



Federer and Sharapova Claim U.S. Open Titles

European players hold all four mens' and womens' Grand Slam titles for the first time since 1978, as victories for Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova bring the year's final Slam event to a thrilling conclusion.

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European Cardio Tennis / Fitness Conference



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Over 60 delegates from across Europe attended a special seminar for professional coaches in Portugal on 7th September to experience first hand the attractions of Cardio Tennis.

Organised by the Portuguese Tennis Federation and supported by Tennis Europe, the seminar was a great success, with the professional coaches in attendance unanimous in their enthusiasm for the new activity.

Training came in the form of both on and off-court lectures and demonstrations from National Cardio Tennis Program Director Michele Krause, assisted by Butch Staples and Ted Murray, all of whom flew in from the United States for the conference.

Cardio Tennis is the product of the Tennis Industry Association, a US-based organisation that aims, amongst other things, to improve participation and retention rates in the sport.

Studies had suggested that the sport was losing popularity to gym and fitness-related activities, and there was a demand for a new discipline, which could combine the two.

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(continued from front page) Suitable for all levels – including total beginners - Cardio Tennis blends traditional tennis shot-making with high intensity exercise and regular periods of rest, similar to interval training programs. Played in groups (usually of around 6-10 people) and set to music, the focus is on getting a good workout whilst improving tennis ability through drills and shot repetition.

With warm-up, cardio workout and cool-down phases, each hour-long session aims to raise the participant's heart rate to between 65%-85% of its maximum level, whilst undergoing a series of fun games and drills.

Launched at the 2005 US Open, Cardio Tennis has proven to be phenomenally successful in the United States, with around 1,300 sites already offering the activity. Professional coaches in the States attest to Cardio Tennis having increased their revenues, as earning potential increases due to the ability to get more players on court at once, but also to increased levels of interest in traditional tennis, as crossover players request one-on-one coaching.

Commenting on the event, speaker Michele Krause said "I'm so pleased with the reaction of the coaches here in Portugal. Everyone has been so enthusiastic about Cardio Tennis, and the on-court sessions were some of the most enjoyable I've been involved in. I'd also like to thank the Portuguese Federation for hosting and organising the event, along with Tennis Europe."

Delegate Richard Marklow, of the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain summed up the feelings of the



(above) Professional coaches try out CardioTennis drills, (below) Some 70 delegates gathered to see the demonstrations.

visiting coaches: "Seeing the whole product has been really good for us. One thing I've liked is that they've shown us a number of different ways of entertaining people and having fun on the court, and I think it's important that coaches can do that. The program offers a lot of tools to coaches, but it's also a good way of getting fit and introducing people to the game."

The Portuguese Tennis Federation hopes to initiate its own Cardio Tennis program in the near future, whilst many of the international delegates in attendance also expressed their enthusiasm for the introduction of national programs across Europe. The topic is set for discussion at the Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting in France later this month.

For more information about Cardio Tennis, visit the official website at www.cardiotennis.com.



In the Spotlight: Michele Krause

We caught up with inspirational National Cardio Tennis Program Director Michele Krause (pictured, with co-speakers Ted Murray and Butch Staples), to find out more about the craze that's sweeping the States.

How do you feel about the outcome of this week's European Cardio Tennis and Fitness Conference?

I have to say that all my expectations coming here have been exceeded by far. I was very impressed with the number of people that came out to learn and to see the program. The enthusiasm, the attentiveness and the energy of the participants was incredible, and that everybody was so open minded made my job a lot easier! I'll definitely go home and say that the people here were wonderful to us.

How did it compare to a regular Cardio Tennis workshop that you do in the States?

This definitely sets the standard. What the Portuguese Tennis Federation and Tennis Europe have done in terms of the professional organisation, the hospitality and the facilities offered has been phenomenal, so I'm really grateful.

How do you feel about the reaction from the visiting coaches? I noticed that in the introductory session people were fairly quiet, but by this afternoon there was no shutting them up!

That's fairly typical, I have to say. There is often some degree of scepticism; people don't really know what they have in store for them. But by the end of the session they have fallen in love with the program and are very comfortable with us and just want to get involved.

Tell us about the evolution of Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis was founded based upon the fact that we were facing two issues in the States; the first being our obesity crisis, and the second being the realisation

that fitness activities were beginning to dominate traditional sports. This raised the question of how we, as a sport, would compete with that. Most traditional sports are not growing, but fitness activities were skyrocketing. So the Cardio Tennis concept evolved to meet these concerns. We then defined it, formatted it and did research on the name, but we also knew that we couldn't just throw it out there, that there had to be a step-by-step process.



The first step was to educate the industry including the key organizations, manufacturers and most importantly the tennis-teaching professionals, who are the ones who will deliver the program. This we did with a series of workshops at USTA events in the States, and by the time of the launch there were around 650 sites across the States where consumers could go to try a class. The launch day at the US Open was a big success, with seven or eight hours of cardio demonstrations. We had 20 different national 'satellite feeds'. Media came

from all over the country, and we did a special demo for members of the tennis and fitness press. Players such as Mary Jo Fernandez and the Bryan Brothers spoke to the press about Cardio Tennis, so there was a lot of coverage in the following days, and from there we launched TV and press commercials encouraging people to go the website and to find out where they could take a class, and everything just snowballed from there. We're currently at about 1,300 sites, and our focus for next year will be more on controlling the quality at these existing sites, as well as looking to continue the growth that we have already seen.

And how successful have these clubs been?

It varies according to size and market. Some clubs offer one class per week, others offer fifteen. There are parts of the country that are more saturated, and others that we hardly have any presence in. For example I hope to spend more time on the west coast next year, developing areas such as Arizona, Nevada and Califor-

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nia, where we could definitely have a bigger presence. At the moment Georgia and Florida in the south are the states with the highest numbers of sites.

What kind of coaches do you target? Who do you think is particularly suited to Cardio Tennis, and what sort of opportunities does it offer them?

Definitely a pro that likes to have fun, and is open-minded. Someone who wants to have some variety in his or her teaching schedule. One of the great things about Cardio Tennis is that it gives coaches a break from hour after hour of technicalities and repetitions... instead they get to play some music and work in bigger and more relaxed groups.

