

Henin-Hardenne and Nadal Repeat at Roland Garros



Pre-tournament favourites Rafael Nadal and Justine Henin-Hardenne underlined their widely acknowledged status as the game's best clay court players by defending their Roland Garros singles crowns on a swelteringly hot final weekend in Paris.

Nadal's second title in Paris caps a long list of achievements during the 2006 clay-court season, and has already led many observers to argue the case for his being the best clay court player the game has ever seen. In the weeks prior to the tournament, Nadal managed the impressive feat of defending ti-

ties in Barcelona, Rome and Monte Carlo, in the process equalling the record of Guillermo Vilas' 54 consecutive clay court victories, a run which stretched back to the spring of last year. Nadal claimed the record for himself with a convincing first round win over Robin Soderling, and having defended his title now stands at 60 wins.

His final opponent in Paris, as in the two clay court Masters Series events in which they both competed prior to the years second Grand Slam, was world #1 Roger Federer, who also had one eye on the record books. A win in Paris would have seen Federer become the first (continues on Page 3)

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Tennis Europe and CIT Announce Partnership

Tennis Europe and the Centre Internacional de Tennis (CIT) have announced an agreement under which the Centre will be recognised as the Official Academy Partner of Tennis Europe.

Owned and managed by the Catalan Tennis Federation, the state of the art centre stands on 30,000m2 at Cornellà, close to Barcelona airport in Spain, and is also currently recognised as the European high-performance training centre of the International Tennis Federation as well as being a partner of the International Olympic Committee (as a preferred centre for recipients of Olympic Solidarity Player training scholarships).

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<< Facilities at the site include 14 Greenset, 13 clay, and 4 indoor courts, as well as a 300m2 gym, indoor/outdoor swimming pool, restaurant, sports shop, string service, full medical centre and on-site accommodation for 48 people.

The Centre offers a complete range of player training courses, focusing on technique, tactics and physical conditioning, and taught by a team comprised of some of Spain's most successful coaches.

Amongst the expert staff at the Centre are Sporting Director Jordi Arrese, who as Spanish Davis Cup captain led the team to victory in 2004 and the finals the previous year, and Technical Director Santiago Vizcaino, former coach to Sergi Bruguera, Jordi Arrese and Alex Corretja.

Signing the agreement, Tennis Europe President John James remarked, "We are extremely pleased to enter into this agreement. This is the first time that Tennis Europe has partnered with an academy, and there is not a better location or facilities than those at the C.I. T. in Barcelona. The Catalan Federation has a long and successful track record of providing some of Spain's greatest players and coaches. I am delighted that Tennis Europe is able to endorse their efforts, and thank them, as well as the Spanish Tennis Federation for their continued support."

José Ferrer Peris, President of the Catalan Tennis Federation said, "Having been an active member of Tennis Europe's Development Committee for many years, I am well aware of the huge demand across the continent for first-class training facilities and experienced international coaches. I have no doubt that our location, amenities and staff will be of great benefit to the players of Tennis Europe's member nations, as well as to the wider public, and look forward to a fruitful partnership for both parties. Finally, I would like to join Mr. James in expressing my gratitude to the Spanish Tennis Federation."

The agreement was formally signed by the two Presidents at Roland Garros on 5th June, and lasts until the end of 2007.



Above: Tennis Europe President John James (centre) and Catalan Tennis Federation President José Ferrer Peris (right) signed the agreement in Paris, where they were also joined by Spanish Tennis Federation President Pedro Muñoz (left). Below: the CIT facilities.



For further information about the Centre Internacional de Tennis, visit the official website at <http://centreinternacional.fctennis.org/>

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<< player since Rod Laver to hold all four Grand Slam titles simultaneously. It wasn't to be though, and despite a stunning first set in which the Swiss star bewildered his rival with a series of winners, Nadal patiently worked his way back into the match as he had in Rome, cutting down his own errors whilst Federer began to play more erratically.

Nadal later explained that this consistency was the key to victory. "Generally, I'm always able to maintain a good average level. I believe you should not make a mistake," he said. In victory, the Spanish 20-year old has shown that he alone can dominate the world #1, who he now holds a 6-1 career record against, with four of those wins coming this season alone – the only losses that Federer has suffered.

Henin-Hardenne's title defence came a little less dramatically, with the Belgian #2 becoming the first player since Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in 1994 to win without the loss of a set, despite not having been blessed with the easiest of draws. 2004 champion Anastasia Myskina (RUS), 13th seed Anna-Lena Groeneveld (GER), and Belgian compatriot Kim Clijsters, who had been shooting to regain the world #1 ranking, were all summarily dismissed, along with Tatiana Garbin, the last woman to beat Henin-Hardenne in Paris.

