

## FEDERER & MAURESMO WIN SECOND SLAMS OF 2006



Just weeks after suffering his first loss in a Grand Slam final, when nemesis Rafael Nadal inflicted the latest of four defeats so far this year on the world #1,

Roger Federer bounced back in style to add a fourth consecutive Wimbledon men's singles crown to his ever-expanding list of accomplishments.

Both men had performed impeccably on route to the final, with Federer overcoming a particularly treacherous draw with some ease. By a quirk of fate, the Swiss defending champion was drawn to face a series of opponents who had given him trouble in the past, but swept each of them – Richard Gasquet, Tim Henman, Thomas Berdych and Mario Ancic - away in straight sets. In the bottom half of the draw, Nadal progressed almost as easily after a second round struggle against American qualifier Robert Kendrick.

Commentators were universal in the pre-match assessment that Federer's experience on (and love for) grass would give him the edge over his Spanish final opponent, who went into the match with a 6-1 >>

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### CIT & TENNIS EUROPE

The Centre Internacional de Tennis has officially announced the start of the cooperation with Tennis Europe, under which they will be recognised as the Official Academy Partner of the organisation.

Tennis Europe President John James, accompanied by Catalan Tennis Federation President José Ferrer Peris and Spanish Tennis Federation counterpart Pedro Muñoz, plus a number of dignitaries from the Spanish worlds of sport and politics, was on hand at a ceremony at the site, in Cornellá close to Barcelona airport, where the agreement was presented to the local and national media, along with a presentation of the plans for a new construction project of a new female residency at the site.

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<< career head to head lead over him. A 6-0 first set did little to change that view, but Nadal, no doubt stirred by memories of his 1-6 first set loss in Roland Garros, began to work his way into the match, and with the crowd increasingly on his side edged his way to a second set tie break. Three unforced errors swung the momentum to Federer at the crucial moment however, and the Swiss player was firmly in the driving seat. Nadal's ever-present tenacity paid off though, and when the third set also reached a tie break following a series of tense games, the 20-year old seized his chance.

The third set proved to be Nadal's last hurrah though, and Federer rushed through the fourth with a new sense of urgency, eventually sealing his 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive match win at Wimbledon (and 48<sup>th</sup> consecutive win on grass, a record) 6-0 7-6 6-7 6-2. Federer commented that the win had had special significance to him in the light of events in Paris, "I'm very well aware how important this match was for me," he said. "If I lost, obviously it would have been a hard blow for me. He would win the French and Wimbledon back to back, with me in each final."

There was some symmetry in the men's and women's events, with both finals featuring the Australian Open champions against the Roland Garros champions for the third Grand Slam title of the year. In both cases it was the Australian Open champion who came out on top.

Amelie Mauresmo was delighted to have the opportunity to prove to face Henin-Hardenne in a Grand Slam final again, admitting she had been irked by comments in the media that her Australian Open win had been as much a result of good luck as it was good play.



The French world #1 bounced back from a lacklustre first set to break the Roland Garros champion in the first game of the second, and didn't look back from thereon. A high percentage of first serves enabled Mauresmo to serve-volley to great effect, a tactic she had used at SW19 on three previous trips to the semi finals.

The match was the only the second time since 1990 that both finalists had employed serve-volley tactics on a regular basis, and made for some thrilling rallies as the two players raced to charge at the net. Mauresmo's serve was a decisive factor in her victory, and she held it increasingly comfortably as the victory line approached, serving a series of aces at key moments towards the end of the final set.

Commenting on her victory, the first at Wimbledon by a French woman for over 80 years, Mauresmo said; "It feels great. It's the most prestigious tournament in the world, and it really is a special moment for me...having to wait so long in between my first and second Grand Slam finals, and then

having two Grand Slams in the same year is kind of great and really the work has paid off."

The women's doubles event was another to see the Australian Open champions emerge as winners. Chinese fourth seeds Zi Yan and Jie Zheng denied the Spanish-Argentinean pair of Virginia Ruano-Pascual and Paola Suarez a career Grand Slam, handing them a 63 36 62 loss. The former world #1s will be encouraged by their form though, having suffered a nightmare past 12-months in which Suarez's injury enforced absences had seen her on the cusp of exiting the top 100.

It was once again the role of Bob and Mike Bryan to restore some pride in American tennis, after a disappointing Slam for U.S. players. The top seeded broth-

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ers went one better than the women's singles and doubles finalists and completed a career Grand Slam with a four set win over Fabrice Santoro (FRA) and Nenad Zimonjic (SCG).

Bob Bryan returned to the Centre Court with Venus Williams less than an hour after the conclusion of that match in order to play the mixed doubles final. The more experienced (yet unseeded) Americans were expected to make light work of Andy Ram (ISR) and Vera Zvonareva (RUS), but the reverse turned out to be the case, the seventh seeds winning 63 62 in under an hour. The win was Zvonareva's second Grand Slam mixed doubles title (her first was with Bryan) and the first for Ram.

Reigning European Junior Champion Thiemmo De Bakker of the Netherlands added another triumph to his increasingly impressive résumé, beating Poland's Marcin Gawron in straight sets for his sixth title of the year, and first Junior Grand Slam. The top seeded 17-year also won in Roehampton the week prior to Wimbledon, giving him a run of twelve consecutive grass court victories.

As in the men's event, the boys doubles was won by an American pair. Unseeded Kellen Damico and Nathaniel Schnugg edged a first set tie break win over Martin Klizan and Andrei Martin before cruising to a 6-2 second set victory.

There was also a new Junior Grand Slam champion crowned in the girls' event, as 15-year old Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark came from behind to record a

36 61 63 win over Magdalena Rybarikova of the Slovak Republic. Wozniacki, who also reached the Australian Open final earlier in the year becomes the first Danish girl to triumph at Wimbledon.

