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## FEDERER TAKES THIRD CONSECUTIVE WIMBLEDON TITLE

Adaptability was the key to success at this year's Wimbledon championships, with players citing distinct changes in the pace of the courts, a result of an alteration to the type of grass used and also of the quickly changing weather conditions. Blessed with a summer heat wave at the start of the fortnight, the tournament ended amid constant interruptions by rain. A brief shower after the second set of the final failed to dampen the mood of Roger Federer, who retained his title with an awesome display against Andy Roddick [USA] for the second consecutive year. The Swiss world #1 had looked comfortable in each of his matches, no doubt reassured by the knowledge that he had not been defeated on the surface in two years, a record that stood at 36 consecutive match victories by the end of the tournament. That the defending champion lost only one set in his seven matches in SW19 was a testament to his mastery on grass, while his most remarkable per-

formances were reserved for the final two matches, in which he faced the two other most successful grass court players of recent years – Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt [AUS]. Federer subdued both opponents in straight sets with flawless tennis, joining an elite group of players (Perry, Borg and Sampras) to have won the event in three consecutive years.

The biggest story from the men's event of the first week was the arrival of US Open junior champion Andrew Murray [GBR] onto the international scene. Playing in just his third professional event, and despite declaring grass to be his least favourite surface, Murray became the last home player standing having won through to the third round with an upset of 15<sup>th</sup>-seed Radek Stepanek, and was on the cusp of victory over 2002 finalist David Nalbandian before the Argentinians' superior fitness became a deciding factor. (continues overleaf)

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### MARIA SHARAPOVA SPEAKS!



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## WIMBLEDON 2005

<<< The irony of Murray's prodigious run coinciding with top Briton Tim Henman's worst Wimbledon in a decade was not lost on the local tabloids, who promptly re-named 'Henman Hill' (a grass verge with screens showing centre court matches to those without tickets) 'Murray Mount'. For the teenager though, it's a promising start to a professional career, and with almost 10 million British viewers tuning in to watch his match with Nalbandian, he has every reason to be optimistic about the future.

Another player in high spirits was Venus Williams, who captured her first Grand Slam title since 2001, at the expense of compatriot Lindsay Davenport in what was the longest ever Wimbledon final. Davenport – the only player to reach two Grand Slam finals so far in 2005 - had looked in control early in the match as she took the first set 6-4, and served for the title at 6-5 in the second. Williams saved her best until the crucial moments though and hit some stunning shots to take the game to love, and then raced through the subsequent tie break. Neither player could establish a lead during the third set, which lasted a nerve-racking 16 games characterised by a number of missed opportunities to break through, until Williams eventually managed to exploit Davenport's comparative lack of mobility, the world #1 having received treatment for a back sprain a couple of games previously. Her third title firmly re-establishes Williams in the top 10 and sets the stage for an intriguing race to for the end of year #1 position, with the three Grand Slam champions so far in 2005 currently ranked 6, 7 and 8. Incredibly, all three women's Grand Slam winners in 2005 so far saved a match point against them on the way to their titles.

The top Europeans, all of whom had figured amongst the pre-tournament favourites, failed to make much of an impression. Seventh-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne, fresh from her second Roland Garros title, was seemingly ill-prepared for the grass court skills of Eleni

Daniilidou, and lost a nail-bitingly close first round match. Also on the comeback trail, Kim Clijsters had the misfortune to be drawn to meet top-seeded Davenport in the last 16 for the second Grand Slam in a row. Despite better preparation this time having won on grass in Eastbourne prior to Wimbledon, the result was the same as Davenport triumphed in three sets.

Maria Sharapova was one of two European players to reach the semi final stage, but failed to reproduce the fearless tennis that had taken her to a maiden Grand Slam title last year. A determined Venus Williams over-

powered the 18-year old to such an extent that she was forced to play left-handed shots on several occasions. The loss ended Sharapova's 24-match grass court winning streak, and put paid to any realistic hopes of the Russian ascending to the world #1 spot until at least the U.S. Open.

Freed from the burden of expectation in Paris, Amelie Mauresmo once again played some of her most impressive tennis at Wimbledon, and rode to the semi finals employing a traditional grass court serve-volley game to good effect. For the second year in succession she led the top seed by a set and a break in that match, before being pegged back and eventually overcome. She can take some consolation

in reaching a grand slam doubles final for the first time with Svetlana Kuznetsova [RUS].