Her final opponent was eighth-seeded Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova, who after a series of upsets was the highest remaining seed in the top half of the draw by quarter finals day. Showing characteristic grit, the 2004 US Open champion had come back from the brink of defeat against Francesca Schiavone (ITA) and Nicole Pietrangeli (CZE) but was unable to repeat the feat in the final, despite encouraging signs such

as a 10-point win streak to start the second set.

Although the match was closer than the 6-4 6-4 scoreline would suggest, the outcome was never really in doubt, with the Belgian responding immediately to loss of her serve in the second set with a run of games in her favour. The win is Henin-Hardenne's fifth Grand Slam title, and third at her favourite event. She commented: "I'm delighted to get my third win here, it has been a fantastic tournament and it is a fantastic feeling to win again."

The Belgian now heads to London in an attempt to win the only Grand Slam to currently elude her; Wimbledon. After another disappointingly early defeat for world #1 Amelie Mauresmo at her home Slam, and Clijsters' failure to capitalize, Henin-Hardenne must be feeling pretty positive about a return to the women's top spot in the coming months.



The women's doubles event saw a second Grand Slam title

for the top-seeded team of Lisa Raymond (USA) and Samantha Stosur (AUS), completing a career doubles Grand Slam for the American. Their opponents, Daniela Hantuchova (SVK) and Ai Sugiyama (JPN) came from the brink of defeat to save match points in the third round before upsetting second seeds Cara Black (ZIM) and Rennae Stubbs (AUS) in the quarter final, but failed to reproduce that form against the 2005 US Open champions, who won 6-3 6-2 in just over an hour of play.

The world's top two teams met in the men's doubles final for the second consecutive year. As in 2005, Jonas Bjorkman (SWE) and Max Mirnyi (BLR) outlasted world #1s Bob and Mike Bryan (USA) to

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score a 67(5) 64 75 win. The showdown lived up to expectations, with both teams advancing to the re-match without the loss of a set. The title is the fourth of the year so far for Bjorkman and Mirnyi, while the Bryans will take some comfort from a record-setting sixth consecutive Grand Slam final appearance.

The junior singles events were won by a pair fast-improving seventeen year-olds, both quick to take the step up from the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, on which they were competing just months ago. Second-seed Agnieszka Radwanska (POL) upset junior world #1 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS) for the girls title, reversing a loss to the same opponent in the doubles final. The win is her second junior Grand Slam, having won the Wimbledon event last year, and a delighted Radwanska acknowledged that the win indicated that the time has now come to leave junior events behind. Radwanska has straddled a variety of circuits so far in 2006, reaching her first WTA Tour quarter final at home in Warsaw (where she beat Anastasia Myskina, amongst others) and also enjoying some success on the ITF Pro Circuit.

European 16 & Under champion Martin Klizan scored his biggest win to date by taking home the boy's title in stunning style. Playing his first junior Grand Slam event, the Slovakian struggled in an edgy first round

encounter against French wild card Guillaume Rufin, but won his next four matches without the loss of a set, beating a series of higher ranked opponents.

Having ended last season ranked as the #1 European Under 16, Klizan's astonishing progress this spring should see him challenging for the ITF Junior top spot before long.

For the Roland Garros organisers, the 2006 event saw a number of innovations. Women received equal prize money for the first time in the history event, while the French open became the first Grand Slam tournament to play into a third week, with play beginning a day earlier than usual. The extra Sunday proved popular with fans and TV audiences, although there was a mixed reception from some of the top players who were requested to take to the courts earlier than they had anticipated.

As the Tour moves away from clay, the battle for supremacy between Federer and Nadal rivalry looks sure to take centre stage for the remainder of the year. It remains to be seen whether the Spaniard will be able to maintain the current domination of his chief rival on faster surfaces, but having already won two of their three hard court matches, the tennis world is already eagerly awaiting the next installment of the sport's most gripping rivalry.

'Advantage Tennis Europe' Published

Tennis Europe has published a new image brochure, intended to promote the work of the organisation.



The 12-page booklet summarises the organisation's main activities, missions and visions for the future, and can be downloaded in high-quality .pdf format at the Tennis Europe website.





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'Cardio Tennis' Comes to Europe

The Portuguese Tennis Federation, in cooperation with Tennis Europe, will host an event in September aimed at introducing the hugely popular 'Cardio Tennis' programme to European coaches for the first time.

Also supported by the USA Tennis Industry Association, the event is set to be held over two days, with the second day being an extension by Tennis Europe for international delegates exploring other fitness programmes on offer in Europe.

The conference will be held in Lisbon on September 7-8th, and is open to Portuguese professional coaches and representatives from Tennis Europe member nations. National federations will receive an information package in mid-July, and are each invited to send a representative to the conference.

The programme will consist of a combination of on and off-court presentations, and features three visiting speakers from the USA.

What is Cardio Tennis?

