

RUSSIA REIGNS AT EUROPEAN JUNIOR MASTERS

Russian players dominated the tenth European Junior Masters, racking up titles in three of the four categories. It was a fitting end to a season in which Russian players dominated the rankings, and combined for a total of 48 singles titles on the 14 and 16 & Under Tours.

With former champions including Kim Clijsters and Rafael Nadal, the Masters is the season-ending finale to the European Junior Tour, giving the top eight players of each group the chance to compete against each other one last time. The event was held for the second consecutive year at the Circolo del Tennis Rocco Polimeni in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

14 & Under Boys champion Andrey Kuznetsov (pictured) was the first to be crowned, ending an im-



pressive run during which he disposed of the tournaments top three seeds. Having come from a set down in both his previous matches, the final was surprisingly easy, with Kuznetsov cruising through for the loss of just three games against top seed Yannick Reuter (BEL).

Kuznetsov's fourth title of the season seeds him break into the European Under 14 top five for the first time, whilst Reuter cements his position at #3.

The Under 16 category also went against the form book, with two of the years most dominant players

suffering surprising semi final upsets. In twin triumphs for smaller tennis nations, Macedonia's Ilija Martinoski scored a straight sets win over the Spanish-based Bulgarian Gueorgui Roumenov, 76(3) 60, before Radu Albot

of Moldova outlasted the top seeded U16 #1 Martin Klizan (SVK) in a high quality duel, eventually edging past the European champion 57 63 76(3).

The four semi finalists end the year as the top ranked players on the Tour. With the title in Reggio Calabria, Albot leapfrogs Roumenov to take second place, whilst Martinoski finishes fourth.

As with her male counterpart Klizan, Spain's Maite Gabarús had the luxury of knowing that she would finish the season as Europe's #1 ranked Under 16 player before hitting a ball at the final event of the season. Her participation turned out to brief however; having received a bye due to the last minute withdrawal of Evelyn Mayr (ITA), she was forced to withdraw from her semi final against Russia's Evgenia Vertesheva.

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<< In the bottom half of the draw, Ksenia Lykina continued an astonishing run of form which has seen her go unbeaten in all five events she has played on the Tour in 2005. Whilst Vertesheva pushed her to a first set tie break – winning twice as many games as either of Lykina's other opponents – the outcome was never in much doubt once that was decided, with Lykina breezing through for a 76(2) 61 win.

Viktoriya Kamenskaya made it three wins from three finals for Russian players as she walked away with the Girls Under 14 title, her third of the year. Simona Halep, her final opponent, had been in the unusual position of almost qualifying in both age categories, so successful has she been at a wide variety of events this year. It may be of little consolation to her, but her final appearance kept alive an incredible run which has seen a Romanian player reach the final of at least one Masters category every year since the inauguration of the tournament ten years ago.



The 2005 European Junior Masters champions (clockwise, from top left): Radu Albot (MDA), Ksenia Lykina (RUS), Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS), Viktoriya Kamenskaya (RUS)

The tournament turned out to be a test of both the fitness and concentration of the players, as a heavily rain-affected schedule meant almost all had to play two matches on the second and third days of the championships.

Further information on this year's event, including draws and player profiles, can be found at TennisEurope.org.

2005 EUROPEAN JUNIOR MASTERS

14 & Under Girls	Viktoriya Kamenskaya (RUS) d. Simona Halep (ROM)	63 64
14 & Under Boys	Andrey Kuznetsov (RUS) d. Yannick Reuter (BEL)	61 62
16 & Under Girls	Ksenia Lykina (RUS) d. Evgeniya Vertesheva (RUS)	76(2) 61
16 & Under Boys	Radu Albot (MDA) d. Iliya Martinoski (MKD)	62 46 61

DAVENPORT CLAIMS FOURTH ZURICH OPEN TITLE

Tennis Europe partner tournament the Zurich Open had a hugely successful first edition at its new home, the Hallenstadion, in Zurich Switzerland.

Traditionally the toughest event on the European indoor swing of the WTA circuit, 2005 was no exception as ten of the Tour's top fifteen players battled for the \$189,000 first prize, and for vital points in the race to qualify for the season ending WTA Championships.