The women's doubles event was blown wide open early, with the pre-tournament withdrawal of top seeds Virginia Ruano Pascual and Paola Suarez. Early upsets of past champions Davenport/Corina Morariu [USA] and Lisa Raymond[USA]/Rennae Stubbs [AUS] ensured that the top half of the draw would feature an interesting semifinal. Having won the last of her Wimbledon doubles titles a staggering 19 years previously, Martina Navratilova reached the final four once again, partnered by Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany, before being swept aside by Kuznetsova and Mauresmo. Their final opponents, second seeds Cara Black [ZIM] and >>>



Venus Williams (USA)

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<<< Liezel Huber (RSA) were playing their second consecutive Grand Slam final and their experience as a team was a distinct advantage as they ran away with a 62 61 victory. The title was the second successive Wimbledon doubles title for Black, who ascends to the world #1 position.

If the women's doubles was characterised by upsets, the men's event came to an even more unusual conclusion. The seeded teams generally performed well, with three of the top four teams reaching the semi finals. An uncharacteristic early loss for Todd Woodbridge (partnering Mahesh Bhupathi) against a pair playing just their second event together prompted the nine-times champion to announce his immediate retirement from the sport. Not satisfied with having upset the sixth seeds, Stephen Huss (AUS) and Wesley Moodies (RSA) embarked on a fairytale run to the title. Having come through the qualifying competition for a place in the main draw, the pair upset seeded opposition in five successive matches, adding (9) Cermak/Friedl (CZE), (3) Knowles (BAH)/Llodra (FRA), (1) Bjorkman (SWE)/Mirnyi (BLR) and (2) Bob and Mike Bryan (USA) to their list of scalps. For the Bryan brothers, it was a fifth loss in six Grand Slam finals.



Andrew Murray (GBR)

Mike Bryan and Martina Navratilova attempted to salvage some pride in the mixed doubles competition, both taking to the court a short while after losses in their respective doubles events. Their quarter final match against Kevin Ullyett (ZIM) and Liezel Huber was played in front of a packed Court 2 crowd who were firmly on the side of the Americans. Their support was not enough to spur them on to victory though, and the pair eventually capitulated 36 64 97. Ullyett and Huber were then upset by Paul Hanley (AUS) and Tatiana Perebijnis (UKR), who in turn lost to Bhupathi and Mary Pierce (FRA) in the final. The resurgent Pierce thus joins Federer as the only Europeans to leave Wimbledon with silverware this year.

In the girls' event, Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland continued her rapid rise to the top of the junior game. One

of the most successful players on the Tennis Europe 16 & Under Tour over the past year, Radwanska swept to the title in just her second appearance in a Grand Slam, with a straight sets victory over Austrian Tamira Paszek. Both players scored career best wins in the semi finals, with Paszek ousting top seed Viktoria Azarenka (BLR) in three sets, whilst Radwanska ended Agnes Szavay's attempt to reach three consecutive Grand Slam finals, scoring a 76 62 victory over the French Open champion. Azarenka and Szavay later teamed up to win their second doubles event of the year

with a three set victory over second seeds Marina Erakovic (NZL) and Monica Niculescu (ROM).

Andrew Kennaugh fell one match short of becoming the only British player to walk away from Wimbledon with a title, as the wild-carded player worked his way to the finals with Australian partner Samuel Groth. On the final day of the Championships, the pair completed a marathon 63 36 15-13 win over sixth seeded Dutch pair Thiemo De Bakker and Antal Van Der Duim. They were unable to replicate those heroics in the final though, losing in straight sets to unseeded Americans Jesse Levine and Michael Shabaz.

Unseeded Jeremy Chardy went one better than last year, capturing the boys singles title. The Frenchman, a loser to compatriot Gael Monfils in the semi finals of last years Championships, scored a series of remarkable upsets, including a win over second seeded Australian Open champion Donald Young (USA). His final opponent, Robin Haase (NED) was unable to penetrate the 120mph+ serve of Chardy and slipped to a straight sets defeat.

With three Grand Slams completed in 2005, both the men's and women's tours can boast three different champions. As the tours gradually shift their focus to the United States in preparation for the final leg, only the foolhardy would dare to predict what's next.