Cardio Tennis also benefits pros from a financial standpoint, because they can put more people onto court at once. I know pros now that are starting to make their living entirely from Cardio Tennis classes. Obviously prices vary from person to person and area to area, but if a pro charges \$20 a session and has 8 people on court, that's a good hourly rate of earnings! But with this there's no limitation. We have cases of coaches working in tandem with fitness instructors across two courts, with the coach focusing on ball feeding and fast-paced drills, whilst the fitness instructor works on strength and conditioning exercises. We have sites that have five courts on the go at once, so the amount of creativity that can be applied is endless.

What about costs for the pros?

Well, in the States we have been very fortunate to have great funding for the program, so there is no cost to a pro that wants to get involved. The workshops have been free of charge; the materials – such as the DVD and other marketing pieces – are all free. Anyone who comes to the major workshops that we do gets a good deal, with manuals and the promotional materials as well as lunch and a free heart rate monitor, which retails for \$80-100.

Tell me about the heart-rate monitors, which seemed to be an integral part of the sessions. How are they used and why do you recommend them?

The monitors are not mandatory for a Cardio Tennis class but we highly recommend them as they are the

most accurate way to measure heart rate and it helps a person to have a safe and healthy workout. The goal for a Cardio Tennis leader is to get a participant to train in their own heart rate range zone (which is primarily based upon age) for 30-50 minutes in a 60 minute workout. However the only way one will know if they are in the zone is if they are wearing a monitor. The other thing a monitor will do is to tell you how many calories you have burned, and of course that's something everybody wants to know after they have worked out.

We've covered coaches, but what about consumers? Who is Cardio tennis for, and amongst which groups has it been particularly popular?

Cardio Tennis is for everyone from beginners to fitness-oriented people, to world-class tennis players (former US Open champion Tracy Austin does Cardio Tennis 3 times per week at her club). There are three main target markets, the first being existing players, who we want to get playing more frequently. There is a perception that traditional tennis is not a 'fitness' or workout based activity, which can be true for lower skilled players, or doubles. So if existing players can be kept on a court instead of going to the gym for a cardio workout, that's good. Then there's the people who have tried tennis before, but have stopped for some reason; they thought it was too technical, they did not have fun, didn't get a workout, too busy etc. Cardio Tennis eliminates all those negatives. Then thirdly there's the fitness folk; the people who spend the bulk of their time in the gym. At the moment, it happens that around 70% of the people who play Cardio Tennis regularly are women, aged between 25 and 40. There are a number of reasons for this; they typically make up a high percentage of comparable activities like spinning classes, and also they are likely to have some free time during the day when more courts are available, and their kids are at school.

One thing about Cardio Tennis is that it breaks down barriers. You can get people of many different ability levels on court together without some of them feeling inadequate or having to 'play down' to someone else's standard. So while the majority of participants are women, everyone who takes part seems to have a great time and reaps the benefits. Because of this there are new types of classes constantly emerging, such as Cardio Tennis for Kids and Cardio Tennis for Families, and the audience is growing all the time.

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Two years after the Wimbledon title that confirmed her arrival as a top player, Maria Sharapova (pictured) finally added a second Grand Slam title to her tally, with a victory over Justine Henin-Hardenne in New York.



Henin-Hardenne had reached the final seeking to embellish her own list of accomplishments. As with men's champion Roger Federer, the Belgian had reached the finals of the three previous Slam events this season - the first time that both a male and female player have done so in the same year - and was keen to improve on her 1-2 record. It was to be Sharapova who excelled under pressure though, and just as in her only previous Grand Slam final, the Russian upset the odds to score a decisive win over a former champion.

Sharapova's win represents the latest in a series of successes for European women. Five consecutive Grand Slams have now featured all-European semi-finals, while European players currently account for the entire top ten of the WTA rankings.

Having also won in San Diego in the run up to the year's final Grand Slam, and with wins over the rest of the top four - Amelie Mauresmo (double-bagelling the world #1 despite the loss of a second set), Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters - in her last three events, Sharapova looks set to be engaged in a three way battle with Mauresmo and Henin-Hardenne for the year end world #1 spot.

There is no doubt who will end the year as the men's #1. For the third consecutive year, Roger Federer will end the season holding multiple Grand Slam titles. The final, against a resurgent Andy Roddick was remarkably similar to last year's tournament climax against Agassi, with the American hitting back determinedly to equalise at one set apiece and testing the world #1 to the limit in a close third set before being overwhelmed by the greater consistency and fewer unforced errors of the defending champion in a one sided fourth set.

Federer's appearance in the New York final marked the first time since Andre Agassi that a player had reached all four Grand Slam finals in one season, and the win represented a notable first: Federer becomes the only player ever to win Wimbledon and the US Open back to back in three consecutive seasons.

The men's doubles final went to Australian Open finalists Martin Damm (CZE) and Leander Paes (IND). The sixth-seeded pair upset former champions (albeit having won with different partners) Jonas Bjorkman (SWE) and Max Mirnyi (BLR) 67 64 63. It is the first Grand Slam title for the 34-year old Damm, who first reached the final in New York in 1993, and the fourth for Paes, who last tasted Grand Slam success in 2001.

Meanwhile the women's doubles title went to a more unlikely team in the form of Nathalie Dechy (FRA) and Vera Zvonareva (RUS). The unseeded pair upset a host of higher ranked teams (including three-time champions Virginian Ruano Pascual and Paola Saurez), and notably did not concede a set in their last four matches. The title is only the second doubles title of Dechy's decade long career, whilst Zvonareva's only previous title this year was at the Auckland Tier IV event in January.

In the girls' event, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) continued her stunning season by wrapping up reaching both singles and doubles finals, but fell just short of completing the junior doubles Grand Slam in the process. The 15-year old is now sure to be crowned ITF Junior World Champion and looks set to make her mark on the entry-level professional circuits next season.

Dusan Lojda of the Czech Republic took the boy's title

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in his final junior event. Lojda, a runner-up at this summer's European Junior Championships, beat Canadian Peter Polansky in straight sets. Meanwhile, the home fans were guaranteed a happy outcome of the boys' doubles event, as Jamie Hunt and Nathaniel Schnugg beat Jarmere Jenkins and Austin Krajicek in an All-American final.

Wheelchair tennis events were held at the US Open for the second consecutive year, with Dutch women once again underlining their supremacy, accounting for all finalists in both singles and doubles events. Riding a three and a half year win streak, world #1 Esther Vergeer beat Sharon Walgraven in straight sets for the singles title before teaming with Jiske Griffioen to win the doubles. In the men's event, Robin Ammerlaan (NED) and Michael Jeremiasz (FRA) overcame Shingo Kuneida (JPN) and Tadeusz Kruszelnicki (POL) to win the event for the second year before facing each other in a hotly contested singles final, eventually won by the second-seeded Dutchman 67 63 75.