Cardio Tennis is a new, fun, group activity, featuring drills to give players of all abilities the ultimate, high-energy workout. Taught by a teaching professional, Cardio Tennis includes warm-up, cardio workout, and cool down phases. If present or new players are looking for a great new way to get in shape and to burn calories in a fun fitness group activity, they must try Cardio Tennis.

Why is it needed?

In recent years, American sports participation rates had shown many of the same trends that we have seen in other markets; fitness clubs and centres continue to gain followers while tennis participation in remained static.

This led to the idea of incorporating a new tennis-oriented fitness workout.

To support the programme, the USA Tennis Industry Association (TIA) conducted tennis market surveys and discovered that:



- 80% of tennis players were interested in Cardio Tennis
- 55% of non-players were very interested in Cardio Tennis,
- 67% of non-playing women said they were interested
- However, only 28% of these players were interested in trying traditional tennis.

Another contributory factor for the development of Cardio Tennis was that cardiologic research showed that Cardio Tennis-style activities are an excellent complementary method of improving the fitness level of existing players.

As a response to these considerations, Cardio Tennis was founded by the TIA and launched successfully at the 2005 US Open. More and more clubs across the States are now offering Cardio Tennis and have found the scheme to be hugely popular, citing positive feedback, increased participation, a higher efficiency of facilities and increased income amongst the immediate benefits.

For more information on Cardio Tennis, visit www.cardiotennis.com and www.partners.cardiotennis.com/

ITF 'Play Tennis' Courses in Azerbaijan and Cyprus

ITF Play Tennis Courses were held for the first time in Cyprus and Azerbaijan during May 2006. Twenty four Cypriot coaches (pictured) took part in a four-day course in Nicosia from 6 – 10 May under the supervision of British expert Mike Barell.

The Azerbaijan Course was held in Baku from 11 – 15 May, where it was conducted by Birol Vural from Turkey. The ITF Play Tennis Course aims to provide coaches with ideas on how to work effectively with starter players of all ages, including mini-tennis, using a game-based approach.

Tennis Europe and the International Tennis Federation believe that it is important that more people continue to be introduced to the game of tennis around the world, and that those who already play are encouraged to play more.

Coaches play a key role in inspiring new and existing players, through a combination of creative and stimulating programmes, a wide range of coaching and inter-personal skills, and the desire and enthusiasm to see others take pleasure from playing tennis.



ITF 16 & Under Touring Teams in Europe

The ITF's 16 & Under Touring Teams have begun their tour of European events. Part of the ITF Development Programme, the three teams will participate at five top tier events over the coming weeks having completed an initial training camp in Brescia, Italy.

Guido Pella (ARG) of the COSAT team opened in style at the first event, winning the title in Milan last week. The players now move on to the Memorial Nico Crotti in Crema (ITA), Derby cadets in La Baule

(FRA) and Le Pont des Générations in Le Pontet (FRA), before completing the tour at the Paris Cadets event during the first week of July.

The European players selected for the 'A' Team are Ricardas Opmanis (LAT), Nikoloz Kurdadze (GEO), Vladimir Kruk (BLR), Grigor Dmitrov (BUL), Vanja Tomic (BIH), Viktoriya Yemilianova (BLR), Izabel Shinkova (BUL) and Dijana Bukajeva (LAT).

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Latest

The Tennis Europe Junior Tour sprang into life in May, with some of the busiest weeks of action of the year so far culminating in breakthrough wins at 16 & Under level for some of last year's best-performing 14 year olds, and some significant changes at the top of the rankings.

One of the biggest events to be held on the 14 & under circuit, the Category 1 Bohemia Milford Cup in Prague (CZE), had no shortage of drama. The semi-finalists of the boys event were to be the top four-ranked players the following week, with plenty of pride at stake.

It was Russia's Ashot Khacharyan who rose to the challenge once again. Having risen impressively through the rankings this year, he won his second Category 1 event of the year to edge to within just a few points of the #1 position, currently held by his Tennis

Europe Winter Cups by Prince team-mate and doubles partner Mikhail Biryukov.

The girl's event went in much more surprising fashion, but was also won by a Russian: 38th-ranked Martina Lushchina followed up her first round upset of third seed Timea Babos (HUN) - in which she came back from a 1-6 first set deficit to win 16 62 76 - by winning the remainder of her matches in straight sets, rounding the event off with an impressive upset of top seed Hanna Orlik (BLR), against whom she conceded just seven games.

Orlik can take some consolation in knowing that she

has managed to end Albina Khabibulina's six month reign at the top of the Under 14 rankings. The final placing in Prague was enough to snatch the top spot from her Uzbekistani rival, although she will be keeping a close eye on Babos, who climbs to third.

At the Category 1 16 & Under event in Milan, some of 2005's 14 & under stars were making their mark on the 16 & under circuit. The girls event was won by Polona Hercog (pictured) of Slovenia, who ended last season ranked #2 at 14 & Under. She took the title with some ease, losing just 12 games in her five matches.