## LONDON WINS BATTLE FOR 2012 OLYMPICS

The All-England Club will have a busy summer in 2012, after it was announced that the British capital had won the right to host the 2012 Olympic Games. After years of campaigning, London beat three other European candidate cities; Moscow, Madrid and Paris.

It will mark the first time that the United Kingdom has hosted the games since 1948, and the consequence for tennis is that the Olympic event will be held at Wimbledon.

Tennis Europe President and Chairman of the British Olympic Foundation John James, commented "I am delighted that the Games are returning to a European city, something we stressed the importance of at our European meeting in Prague recently. I have also been involved with the Legacy Board with the planning of the bid and like everyone in Britain, am delighted with what London has achieved. The decision will give sport a huge boost in this country, and is wonderful news for East London."

## TENNIS EUROPE HONOURS FRANK GOODMAN

Tennis Europe President John James (pictured, right) presented the Tennis Europe Award to Tennis Ireland General Secretary Frank Goodman (left) during the Wimbledon Championships.

The Tennis Europe award, announced at the recent Annual General Meeting, is a recognition of Goodman's services to European tennis over the years, and comes as he retires from his long standing role as a member of Tennis Europe's Development Committee.



## EUROPEAN WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

The Bulgarian club Cherno-More Elit captured the 2005 European Club Championships for Women, held during the second week of Wimbledon in Rennes, France.

The toughest test for the Bulgarian team came in the semi finals, when they faced their hosts (and the defending champions) AS Patton Rennes. The top seeded French team started stronger, with Leslie Butkiewicz and Seda Noorlander edging past Virginia Trifonova and Maria Penkova respectively to take a 2-0 lead. Tzvetana Pironkova then posted an emphatic 60 61 win over Rita Grande, setting up an exciting tie between the top players of each team. Sesil Karatantcheva, playing at the Club Championships for a second successive year, showed the sort of form that saw her reach the French Open quarterfinals as she outpowered Anna Smashnova in straight sets, 75 62. A decisive doubles rubber followed, and despite losing a first set tiebreak,

Karatantcheva and Pironkova stormed back to win 67 (3) 61 62, and improve on their semi final showing in 2004.

Their final round opponents, Kjobenhavns Boldklub (DEN) were unable to provide as stiff a challenge, and despite some close matches were ultimately white-washed 5-0.

A tentative agreement was reached with AS Patton Rennes to host the event for the coming three years. The Club has been the home of the Championships since 2003, during which time the event has seen an increase in numbers of participants and also been able to offer prize money and hospitality for players for the first time. Full draws and match results from the Club Championships can be found at [www.tenniseurope.org](http://www.tenniseurope.org).



## ANNA SMASHNOVA INTERVIEW

One of the most consistent performers on the WTA Tour over the past decade, Anna Smashnova was one of the top stars in action at the European Club Championships. We caught up with her to find out why club tennis is important to her, and her thoughts on life after the Tour.

*This isn't the first time you've played the Club Championships - is club tennis important to you?*

Yes, I like it. It's very different to play club matches, much more fun. There's no pressure – you're part of a team and obviously you're playing but at the same time you can relax and enjoy the tennis, which you cannot really do when you are in a regular tournament. So I think it's important to play events like this from time to time.

*What is your relationship to this club [AS Patton Rennes]?*

I played last year for them in the French league, and I really enjoyed it. The facilities are very good here. It's an honour to play here, and they treat us very well.

*You've been one of the tour's top players for many years now – what are the biggest changes you have seen?*

The main thing is that the level of the players is very much improved these days – the same player can lose to #50 or #100 one day, and beat the #1 the next, there used to be a much bigger gap. From the tournament point of view, they are even better organised, and the prize money is also much greater.

*How do you keep motivated after such a long time on the circuit?*

Well, it's true that I have to motivate myself in different ways now, and sometimes it is very hard to find it, but I always try to set small goals for myself.

*What are your goals for this season?*

Well this year, my ranking has dropped but my goal is to try and do all the right things and to at least maintain

the ranking where it is now – around the 40's and 50's, so that next year I can try to build upon that and get back to where I was.

*You have a tour-leading 9-0 win/loss record in finals. What's your secret?*

[Laughs] I don't know! It seems that when I get to the final I have to win, but if I get to the semis I prefer not to! I don't know, maybe I've been lucky until now.