Despite the memorable singles finals, the 2006 US Open will be remembered as the time when US tennis said a final farewell to two of the most popular players ever to grace the game – Andre Agassi and Martina Navratilova. The pair had contrasting fortunes at their final event, with a tearful Agassi upset by an unheralded qualifier while Navratilova incredibly managed to go out on a winning note, wrapping up the mixed doubles title.

Agassi, who had announced during Wimbledon the years' final Grand Slam would be his last event, struggled to find his form during a five set first round win over Andrei Pavel. Unable to practise for extended periods throughout the summer due to chronic hip and back injuries, the Las Vegas was rusty in his two warm-up events, Los Angeles and Washington, and seemed to carry that lack of form into New York. His second round encounter with Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis was vintage Agassi though, thrilling the partisan crowd by producing some of his best form in recent seasons to earn a convincing two set lead. The eighth seed struck back though to give the 14,000-strong night match crowd what they wanted: a final set that went to the wire. In the end, the 36-year old just survived, edging a 7-5 win in the fifth set to stay alive to fight at least one more match.

The strains of that encounter ultimately took their toll, with the 35-year old unable to move the next day, crippled with back pain that required painkilling and cortisone injections. Thanks to some lengthy rain delays, the former world #1 was given an extra day to recover which enabled him to take to the court, but was unable to produce his best form in a four-set defeat to Germany's Benjamin Becker.

A tearful Agassi then thanked with the crowd with an emotional speech, received with an extended ovation from the New York audience, always his most enthusiastic supporters. And so the curtain was drawn on an illustrious career which lasted 20 years, and saw the flamboyant American etch his way into the history books with a series of achievements, from his mid-career resurrection to the world #1 spot after a seemingly terminal lack of form to his eight Grand Slam titles (including the complete set) from a total of 60 ATP titles.

Navratilova's farewell came in happier circumstances, ending her second career (she originally retired in 1994, only to return to action six years later as a doubles specialist) with a win; the 59th Grand Slam title of the sports' most decorated career.



Just one month short of her 50th birthday, Navratilova had been disappointed to lose at the quarter final stage of the women's doubles. Having won the Tier 1 Canadian Open title on the road to New York they were the team in form, but fell in a tight straight sets match to top seeds Lisa Raymond and Samantha Stosur. Together with men's world doubles #1 Bob Bryan, she had fewer problems in the mixed event, despite a tough draw. In the final, the pair faced the Czech pair of Kveta Peschke and Martin Damm in front of a partisan night crowd who were not to be disappointed as the fifth seeds raced to a 62 63 victory.

Explaining her decision to retire while still in Slam-winning form, Navratilova said on court after the match "Tennis has given me such a great life, but I'm ready sort of to move on. I still will stay in tennis and refocus my efforts elsewhere, but, I was just ready to go."



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Tennis Associations of Serbia and Montenegro

An Extraordinary General Meeting of Tennis Europe member nations was held at the ITF AGM in Seoul, South Korea on Thursday 24th August, where delegates voted unanimously to

- **confirm** the Serbia Tennis Association as Tennis Europe Group C Member Nation, with effect from 01.01.2007
- **admit** the Montenegrin Tennis Association as new Tennis Europe Group C Member Nation, with effect from 01.01.2007.

The contact details for Serbia Tennis Association remain as those previously used for the Serbia & Montenegro Tennis Federation.

The contact details for the new Montenegrin Tennis Association are as follows:

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Montenegro will thus become the 49th member nation of Tennis Europe.

ITF/Tennis Europe B-Teams in Austria and Germany

ITF/Tennis Europe's 'B' Teams, consisting of 14 and 16 & Under players have recently completed a 3- week stint on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour where many of them saw their rankings progress significantly. 16 players from 11 countries benefiting from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme were invited to join the team, and to compete in the following three-tournament mini circuit in August.

The tour was preceded by a two-day training camp in Ulm, which gave the players and coaches the opportunity to get to know each other and to adapt to the conditions of the first event, held at the same site. The players were quick to take advantage and dominated the event, with Tomislav Jotovski (MKD) and Damir Dzumhur (BIH) both winning singles titles. In the 16&U category Tomislav outlasted Ary Porat (SUI) to win a tight match 63 46 75. Damir took the 14&U title after opponent Finn Meinecke (GER) was forced to withdraw with an injury. Yavor Yatsyk (BLR) and Danill Proskura (EST) added the doubles title, winning against teammates Damir Dzumhur and Arturs Kazijevs (LAT) 63 26 75. In the girls event, the best result was achieved by Ema Burgic from Bosnia and Herzegovina, who finished as singles runner up but won the doubles title with Ekaterina Vasenina (MDA).

Success in Ulm was followed with even better results in Bergheim, Austria where all players competed in the

16&U tournament. Ekaterina Gorgodze (GEO) took the title with a 62 63 win over teammate Maria Meliuk (BLR). Together they also won the doubles. Mirza Basic (BIH) was a winner in the boys event. In the final he beat compatriot Tomislav Brkic 63 61. The pair then teamed up to defeat Damir Dzumhur (BIH) and Arturs Kazijevs (LAT) in straight sets to add the doubles title.

Team players reached the finals in all events of the last event, the Mercedes Jugend Cup in Renningen/Rutesheim. In the 14&U category, Ema Burgic (BIH) won just one game in the final of singles against Oksana Pavlova (UKR), but regrouped to win the doubles with Kimberly Cassar (MLT). Damir Dzumhur (BIH) reached the boys' final, where he lost in straight sets against Alexander Rumantsev (RUS). In the 16&U event, Revaz Osadze (GEO) took his second title of the year with a three-set win over Philipp Seifert (GER). Ekatarina Gorgodze made it a Georgian double by taking the girls singles against Monika Tumova (CZE).

ITF/Tennis Europe Team coach Ales Filipcic commented: "This year, the members of the ITF/Tennis Europe B Team have shown a very high level of tennis and motivation to improve their game and they lived, worked and had fun as a excellent team. These three weeks are certain to help them to be even more successful in future."