Davide Della Tommasini of Italy almost followed suit, falling to COSAT team member Guido Pella of Argentina in the final. ITF Touring team members featured prominently in the event, with three of the four semi-finalists taking part in the Teams.

Also at 16 & Under level, Mirza Basic (BIH) and

Simona Halep (ROM) continue to progress, both winning their second titles of the year in Maribor.

Alessandro Giannessi of Italy has rocketed to the Under 16 top spot, following a series of impressive performances in recent weeks. Having debuted in the top ten at #10 just five weeks ago, Giannessi's run in recent weeks, which include a title in Pribram as well as runner-up spots in both singles and doubles at Montecatini was enough to secure the #1 ranking. Only 50 points now separate Europe's top five boys, so we can expect to see the top rankings change considerably in the coming weeks.

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
12 & UNDER					
01/05	Bratislava (SVK)	B12	G Madarasz (HUN)	P Szabo (HUN)	67(4) 62 75
		G12	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	P Uberalova (SVK)	64 64
08/05	Protvino (RUS)	B12	K Gerlah (RUS)	V Kozyukov (RUS)	64 50r
		G12	I Khromacheva (RUS)	M Gasparyan (RUS)	w/o
08/05	Bratislava (SVK)	B12	G Madarasz (HUN)	P Szabo (HUN)	67 62 75
		G12	K Schmiedlova (SVK)	P Uberalova (SVK)	64 64
22/05	Mariupol (UKR)	B12	Y Krivoy (UKR)	P Kekercheni (UKR)	62 62
		G12	M Dandik (CAN)	S Chekunova (UKR)	60 62
22/05	Russalka (BUL)	B12	V Petrov (BUL)	A Cosman (ROM)	62 62
		G12	V Tomova (BUL)	B Botusharova (BUL)	62 63
22/05	Le Passage (FRA)	B12	J Cagnina (BEL)	M Mares (CZE)	64 75
		G12	P Rohanova (CZE)	P Martins (POR)	76 75
29/05	Kiev (UKR)	B12	E Akhmadeev (UKR)	I Ivashko (BLR)	61 63
		G12	O Ianchuk (UKR)	I Kremen (BLR)	62 62
05/06	Sarajevo (BIH)	B12	N Fatic (BIH)	M Alpeza (BIH)	63 61
		G12	N Caluk (BIH)	D Herdzelas (BIH)	36 61 62
14 & UNDER					
08/05	Pecs (HUN)	2	B14 (1) F Krajinovic (SCG)	(5) T Hanzlik (CZE)	60 63
		G14	(1) T Babos (HUN)	(2) Z Susanyi (HUN)	64 36 64
08/05	Kiev (UKR)	2	B14 (Q) A Volkov (RUS)	(2) Y Yatsk (BLR)	61 63
		G14	(1) A Sotnikova (UKR)	(3) P Rodionova (RUS)	75 63
15/05	Prague (CZE)	2	B14 (2) A Khacharyan (RUS)	(3) J Marti (ESP)	64 61
		G14	M Lushchina (RUS)	(1) H Orlik (BLR)	64 63
15/05	Zabrze (POL)	2	B14 (1) A Kazijevs (LAT)	(2) W Lutkowski (POL)	61 62
		G14	(4) M Linette (POL)	(1) S Zaniewska (POL)	61 64
15/05	Malecnik (SLO)	2	B14 (1) M Zsiga (HUN)	M Kovacs (HUN)	61 ret.
		G14	(1) E Bogdan (ROM)	(2) S Oyen (BEL)	60 64
15/05	Yerevan (ARM)	3	B14 (2) A Levandi (EST)	(4) A Chekhov (RUS)	63 76
		G14	(1) O Pavlova (UKR)	(4) A Amiraghyan (ARM)	63 63
22/05	Piestany (SVK)	1	B14 (2) D Berta (SWE)	(3) J Hradsky (CZE)	63 57 61
		G14	(10) V Juhaszova (SVK)	(1) T Babos (HUN)	76(6) 63