*What are your plans for the rest of the season?*

I'm going to play some more clay court tournaments after this – Palermo, Budapest and then go to the States for the US Open. After that I'm still not sure. My goal is to keep my ranking around the position it's at now, or even to raise it a little, and then to train seriously for next year, because I want to play better than this year.

*Things are looking quite good for women's tennis in Israel right now, especially with the rise of Shahar Peer. What do you think of her, and also of the prospects for the future?*

Well, we don't have too many players in Israel, but we do have Shahar; she's a great player. She's only 18, and has a great future ahead of her. She'll have to work hard, because it's always much easier when you are starting and coming onto the tour, but you have to work even harder to maintain your position once you're there – but she's got everything she needs to do that, so hopefully she'll do well.

*If you hadn't become a professional tennis player, which career path would you have chosen?*

I probably would have still been involved in sports somehow; I like other sports, especially athletics very much, I like to run, and to jump so it probably would have been athletics. It's difficult to imagine, because I played tennis from such a young age – from 6 I was always on a tennis court! I guess I would have >>>



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<<< liked to study to be a doctor or a lawyer though, something like that.

*Do you already have plans for a life after tennis?*

Well, it's a very big decision to make and I've been thinking very hard about it. As I said before, what we know best is to play tennis, so we can coach, we can help, we can stay inside the sport, but to do other things is not so easy. Hopefully I will find something before I finish playing, because I don't want to stop playing one day and look for a new career the next.

*Do you feel that in some ways it was a sacrifice to become a tennis player?*

In some ways, yes. But I've had a great life, and I don't regret doing it at all, especially as I succeeded with what I was doing. There were some sacrifices along the way; normal things like going out, having fun and so on, but I can do those when I am no longer playing. It's not an easy life, but the grass is always greener on the other side, so I wouldn't change it.

## EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS –14 & UNDER

The final rounds of the 14 & Under Summer Cups were held during the Wimbledon final weekend. A total of 56 teams had entered the qualifying competition, with the winners and finalists of each group progressing to the final matches.

The Russian team completed a rare double of winning the European Winter Cups by Prince and Europa Cup in the same year. Elena Kulikova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova played on both teams, and were joined by Marta Sirotkina in San Remo. The seeded teams all held their positions at the final rounds, with qualifying group winners Russia, Slovenia, Czech Republic and Croatia all winning through to the semi finals, where Russia ousted Czech Republic 2-1 and Slovenia defeated Croatia. The final was a closer affair as Kulikova defeated Jasmina Kajtazovic for the loss of just one game, before Polona Hercog (the top ranked player in the field at #2) saw off Pavyluchenkova in straight sets. Determined to improve on last year's second-place, the Russian pair then

teamed for a decisive doubles win, 62 61.

The boys event could not have contrasted more sharply with the girls, as only one of the qualifying round group winners (second-seeded Portugal) managed to win their first match. Russia upset the Czech top seeds, while Belgium and Bulgaria accounted for Croatia and France respectively. The upsets did not stop there as Bulgaria went on to defeat Portugal, Grigor Dimitrov upsetting Martim Trueva in a match between two European Junior Tour top ten players. As expected, the final was close. Both teams recorded singles victories, but it was the Bulgarian duo of Dimitrov and Cvetan Mihov who came from behind to win the doubles tie 36 63 63 against Yannick Reuter and Gaetan De Lovinfosse.

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

The 16 & 18 & Under Summer Cups will be held during the final week of July.

## FINAL STANDINGS

### HELVETIE CUP (GIRLS 14&U)

<b>1</b>	<b>RUSSIA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>SLOVENIA</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>

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

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## MARIA SHARAPOVA—WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

Last June Maria Sharapova was almost unknown. By July she was a celebrity. This month she came to Wimbledon as the most sought after, most highly paid sportswoman in the world. No teenager ever had to adapt so fast to so much interview-giving, attribute-ogling and skill-testing as Sharapova, so it may not have been such a bad thing that the Siberia-born Floridian's childhood was forged by the emotional white-heat of culture change. The secrets of surviving - seek the positive, not the negative; look forward, not back - are personal and unique no matter how clichéd they sound, and, in an exclusive interview, Sharapova tried to explain some of hers.