Top seed Lindsay Davenport emerged victorious after a hard-fought final, wearing down home favourite Patty Schnyder in a tight two-set match, and capping a successful week in which she also ensured a return to the top of the women's rankings - the eighth time in her career she has achieved the feat.

The final result was a reversal of the two players' previous meeting in Zurich three years ago, during which the Swiss #1 rode a wave of home support to capture the biggest title of her career so far.

The Zurich Open was never far from the sporting headlines during the week. Aside from Davenport's title and return to the #1 spot, the WTA Tour said farewell to veteran Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva, who ended her career after a second-round loss to Schnyder. 2004 champion Alicia Molik was also in the news - forced to retire from her first round match, the popular Australian announced she would be taking a year off in an attempt to fully recover from an inner ear infection that has ruined her season.

The doubles title was won by top seeds Cara Black - who cements her status as the new world #1 - and Rennae Stubbs, who for the second successive day came from the brink of defeat, this time ousting Daniela Hantuchova and Ai Sugiyama with a thrilling 67 (6) 76(4) 63 win.

For more from Switzerland's biggest women's tennis event, visit the official [Zurich Open](http://zurichopen.ch) website.



Top: Davenport's title was her sixth of the year.
Bottom: The Hallenstadion, new home of the Zurich Open. Photos - zurichopen.net / André Springer

SWISS SPORTS MEDICINE FOR TENNIS SYMPOSIUM

Supported by Tennis Europe, the 2005 Swiss Sports Medicine for Tennis (SSMT) Symposium will be held in Basel on the 26th of October.

The Symposium, staged during the ATP Davidoff Swiss Indoors event, will be held in both German and French and this year focuses on Tennis and the joints of the foot.

The event is targeted to a wide range of professionals, from medical doctors and physiotherapists to tennis coaches, and has grown each year to become a regular fixture at Switzerland's biggest ATP event.

Click the image on the left for further information about the event, including the full programme.



NATIONAL LEVEL II COACHES' COURSES IN GEORGIA & BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

An ITF / Tennis Europe Regional Level 2 Coaching Course was conducted at the Tennis Centre Kosevo in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 7 – 18 September. The Course was conducted by Ales Filipcic (SLO) and ITF/ Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic as part of the Coaches' Education Programme in Eastern Europe, and focused on training coaches in the coaching of advanced level players.

Twenty coaches from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and Macedonia attended the 12-day course to attempt to master all aspects of advanced tennis including topics such as technique, tactics, psychology, fitness training, coaching diagnosis and correction, communication, and so on.

At the same time the course provided an opportunity for Macedonian Goran Sevckenko to further develop his tutoring skills in order to continue to improve the already existing Coaches' Education Programmes in Macedonia.



The coaches on-court in Bosnia

A second ITF / Tennis Europe Level 2 Course came to conclusion on the 14th October. The course, organised by the Georgian Tennis Federation, ran for ten days and was conducted by Frank Zlesak (CZE) and Victor Ivanov (LTU). A total of 12 Georgian coaches together with one coach from Azerbaijan were invited to attend the twelve-day ITF level II course.

Hrvoje Zmajic commented, "We are very grateful to the Bosnian and Georgian Federations for helping with such a course as it is crucial to developing coaches in Balkan and Caucasus region. The level of the coaches that have attended the Courses was very high. Most of them already have

experience working with advanced players. In addition, some very promising young coaches that have just finished their competitive careers also took part in these Level II courses. The atmosphere at both courses was professional but relaxed and enjoyable for all involved."

EUROPEAN SENIORS TENNIS NEWS

The last of the European Club Championships ties was held in Vale De Lobo, Portugal during the last week of September. The 45 & Over Championship saw a rematch of the 2004 final, although the outcome was different this year as CT Plessis Trevis of France turned the tables on the defending champions to upset TC Altenstadt (AUT) with a convincing 5-1 score.

The 2006 European Calendar will be available from the end of November on the Tennis Europe website. As usual, the season will begin with the European Seniors Indoor Championships, scheduled to be held at their traditional home of Seefeld, Austria from 13-28 January.