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
22/05	Skopje (MKD)	3	B14 S Micov (MKD)	(6) S Vidojevic (SCG)	61 36 63
			G14 (7) T Curovic (SCG)	(2) S Stamkenovic (SCG)	64 62
22/05	Maribor (SLO)	2	B14 B Trever (AUT)	D Gaissert (GER)	64 61
			G14 (7) U Jerman (SLO)	(3) S Njiric (CRO)	62 61
29/05	Corregio (ITA)	2	B14 (2) M Fucsovics (HUN)	(1) F Gaio (POR)	61 62
			G14 (5) M Trevisan (ITA)	(3) C Fiani (ITA)	46 61 62
29/05	Subotica (SCG)	3	B14 (1) F Krajcinovic (SCG)	(4) D Petrovic (SCG)	61 61
			G14 (1) L Sporea (ROM)	(13) R Horomopoliova (SVK)	62 62
29/05	Sandefjord (NOR)	3	B14 (3) L Salaba (CZE)	(6) M Sporken (NED)	63 36 63
			G14 (5) U Eikeri (NOR)	A Yanovskaia (RUS)	40 ret
05/06	Pescara (ITA)	2	B14 (4) J Kovalik (SVK)	(6) J Marsalek (GBR)	63 57 76(5)
			G14 (1) D Schlehoferova (CZE)	E Kornilova (RUS)	60 76(5)
05/06	Oslo (NOR)	3	B14 (4) P Elias (POR)	(1) L Szendroi (HUN)	61 76
			G14 (2) M Kenin (RUS)	L Robson (GBR)	76 62
05/06	Tuzla (BIH)	2	B14 A Lupieri (CRO)	(1) M Zsiga (HUN)	16 63 62
			G14 (1) E Burgic (BIH)	D Stamenkovic (SCG)	61 60

16 & UNDER

08/05	Minsk (BLR)	2	B16 (3) M Levanovich (BLR)	(4) G Panov (BLR)	61 76(2)
			G16 (5) I Bohush (BLR)	(1) E Lukomskaya (BLR)	63 36 63
08/05	Kiev (UKR)	2	B16 A Yatsenko (UKR)	M Bartyuk (UKR)	64 36 61
			G16 (1) E Belcheva (UKR)	(2) M Majewska (POL)	63 64
15/05	Yerevan (ARM)	3	B16 (1) N Kurdadze (GEO)	(2) D Minasyan (ARM)	63 63
			G16 (4) E Gorgodze (GEO)	(3) N Lagvilava (GEO)	75 64
15/05	Maribor (SLO)	2	B16 (1) T Turner (SLO)	(5) B Rola (SLO)	62 46 76(5)
			G16 (2) I Georgatou (GRE)	(1) S Halep (ROM)	63 62
15/05	Kiev (UKR)	3	B16 (3) S Poplavskyy (UKR)	(2) D Vyshyvanyuk (UKR)	61 63
			G16 (6) A Kyrylova (UKR)	(1) E Belcheva (UKR)	64 75
22/05	Foligno (ITA)	2	B16 (1) L Papasidero (ITA)	(6) M Speronello (ITA)	61 63
			G16 (3) M Di Giuseppe (ITA)	(2) A Grymalska (ITA)	63 62
22/05	Maribor (SLO)	2	B16 (1) M Basic (BIH)	(2) T Turner (SLO)	63 75
			G16 (1) S Halep (ROM)	(4) L Kamnik (SLO)	60 62

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Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
29/05	Montecatini (ITA)	1	B16 G Portliuri (ITA)	(1) A Giannessi (ITA)	64 62
			G16 (5) C Giovine (ITA)	V Solovieva (RUS)	60 60
29/05	Radom (POL)	3	B16 (Q) T Piekart (POL)	(7) J Janowicz (POL)	63 63
			G16 (1) M Majewska (POL)	(5) P Los (POL)	64 63
29/05	Oslo (NOR)	3	B16 (4) F Ask (NOR)	(2) M Bakke (NOR)	76(3) 62
			G16 (3) E Flood (NOR)	(2) J Gjestang (NOR)	61 60
29/05	Aviles (ESP)	3	B16 R Mazon (ESP)	H Ampudia (ESP)	
			G16 C Cartes (ESP)	A Lebendiskaia (RUS)	
05/06	Zabrze (POL)	2	B16 (1) S Tatrczyk (POL)	(2) P Poziomski (POL)	64 46 60
			G16 (4) S Zaniewska (POL)	(1) M Majewska (POL)	62 62
05/06	Bals (ROM)	3	B16 (1) J Mesin (CRO)	(2) P Gregoriu (ROM)	63 62
			G16 (1) C Hristea (ROM)	(2) G Dumitrescu (ROM)	61 61
05/06	Milano (ITA)	1	B16 (4) G Pella (ARG)	(10 D Della Tommasina (ITA))	62 64
			G16 (4) P Hercog (SLO)	(3) C Giovine (ITA)	75 60
05/06	Oslo (NOR)	2	B16 (3) A Skogeng (NOR)	(5) F Ask (NOR)	36 63 75
			G16 (7) E Flood (NOR)	(2) R Rohoniy (HUN)	63 64

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—14 & Under

Pictured: Jan Hradsky and Timea Babos; this month's fastest movers on the 14 & Under rankings. Expect to see big changes to the rankings next month, as points from the final rounds of the years big team competitions, the European Summer Cups are added.

For the latest Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings, check www.TennisEurope.org each Thursday.