That this was not easy was evident as much from words which failed to emerge as from those which did. "I've...I think I just...no, I don't think I would have changed anything," she settled on at the third attempt. "I realise that winning Wimbledon came so quickly, and I think everything that happened [after that] happened quickly as well," she said, buying further thinking time before warming to her task. "So of course it's difficult in the first few months to get used to so much attention and everyone looking at you, and the public knowing everywhere you go. It's been a totally different atmosphere, but it's something I learned during those months.

Of course, it's tough," she said, her voice dropping into a minor key. "But - you learn," she added, resolving the harmony on the "you" with a high note.

Sharapova has learnt very, very quickly, not least in seeing through some of the images created of her. "It's a matter of knowing what's important to you and trying

to block out, like, things you feel don't have to be a part of your life," she said, sounding like someone three times her age. "When people are looking at you every single moment, and having eyes all over you, you just try to block that out, and you try to forget about everything that happens around you."

There's other stuff to banish from her head too. Like the spiralling endorsement deals now totalling more than \$20 million, the elongating sponsor list which includes

Prince, Nike, Colgate Palmolive (endorsing 'Lady Speed Stick'), Tag Heuer, Canon, Motorola, I-Play, Speedminton, Honda, and Pepsi, and an expanding list of accolades - a place on People magazine's 50 most beautiful people list (only the second tennis player to make it), a place on the front cover of Sports Illustrated (the first tennis player for two years to make it); and the awards - the WTA Tour player of the year, the WTAtour.com fans favourite, and the gifts - one of which, a Porsche Cayenne S worth more than \$60,000 she donated to the victims of the Beslan school massacre in Chechnya. After that it was not sur-

prising that she had an audience with the Pope.

Her other engagements included the CBS Early Show, Live with Regis and Kelly, ESPN's Cold Pizza, Mike and Mike show on ESPN radio, Entertainment Tonight, Inside Edition, Total Request Live, Access Hollywood, NBC's Today Show, and NBC's Tonight Show with Jay Leno, by which time, without a well-organised agent, your head would have gone crazy. But forgetting her tennis she never did. That has had to adapt too. She strikes the ball even more fiercely than before and is beginning to serve more smartly. She also tries to rally more >>>





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<<< cannily, although she succeeds in that only sometimes, in practice, she claims, she often does it. "In the last year I have gained a lot of experience because I have been playing against top players and I've realized what things to work on to get better. Top players basically tell you what your weaknesses are, on the court," she said, meaning actions were eloquent when words were not. "In a year I've developed physically. I think I was getting stronger and stronger as the year went on, and that gave me the ability to have more variety on my serve and more power on my ground strokes, which also helps."

But the escape route from a one-dimensional artisan to a multi-creative artist can have hidden barriers. "I'm trying to use different shots," Sharapova insisted. "It's very important. It's not that I don't know how

to do them. In practice I use lots of angles and drops shots and I'm really good at it, but it's [getting] the mentality of having to use it in a match. Just to know in practice you can hit it at any time and it won't matter and to hit it in a match and it will count more. I think that teaches you a lot as well." Such complexities depend greatly on a racket like an extension of the hand, and it has helped that Sharapova has had a deal with her racket sponsor, Prince, since she was nine.

"Having a relationship with such a great brand means a lot because they believed in me when I was very young - something very hard to do," she said. "They risked everything with their company. I've always enjoyed using

the rackets. My racket (the Prince Shark) has enough power, but also control. Because my shots are so powerful that I don't want a racket with too much power."

Sharapova's involvement goes beyond ensuring the feel that she likes. "It's important that I have an input on what I'd like an improvement with," she says. "So I always ask for more interesting designs. I mean pink is my favourite colour, but on a racket I don't really think so, ha! ha! ha! ha!" she erupted, the laughs chirping higher and higher. "I really like red. I know my racket is blue, but we are working on new ideas. I can't

say what they are - sorry. Ha! ha!" This laughter had a serious tinge.

Rackets mean money. And these days a great deal more money than before. Has this change brought a change in her? Her answer



*Time for sponsors: Sharapova meets with Tennis Europe Managing Director, External Affairs Olli Mäenpää (left), Prince Sports VP and Managing Director Mike Ballardie and Prince President Alistair Thorburn (right)*

sounded wise beyond her years.