Azerbaijan Stages First-Ever Professional Tennis Event

Azerbaijan is a country with substantial tennis tradition. Sergei Likhachev, the best player from the country, was a star of the USSR Davis Cup team for 11 years, with an impressive 26-11 (24-9 in doubles) record in 33 ties. Ramiz Akhmerov has also represented the USSR in Davis Cup. Eugenia Biriukova was one of the best Soviet players in the seventies, and she now lives in Italy having been number one in the world Senior rankings. However, the last fifteen years have not been easy for the country in general, and for tennis in particular. Nowadays Azerbaijan is a dynamic country with growing economy and desire to progress in all areas.

Reflecting these changing times, a professional tennis tournament was recently held in Azerbaijan for the first time. The Baku Cup, a \$10,000 ITF Women's Circuit event, took place at the Sport-Tennis Complex during the week of 27th August and saw participation from 37 players hailing from seven countries.

Azerbaijan Tennis Federation President Oktay Asadov noted "The tournament was well organized and has every chance to become a regular fixture - for this we will make all our best efforts. The staging of such a tournament is a stimulus for our juniors and favours the development of tennis in Azerbaijan."

The tournament was run by official staff headed by an ITF Gold Badge Referee, Valery Lutkov. He was helped by Russian ITF White Badge Officials E. Kondratiev and A. Kozerskiy and a group of local officials. In contrast to their Russian colleagues, the local staff had no experience in umpiring an international tournament of such a level, and so in the week prior the Tournament, an Officiating Level 1 Course was organized under the

umbrella of ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme.

Valery Lutkov from Russia conducted the Course. 11 officials from Azerbaijan successfully completed the School programme that included class-room and on-court sessions on Rules of Tennis, Line Umpiring, Chair Umpiring and Code of Conduct. 8 officials went on to umpire matches of Baku Cup getting the first taste of international officiating.

Tournament director Tatiana Abdulkhakova said: "We had no experience in organizing this type of tennis event, but in spite of this all our team – the tournament staff, court maintenance staff, officials and volunteers, worked efficiently and were well co-ordinated."

The tournament was well received by both players and spectators, who endured temperatures of up to 36°C throughout the week. The event was eventually won by Yulia Solonit-skaya (RUS), who defeated Sofia Shapatava (GEO) 64 61. Shapatava then teamed with compatriot Teona Tsertsvadze to win the doubles, beating local favourite Elina Hasanova (AZE) and Sofia Kvatsabaia (GEO).



Yulia Solonitakaya (RUS, left) won the first ever professional tennis event in Azerbaijan, scoring a straight sets win over Sofia Shapatava (GEO, right)

Following the match the finalists were presented with trophies at a ceremony attended by the Minister of the Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan, the Speaker of the Parliament and the President of Azerbaijan Tennis Federation, along with a number of other dignitaries.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest



With a successful week at the Open Sports Club event at the Sanchez-Casal Academy at El Prat near Barcelona, **Carlos Boluda** ascended to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour 14 & under #1 ranking for the first time.

The title in El Prat was Boluda's fourth of the season, following wins at the European Junior Championships and at Category 1 events in Maia and Tarbes. The Spaniard now has a great chance to become the first boy to win both the European Championships and Junior Masters titles in the same year since compatriot Tommy Robredo in 1996.

The **Tennis Europe Junior Masters** are set to be held in Reggio Calabria, Italy, during the weekend of 6-8th October. The top eight European players of both Under 14 and Under 16 levels automatically qualify to participate in the season-ending championships, which give the top players the chance to compete against each other one last time. Former winners include the likes of **Rafael Nadal** and **Kim Clijsters**.

Russians dominated the 2005 event, winning three of the four categories, but new champions look set to be crowned this year, with only one player in the field (Romania's **Simona Halep**) set to qualify for a second successive year.

Players are currently seeking to secure their places with good performances at the remaining tournaments of the season. A full list of the qualifiers, plus player profiles will be online at www.TennisEurope.org prior to the event, with full coverage of the event throughout the weekend.

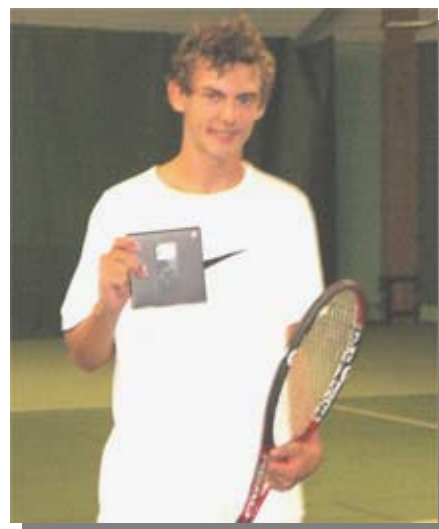
Don't forget that the new **Tennis Europe Junior Tour Photo Gallery** is now online: some 2,000 photos have already been added from a hectic summer of tournament play...if you've played on the tour, your photo might be there!



Carlos Boluda strikes a forehand on his way to victory, and the #1 ranking.

Henri Laaksonen of Finland (pictured, below) is the latest winner of a **Tennis Europe Junior Tour iPod Nano**.

Henri won the prize at a recent visit to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour stand at a tour event. Keep your eyes peeled for the Tour stand at an event near you soon for your chance to win!



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—14 & Under



Richard Muazev of Russia (right) enters the Boys 14 & under top ten at #8 this month after winning the Category I event in Ech-ing bei München.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings are updated each Thursday only at www.TennisEurope.org



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Hanna ORLIK	BLR	740
2	▲	Ajla TOMLJANOVIC	CRO	520
3	▲	Albina KHABIBULINA	UZB	515
4	▼	Timea BABOS	HUN	510
5	▼	Anna-Arina MARENKO	RUS	470
6	►	Anastasia MUKHAMETOVA	RUS	470
7	NEW	Vivien JUHASZOVA	SVK	460
8	▲	Andrea KONJUH	CRO	445
9	▼	Sandra ZANIEWSKA	POL	445
10	▼	Yana BUCHINA	RUS	445
14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	755
2	▼	Ashot KHACHARYAN	RUS	690
3	►	Mikhail BIRYUKOV	RUS	615
4	►	Federico GAIO	ITA	530
5	NEW	Alexander RUMANTSYEV	RUS	515
6	▼	Filip KRAJINOVIC	SCG	490
7	▼	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	490
8	NEW	Richard MUZAEV	RUS	475
9	▼	Daniel BERTA	SWE	460
10	NEW	Marton FUCSOVICS	HUN	460

Rankings as of 14.09.06

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—16 & Under



Revaz Osadze (GEO, left) and Nassim Slilam (FRA, right); the two latest additions to the Boys' 16 & Under top ten.