Meanwhile, the latest quarterly ITF Seniors Rankings have been published, and see some big changes taking into account the summers big events. The rankings are available at www.itftennis.com/seniors/rankings/currentrankings/index.asp



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GIRLS ON TOUR—MAITE GABARRÚS AND LETICIA COSTAS

Spanish girls have had a particularly successful year on the 16 & Under European Junior Tour, with three players ending the season inside the top 20. Two of those - European Champion Maite Gabarrús and European Winter Cups by Prince team-mate Leticia Costas - qualified for the Junior Masters, where we caught up with them to find out their thoughts on life on the junior tour.

In tournaments quite often you have to play each other. Being friends, do you find that a hard situation?

Costas: Yes, we are friends and even room-mates when we travel...

Gabarrús: Well, on court we do have a good rivalry but as soon as we leave the court we get together and make jokes.

Do you keep track of your head-to-head?

C: This year we've played four times in competition and Maite has beaten me in all matches.

G: [Smiling] Yes

C: And the previous year we only played once and I won.

Apart from being tennis players, do you consider yourselves to be tennis fans? Do you watch tennis on TV?

C: Yes

G: I didn't used to but recently I've been watching more and more.

For instance, right now Davenport is playing with Mauresmo in the Filderstadt final. Is that a match that you'd normally rush off to watch?

G: [surprised] I didn't even know that the tournament was taking place...but I tend to only watch those matches that feature my favourite players and Davis Cup ties.

C: We get very excited when one of Maite's favourite

players has a match against one of mine. That's the best!

Who are your favourite players?

G: Lleyton Hewitt

C: Nadal, Federer and, in girls, the two Belgians.

What 2005 achievements are you proud of?

G: I'm very happy that I reached the finals of the European Junior Championships.

C: I am proud of my performance at important events like La Baule, and having represented Spain in the team competitions.

How important to you are high rankings?

G: To me it's something 'on top of' everything else. When you play a tournament and, after winning, you see that

your ranking has improved, it's an extra motivation.

C: It's nice also when your parents, the coaches, the people around you congratulate you for it.

What are your plans and objectives for the next year?

C: We are going to play some more ITF [Under 18] events

G: Yes, in Spain but also abroad because there aren't many in Spain

C: And the ones we do have are just grade five.

Does your generation still take Spanish legends Conchita Martínez and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario as role models?

G: Not really - we do follow a bit the current top players though. I admire Nuria Llagostera. She's a very good >>



Gabarrús (left) and Costas (right) met in the finals of two Category 1 events earlier in the season

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<< player.

C: I don't follow Spanish players especially, no

Do you travel together quite often?

G: Yes, always. We have the same coach and play at the same events.

How does it work with your coach? Did you choose him?

G: No, we don't choose our coach. He's the Spanish Federation girls' coach and we don't decide that. Although the Federation takes into account our opinion, and observes how well we interact and looks at the results, of course!

How much time do you spend training and what do you do?

C: If you count both on-court training and physical conditioning, we spend 4 or 5 hours per day. We are on court about 70% of that time. The other 30% is divided between gym training and running.

What's the hardest sacrifice that you have to make in your personal life to play junior tennis at such a high level?

C: To me living away from my family is quite hard.

G: Yes, being away from family and friends. Although

now that we've been living in Barcelona for a year, we've made some new friends, like Yorko [the Spanish player's nickname for #3 ranked Under 16 boy, Georghi Roumenov] and others from the Federation.

Do you play any other sports?

G: No.

C: I used to but not anymore



Gabarrús in action at the Junior Masters

How did you start playing tennis? Do you come from a family with a history of tennis players?

C: Yes.

G: I don't. My dad got me to play tennis because he likes sports in general and gave me my first racquet when I was 3 years old.

C: I started at 5.

Did you keep those first racquets? What brand were they?

G: Yes.

C: Yes, but mine didn't have a brand!

Of all the places that you have visited whilst participating on the European Junior Tour, which one is your favourite?

C: Venice

G: The place that I liked the most was Prague.

CONFERENCE NEWS

Tennis Europe's main conference season is fast approaching, and member nations are reminded of the following upcoming events:

Top Executives Meeting - November 11-13, Lisbon. Hosted by the Portuguese Tennis Federation. For further information contact Magnus Grönvold—magnusg@tenniseurope.org

Junior General Meeting - November 25-26, Antalya.