In the doubles event, Wozniacki's conqueror in Melbourne, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova teamed up with Russian compatriot Alisa Kleybanova to record her third junior Grand Slam doubles title, with a 61 62 win over Kristina Antoniyuchuk (UKR) and Alexandra Dulgheru (ROM).

The Wheelchair Doubles event, now in it's second year at Wimbledon, saw Japanese Paralympic gold medallists Shingo Kunieda and Satoshi Saida beat defending champions Jayant Mistry (GBR) and Michael Jeremiasz (FRA) in straight sets, a second win in consecutive weeks for the top seeds over the European pair.

2006 continues to be a vintage year for European tennis, with every available Grand Slam singles title currently held by European players. Both the men's and women's singles events at Wimbledon featured all-European semifinals, with the trend repeated in the junior events; a promising sign for the future. The professional tours now split back to clay and hard court surfaces in the run-up to the US Open at the end of August, where European success has traditionally been harder to come by. With two Slam titles apiece under their belts already this year, world #1s Federer and Mauresmo will likely be hot favourites to make it three out of four.

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## PATTON RENNES RECLAIM EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Host club AS Patton Rennes regained the European Club Championships for Women title in late June, cruising to a 4-1 win over Romania's Tennis Club.

The French team, anchored by touring pros Yvonne Meusberger, Petra Cetkowska, Seda Noorlander and Leslie Butkiewicz, lost just one match in the three ties on their way to reclaiming the crown they last won in 2004.

The win was a welcome one for the host club, who

have staged the event since 2003, during which time the event has increased the number of participants and been able to offer prize money and hospitality to players for the first time.

For full draws and results from this year's event, please visit [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

## 14 & UNDER EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS

The first events of the European Summer Cups drew to a close last week, with France and Russia emerging victorious in the 14 & Under categories of Europe's largest outdoor team competition for junior players.

France scored their second upset of the tournament to beat second seeds Poland for the 2006 Europa Cup title. Both players - Chloé Babet and Marie Menacer - conceded just six games in straightforward singles victories to settle the tie. France had been in impressive form in earlier rounds, and did not lose a set in a live rubber throughout the event, despite not having advanced through the qualifying rounds since 2002.

Ukraine won the third-place play-off, beating the Czech Republic in a battle between two teams comprised of twin sisters. Lyudmila Kichenok outlasted Kristyna Pliskova 36 63 75 before sister Nadiya Kichenok repeated the feat with a 57 75 60 win over Karolina Pliskova.

In the boys' competition, Russia came out on top, securing the win with a tough 2-1 victory over Germany. Both singles wins were three-set affairs, with Richard Muzaev coming from a set down to defeat Sebastian Hagn 46 62 61 before European #2 Ashot Khacharyan sealed the victory with another win from behind,

eventually overcoming Sami Reinwein 26 62 75. The Russians were then forced to default from the doubles match due to injuries picked up by both players during their earlier wins, but will nevertheless be satisfied with their weeks work.

Their semi final upset of top seeds Spain ensured Khacharyan's ascension to the European #1 ranking for the first time, deposing his team-mate Mikhail Biryukov, who was forced to withdraw from the team after the qualifying rounds.

The final rounds of the 14 & Under European Summer Cups act as the European qualifying event for the world's premier team event for players aged 14 & Under, the World Junior Tennis Competition, set to be held this year in Prostějov (CZE) in August. The six top-performing teams in the table below qualify.

Full draws and results from the competition can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org), as well as details of the remaining fixtures of this years competitions, the Under 16 and Under 18 events, due to held during August and September.

### EUROPA CUP (GIRLS 14&U) San Remo (ITA)

### COPA DEL SOL (BOYS 14&U) Totana (ESP)

Teams marked in blue qualify for the final rounds of the ITF World Junior Tennis Competition in Prostějov.

1	FRANCE	RUSSIA
2	POLAND	GERMANY
3	UKRAINE	CZECH REPUBLIC
4	CZECH REPUBLIC	SPAIN
5	RUSSIA	HUNGARY
6	NETHERLANDS	ITALY
7	CROATIA	SERBIA & MONTENEGRO
8	ROMANIA	ROMANIA



## CENTRE INTERNACIONAL DE TENNIS

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Work has already begun on the female residency, which is expected to be ready by the spring of 2007.

Addressing the assembled media, Tennis Europe President John James congratulated the Catalan Federation on "a marvellous centre, which will surely serve as a major impulse for Catalan, Spanish and European tennis. Barcelona is truly a tennis city, and I am delighted that our 48 member nations can discover it thanks to this centre."

*Photos, top: Unveiling the plans for the new construction project. Bottom, Jordi Arresse, the Centre's Technical Director, greets his visitors (l-r) David Moner (President of the Union of Sporting Federations), Jaime Lissavetzsky (Spanish Secretary of State for Sport), John James, Antoni Balmón (Mayor of Cornellá).*

*Photos courtesy of Jordi Ramos/FCT.*



## EUROPEAN SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

French teams excelled at the recent European Seniors Club Championships for women, the three categories of which were held at Le Touquet during the week of 12-16th June. New champions were crowned in both the Over 40 and Over 50 events, while the Over 60s were included for the first time, with the inaugural event won by Racing Club de France.

Full results and draws can be found at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).

The Men's Over 60 Club Championships are set to be held next week in Salzburg (AUT), with the remaining age categories to follow in September.