14 & Under Girls			Country	Points Total
1	▲	Hanna ORLIK	UZB	505
2	▼	Albina KHABIBULINA	RUS	470
3	NEW	Timea BABOS	HUN	465
4	▼	Anna-Arina MARENKO	BLR	455
5	▼	Yana BUCHINA	RUS	445
6	►	Tereza BARTOVA	CZE	400
7	▲	Jennifer REN	GBR	390
8	▲	Anastasia MUKHAMETOVA	RUS	390
9	▲	Nadegda KICHENOK	UKR	390
10	▼	Sarah MOUNDIR	SUI	370

14 & Under Boys			Country	Points Total
1	►	Mikhail BIRYUKOV	RUS	580
2	►	Ashot KHACHARYAN	RUS	575
3	▲	Javier MARTÍ	ESP	475
4	▲	Daniel BERTA	SWE	440
5	NEW	Jan HRADSKY	CZE	430
6	▲	Carlos BOLUDA	ESP	425
7	▼	Giacomo MICCINI	ITA	420
8	▼	Federico GIAO	ITA	420
9	▼	Dominik SCHULZ	GER	405
10	►	Arthurs KAZIJEVS	LAT	375

Rankings as of 07.06.06

Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings—16 & Under



Alessandro Giannesi (pictured) shoots from 10th to 1st in the Boys 16 & under rankings this month.

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.

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

16 & Under Girls	Player	Country	Points Total
1	► Ksenia LYKINA	RUS	490
2	► Elena CHERNYAKOVA	RUS	475
3	▲ Simona HALEP	ROM	405
4	▼ Ioana IVAN	ROM	370
5	▲ Ekaterina BELCHEVA	UKR	335
6	▼ Alize CORNET	FRA	330
7	NEW Claudia GIOVINE	ITA	290
8	► Camelia HRISTEA	ROM	280
9	NEW Gioia BARBIERI	ITA	275
10	NEW Anastasia GRYMALSKA	UKR	270

16 & Under Boys	Player	Country	Points Total
1	▲ Alessandro GIANNESI	ITA	360
2	► Alin Mihai CONSTANTIN	ROM	360
3	▲ Alexei GRIGOROV	RUS	350
4	▲ Tomislav TERNER	SLO	335
5	▼ Daniel EVANS	GBR	310
6	▼ Jerome INZERILLO	FRA	290
7	NEW Mirza BASIC	BIH	279.5
8	NEW Lorenzo PAPASIDERO	ITA	270
9	NEW Robert RAGUZ	CRO	270
10	▼ Emanuel REHOLA	CZE	260

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ITF Professional Circuit (Europe) Results

ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May-01	Bournemouth (GBR)	\$15,000	M Crugnola (ITA)	(8) M Sarstrand (SWE)	46 61 75
May-01	Piacenza (ITA)	\$10,000	(6) L Pellerin (FRA)	D Giorgin (ITA)	61 67(5) 64
May-01	Vic (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) M Fornell (ESP)	(Q) M Lopez Jaen (ESP)	61 64
May-01	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	J Doble (FRA)	P Cervanek (SVK)	61 64
May-01	Kos (GRE)	\$10,000	A Inbar (ISR)	(6) I Hadash (ISR)	26 62 62
May-01	Sofia (BUL)	\$6,250	D Klier (GER)	I Traykov (BUL)	67(3) 76(1) 64
May-08	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$15,000	(2) S Stadler (GER)	(6) M Op Der Heijde (NED)	36 76(4) 64
May-08	Vicenza (ITA)	\$10,000	L Pellerin (FRA)	(Q) A Golubev (RUS)	63 63
May-08	Syros (GRE)	\$10,000	(6) J Marry (GBR)	J Cerretani (USA)	64 63
May-08	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(5) D Craciun (ROM)	(1) G Moraru (ROM)	62 46 63
May-08	Lleida (ESP)	\$10,000	(7) D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	(4) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	63 64
May-08	Rousse (BUL)	\$6,250	(Q) J Dasnieres de Veigy (FRA)	M Authom (BEL)	62 64
May-15	Katowice (POL)	\$15,000	(7) R Zitko (CZE)	(6) M Ryderstedt (SWE)	67(1) 61 62
May-15	Illyichovsk (UKR)	\$10,000	(5) A Dolgoplov (UKR)	(2) B Knittel (GER)	63 62
May-15	Balaguer (ESP)	\$10,000	D Muñoz de la Nava (ESP)	(2) P Santos Gonzalez (ESP)	63 36 75
May-15	Kalamata (GRE)	\$10,000	(1) J Baker (GBR)	(3) J Goodall (GBR)	63 63
May-15	Most (CZE)	\$10,000	D Brands (GER)	(7) J Hasek (CZE)	w/o
May-15	Bacau (ROM)	\$10,000	(6) D Craciun (ROM)	T Niemenen (FIN)	26 75 61
May-15	Napoli (ITA)	\$10,000	M Phillips (GBR)	N Van Der Meer (NED)	63 63
May-15	Sarajevo (BIH)	\$10,000	(4) C Ferrer Victoria (ESP)	(1) G Zemlja (SLO)	63 76(6)
May-15	Pleven (BUL)	\$6,250	(3) J Dasnieres de Veigy (FRA)	(1) D Klier (GER)	63 36 76
May-22	Parma (ITA)	\$15,000	(1) J Sanchez De Luna (ESP)	(2) M Op Der Heijde (NED)	76(2) 60
May-22	Brcko (BIH)	\$10,000	(3) A Da Col (ITA)	(4) S Wiespeiner (AUT)	75 26 62
May-22	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(8) V Ionita (ROM)	(4) A Cruciat (ROM)	61 63
May-22	Bytom (POL)	\$10,000	(6) D Matsukevitch (RUS)	(7) G Kretschmer (GER)	63 62
May-22	Jablonec Nad Nisou (CZE)	\$10,000	(2) M Tabara (CZE)	M Vacek (CZE)	62 63
May-22	Kiev (UKR)	\$10,000	P Cervanek (SVK)	B Knittel (GER)	63 64
May-22	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	J Muguruza (ARU)	(Q) J Viloca (ESP)	63 06 62
May-22	Sofia (BUL)	\$6,250	(8) I Kushev (BUL)	(3) I Traykov (BUL)	36 61 63