Hosted by the Turkish tennis Federation. For further information contact Stephanie Kamberi - stephaniek@tenniseurope.org

European Specific Theme Conference - December 2-3, Köln. Hosted by the German Tennis Federation. For further information contact Jonathan Jobson - jonathanj@tenniseurope.org

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 14 & UNDER

<i>Venue/Category</i>	<i>U14</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-Up</i>	<i>Score</i>
EL PRAT (ESP) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	Alexandros Georgoudas (GRE)	Steven Diez Monge (ESP)	46 63 60
	<i>Girls</i>	Gioia Barbieri (ITA)	Ximena Hermoso (ESP)	46 62 62
BUCHAREST (ROM) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Claudiu Alicus (ROM)	Ciprian Porumb (ROM)	76(1) ret
	<i>Girls</i>	Elena Bogdan (ROM)	Ana Bogdan (ROM)	64 64
OULU (FIN) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Henrik Sillanpää (FIN)	Robert Berner (FIN)	62 64
	<i>Girls</i>	Ksenia Kirillova (RUS)	Diana Marcinkevica (LAT)	26 63 64
BRATISLAVA (SVK) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	Dominik Wirlend (AUT)	Martin Lazarcik (SVK)	64 60
	<i>Girls</i>	Kristina Kucianova (SVK)	Lucia Vrskova (SVK)	64 64
HELSINKI (FIN) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Henrik Sillanpää (FIN)	Henri Laaksonen (FIN)	63 64
	<i>Girls</i>	Marina Lushchina (RUS)	Anett Schutting (EST)	63 36 62

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 16 & UNDER

TORELLO (ESP) (2)	<i>Boys</i>	Oriol Hernandez (ESP)	Cesar Ramirez (MEX)	61 60
	<i>Girls</i>	Ksenia Lykina (RUS)	Elena Chernyakova (RUS)	63 61
FUNCHAL (POR) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Martim Trueva (POR)	Miguel Almeida (POR)	62 62
	<i>Girls</i>	Diana Margelatu (ROM)	Yvett Imre (HUN)	75 62
HELSINKI (FIN) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Harri Heliövaara (FIN)	Haakon Nordstrom (NOR)	60 62
	<i>Girls</i>	Ina Kauppila (FIN)	Monta Reinfelde (LAT)	w/o
SKOPJE (MKD) (3)	<i>Boys</i>	Sendrit Deari (MKD)	Tomislav Jotovski (MKD)	76(5) 26 63
	<i>Girls</i>	Aleksandra Filipovski (HUN)	Sladjana Saveljic (SCG)	63 61

Full results from the 2005 European Junior Tour can be found at TennisEurope.org

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS - NATIONS RANKING

Last month's staging of the 16 & Under Girls Championships at the Athens Olympic Tennis Centre [see Issue 35 of Tennis Europe News] brought to a close to the European Individual Championships for 2005.

Players from six different countries accounted for the six available titles in 2005, a diversity which is reflected by some interesting changes at the top of the rankings. The most significant improvement in performance came from Russia, who leap nine places to second, whilst France climb from third to take the top spot.

Hungary makes an impressive re-appearance in the list. Having finished without a point in 2004, they finish sixth this year thanks to an U18 title for Agnes Szavay and Lucia Batta's U14 runner up place.

A full breakdown, including rankings according to age category, can be found at TennisEurope.org.

RANK	NATION	POINTS
1	France	370
2	Russia	306
3	Slovak Republic	288
4	Czech Republic	241
5	Netherlands	210
6	Hungary	173
7	Romania	159
8	Slovenia	150
9	Spain	140
10	Germany	125

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR FINAL RANKINGS 2005 - 14 & UNDER

The final edition of the 14 & Under rankings in 2005 sees little change at the top, with European Champions Ksenia Pervak (RUS) and Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) holding on to their #1 positions. Russian Junior Masters champions Viktoriya Kamenskaya [pictured] and Andrey Kuznetsov climb to personal bests of third and fifth respectively.

Uzbekistan's Albina Khabibulina finishes the year as the top ranked non-European—the 13-year old won two Category 1 titles in both singles and doubles, and looks set to be a strong challenger for the top spot next year.