### EUROPEAN SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN 2006

	40+	50+	60+
1	Cercle Amical de Vincennes (FRA)	Bridgewater (GBR)	Racing Club de France (FRA)
2	TC Cash (NED)	MTSV Olympia Neumünster (GER)	Tennis Club Phocéén (FRA)
3	Chandos (GBR)	ZTC Shot (NED)	Arnolduspark (NED)
4	Royal Leopold Club (BEL)	TC Nijmegen Quick (NED)	Purley LTC (GBR)

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TENNIS JEAN BECKER GROUP



In January of this year, Tennis Europe signed a two-year partnership agreement with Tennis Jean Becker Group, making them the Official Outdoor Surface Provider of Tennis Europe. The move, in conjunction with an existing arrangement with the Italian indoor court specialists

Play-It, completed Tennis Europe's court surface construction promotion portfolio. Widely known in their domestic market of France, we spoke to Tennis Jean Becker Group's President and CEO Pascal Aucouturier (pictured) to find out more about their success.

### Could you tell us about the history of the company, and also how you became involved?

The Tennis Jean Becker Group includes the Tennis Chem Industries and Tennis Jean Becker companies. We have an annual turnover of around €10million in France. With more than 75 years of accumulated experiences, these two companies are leaders in building tennis courts in France. I personally entered the Group in 1988 as assistant manager and then bought Tennis Chem Industries in 1998, then in 2000 Tennis Jean Becker which became my own businesses.

### Can you give us a summary of the services offered by the company?

The Tennis Jean Becker Group is specialized in the construction, renovation and maintenance of tennis courts and other sport surfaces, including soccer, rugby and hockey fields and also athletics tracks.

### 'Classic Clay' is one of your innovative trademarks. How does this differ from regular clay courts?

Classic Clay offers most of the qualities of a traditional clay court as well as many unique advantages.

Amongst these are its' relatively low maintenance; it does not need water when the weather is hot, nor annual reconstruction. It is playable all year round and in all weathers, even just after rain, is cleaner than real clay, and according to ITF testing is more comfortable for players.

All these advantages make Classic Clay the right investment because of its high potential to attract players, optimise playing time and boost rentals.

### Do you also sell a traditional clay court surface?

Yes we do sell traditional clay courts surfaces but as we want to work only with French materials (the one used for the French open) we do not construct traditional clay outside France due to the heavy freight's costs of the raw materials.

### For people who may be considering installing a court, what are the considerations that they should bear in mind when deciding on a surface and supplier?

Well, any tennis court construction project will depend on the type of owner and their customers (if for a tennis club). A private owner must consider their favourite surface. Then he has to define if the surface has to be porous or not. Of course he has to think about the right place to install the court. Then he has to look after the maintenance and its costs.

In my view, I would say that a private owner has so little time to play that he should choose an all-weather porous surface. The court should be smooth to prevent the owner from back and legs injuries. Of course, I would recommend the Classic Clay, which is a no worry and great looking surface. For a tennis club I would say that it depends on the members and on the competition players. I would recommend a survey of the club and its potentialities in order to construct or renovate with the most appropriate surface.

### How long does court installation typically take?

For a renovation it takes several days to install a classic clay court. Of course, this does



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not include the preparation of the existing base or its creation. The classic clay has to be laid on a hard base made of concrete or asphalt.

### What are the company's biggest projects?

The Group Company's biggest projects are: the construction of 8 courts in Algeria for a tennis club, 10 courts in Congo for a private resort, 8 courts for the league of Paris, 7 courts for a tennis club in Ireland and many other sites. The Group has been chosen by the most important cities in France, such as Paris, Bordeaux and Marseille, and also by some world-famous businessmen, singers, managers. Many of them choose the classic clay because of its unique qualities.

**Your company is already hugely successful within France. Does the partnership with Tennis Europe represent a desire to progress similarly in other markets?**

Yes definitively. We want to propose our classic clay surface to many countries in Europe in order to allow as much players as possible to play on the greatest synthetic clay court. Classic clay provides an excellent experience to players who would have not the possibility to train on traditional clay courts. So I think that classic clay is an opportunity for young players to become used to international standards.

### Are there any nations in particular that you would like to focus on?

I would like to give the opportunity to eastern countries, which do not have such a good weather as in Spain for example, to make their players practice on artificial clay courts all year long. It is very important to me because I think that (with Wimbledon) Roland Garros is the most important tournament in the world. It's an extra challenge to excel on clay courts if you are deprived of the opportunity to practise on it as a youngster. But of course, all European countries are welcome to our services.

### How does your own experience affect the products you sell?

I would say that as a tennis player myself - I was ranked as an Under-15 in France and won the French and the

European tennis championships for students - I can only sell what I have tried and surfaces on which I would really like to play. So the quality is my first objective and this was the case when I chose to import the classic from Australia.

I am very proud of this because in a recent survey the French Tennis Federation asked our customers about the classic clay they invested in. And the result was that 98% of them were satisfied and are ready to invest again in our surface for other courts. For me this is a great testimonial, which proves our commitment to our present and future customers.





*Two of the company's many references; Les Pyramides in Paris (top) and Bairnsdale TC in Australia.*





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## WIMBLEDON: A REFEREE'S PERSPECTIVE

Following the retirement last year of Alan Mills, the Wimbledon referee of over 20 years, the All-England Club has assembled a new team of head officials. We spoke to one of them, Denise Parnell, about the challenges of coordinating the smooth running of the world's most famous tennis event.

### How did you come to join the team this year?

I worked for 16 years for IBM on their stats service here. I still did the training of their data entry team this year, before putting on my referee's hat again. I was approached last year, along with some other people, as they had already decided to make some changes to the structure of the referee's office in 2006 after Alan's departure, and I was lucky enough to eventually be asked to join them.

### How many people work in the referee's office?

We've got the Referee, Andrew Jarrett, plus four assistant referees; Claire Wood, Mike Morrissey, Peter Mor-nard and myself, and then there are additional personnel who are essential for the smooth running of the tournament that are based in the upper and lower departments of the referee's office.

### You've refereed at professional tennis events of every level. How does the job differ at an event like Wimbledon to elsewhere?