"I realise you never know what can happen tomorrow so I try not to think about money. Because first and foremost is to keep working hard, and keep doing what I am doing," she went on, re-iterating a mantra which helped save her when she was young. "If I keep working hard and keep winning, the money will come and it will come in big numbers. But I also know, I never know what might happen tomorrow," she said, suddenly reliving old insecurities. "All of a sudden I might get injured and this is the only money you've got." Her voice ended with a shriller emphasis. "Plus you can lose it. It's very easy to lose money. And I realise that education's also very important. And if something doesn't work out with>>>

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<<< tennis I need to do something else. Or I want to go into a different business or something else, I want to make sure I'm educated."

She has five credits to complete with her on-line lessons and has about one more year to do to complete her high school education. Despite her near-perfect English, she claims not to have found that easy. "But it has taught me a lot, because when subjects are hard I think they teach you more than the easy ones do," she asserted. It seemed there was some Russian influence here. Americans might conclude the opposite. Listening to the words, it was hard to believe she had only just come of age, that only two months ago (April) she had turned 18. Listening to the voice, high, tense, and sometimes understandably frozen of emotion, a youthful angst became evident. "I think I've had to grow up when I was young, to be able to survive in this sport," she said, sounding a little grumpy. "In this business you have to be mature from a very young age. That's part of the sport and you have to be responsible and independent. I am now officially an adult but even before I had to learn to be an adult."

But occasionally she likes to regress. "Obviously I still

feel like a child some days," she says, her voice relaxing. I read children's books all the time. They make you laugh and they make you feel like you're in a perfect world." She pauses, briefly satisfied. "Even though I'm 18, when I talk to my friends I'm still a normal kid," she resumes. "I understand I'm an adult, but you still have to enjoy yourself and to be a child." Child-like, as an antidote to endless commercial contingencies. And childish, in retrieving a snatched-away world. But achieving such a completion may be harder even than coping with accelerated adulthood, because time is short. Wimbledon is close, with the need to face up to being the champion. Perhaps a dethroned champion. The trick is to feel it not as something she is likely to lose, but something she can never lose. And the adult-child knows this.

"It's going to bring back so many amazing memories," she says. "I'm taking it day by day but obviously I know that when I go back, I'll remember the amazing moment." What does she most like about it? "Oh, the grass, the strawberries and cream, the crowds, erm, the tea, ha! ha! ha! Everything really." This time her laugh rises to fantasy pitch, into a sort of dream-land. Perhaps into that perfect world.

## EUROPEAN SENIORS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - WOMEN 40 / 50

The European Club championships for Women (40+/50+) were held in Le Touquet, France, the end of June. Association de Tennis Neuilly (pictured) won the Over 40 category, whilst the '45 Club' emerged as champions of the more senior category.

Remaining Club Championships fixtures are:

Men 45+: Vale De Lobo (POR) 26 Sept-1 Oct

Men 55+: Arosa (SUI) - 11-16 Sept

Men 60+: Salzburg (AUT) - 05-11 Sept

Men 65+: Karlsruhe (GER) - 05-08 Sept



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

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 14 &amp; UNDER

Venue/Category	U14	Winner	Runner-up	Score
SANDEFJORD (NOR) (3)	Boys	MAGNUS HALLAHAN (NOR)	RASMUS WOLD (NOR)	64 61
	Girls	MARIA FAGERSTROM (FIN)	ALEXANDRA KUNIC (SCG)	75 61
BYTOM (POL) (2)	Boys	IGOR NOWAK (POL)	FILIP LEWICKI (POL)	61 64
	Girls	KARINA PIMKINA (RUS)	KRISTINA KUCIANOVA (SVK)	62 62
MOSTAR (BIH) (3)	Boys	MIRZA BASIC (BIH)	JOSIP MESIN (CRO)	62 61
	Girls	REKA JANI (HUN)	EMA BURGIC (BIH)	75 67 62
HARKIV (UKR) (3)	Boys	ANTON PROTSENKO (UKR)	STANISLAV POPLAVSKYY (UKR)	64 64
	Girls	LUDMILA KICHENOK (UKR)	NADEGDA KICHENOK (UKR)	63 67 64
SKOPJE (MKD)	Boys	ALEXANDROS GEORGOUDAS (GRE)	MIKHAIL TITOV (RUS)	63 62
	Girls	LJUBICA STOJANOVIC (SCG)	MINA GARDIC (SCG)	61 61
CACAK (SCG) (3)	Boys	LEONARD IVIC (CRO)	MARKO BOSCOVIC (SCG)	63 62
	Girls	BOJANA JOVANOVSKI	MILICA MILOSAVLJEVIC (SCG)	62 61
KAMPEN (NED) (3)	Boys	RYAN HARRISON (USA)	DEVIN BRITTON (USA)	63 62
	Girls	LINDA FRITSCHKEN (GER)	ANGELIQUE VEN DER MEET (NED)	63 63
TALLINN (EST) (3)	Boys	GLEB PANOV (BLR)	ARTURS KAZIJEVS (LAT)	63 62
	Girls	KSENIA KIRILLOVA (RUS)	MONTE REINFELDE (LAT)	64 75