The full ranking lists can be found at TennisEurope.org, along with the complete year end rankings since 1998.



14 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Ksenia PERVAK	RUS	680
2	►	Polona HERCOG	SLO	590
3	▲	Viktoriya KAMENSKAYA	RUS	490
4	▼	Indire AKIKI	CRO	475
5	►	Dominika KANAKOVA	CZE	460
6	►	Yulia GOLOBORODKO	UKR	455
7	▲	Simona HALEP	ROM	445
8	▼	Jasmina KAJTAZOVIC	SLO	430
9	NEW	Marta SIROTKINA	RUS	425
10	NEW	Albina KHABIBULINA	UZB	415
14 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Grigor DIMITROV	BUL	760
2	►	Radim URBANEK	CZE	715
3	►	Yannick REUTER	BEL	605
4	►	Martim TRUEVA	POR	515
5	▲	Andrey KUZNETSOV	RUS	470
6	▼	Lazare KUKHALASHVILI	GEO	460
7	▼	Mirza BASIC	BIH	450
8	NEW	Mikhail BIRYUKOV	RUS	445
9	▼	Adrian PUGET	FRA	440
10	▼	Vadim PINKO	LTU	400

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR FINAL RANKINGS 2005 - 16 & UNDER

As in the Under 14 lists, it's the European Champions who end the season at the top. Maite Gabarrus is the second Spaniard in three years to top the list, while Martin Klizan (pictured) becomes the first Slovak to end the year as the #1 Under 16.

Despite a more limited schedule, Kazakhstani player Ksenia Palkina finishes the year in third place, the best performance by a non-European player.

Having finished just outside the top ten in 2004, Roma-

nia's Ioana Ivan climbs to fourth and is young enough to remain eligible for the list for a third year in 2006.

In the boy's list, Jerome Inzerillo (FRA) and Alexei Grigoriev (RUS) both made excellent transitions to the Under 16 circuit. Having finished first and sixth respectively as Under 14s in 2004, both make a return to the year-end top ten in the older age group.

The full ranking lists can be found at TennisEurope.org, along with the complete year end rankings since 1998.

16 & Under Girls		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Maite GABARRUS	ESP	615
2	▲	Ksenia LYKINA	RUS	510
3	▼	Ksenia PALKINA	KAZ	475
4	▼	Ioana IVAN	ROM	435
5	▼	Nadina SECERBEGOVIC	BIH	430
6	►	Euvgeniya VERTESHEVA	RUS	415
7	NEW	Elena CHERNYAKOVA	RUS	400
8	▼	Leticia COSTAS	ESP	395
9	NEW	Estelle GUIARD	FRA	375
10	▼	Evelyn MAYR	ITA	370
16 & Under Boys		Player	Country	Points Total
1	►	Martin KLIZAN	SVK	575
2	▲	Radu ALBOT	MDA	490
3	►	Gueorgui ROUMENOV	BUL	470
4	▲	Ilija MARTINOSKI	MKD	420
5	▼	Dylan SESSAGESIMI	SUI	415
6	▲	Deni ZMAK	CRO	395
7	►	Alin Mihai CONSTANTIN	ROM	395
8	▼	Jerome INZERILLO	FRA	390
9	►	Alexei GRIGOROV	RUS	380
10	►	Jan BLECHA	CZE	375