16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Elena CHERNYAKOVA	RUS	640
2	▲	Simona HALEP	ROM	480
3	NEW	Ekaterine GORGODZE	GEO	455
4	►	Claudia GIOVINE	ITA	415
5	▼	Linda ABU MUSHRAF	BRN	415
6	NEW	Julia MAYR	ITA	400
7	NEW	Martina GLEDACHEVA	BUL	375
8	▼	Kai Chen CHANG	TPE	370
9	NEW	Monika TUMOVA	CZE	370
10	NEW	Camelia Irina BEGU	ROM	350

16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Guido PELLA	ARG	480
2	►	Alessandro GIANNESSI	ITA	460
3	►	Mirza BASIC	BIH	460
4	▲	Tomislav JOTOVSKI	MKD	425
5	NEW	Revaz OSADZE	GEO	405
6	▲	Tim VAN TERHEYDEN	NED	370
7	▼	Davide DELLA TOMMASINA	ITA	355
8	NEW	Nassim SLILAM	FRA	340
9	NEW	Tomislav BRKIC	BIH	340
10	▼	Marco SPERONELLO	ITA	325

Rankings as of 14.09.06

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue		Winner	Runner-Up	Score
12 & UNDER					
03/07	Skopje (MKD)	B12	D Zelenkov (MKD)	S Nikolovski (MKD)	61 61
		G12	L Gorcevska (MKD)	J Savva (CYP)	61 61
03/07	Trieste (ITA)	B12	k Kaczynski (GER)	W Montgomery (RSA)	61 62
		G12	E Abanda (CAN)	E Bouchard (CAN)	36 76 62
03/07	Riga (LAT)	B12	I Ivashka (BLR)	M Podzus (LAT)	61 63
		G12	K Kozlova (UKR)	V Zanosiyenko (UKR)	61 62
03/07	St. Petersburg (RUS)	B12	K Gerlakh (RUS)	V Kozyukov (RUS)	76 63
		G12	I Khromakova (RUS)	M Lebedeva (RUS)	62 60
03/07	Szekesfehrvar (HUN)	B12	G Madarasz (HUN)	N Ajkay (HUN)	75 64
		G12	D Maxl (AUT)	R Müller (HUN)	75 63
10/07	Bergheim (AUT)	B12	C Toth (HUN)	J Schretter (AUT)	75 62
		G12	V Tomova (BUL)	L Reichel (AUT)	60 61
10/07	Vilnius (LTU)	B12	J Tverijonas (LTU)	R Bucens (LAT)	61 61
		G12	J Eidukonyte (LTU)	G Sinskaite (LTU)	62 60
24/07	Ankara (TUR)	B12	A Kaliberda (UKR)	T Erun (TUR)	36 75 64
		G12	S Arantekin (TUR)	T Komakmidze (GEO)	62 61
31/07	Kufstein (AUT)	B12	G Mager (ITA)	F Wohlgennant (AUT)	62 16 64
		G12	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	M Kucheroва (SVK)	62 64
31/07	Tomsk (RUS)	B12	A Goryachkov (RUS)	A unukovich (RUS)	63 63
		G12	V Klimushkina (RUS)	A Tsybina (RUS)	26 62 63
07/08	Frankenthal (GER)	B12	J Kahlke (GER)	R Becker (GER)	75 60
		G12	Y Putintseva (RUS)	J Wachaczyk (GER)	60 60
14/08	Wolfsburg (GER)	B12	T Hornung (GER)	D Masur (GER)	64 06 64
		G12	Y Putintseva (RUS)	G Clerici (ITA)	62 62
14/08	Pisek (CZE)	B12	A Bendinelli (GER)	S Drexler (GER)	64 62
		G12	K Szuba (POL)	M Marikova (CZE)	61 62
21/08	Teplice (SVK)	B12	L Mugevicius (LTU)	F Cerulik (SVK)	26 62 62
		G12	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	M Kucheroва (SVK)	61 ret
21/08	Saarbruecken (GER)	B12	K Benmoussa (GER)	M Torpegaard (DEN)	63 64
		G12	G Mpassy Nzoumba	I Toidze	46 64 61
21/08	Harkiv (UKR)	B12	M Devyatarov (UKR)	E Akhmadeev (UKR)	62 61
		G12	O Yanchuk (UKR)	A Melnichenko (UKR)	76 75
28/08	Cacak (SCG)	B12	O Vasiljevic (SCG)	N Milojevic (SCG)	64 61
		G12	D Catipovic (SCG)	I Banicevic (SCG)	61 61

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
UNDER 14					
07/08	Hasselt (BEL)	1	B14 J Chaplin (AUS)	(12) J Duckworth (AUS)	61 64
		G14	(1) A Tomljanovic (CRO)	(9) J Ren (GBR)	64 64
07/08	Sofia (BUL)	3	B14 (5) I Petrov (BUL)	(13) F Tsaggairdes (CYP)	64 63
		G14	(6) I Stoica (ROM)	(2) S Pirazhenka (RUS)	60 61
07/08	Ulm (GER)	2	B14 (4) D Dzumhur (BIH)	F Meinecke (GER)	46 30 ret
		G14	(2) K Kirillova (RUS)	(1) E Burgic (BIH)	62 63
07/08	Balashika (RUS)	3	B14 (3) A Volkov (RUS)	(11) A Yakovlev (RUS)	64 57 64
		G14	(9) P Vinogradova (RUS)	(1) Y Samuseva (RUS)	64 64
14/08	Eching (GER)	1	B14 (2) R Muzaev (RUS)	(1) A Rumyantsev (RUS)	64 46 63
		G14	(1) T Babos (HUN)	(5) K Kirillova (RUS)	36 75 62
14/08	Kaliningrad (RUS)	3	B14 (1) A Volkov (RUS)	(6) Y Zubko (BLR)	64 75
		G14	(3) N Kuvakina (RUS)	(1) E Kornilova (RUS)	63 63
14/08	Nivelles (BEL)	3	B14 (Q) E Leonet (BEL)	(3) N De Mayer (BEL)	63 75
		G14	J Kimmelmänn (GER)	(1) A Vovk (RUS)	64 63
21/08	Renningen-R (GER)	2	B14 (3) A Rumyantsev (RUS)	(5) D Dzumhur (BIH)	61 60
		G14	(3) O Pavlova (UKR)	(2) E Burgic (BIH)	60 61
21/08	Brussels (BEL)	3	B14 J De Loore (BEL)	(6) C Helliär (GBR)	26 62 76
		G14	(5) A Mestach (BEL)	(4) C Chantraine (BEL)	76 62
21/08	Umag (CRO)	2	B14 (1) M Fucsovics (HUN)	(3) M Brtko (SVK)	40 ret
		G14	(10) Z Miko (HUN)	(3) U Jerman (SLO)	62 64
21/08	Corradino (MLT)	3	B14 (1) A Parkin (GBR)	(3) K Albonetti (ITA)	76 61
		G14	(5) O Kishchun (UKR)	(4) C Kandler (AUT)	61 61
28/08	Pecs (HUN)	2	B14 (4) K Mikos (GRE)	(1) M Fucsovics (HUN)	64 61
		G14	(3) S Njiric (CRO)	(1) P Kuhlova (SVK)	62 61
28/08	Yerevan (ARM)	3	B14 (5) G Mukhanov (RUS)	(4) Y Zubko (BLR)	63 64
		G14	(1) A Amiraghyán (ARM)	(4) M Gasparyan (GEO)	75 62
04/09	El Prat (ESP)	2	B14 (1) C Boluda (ESP)	(2) J Marti (ESP)	63 63
		G14	M Torro (ESP)	(1) J Ren (GBR)	46 62 61
04/09	Bucharest (ROM)	3	B14 A Ghilea (ROM)	T Marin (ROM)	62 62
		G14	(3) I Stoica (ROM)	(Q) R Platon (ROM)	36 63 63