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RESULTS - 16 &amp; UNDER

MILANO (ITA) (1)	Boys	DANIEL LOPEZ (PAR)	ALJAZ BEDENE (SLO)	62 63
	Girls	CORINNA DENTONI (ITA)	KSENIA PALKINA (KGZ)	75 76
OSLO (NOR) (3)	Boys	MADS BAKKE (NOR)	CHRISTOPHER HALLER (NOR)	46 64 75
	Girls	KAROLINA STEIRO (NOR)	MARIA FAGERSTROM (FIN)	75 63
AVILES (ESP) (3)	Boys	DAVID COSTA (ESP)	ALVARO BENITEZ (ESP)	60 36 63
	Girls	EUGENIA YORDANOVA (BUL)	LAURA DEL OLMO (ESP)	64 63
LA BAULE (FRA) (1)	Boys	GUEORGUI ROUMENOV (BUL)	JOSE ROBERTO VELASCO	61 60
	Girls	MAITE GABARRUS (ESP)	LETICIA COSTAS (ESP)	63 62
ST. PETERSBURG (RUS) (3)	Boys	ILIA STARKOV (RUS)	EUGENE KAPITONOV (RUS)	64 36 62
	Girls	NATALIA SEMENENKO (RUS)	MARGARITA LAZAREVA (RUS)	63 75
PRAGUE (CZE) (2)	Boys	ROMAN CHMELIK (CZE)	FILIP PERNICA (CZE)	60 61
	Girls	KSENIA LYKINA (RUS)	KRISTYNA PLISKOVA (CZE)	67 75 76
CAKOVEC (CRO) (2)	Boys	GORAN ROZIC (CRO)	TOMISLAV TERNAT (SLO)	61 63
	Girls	VALERIA STELMAKH	ANA SAVIC (CRO)	64 67 61
VILNIUS (LTU) (3)	Boys	AMIR ZARI (ISR)	MIKELIS LIBIETIS (LAT)	36 62 64
	Girls	ANETT SCHUTTING (EST)	VICTORIA ZHILKINA (RUS)	62 62
BALS (ROM) (3)	Boys	DANIEL DUMITRU (ROM)	STEFAN ROATES (ROM)	61 75
	Girls	SIMONA HALEP (ROM)	CAMELIA HRISTEA (ROM)	61 60
LE PONTET (FRA) (1)	Boys	MAURICIO ECHAZU (PER)	DANIEL LOPEZ (PAR)	64 36 76
	Girls	JEKATERINA JERITSHEVA (EST)	FLORENCE FLEURY (FRA)	75 64
MAMAIA (ROM) (2)	Boys	ALIN CONSTANTIN (ROM)	ROMERT COMAN (ROM)	62 64
	Girls	SIMONA HALEP (ROM)	IRINA BEGU (ROM)	63 64
SOFIA (BUL) (3)	Boys	TOMASZ MROZOWSKI (POL)	SERAFIN GROZEV (BUL)	75 61
	Girls	ANITA PALIYSKA (BUL)	LORA STANCHEVA (BUL)	61 61
PARIS (FRA) (1)	Boys	GASTAO ELIAS (POR)	VALENTIN DIMOV (BUL)	64 61
	Girls	KSENIA PALKINA (KAZ)	NADINA SECERNBEGOVIC (BIH)	64 62

## EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RANKINGS

European Junior Tour ranking points are awarded throughout the year at all tournaments on the European Junior Tour. The allocation of points depends on the round reached, and the category of tournament. Events are divided into three categories. Category 1 events have the strongest draws, and thus award more ranking points. Category 3 events are the most common type, and award less ranking points than Categories 1 and 2.