Well, because it's so much bigger, and there is so much more media interest and so much more going on, we do quite a few things that wouldn't normally come under referees' tasks. A small example is the biographies that are displayed on the scoreboards of the main show courts before matches. Those are done by the IT guys, but we have to check them each morning to ensure that what is seen on the boards is correct. Sometimes we have to field off phone calls from dis-

gruntled members of the public when they are not happy about something; yesterday I had an interesting call from a chap who berated me for ten minutes because we had dared to pitch Tim Henman against Roger Federer in the second round; he thought it should be run along the lines of other sports, like croquet, where apparently players compete in the early rounds against other competitors of a similar level.

Another thing is that there are many 'court calls', for example if a player is wearing inappropriate clothing, as we have an 'almost entirely white' rule here, or if they get injured and ask for the trainer to come to court – in which case one of us has to be present as well. Yesterday, a line judge collapsed on centre court and we scrambled to get there to make sure they were alright and that it was dealt with quickly and properly.

### What about the Order of Play?

That's a massive job. At Wimbledon we play more matches than at any other Grand Slam, as there are so many extra events, but we also have less playing time, because we play on grass. Add the vagaries of the British weather and it can be quite a headache!

### What are the considerations when making the order of play, and to what extent can third parties influence the decision as to where a match will be played?

Throughout the day there's a steady stream of requests from the players associations, from the players themselves and also from television and the media. We do try to accommodate everybody's requests, if they are reasonable. All the TV companies log their requests with the Club's TV Liaison Officer, John Rawlinson, who meets with us each day to put their requests forward. An example of a legitimate request would be from the US networks, who often ask us to schedule their players after 5pm, so that they can show the



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matches live. We have to try to balance the best interests of the players with the best interests of the tournament, and then try to accommodate requests.

### How long does it take from start to finish?

We normally start in the early afternoon and it's pretty much done by six or seven o'clock. We always release the order for Centre and #1 Courts beforehand, which benefits the media, who of course are most interested in those matches. The definitive edition is released around 9-10pm, depending on when play finishes.

### And how are decisions made as to which officials cover the matches? Is that your task as well?

The selections are made by Mike Morrissey and approved by the Referee. This task requires specialist knowledge of all officials, which Mike has.

### What happens behind the scenes during a rain delay? I imagine that for the tournament organisers, it is almost as busy with no play as when things are running smoothly?

On the first day of the championships, we had virtually no play, but we were so busy. Each court has a team of ground staff ready to look after the court if the weather turns, and they are guided by a system of numbers which are placed in high up visible places around the ground that everyone could see. There are seven different possible numbers, ranging in meaning from 'Cover the court' to 'inflate the covers', or 'Remove the covers' and so on. So the first task is to make sure that the numbers are correct, but the numbers are changing almost constantly depending on the latest local weather forecasts. Then there are many other things; we have to consider whether we can send people home, inform players of the current situation, how we will manage the next day and so on. In the meantime, we're constantly monitoring the

weather and making trips outside to establish whether we can mobilise everyone and get some play.

### You must have a hotline to the meteorological office. How do the tournament organisers keep one step ahead of the weather?

The tournament has access to an extremely hi-tech weather detection system from the Met Office. We can literally see the clouds coming up the main road into London towards us! But yes, we do also liaise with the Met Office, and ask them to confirm what we think we have seen, and they will be able to tell us if and when a shower is about to hit us. Sometimes for example, you'll see the ground staff getting ready to cover and there won't be a cloud in the sky, but sure enough fifteen minutes later people are reaching for their umbrellas. It's important that we can predict it accurately, because the decision to cover the



courts affects everyone; there is a massive machine that swings into action, apart from the ground staff and players suddenly the restaurants go from being empty to full, people decide to leave and there is traffic congestion and so on. So we have to be sure we're doing the right thing.

### What's the toughest thing about refereeing at Wimbledon?

I think the main thing is the realisation that every decision you take affects an awful lot of people. In a nutshell, at a tournament of this stature, there isn't a decision that we could make that, if it were wrong, would go unnoticed. Which is quite frightening, now that I come to think about it!

## 16 & Under ITF/Tennis Europe Touring Team

Tennis Europe's 'A'Team have recently completed their five week stint on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour where many of them - along with members of fellow teams made up of players from Asia and Latin America – saw their rankings progress significantly as a result.

Eight of Europe's most promising players were selected to be a part

of the Touring Team, which is intended to give them the opportunity to travel and to play higher level events outside of their own regions. The players were: Vanja Tomic (BIH), Viktoria Yemialyanova (BLR), Iza-bel Shinikova (BUL), Diana Bukajeva (LAT), Riccards Opmanis (LAT), Nikoloz Kurdadze (GEO), Vladimir Kruk (BLR) and Grigor Dimitrov (BUL).

As announced in the last issue of Tennis Europe News, the teams began with a five-day training camp in Brescia, where they got to know their team-mates and were observed and coached by the ITF Team Coaches.

Grigor Dimitrov was quick to make an impression, reaching the semi finals of the Category 1 Avvenire tournament in Milano during the first week of the Tour, and following it up with a quarter final finish the next week at the Memorial Nico Crotti event in Crema (ITA).

Also in Crema, Viktoria Yemialyanova put in her best performance in reaching the final, where she fell to Kai Chen Chang of Taiwan in straight sets.

The highlight of the third event, the 'Derby Cadets' in

La Baule (FRA), for the Tennis Europe team was a quarter final appearance in doubles for Dimitrov and Kruk, whilst at the next event Kruk went one better, reaching the semi finals with ITF team member Tarek El Esawy (EGY).

The fourth event, Le Pont des Generations in Le Pontet, is the only event during the circuit to be played

on hard courts, and once again Yemialyanova was the star performer, reaching the quarterfinals.