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE - RESULTS

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Sep 19	Plaisir (FRA)	\$15,000	R Valent (SUI)	(8) P Marx (GER)	64 76(4)
Sep 19	Madrid (ESP)	\$15,000	M Koning (NED)	(2) D Marrero (ESP)	46 63 62
Sep 19	Oristano (ITA)	\$15,000	(1) S Galvani (ITA)	A Da Col (ITA)	63 60
Sep 19	Göteborg (SWE)	\$10,000	(4) J Settergren (SWE)	(3) F Neilsen (DEN)	64 64
Sep 19	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	(4) M Smith (GBR)	(6) M Lee (GBR)	64 36 61
Sep 19	Montreaux (SUI)	\$6,250	(2) C Niland (IRL)	(6) F Nussbaum (SUI)	46 61 61
Sep 26	Sarreguemines (FRA)	\$10,000	(4) B Ebrahimpzadeh (GER)	(6) J Maes (FRA)	64 76(4)
Sep 26	Olbia (ITA)	\$10,000	L Lacko (SVK)	T Koeck (AUT)	61 63
Sep 26	Edinburgh (GBR)	\$10,000	(1) M Hilton (GBR)	(3) J Baker (GBR)	63 63
Sep 26	Gorlovka (UKR)	\$10,000	F Kallias (CYP)	(3) L Recouderc (FRA)	75 64
Sep 26	Martos (ESP)	\$10,000	(1) M Granollers Pujol (ESP)	S Korteling (NED)	62 63
Sep 26	Falun (SWE)	\$10,000	(5) J Settergren (SWE)	C Hansen (SWE)	62 64
Oct 3	Nevers (FRA)	\$15,000	(3) F Mergea (ROM)	(2) J M Pequery (FRA)	76(4) 67(2) 62
Oct 3	El Ejido (ESP)	\$15,000	(3) D Marrero (ESP)	(7) J Huta Galung (NED)	63 64
Oct 3	Bolton (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) J Baker (GBR)	(5) L Chramosta (CZE)	63 62
Oct 3	Arzachena (ITA)	\$10,000	(3) T Holzinger (GER)	(6) A Accardo (ITA)	64 62
Oct 3	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	L Lacko (SVK)	(4) S Kloer (GER)	26 63 61
Oct 3	Bayreuth (GER)	\$6,250	(8) E Gulbis (LAT)	(3) M Zimmermann (GER)	61 63
Oct 10	Saint Dizier (FRA)	\$15,000	(2) J W Tsonga (FRA)	T Popp (GER)	60 76(8)
Oct 10	Cordoba (ESP)	\$10,000	(5) A Da Col (ITA)	(6) F Colangelo (ITA)	61 26 64
Oct 10	Ilyichovsk (UKR)	\$10,000	F Kallias (CYP)	A Yarmola (UKR)	63 57 61
Oct 10	Jersey (GBR)	\$10,000	(3) M Smith (GBR)	(Q) S Harston (GBR)	63 64
Oct 10	Sassari (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) S Galvani (ITA)	(7) T Holzinger (GER)	63 67(6) 63
Oct 10	Rödelsee (GER)	\$6,250	(1) S Rieschick (GER)	D Brands (GER)	64 63
Oct 17	La Roche (FRA)	\$15,000	(LL) O Wandewiele (FRA)	(5) F Mergea (ROM)	76(2) 36 64
Oct 17	Lecce (ITA)	\$10,000	E Prodon (FRA)	F Dustov (UZB)	36 64 64
Oct 17	Pruhonice (CZE)	\$10,000	M Raditschnigg (AUT)	(Q) K Triska (CZE)	61 61
Oct 17	Barcelona (ESP)	\$10,000	(Q) S Robert (FRA)	P Andujar Alba (ESP)	75 63
Oct 17	Liemen (GER)	\$6,250	(WC) D Brown (JAM)	(Q) E Ianuzzi (ITA)	46 76(4) 60