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
UNDER 16					
07/08	Skopje (MKD)	3	B16 (1) B Gacina (SCG)	(4) F Dzanko (CRO)	62 63
			G16 (4) A Rapoport (RUS)	(3) A Latinopoulou (GRE)	76 75
07/08	Istanbul (TUR)	2	B16 (5) E Sezgen (TUR)	(3) P Grigoriu (ROM)	60 64
			G16 (1) M Gledacheva (BUL)	M Sezer (TUR)	63 64
07/08	Haid (AUT)	2	B16 L Hejhal (AUT)	(Q) G Melzer (AUT)	57 61 63
			G16 (1) J Mayr (ITA)	(6) F Campigotto (ITA)	75 61
07/08	Ulm (GER)	2	B16 (1) T Jotovski (MKD)	(3) A Porat (SUI)	62 36 75
			G16 (1) E Chernyakova (RUS)	X Suworowa (GER)	61 61
14/08	Skopje (MKD)	3	B16 D Tyntarov (ISR)	D Tasic (SCG)	67 64 11ret
			G16 (1) A Latinopoulou (GRE)	(2) A Josifoska (MKD)	62 63
14/08	Bergheim (AUT)	2	B16 (1) M Basic (BIH)	(2) T Brkic (BIH)	62 63
			G16 (2) E Gorgodze (GEO)	(3) M Meliuk (BLR)	62 63
14/08	Eching (GER)	1	B16 M Burchner (GER)	A Trägner (GER)	64 36 63
			G16 (1) E Chernyakova (RUS)	(2) J Mayr (ITA)	63 61
14/08	Istanbul (TUR)	3	B16 (6) E Sezgen (TUR)	(11) U Atalay (TUR)	60 63
			G16 (8) U Yuregir (TUR)	(7) T Dogan (TUR)	46 62 64
21/08	Athens (GRE)	3	B16 C Kapogiannis (ROM)	(1) D Melchiorre (ITA)	64 60
			G16 (1) A Latinopoulou (GRE)	(2) G Dumitrescu (ROM)	63 76
21/08	Renningen-R (GER)	1	B16 (4) R Osadze (GEO)	P Seifert (GER)	63 06 76
			G16 (1) E Gorgodze (GEO)	(2) M Tumova (CZE)	64 61
21/08	Warsaw (POL)	2	B16 (6) S Chylinski (POL)	(5) I Bujdo (POL)	75 61
			G16 (2) S Zaniewska (POL)	J Nalborska (POL)	62 60
21/08	Sarajevo (BIH)	2	B16 N Hasandedic (BIH)	F Dzanko (CRO)	64 36 60
			G16 (1) M Gledacheva (BUL)	(2) I Shinikova (BUL)	61 63
28/08	Regensburg (GER)	2	B16 (3) A Tragner (GER)	(5) S Chylinski (POL)	76 61
			G16 (2) M Tumova (CZE)	(3) G Joksyte (LTU)	75 61
28/08	Yerevan (ARM)	3	B16 (1) D Minasyan (ARM)	A Zhurbin (RUS)	62 61
			G16 (5) N Mebuke (GEO)	(4) N Khachatryan (ARM)	63 75
28/08	Patras (GRE)	3	B16 G Androutselidis (GRE)	F Triantis (GRE)	46 76 12ret
			G16 V Giortami (GRE)	(2) A Latinopoulou (GRE)	64 76
04/09	Porto Santo (POR)	3	B16 (2) M Almeida (POR)	(1) M Trueva (POR)	63 63
			G16 C Pires (POR)	A Claro (POR)	62 60

ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Aug-07	Pörtschach (AUT)	\$10,000	(6) M Tkalec (SLO)	M Fischer (AUT)	36 63 62
Aug-07	Novi Sad (SCG)	\$10,000	D Katic (SCG)	(4) I Kushev (BUL)	60 63
Aug-07	Craiova (ROM)	\$10,000	(3) O Nedovyesov (UKR)	(2) J Doble (FRA)	06 63 62
Aug-07	Vilnius (LTU)	\$10,000	(5) A Vejmelka (CZE)	(3) S Ianni (ITA)	46 76 64
Aug-07	Avezzano (ITA)	\$10,000	(Q) L Vanni (ITA)	M Di Vuolo (ITA)	26 62 76(5)
Aug-07	Essen (GER)	\$10,000	(6) T Kamke (GER)	M Authom (BEL)	61 64
Aug-07	Wrexham (GBR)	\$15,000	(2) C Niland (IRL)	(8) R Ghedin (ITA)	64 26 63
Aug-07	Zilina (SVK)	\$10,000	K Triska (CZE)	L Svarc (SVK)	64 26 75
Aug-14	Vincovci (CRO)	\$10,000	(4) P Rusevski (MKD)	(3) D Lojda (CZE)	36 76(5) 75
Aug-14	Irun (ESP)	\$15,000	(2) M Fornell (ESP)	(1) H Zeballos (ARG)	75 26 63
Aug-14	Wahlstedt (GER)	\$15,000	(Q) A Renard (FRA)	(2) B Knittel (GER)	63 61
Aug-14	Bolzano (ITA)	\$15,000	(6) G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	(2) A Vlaski (SCG)	64 76(5)
Aug-14	Vilnius (LTU)	\$10,000	(3) S Ianni (ITA)	(2) A Juska (LAT)	76 36 63
Aug-14	Wroclaw (POL)	\$10,000	(5) D Novak (CZE)	(3) G Hormazabal (CHI)	16 63 63
Aug-14	Arad (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) V Ionita (ROM)	I Sergeyev (UKR)	64 63
Aug-14	Zajecar (SCG)	\$10,000	(5) N Ciric (SCG)	(4) D Madjarowski (SCG)	67(4) 61 63
Aug-14	Piestany (SVK)	\$10,000	D Skoch (CZE)	(7) L Svarc (SVK)	64 63
Aug-21	Plovdiv (BUL)	\$10,000	T Enev (BUL)	(2) I Traykov (BUL)	62 75
Aug-21	Cakovec (CRO)	\$10,000	B Kavcic (SLO)	(6) P Rusevski (MKD)	63 63
Aug-21	Helsinki (FIN)	\$10,000	(1) G Lugassy (FRA)	(2) F Nielsen (DEN)	64 64
Aug-21	M Unterföhring (GER)	\$10,000	M Vacek (CZE)	(4) M Bachinger (GER)	64 64
Aug-21	Padova (ITA)	\$10,000	(2) G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	M Di Vuolo (ITA)	64 61
Aug-21	Vlaardingen (NED)	\$10,000	(3) J Sirianni (AUS)	(1) R Haase (NED)	64 46 63
Aug-21	Poznan (POL)	\$15,000	J Minar (CZE)	(2) L Rosol (CZE)	64 63
Aug-21	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) V Ionita (ROM)	V Stanica (ROM)	61 61
Aug-28	Sofia (BUL)	\$10,000	(7) N Ciric (SCG)	C Gard (ROM)	64 46 75
Aug-28	Mali Losinj (CRO)	\$10,000	(2) M Tkalec (SLO)	(1) I Cerovic (CRO)	64 64
Aug-28	Oviedo (ESP)	\$15,000	(2) J G Martinez (ESP)	(4) G Trujillo (ESP)	63 67(6) 62
Aug-28	Nurnberg (GER)	\$10,000	(4) T Schiessling (AUT)	(Q) M Sieber (GER)	60 60
Aug-28	Piombino (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) F Nielsen (DEN)	(5) A Golubev (RUS)	62 64
Aug-28	Alphen (NED)	\$15,000	(6) G Kretschmer (GER)	(4) N Van Der Meer (NED)	75 57 62
Aug-28	Szczecin (POL)	\$10,000	(4) G Burniol (ESP)	(3) T Niemenen (FIN)	63 63
Aug-28	Timisoara (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) T Craciun (ROM)	(7) T Bolanu (ROM)	57 63 60
Aug-28	Crissier (SUI)	\$10,000	(6) M Vacek (CZE)	(8) A Falgheri (ITA)	61 67(2) 63
Sep-04	Bagneres de Bigorre (FRA)	\$15,000	(7) A Sidorenko (FRA)	(8) S Rieschick (GER)	46 63 62

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ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Sep-04	Enschede (NED)	\$15,000	M Middelkoop (NED)	B Westerhof (NED)	75 67(2) 63
Sep-04	Gliwice (POL)	\$15,000	(1) K Capkovic (SVK)	(2) D Matsukevitch (RUS)	64 61
Sep-04	Kempten (GER)	\$10,000	(1) T Summerer (GER)	(2) G Zemlja (SLO)	64 64
Sep-04	Zagreb (CRO)	\$10,000	(6) B Kavcic (SLO)	(8) R Jarc (SLO)	62 46 62
Sep-04	Pully (SUI)	\$10,000	(1) A Renard (FRA)	(4) V Millot (FRA)	63 36 63
Sep-04	Sofia (BUL)	\$10,000	(5) N Ciric (SCG)	C Gard (ROM)	64 76(3)
Sep-11	Mulhouse (FRA)	\$15,000	(2) N Tourte (FRA)	(3) J Bachelot (FRA)	63 62
Sep-11	Madrid Mostoles (ESP)	\$15,000	(4) P Baccanello (AUS)	(Q) G Alcaide (ESP)	36 64 64
Sep-11	Sassari (ITA)	\$15,000	(1) B Wilson (USA)	(8) M Dell'Acqua (ITA)	62 20ret
Sep-11	Almere (NED)	\$10,000	(2) J Huta Galung (NED)	(7) A Van Der Duim (NED)	62 63
Sep-11	Gothenburg (SWE)	\$10,000	wc J Johansson (SWE)	(1) B Rehnqvist (SWE)	61 76(4)
Sep-11	Geneva (SUI)	\$10,000	(3) A Renard (FRA)	(7) M Charpentier (ARG)	76(3) 60
Sep-11	Friedberg (GER)	\$10,000	(4) M Zimmermann (GER)	(6) F Parada (CHI)	75 62
ITF Women's Circuit					
Aug-07	Coimbra (POR)	\$25,000	(8) K Liggan (IRL)	(5) M Niculescu (ROM)	60 76(7)
Aug-07	Hechingen (GER)	\$25,000	T Malek (GER)	M Mihalache (ROM)	62 63
Aug-07	Rebecq (BEL)	\$10,000	(1) C Maes (BEL)	S Montero (FRA)	61 62
Aug-07	Moscow (RUS)	\$10,000	A Rodionova (RUS)	(Q) J Kalabina (RUS)	36 62 61
Aug-07	Gdynia (POL)	\$10,000	(4) A Schaefer (GER)	(3) O Teplyakova (RUS)	63 75
Aug-07	Jesi (ITA)	\$10,000	(2) R Kulikova (RUS)	G Gatto-Monticone (ITA)	63 64
Aug-07	Wrexham (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) I Pavlovic (FRA)	(1) J O'Donoghue (GBR)	63 67(6) 76(5)
Aug-14	Rimini (ITA)	\$50,000	S Ancic (CRO)	(Q) D Cibulkova (SVK)	76(6) 63 63
Aug-14	Koksijde (BEL)	\$10,000	WC Y Wickmayer (BEL)	(Q) K Steiert (GER)	64 61
Aug-14	Savitaipale (FIN)	\$10,000	(1) E F Brugues (ESP)	(3) P Suomalainen (FIN)	64 36 62
Aug-14	Wahlstedt (GER)	\$10,000	(7) J Goerges (GER)	(2) M Geznenge (BUL)	63 62
Aug-14	Kedzierzyn-Kozle (POL)	\$10,000	(6) A Schaefer (GER)	K Vankova (CZE)	76(2) 75
Aug-14	Bratislava (SVK)	\$10,000	(8) A Sevastova (LAT)	K Malenovska (SVK)	46 60 63
Aug-21	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	(3) E Rodina (RUS)	(2) E Makarova (RUS)	76(4) 63
Aug-21	Westende (BEL)	\$10,000	(6) C De Gubernatis (FRA)	(5) V Verardi (ITA)	63 63
Aug-21	Cumberland (GBR)	\$10,000	(5) N Roma (SWE)	WC A Fitzpatrick (GBR)	63 63
Aug-21	Bielefeld (GER)	\$10,000	J Goerges (GER)	(2) A Sieveke (GER)	64 46 63
Aug-21	Tre Castagni (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) A Floris (ITA)	(2) R Kulikova (RUS)	67(0) 60 62
Aug-21	Vlaardingen (NED)	\$10,000	(4) N Silva (POR)	P Wong (NED)	61 62
Aug-21	Maribor (SLO)	\$10,000	(2) A Klepac (SLO)	(4) D Evtimova (BUL)	64 26 63
Aug-28	Alphen (NED)	\$25,000	M Erakovic (NZL)	(Q) A Petkovic (GER)	46 62 75

