha (POL)	M Kiszczynska (POL)	62 60	Brozda/Kiszczynska (POL)
May-26	Tortosa (ESP)	\$10,000	B Garcia Vidagny	A Carreras (GBR)	62 63	Pioppo/Sulpizio (ITA)
May-26	Galatina (ITA)	\$25,000	A Sevastova (LAT)	E Cabeza (ESP)	64 64	Klaffner (AUT)/Moore (AUS)
May-26	Togliatti (RUS)	\$25,000	N Bratchikova (RUS)	P Mayr (AUT)	63 60	Bratchikova/Davydova (RUS)
Jun-02	Amarante (POR)	\$10,000	M Gloria (CAN)	Y Campos Molina	62 63	Gloria (CAN)/Sainz (ESP)
Jun-02	Izmir (TUR)	\$10,000	P Ozgen (TUR)	V Segnini (BRA)	62 76(5)	Buyukakcay/Ozgen (TUR)
Jun-02	Pitesti (ROU)	\$10,000	M Buzarnescu (ROU)	P Kiraly (HUN)	60 63	Andrei/Buzarnescu (ROU)
Jun-02	Grado (ITA)	\$25,000	P Mayr (AUT)	J Tinjic (CRO)	64 76(1)	Duque Marino (COL)/Klaffner
Jun-02	Surbiton (GBR)	\$50,000	M Erakovic (NZL)	A Keothavong	64 62	Ditty/Spears (USA)
Jun-02	Tiro A Volo (ITA)	\$75,000	T Garbin (ITA)	Y Meusberger (AUT)	64 46 76	Jans/Rosolska (POL)

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European Rankings

The recent retirement of Justine Henin and her subsequent removal from the rankings has a significant effect on this month's European Top 10, with Ana Ivanovic becoming the first Serbian player to top the European rankings.

Ivanovic's first Grand Slam title meant that she powered her way to the top under her own team, while the remaining movers generally benefit from Henin's absence to climb the list. Dinara Safina is the main exception, entering the list as a result of her clay court heroics in Paris and Berlin to become the fifth ranked Russian, at #7.

top five repeated their 2007 showings in Paris to remain steady in their positions.

Andy Murray, who was forced to sit out the clay and grass season last year gains some ground with a third round showing in Paris, with a good chance of rising higher as the tour moves to his more favoured grass surface.

Nicolas Almagro, the only man to record more clay court wins than Rafael Nadal so far this year, enters the list at #10 as a result of reaching his first ever Grand Slam quarterfinal at Roland Garros.

There are few changes to the men's list, where the

Rankings as of June 9th, 2008.

WOMEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	WTA TOUR RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	▲	Ana IVANOVIC	SRB	1	4222
2	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	3806
3	▲	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3	3755
4	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	4	3565
5	▲	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	5	2750
6	▲	Anna CHAKVETADZE	RUS	8	2541
7	NEW	Dinara SAFINA	RUS	9	2222
8	▲	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	10	2035
9	▼	Daniela HANTUCHOVA	SVK	11	2032
10	►	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	12	1940

MEN		PLAYER	COUNTRY	ATP ENTRY RANK	POINTS TOTAL
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6675
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5585
3	►	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	3	5225
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	4	3050
5	►	David FERRER	ESP	5	2905
6	▲	Stanislas WAWRINKA	SUI	9	1615
7	▼	Richard GASQUET	FRA	10	1595
8	NEW	Andy MURRAY	GBR	11	1555
9	▼	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	12	1490
10	NEW	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	13	1485

2008 TENNIS EUROPE TOP EXECUTIVES' MEETING

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The Turkish Tennis Federation has a new email address: ozgurkilictennis@gmail.com

SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY WORKSHOP IN LONDON

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