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE - RESULTS

Sep 19	Glasgow (GBR)	\$25,000	K Barrois (GER)	(Q) G Arn (GER)	63 36 64
Sep 19	Tbilisi (GEO)	\$25,000	(2) S Zahlavova (CZE)	A Timotic (SCG)	60 63
Sep 19	Ciampino (ITA)	\$10,000	J Juricova (SVK)	(3) E Stellato (ITA)	62 62
Sep 26	Biella (ITA)	\$50,000	Y Beygelzimer (UKR)	(Q) G Gabba (ITA)	62 64
Sep 26	Batumi (GEO)	\$50,000	(1) A Yakimova (BLR)	A Timotic (SCG)	64 61
Sep 26	Porto (POR)	\$25,000	(8) T Schiechl (AUT)	(1) L Dominguez Lino (ESP)	76(4) 76(2)
Sep 26	Podgorica (SCG)	\$10,000	D Stojic (BIH)	N Kozic (SCG)	46 75 63
Sep 26	Benevento (ITA)	\$10,000	(4) S Martinovic (BIH)	A Korzeniak (POL)	64 61
Sep 26	Volos (GRE)	\$10,000	P Mayr (AUT)	(2) D Evtimova (BUL)	64 76(5)
Oct 3	Barcelona (ESP)	\$75,000	K Bohmova (CZE)	(2) MA Sanchez Lorenzo (ESP)	36 63 75
Oct 3	Nantes (FRA)	\$25,000	(5) K Barrois (GER)	A Brianti (ITA)	64 62
Oct 3	Bolton (GBR)	\$25,000	(3) S Kleinova (CZE)	(Q) Y Schvedova (RUS)	06 63 63
Oct 3	Herceg Novi (SCG)	\$10,000	(7) T Obrez (SLO)	(WC) N Zoric (SCG)	76(4) 26 64
Oct 3	Roma Canottieri (ITA)	\$10,000	A Korzeniak (POL)	(2) A Bona (ITA)	64 62
Oct 10	Joue-les-Tours (FRA)	\$50,000	(2) E Loit (FRA)	(1) J Kostanic (CRO)	62 61
Oct 10	Jersey (GBR)	\$25,000	(1) E Baltacha (GBR)	(6) D Kix (AUT)	64 64
Oct 10	Porto Santo (POR)	\$10,000	(Q) N Thyssen (NED)	(1) J Ozga (GER)	76(6) 64
Oct 10	Benicarló (ESP)	\$10,000	P Mayr (AUT)	B Morata Flaquer (ESP)	64 62
Oct 10	Castel Gandolfo (ITA)	\$10,000	A Korzeniak (POL)	(WC) G Gatto Monticone (ITA)	63 60
Oct 17	Saint Raphael (FRA)	\$50,000	M Ani (EST)	(5) M Santangelo (ITA)	63 75
Oct 17	Sevilla (ESP)	\$25,000	(2) C Martinez Granados (ESP)	A Timotic (SCG)	62 62
Oct 17	Porto Santo (POR)	\$10,000	(8) M De Lattre (POR)	C Ewijk (NED)	75 61
Oct 17	Settimo S Pietro (ITA)	\$10,000	(1) A Floris (ITA)	R Kulikova (RUS)	64 41 ret
Oct 17	Dubrovnik (CRO)	\$10,000	T Obrez (SLO)	(Q) T Mijacka (CRO)	61 75

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EUROPEAN RANKINGS

The most significant change in the European rankings this month is the return to the top spot of Kim Clijsters. In an incredible comeback from a career threatening wrist injury, the Belgian has vaulted from outside the world's top 100 to become the highest ranked European player in less than eight months. With no points to defend for the rest of the year, the odds are high that a second Belgian in three years will end the year as World #1 [Henin-Hardenne being the other, in 2003].

Mary Pierce's rejuvenation continues, with the veteran French player just one spot away from a career-best #3, whilst a third French player, Nathalie Dechy, enters the list at #10.

Men's #2 Rafael Nadal staged a stunning fightback from two sets down to beat the most impressive player of the indoor season so far, Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic, by the slim margin of a fifth set tie break at the Masters Series Madrid event.

The title, Nadal's first indoor trophy, edges him slightly closer to the injury sidelined Roger Federer, and maintains the grip that the two have held on Masters Series events in 2005—splitting all eight between them with one to play.

Having won 16 of his last 17 matches, Ljubicic moves to a career best #5, and will be in confident mood as the Davis Cup final approaches.

Rankings as of Oct 24, 2005

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	▲	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	4467
2	▼	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	3	4419
3	►	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	4	3936
4	▲	Mary PIERCE	FRA	5	3238
5	▼	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	6	2936
6	►	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	8	2595
7	▲	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	9	2528
8	▼	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	10	2511
9	►	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	12	2033
10	NEW	Nathalie DECHY	FRA	13	1739
MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	►	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6975
2	►	Rafael NADAL	ESP	2	4940
3	►	Marat SAFIN	RUS	5	2490
4	►	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	8	2000
5	▲	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	11	1765
6	▲	Radek STEPANEK	SVK	13	1580
7	▼	Richard GASQUET	FRA	14	1530
8	▼	Thomas JOHANSSON	SWE	15	1525
9	▼	David FERRER	ESP	16	1500
10	NEW	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	19	1425

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