Most players saved their best for last, the Paris Cadets Trophée Lagardère, a prestigious Category 1 event held during the first week of July. Grigor Dimitrov once again reached the

semifinals, where he lost to eventual champion Guido Pella (ARG). Nikoloz Kurdadze teamed with Mirza Basic (BIH) to win the doubles title, while Iza-bel Shinikova reached the singles quarterfinals.

Full results from all the events can be found on [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org).



*Members of the Touring Team in Paris.*



## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

Every now and then, a player arrives on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour and makes a huge impact in a short space of time. It's quite rare though for three players to shoot from nowhere to the top ten in just over a month, as we've seen recently.

Thanks to their places on the ITF Touring Teams, a number of 16 & Under players from overseas have had a significant impact on the rankings with some excellent performances at some of the Tour's toughest events of the summer.

Guido Pella of Argentina is the undisputed star of the lot. The 16-year old arrived in Europe at the end of May with a ranking of 0, and by last week was #1, an unprecedented leap in the history of the rankings. During his six week tour, Pella won four tournaments (including three Category 1 events, making him the leader this year in terms of events won).

Unfortunately for him, his stay at the top is likely to be a fairly short one as ineligibility for the European Championships means that some of his closest rivals are likely to overtake him in a couple of weeks, but that shouldn't take anything away from this fantastic achievement.

Fellow ITF Team member, Linda Abu Mushraf of Bahrain looks sure to be a name to look out for, as she followed in Pella's footsteps to the top of the rankings. Consistent rather than spectacular, she reached the last four at four consecutive Category 1 events (and the final at Paris), and won doubles at two of those events, to take her ranking to #2.

Kai Chen Chang of Taipei is another to have made a big impact; leaving with the Crema title, plus two Category 1 doubles wins to take her ranking to #7.

Also on the girl's list, Elena Chernyakova of Russia has finally ousted compatriot Ksenia Lykina from the

top spot that she has held for some six months. Chernyakova's second Category 1 title of the year (in La Baule) was enough to make her a comfortable leader in the race—for now.

Meanwhile, the boy's 14 & Under rankings show a similar scenario; a Russian overtaking another Russian at the top. This time it's Ashot Khacharyan who reached the top for the first time. Khacharyan, a winner of four titles already this year, added a fifth by playing on the winning Copa Del Sol team last weekend. Biryukov, his usual teammate, was forced to withdraw, handing the #1 ranking to Khacharyan following the conclusion of the event.

Lower down in the list, Mate Zsiga of Hungary enters the top ten thanks to reaching two finals in recent weeks. Zsiga won in Maribor and was runner-up in Tuzla, where he also won the doubles.

There's likely to be some big changes to the rankings in the coming weeks, with big points of offer for the European Championships and following 16 & Under Summer Cups events.



*New #1 Guido Pella strikes a backhand in La Baule*

You can follow both events at

[www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org), where you will find daily results and the latest news from all the venues.

Many thanks to those of you who entered our iPod nano competition. The first winner has been selected and will be notified this week, we'll have a pic and a new winner here for you next month!





## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—14 & Under

(Right) Mate Zsiga (HUN), and (far right) Filip Strnad—the two newest entries to the Tennis Europe Junior Tour top ten.

Rankings are updated each Thursday only at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org)



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Hanna ORLIK	BLR	505
2	▲	Yana BUCHINA	RUS	505
3	▲	Anna-Arina MARENKO	RUS	495
4	▼	Timea BABOS	HUN	465
5	▼	Tereza BARTOVA	CZE	420
6	<b>NEW</b>	Sandra ZANIEWSKA	POL	380
7	<b>NEW</b>	Andrea KONJUH	CRO	370
8	▲	Sarah MOUNDIR	SUI	370
9	<b>NEW</b>	Alena SOTNIKOVA	UKR	365
10	<b>NEW</b>	Maryna ZANEVSKA	UKR	355
14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲	Ashot KHACHARYAN	RUS	645
2	▼	Mikhail BIRYUKOV	RUS	580
3	►	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	475
4	►	Daniel BERTA	SWE	440
5	►	Jan HRADSKY	CZE	430
6	►	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	425
7	▲	Federico GIAO	ITA	420
8	<b>NEW</b>	Filip STRNAD	CZE	410
9	►	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	405
10	<b>NEW</b>	Mate ZSIGA	HUN	395

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—16 & Under



(left) Elena Chernyakova of Russia, the new Girls 16 & U #1.

The top eight European players of both Under 14 and Under 16 levels automatically qualify to participate in the season-ending Tennis Europe Junior Masters. This year's event is scheduled to be held in Reggio Calabria, Italy, during the weekend of 6-8th October.

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16 & Under Girls			Country	Points Total
1	▲	Elena CHERNYAKOVA	RUS	550
2	NEW	Linda ABU MUSHRAF	BRN	415
3	▼	Ksenia LYKINA	RUS	410
4	▼	Simona HALEP	ROM	395
5	▲	Claudia GIOVINE	ITA	390
6	▼	Ekaterina BELCHEVA	UKR	385
7	NEW	Kai Chen CHANG	TPE	370
8	▼	Alize CORNET	FRA	330
9	NEW	Viktorya YEMIALYANOVA	BLR	325
10	NEW	Martyna MAJEWSKA	POL	325

16 & Under Boys			Country	Points Total
1	NEW	Guido PELLA	ARG	480
2	▲	Mirza BASIC	BIH	370
3	▼	Alessandro GIANNESI	ITA	360
4	▲	Lorenzo PAPASIDERO	ITA	300
5	▲	Jerome INZERILLO	FRA	290
6	▼	Tomislav TERNER	SLO	290
7	▼	Alin Mihai CONSTANTIN	ROM	290
8	▼	Alexei GRIGOROV	RUS	290
9	NEW	Davide DELLA TOMMASINA	ITA	285
10	▼	Robert RAGUZ	CRO	270