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Aug-28	Vienna (AUT)	\$10,000	(1) S Martinovic (BIH)	(4) L Wienerova (SVK)	64 63
Aug-28	Mollerusa (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) K Paterson (GBR)	(Q) Y Campos (ESP)	36 75 62
Aug-28	Baku (AZE)	\$10,000	(5) Y Solonitskaya (RUS)	S Shapatava (GEO)	64 61
Aug-28	Vittoria (ITA)	\$10,000	(8) A Remondina (ITA)	(Q) O Golimbioschi (ROM)	60 64
Aug-28	Timisoara (ROM)	\$10,000	(2) A Popovic (SCG)	(1) C Corduneanu (ROM)	62 64
Aug-28	Palic (SCG)	\$10,000	(1) D Evtimova (BUL)	I Gerlova (CZE)	60 64
Aug-28	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(2) N Orlova (RUS)	(7) C Buyukakcay (TUR)	61 61
Sep-04	Denain (FRA)	\$75,000	(1) R Oprandi (ITA)	(2) S Foretz (FRA)	63 46 63
Sep-04	Mestre (ITA)	\$50,000	(Q) S Ancic (CRO)	(3) S Kloesel (GER)	61 62
Sep-04	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	A Cadantu (ROM)	WC I Begu (ROM)	63 16 63
Sep-04	Enschede (NED)	\$10,000	M Meddens (NED)	(6) S Vongsouth (FRA)	62 63
Sep-04	Düsseldorf (GER)	\$10,000	(1) D Krstajic (SCG)	I Kusgen (GER)	60 16 62
Sep-11	Bordeaux (FRA)	\$75,000	(1) M Muller (GER)	S Kloesel (GER)	63 62
Sep-11	Gliwice (POL)	\$25,000	(2) S Zahlavova (CZE)	(3) T Malek (GER)	64 60
Sep-11	Sofia (BUL)	\$25,000	A Petkovic (GER)	(1) S Matei (ROM)	75 75
Sep-11	Innsbruck (AUT)	\$10,000	(4) P Mayr (AUT)	(1) Y Meusberger (AUT)	16 62 22ret
Sep-11	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	(5) N Silva (POR)	P Fondevila (ESP)	57 62 76(2)
Sep-11	Torre Del Greco (ITA)	\$10,000	(4) M Corbalan (ARG)	(3) F Quercia (ITA)	76(2) 61
Sep-11	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$10,000	(2) V Galanina (RUS)	WC E Gorgodze (GEO)	63 64

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European Rankings

Despite the addition of points from the final Grand Slam of the season, there are few changes in the European rankings this month.

Justine Henin-Hardenne's final placing in New York, coupled with compatriot Kim Clijsters' inability to defend her title due to injury combine to see the reigning Roland Garros champion once again become the top ranked Belgian. Meanwhile, former world #1 Martina Hingis re-enters the list for the first time in four years.

The three grand Slam champions of 2006, Henin-Hardenne, Amélie Mauresmo and Maria Sharapova

look set to be engaged in a three-horse race for the year end #1 position, a battle that looks likely to be decided at the WTA Championships in Madrid in November.

There are fewer changes in the men's list, with leaders Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal still far from being caught by any of their European rivals.

A quarterfinal placing in New York is enough to see Tommy Haas re-enter the top ten, eclipsing Nicolas Kiefer to reclaim the role of top ranked German.

Rankings as of September 18, 2006

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	►	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	1	3610
2	▲	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	2	3474
3	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	3	3125
4	▼	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	4	2360
5	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5	2264
6	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6	2027
7	▼	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	7	1996
8	►	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	8	1793
9	NEW	Martina HINGIS	SUI	9	1719
10	►	Nicole VAIDISOVA	CZE	10	1589

MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7295
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4625
3	►	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	3	3245
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5	2590
5	►	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	7	2190
6	▲	Marcos BAGHDATIS	CYP	8	2111
7	►	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	10	1880
8	▼	Mario ANCIC	CRO	11	1865
9	▲	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	13	1735
10	NEW	Tommy HAAS	GER	14	1700

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2006 EUROPEAN COACHES SYMPOSIUM

Tennis Europe member nations are reminded that the 2006 European Coaches Symposium will be hosted by the **Swedish Tennis Association** in Stockholm to coincide with the ATP Stockholm Open between the dates of 12-15th October. National associations are invited to send a maximum of two delegates.

Full details, plus the event programme can be found on the Tennis Europe website at http://www.tenniseurope.org/Development/Develop_Conferences_Coaches-Symposium.aspx

EUROPEAN TOURNAMENT CONFERENCE

Please note that the above conference, which had been scheduled for November 24-26 in Zürich, has been cancelled. National Association will be informed about a possible 2007 event in due course.

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