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ITF Men's Circuit					
Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
May-29	Cesena (ITA)	\$15,000	V Ionita (ROM)	(5) P Baccanello (AUS)	63 46 76(5)
May-29	Zalau (ROM)	\$10,000	(2) A Cruciat (ROM)	(1) F Mergea (ROM)	64 36 63
May-29	Portoroz (SLO)	\$10,000	(1) G Zemlja (SLO)	R Norby (DEN)	61 60
May-29	Krakow (POL)	\$10,000	(8) T Niemenen (FIN)	J Reister (GER)	26 63 61
May-29	Prijedor (BIH)	\$10,000	(8) I Dodig (BIH)	(4) A Vejmelka (CZE)	63 62
May-29	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	A Dolgoplov (UKR)	(3) G Petrazzuolo (ITA)	36 76(7) 62
May-29	Karlovy Vary (CZE)	\$10,000	(5) L Chramosta (CZE)	T Devoty (CZE)	46 61 75
May-29	Maspalomas (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) J Checa Calvo (ESP)	(6) P Popovic (SCG)	64 62
Jun-05	Tenerife (ESP)	\$15,000	(4) J Bachelot (FRA)	O Burrieza Lopez (ESP)	64 76(3)
Jun-05	Udine (ITA)	\$10,000	E Burzi (ITA)	S Decoud (ARG)	61 36 75
Jun-05	Koszalin (POL)	\$15,000	J Doble (FRA)	(6) F Urban (POL)	76(3) 36 76(5)
Jun-05	Gorlovka (UKR)	\$10,000	(1) A Satschko (GER)	(2) B Knittel (GER)	62 63
Jun-05	Gausdal (NOR)	\$10,000	(1) S Boretti (NOR)	T Oger (FRA)	64 62
Jun-05	Pitesti (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) G Moraru (ROM)	(2) F Mergea (ROM)	63 64
Jun-05	Maribor (SLO)	\$10,000	M Tkalec (SLO)	R Kutac (CZE)	63 76(6)
ITF Women's Circuit					
May-08	Monzon (ESP)	\$25,000	(5) D Ospina (USA)	(Q) A Keen (GBR)	64 62
May-08	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(6) S Cirstea (ROM)	(2) S Matei (ROM)	62 26 75
May-08	Antalya Belek (TUR)	\$10,000	(1) M Chakhnashvili (GEO)	(2) C De Gubernatis (FRA)	61 75
May-08	Casale (ITA)	\$10,000	A Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)	(2) S Chieppa (ITA)	36 63 64
May-08	Mostar (BIH)	\$10,000	A Jovanovic (SCG)	(2) A Mijacika (CRO)	62 64
May-08	Warsaw (POL)	\$10,000	(6) N Kolat (POL)	(5) U Radwanska (POL)	36 75 61
May-08	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) M Andersson (SWE)	(Q) Y Wickmayer (BEL)	06 61 63
May-15	Saint Gaudens (FRA)	\$50,000	(Q) T Bacsinszky (SUI)	I Abramovic (CRO)	75 64
May-15	Caserta (ITA)	\$25,000	(6) M Minella (LUX)	(7) A Kleybanova (RUS)	62 64
May-15	Tenerife (ESP)	\$25,000	(6) A Hlavackova (CZE)	M Adamczak (AUS)	36 63 63
May-15	Pitesti (ROM)	\$10,000	(7) V Lukic (SCG)	(Q) A Rakhim (KAZ)	76(3) 57 64
May-15	Falkenberg (SWE)	\$10,000	(2) J Larsson (SWE)	A Schaefer (GER)	62 76(5)
May-15	Antalya Serik (TUR)	\$10,000	(7) A Gerasimou (GRE)	C Buyukakcay (TUR)	63 62
May-15	Zadar (CRO)	\$10,000	(3) A Mijacika (CRO)	(Q) T Majeric (SLO)	61 75
May-22	Campobasso (ITA)	\$25,000	(6) A Kleybanova (RUS)	M Minella (LUX)	26 63 63
May-22	La Palma (ESP)	\$25,000	(Q) M Buzarnescu (ROM)	N Pavic (CRO)	63 67(4) 63
May-22	Bals (ROM)	\$10,000	M Klaffner (AUT)	D Enache (ROM)	63 64
May-22	Budapest (HUN)	\$10,000	(7) K Marosi (HUN)	N Zoric (SCG)	64 75