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## Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
<b>12 &amp; UNDER</b>					
12/6	Lecce (ITA)		M Palma (ITA)	G Mager (ITA)	63 67(7) 64
			B Zauli (ITA)	G Mastellone (ITA)	76(3) 61
12/6	Hradek N.N. (CZE)		M Mares (CZE)	J Brenk (CZE)	64 63
			E Szerencses (HUN)	B Krejickova (CZE)	60 75
12/6	Portoroz (SLO)		G Madarasz (HUN)	G Quinzi (ITA)	62 63
			N Kolar (SLO)	V Vogrin (SLO)	60 61
19/6	Porto S. Giorgio (ITA)		M Mares (CZE)	G Mager (ITA)	76(2) 36 63
			P Martins (POR)	B Shankle (USA)	06 63 64
26/6	Brugge (BEL)		BELGIUM	NETHERLANDS	5>4
<b>14 &amp; UNDER</b>					
12/6	Harkiv (UKR)	2	(3) R Muzaev (RUS)	(4) D Pume (UKR)	63 62
			(3) A Krunic (SCG)	(4) V Ivakhnenko (UKR)	63 62
12/6	Mostar (BIH)	3	(2) D Dzumhur (BIH)	(4) A Pehar (CRO)	64 36 75
			(2) T Curovic (SCG)	A Blazevic (CRO)	63 61
12/6	Vilnius (LTU)	3	(2) A Rumantsev (RUS)	(1) A Kazijevs (LAT)	63 64
			(3) Y Samuseva (RUS)	(4) L Lileikyte (LAT)	64 61
12/6	Szczecin (POL)	3	(2) F Meinecke (GER)	(1) W Lutkowski (POL)	76 62
			(1) S Zaniewska (POL)	M Linette (POL)	75 61
19/6	Skopje (MKD)	3	K Mikos (GRE)	(4) S Micov (MKD)	62 62
			(2) T Curovic (SCG)	(7) V Zatekova (SVK)	64 61
19/6	Birkeroed (DEN)	3	(8) C Rivera (SWE)	(2) Mikkel Mallow (DEN)	64 62
			(1) U Eikeri (NOR)	(16) L Pedersen (GER)	61 63
19/6	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	D Khutushvili (GEO)	G Iordanidi (GEO)	63 64
			N Mebuke (GEO)	M Samkanashvili (GEO)	62 63
26/6	Cacak (SCG)	3	(3) K Molnar (HUN)	(1) D Petrovic (SCG)	76 67(4) 76(5)
			(3) L Sporea (ROM)	(1) T Curovic (SCG)	75 63
26/6	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	(1) M Mallow (DEN)	(2) M Vermeer (LUX)	76 26 62
			(2) U Eikeri (NOR)	(7) J Dewulf (BEL)	62 60
26/6	Tallinn (EST)	3	(2) A Berzins (LAT)	(3) D Sakinis (LTU)	63 64
			(8) K Isayan (RUS)	(5) S Pirazhenka (RUS)	63 62
03/7	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS	TEAM	(3) RUSSIA	GERMANY	21
			(3) FRANCE	(2) POLAND	30

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
03/7	Bals (ROM)	3	(2) D Bragusi (ROM) (5) I Stoica (ROM)	(4) L Gheorghe (ROM) (2) C Dinu (ROM)	67 76 76 75 62
03/7	Kampen (NED)	3	(8) J Cox (USA) (1) C McHale (USA)	(7) E King (USA) (2) D Oppinger (GER)	63 57 63 61 61

### 16 & UNDER

12/6	Crema (ITA)	2	(1) G Pella (ARG) (6) KC Chang (TPE)	M Safwat (EGY) (5) V Yemialyanova (BLR)	62 63 62 63
19/6	La Baule (FRA)	1	(2) N Slilam (FRA) (1) E Chernyakova (RUS)	(6) H Cunha (BRA) (12) J Herve (FRA)	63 26 63 75 62
19/6	St. Petersburg (RUS)	3	(2) E Donskoy (RUS) R Bakieva (RUS)	(3) D Kovalevych (UKR) L Tsanova (RUS)	60 62 62 64
19/6	Siauliai (LTU)	3	(5) V Pinko (LTU) I Dapkute (LTU)	(6) S Vovk (RUS) (2) V Maksimchyk (BLR)	30r 62 63
19/6	Cakovec (CRO)	2	(1) T Ternar (SLO) (Q) S Merlic (CRO)	(4) T Brkic (BIH) (1) A Kolmancic (SLO)	64 62 61 36 63
19/6	Hradek N.N. (CZE)	3	(1) R Hampel (CZE) (5) M Tumova (CZE)	(2) J Marciniak (POL) Z Diyas (KAZ)	61 60 62 64
19/6	Birkeroed (DEN)	3	(6) A Locorotondo (GER) S Strauss (GER)	(10) N Fitzgerald (IRL) C Meyer (GER)	36 76 63 60 75
19/6	Tbilisi (GEO)	3	(1) R Osadze (GEO) (1) E Gorgodze (GEO)	(2) D Minasyan (ARM) (2) N Lagvilava (GEO)	16 76 64 63 64
26/6	Le Pontet (FRA)	1	(1) G Pella (ARG) (11) T Bua (ARG)	M Safwat (EGY) (1) E Chernyakova (RUS)	62 60 62 57 76(0)
26/6	Mali Losinj (CRO)	3	(8) D Marcan (CRO) (Q) K Golovka (CRO)	(5) D Korelc (SLO) (1) C Scherndl (AUT)	16 63 61 64 62
26/6	Riga (LAT)	2	P Arkhipov (RUS) A Golman (RUS)	I Ivashka (BLR) D Bagooley (UKR)	64 76(5) 67(4) 61 20r
26/6	Rungsted Kyst (DEN)	3	(Q) N Fitzgerald (IRL) (2) E Virtanen (SWE)	(6) L Súdow (SWE) (1) J Gjestang (NOR)	62 16 61 76 61
26/6	Szazhalombata HUN)	3	(2) T Weissborn (AUT) (4) G Fedosenkova (UKR)	(3) A Maiorano (ITA) (6) P Kocickova (SVK)	63 60 64 46 64
Jul-03	Mamaia (ROM)	2	(1) R Coman (ROM) (1) S Halep (ROM)	M Dragoi-Runceanu (ROM) (2) C Hristea (ROM)	60 60 62 61
Jul-03	Svilengrad (BUL)	2	(1) T Jotovski (MKD) M Gledacheva (BUL)	(3) I Lebedev (RUS) (1) A Josifoska (MKD)	63 61 75 26 75
Jul-03	Paris (FRA)	1	(1) G Pella (ARG) (2) C Rodier (FRA)	(7) T Yang (TPE) (1) L Abu Mushraf (BRN)	60 63 62 64



## ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-12	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(8) A Dolgoplov (UKR)	V Bondarenko (UKR)	62 75
Jun-12	Ankara (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) T Craciun (ROM)	(2) A Satschko (GER)	67(3) 64 76(5)
Jun-12	Skopje (MKD)	\$10,000	(3) I Traykov (BUL)	(2) I Kushev (BUL)	76(4) 67(3) 75
Jun-12	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	(7) T Oger (FRA)	(6) R Ghedin (ITA)	61 36 63
Jun-12	Bassano (ITA)	\$10,000	(5) D Giorgin (ITA)	(6) F Colangelo (ITA)	62 36 63
Jun-12	La Palma (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) N Tourte (FRA)	(3) J Bachelot (FRA)	61 67(7) 75
Jun-12	Meppel (NED)	\$10,000	WC B Westerhof (NED)	M Middelkoop (NED)	64 76(5)
Jun-12	Brasov (ROM)	\$10,000	(6) C Poch Gradin (ESP)	I Dodig (BIH)	63 64
Jun-12	Koper (SLO)	\$10,000	M Tkalec (SLO)	(5) M Jorquera (ITA)	46 61 62
Jun-12	Gdynia (POL)	\$10,000	J Doble (FRA)	(1) D Olejniczak (POL)	30 r
Jun-19	L'Aquila (ITA)	\$15,000+H	K Capkovic (SVK)	(2) L Lacko (SVK)	62 76(6)
Jun-19	Tenerife (ESP)	\$10,000	(6) A Mannarino (FRA)	(Q) A Ramos	60 62
Jun-19	Minsk (BLR)	\$15,000	(2) C Ferrer Victoria (ESP)	A Gorban (MDA)	62 64
Jun-19	Blois (FRA)	\$15,000+H	WC A Sidorenko (FRA)	(2) D Guez (FRA)	62 67(4) 64
Jun-19	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(3) V Ionita (ROM)	(1) T Craciun (ROM)	46 76(6) 63
Jun-19	Vierumaki (FIN)	\$10,000	(1) S Boretti (NOR)	R Gustafsson (SWE)	63 75
Jun-19	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) A Satschko (GER)	(Q) D Canudas Fernandez (ESP)	46 75 60
Jun-19	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	(2) N Van Der Meer (NED)	D Coene (BEL)	64 64
Jun-19	Belgrade (SCG)	\$10,000	(8) P Rusevski (MKD)	(4) I Kushev (BUL)	64 61
Jun-19	Limerick (IRL)	\$10,000	(3) F Neilsen (DEN)	(7) A Juska (LAT)	62 62
Jun-26	Toulon (FRA)	\$15,000	(2) H Zeballos (ARG)	WC A Gensse (FRA)	62 63
Jun-26	Dublin (IRL)	\$15,000	(4) M Zverev (GER)	(7) P Baccanello (AUS)	64 76(3)
Jun-26	Anif (AUT)	\$10,000	T Kamke (GER)	(4) M Bachinger (GER)	61 76(7)
Jun-26	Belgrade (SCG)	\$10,000	(8) P Rusevski (MKD)	(4) I Kushev (BUL)	64 61
Jun-26	Castelfranco (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) M Ocera (ITA)	M Galli (ITA)	62 67(5) 63
Jun-26	Iasi (ROM)	\$10,000	(2) L Chikhladze (GEO)	(3) M Alund (ARG)	63 62
Jun-26	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) A Kedriouk (KAZ)	A Renard (FRA)	64 75
Jun-26	Römerberg (GER)	\$10,000	(Q) L Poerschke (GER)	K Deden (GER)	62 61
Jun-26	Heerhugowaard (NED)	\$10,000	(7) I Sijssling (NED)	(1) S Wauters (BEL)	76(2) 63
Jul-03	Bologna (ITA)	\$15,000	(6) P Cervanak (SVK)	(5) G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	67(3) 64 61
Jul-03	Alicante (ESP)	\$15,000	(4) T Holzinger (GER)	(6) A Gensse (FRA)	76(3) 46 64
Jul-03	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) A Kedriouk (KAZ)	(2) D Valtzer (ISR)	36 61 75
Jul-03	Telfs (AUT)	\$10,000	A Haider-Maurer (AUT)	WC T Schiessling (AUT)	06 63 62
Jul-03	Focsani (ROM)	\$10,000	F Wolmarans (RSA)	(3) A Cruciat (ROM)	62 63
Jul-03	Kassel (GER)	\$10,000	(3) L Lacko (SVK)	(Q) D Brown (JAM)	36 63 64

## ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Women's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun-12	Zagreb (CRO)	\$50,000+H	(8) K Nagy (HUN)	(2) T Garbin (ITA)	76(5) 36 76(1)
Jun-12	Marseille (FRA)	\$50,000+H	(1) E Bychkova (RUS)	S Bremond (FRA)	61 62
Jun-12	Gorizia (ITA)	\$25,000	(8) M Gojnea (ROM)	(3) B Strycova (CZE)	64 61
Jun-12	Les Franqueses (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) S Nagaraj (IND)	(8) I Senoglu (TUR)	64 62
Jun-12	Montemor-o-Novo (POR)	\$10,000	(6) X Y Han (CHN)	(5) N Silva (POR)	62 26 75
Jun-12	Medias (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) V Lukic (SCG)	(7) D Gae (ROM)	63 61
Jun-12	Lenzerheide (SUI)	\$10,000	(2) S Martinovic (BIH)	S Boffa (SUI)	64 63
Jun-19	Fontanafredda (ITA)	\$25,000	(2) R Voracova (CZE)	(6) M Chakhnashvili (GEO)	63 63
Jun-19	Davos (SUI)	\$10,000	(3) S Martinovic (BIH)	(1) T Malek (GER)	16 64 62
Jun-19	Montpellier (FRA)	\$10,000	(5) O Sanchez (FRA)	S Vongsouthi (FRA)	67(6) 60 60
Jun-19	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	A Sere (ROM)	N Vassileva (BUL)	64 75
Jun-19	Alcobaça (POR)	\$10,000	(5) N Silva (POR)	I Israilova (UZB)	63 26 75
Jun-19	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	(0) D Harmsen (NED)	(8) P Wong (NED)	61 61
Jun-26	Perigueux (FRA)	\$25,000	(4) Y Savransky (ISR)	(3) P Parmentier (FRA)	16 76(3) 62
Jun-26	Anif (AUT)	\$10,000	(4) K Marosi (HUN)	WC S Klemenschits (AUT)	w/o
Jun-26	Amarante (POR)	\$10,000	(6) N Orlova (RUS)	I Israilova (UZB)	64 r
Jun-26	Galati (ROM)	\$10,000	(7) A Sere (ROM)	(1) V Lukic (SCG)	62 76(5)
Jun-26	Getxo (ESP)	\$10,000	(5) A Schaefer (GER)	(2) I Rehberger Bescos (ESP)	63 36 60
Jun-26	Harkiv (UKR)	\$10,000	(1) V Kapshay (UKR)	(4) A Lapushenkova (RUS)	46 62 61
Jun-26	Heerhugowaard (NED)	\$10,000	(0) D Harmsen (NED)	(5) D Feys (BEL)	61 16 64
Jul-03	Cuneo (ITA)	\$50,000	G Voskoboeva (RUS)	WC A Canepa (ITA)	61 62
Jul-03	Bastad (SWE)	\$25,000	(8) Simona Matei (ROM)	(1) S Vahlavova (CZE)	64 46 76(0)
Jul-03	Mont de Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	(5) N Bratchikova (RUS)	I Olaru (ROM)	64 46 60
Jul-03	Valladolid (ESP)	\$25,000	(8) E Cabeza (ESP)	(6) M Adamczak (AUS)	26 76(3) 75
Jul-03	Suttgart Vaihingen (GER)	\$25,000	(3) Y Savransky (ISR)	M Niculescu (ROM)	76(4) 75
Jul-03	Zhukovsky (RUS)	\$10,000	(1) A Lapushchenkova(RUS)	(8) Y Solonitskaya (RUS)	16 75 75
Jul-03	Prokuplje (SVK)	\$10,000	(2) M Penkova (BUL)	(6) M Adanko (HUN)	64 46 64
Jul-03	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	(7) M Corbalan (ARG)	(8) N Orlova (RUS)	63 76(3)

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## European Rankings

Recent strong performances by European players are reflected in the latest rankings, which show the top players consolidating their positions. Jarkko Nieminen of Finland is the only player male or female to enter the list, returning to the top ten at #8 thanks largely to his first Wimbledon quarter final.

Rafael Nadal's Wimbledon final placing cuts the gap between him and Roger Federer significantly, and with the Swiss player defending many more points until the rest of the year, a battle for the #1 spot could be underway by the end of the season.

The women's list is particularly noteworthy for the fact that 10 of the top 11 players in the world are European. Lindsay Davenport (#10) and Ai Sugiyama (#19) are the only non-European players in the world's top 20, and the injury enforced absence of the American raises the very real prospect of there being an all-European top ten in the coming weeks, the first time since the inception of the rankings that no American woman will have featured in the top ten.

Rankings as of July 10, 2006

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	►	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	1	3692
2	►	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	3377
3	►	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	3	3093
4	►	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	4	2400
5	►	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	5	2134
6	▲	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6	2040
7	▼	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	7	1995
8	▲	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	8	1749
9	▼	Mary PIERCE	FRA	9	1636
10	►	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	11	1575

MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7260
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	5125
3	►	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	4	3125
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	5	2165
5	▲	Mario ANCIC	CRO	7	1985
6	▲	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	8	1925
7	▼	Tommy ROBredo	ESP	9	1915
8	▲	Marcos BAGHDATIS	CYP	10	1857
9	<b>NEW</b>	Jarkko NIEMENEN	FIN	13	1635
10	▼	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	15	1615

## NOTES FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The **Ukrainian Tennis Federation** have announced some major changes, not least a new Board working under new President Vadym Shulman. Contact details are as follows:

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We can now confirm that the next AGM will be hosted by Tennis Austria, and will be held in Vienna from March 30th-April 1st, 2007.

## 2006 EUROPEAN COACHES SYMPOSIUM

Tennis Europe, in association with the Swedish Tennis Association, have announced details of this years European Coaches Symposium. The event will be held in Stockholm, coinciding with the ATP Stockholm Open during the week of 12-15th October. National associations are invited to send a maximum of two delegates.

Full details can be found on the Tennis Europe website at

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