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May-22	Kiev (UKR)	\$10,000	(2) V Kapshay (UKR)	V Manasieva (RUS)	62 06 75
May-29	Galatina (ITA)	\$25,000	(0) C Corduneanu (ROM)	(W C) I Tulyaganova (UZB)	63 64
May-29	Rousse (BUL)	\$10,000	(4) M Penkova (BUL)	(2) D Evtimova (BUL)	
May-29	Tortosa (ESP)	\$10,000	M Gabarrus (ESP)	(W C) N Sanchez Garcia (ESP)	76(5) 62
May-29	Győr (HUN)	\$10,000	(2) V Nemeth (HUN)	(3) A Tout (ROM)	62 63
May-29	Stare Splavy (CZE)	\$10,000	K Vankova (CZE)	(6) Z Zalabska (CZE)	64 64
May-29	Olecko (POL)	\$10,000	(1) I Kuzmina (LAT)	(2) O Brozda (POL)	64 64
Jun-05	Prostejov (CZE)	\$75,000	(2) A Smashnova (ISR)	(7) R Oprandi (ITA)	w/o
Jun-05	Surbiton (GBR)	\$25,000	(2) K Brandi (PUR)	(1) L Granville (USA)	75 61
Jun-05	Madrid (ESP)	\$25,000	(2) MJ Martinez Sanchez (ESP)	(8) K Liggan (IRL)	76(6) 63
Jun-05	Grado (ITA)	\$25,000	(0) S Ancic (CRO)	A Vrljic (CRO)	64 36 64
Jun-05	Haskovo (BUL)	\$10,000	(1) D Evtimova (BUL)	(6) A Gerasimou (GRE)	64 67(5) 63
Jun-05	Warsaw (POL)	\$10,000	(4) G Kosyk (UKR)	(1) V Kapshay (UKR)	62 67(0) 63

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European Rankings

The second Grand Slam of the season failed to affect the European rankings significantly, due in large part to most players managing to successfully defend their points from 2005. Nadia Petrova was the main exception, her shock first round loss in Paris ensuring she lost her newly attained position of top Russian.

Another Russian, Svetlana Kuznetsova, was the player to improve most, cementing her return to the world's top ten with a final placing in Paris. Europe's women players now account for nine of the top ten world ranking spots.

Roger Federer remains far ahead of Rafael Nadal and the rest of the men's field, whilst Ivan Ljubicic's first Grand Slam semi final ensures that he will sit comfortably in third position for the coming weeks.

Croatian compatriot Mario Ancic climbs to a career high of #6 with his favourite grass court season just around the corner, while newcomers Thomas Berdych and Marcos Baghdatis enter the list for the first time at ninth and tenth position respectively.

Despite several clay court losses to his main rival,

Rankings as of June 12, 2006

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	►	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	1	3306
2	►	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	3266
3	▲	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	3	2408
4	▼	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	4	2345
5	▼	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	5	2308
6	▲	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	6	2107
7	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	1956
8	▼	Mary PIERCE	FRA	9	1810
9	▼	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	10	1753
10	NEW	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	11	1487

MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	7035
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4545
3	►	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	4	3055
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	6	2195
5	►	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	8	1920
6	▲	Mario ANCIC	CRO	9	1885
7	▲	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	12	1710
8	▼	Nicolas KIEFER	GER	14	1515
9	NEW	Thomas BERDYCH	CZE	15	1505
10	NEW	Marcos BAGHDATIS	CYP	17	1429

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www.ersa-stringers.com/ERSA_MagWeb.indd.pdf

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12-16th June - European Senior Club Championships—Women 40/50/60, Le Touquet (FRA)

16-17th June - 'Shoulder and Sports' Conference, Šmarješke Toplice, Slovenia.

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26th June-2nd July – European Women's Club Championships, Rennes (FRA)

2-4th July – European Summer Cups (14 & Under) - Qualifying Rounds

7-9th July - European Summer Cups (14 & Under) - Final Rounds

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