At the end of the season, the top eight European juniors are invited to take part in the Junior Masters, which this year will be held during the weekend of 7-9 October in Reggio Calabria, Italy. Rankings are updated each Thursday, and the full ranking lists can be found in a variety of formats, along with a points-per-tournament breakdown and a year end ranking history at [www.TennisEurope.org](http://www.TennisEurope.org)

14 & UNDER GIRLS				14 & UNDER BOYS			
<b>1</b>	Ksenia PERVAK	RUS	550	<b>1</b>	Radim URBANEK	CZE	565
<b>2</b>	Polona HERCOG	SLO	525	<b>2</b>	Martim TRUEVA	POR	440
<b>3</b>	Dominika KANAKOVA	CZE	465	<b>3</b>	Vadim PINKO	LTU	400
<b>4</b>	Yulia GOLOBORODKO	UKR	455	<b>4</b>	Grigor DMITROV	BUL	380
<b>5</b>	Jasmina KAJTAZOVIC	SLO	420	<b>5</b>	Yannick REUTER	BEL	380
<b>6</b>	Petra MARTIC	CRO	400	<b>6</b>	Stanislav POPLAVSKYY	UKR	380
<b>7</b>	Indire AKIKI	CRO	387	<b>7</b>	Andrei SAVULESCU	ROM	375
<b>8</b>	Simona HALEP	ROM	385	<b>8</b>	Michal KOZELSKY	CZE	365
<b>9</b>	Kristyna PLISKOVA	CZE	350	<b>9</b>	James CHAUDRY	GBR	360
<b>10</b>	Yulia KIRIENKO	UKR	345	<b>10</b>	Marco SPERONELLO	ITA	360
16 & UNDER GIRLS				16 & UNDER BOYS			
<b>1</b>	Maite GABARRUS	ESP	475	<b>1</b>	Gueorgui ROUMENOV	BUL	410
<b>2</b>	Alexandra DULGHERU	ROM	420	<b>2</b>	Deni ZMAK	CRO	395
<b>3</b>	Leticia COSTAS	ESP	395	<b>3</b>	Petru LUNCANU	ROM	395
<b>4</b>	Iona IVAN	ROM	390	<b>4</b>	Ilya MARTINOSKI	MKD	370
<b>5</b>	Arina RODIONOVA	RUS	370	<b>5</b>	Dylan SESSAGESIMI	SUI	365
<b>6</b>	Nadina SECERBEGOVIC	BIH	365	<b>6</b>	Jan BLECHA	CZE	355
<b>7</b>	Evgenia VERTESHEVA	RUS	361	<b>7</b>	Daniel LOPEZ	PAR	330
<b>8</b>	Jekaterina JERITSHEVA	EST	345	<b>8</b>	Thomas FABBIANO	ITA	325
<b>9</b>	Andrea REBROVA	SVK	310	<b>9</b>	Aljaz BEDENE	SLO	325
<b>10</b>	Ksenia PALKINA	KAZ	295	<b>10</b>	Artem GRAMMA	UKR	305



## ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE - RESULTS

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun 06	San Floriano (ITA)	\$10,000	(Q) M Radic (CRO)	M Pedrini (ITA)	57 64 63
Jun 06	Bytom (POL)	\$10,000	(2) F Urban (POL)	(3) M Dilaj (POL)	57 62 63
Jun 06	Iasi (ROM)	\$10,000	(4) M Alund (ARG)	(7) P Cuevas (URU)	75 64
Jun 06	Ankara (TUR)	\$10,000	(2) V Crivoi (ROM)	C Villeneuve (FRA)	60 46 62
Jun 06	Belgrade (SCG)	\$10,000	(5) I Bozoljac (SCG)	(3) I Kushev (BUL)	64 46 60
Jun 06	Tenerife (ESP)	\$10,000	R Moreno Negrin (ESP)	(8) L Bourgeois (AUS)	62 62
Jun 06	Maribor (SLO)	\$10,000	(5) G Zemlja (SLO)	(WC) V Visak (CRO)	61 75
Jun 13	Blois (FRA)	\$15,000+H	(1) E Roger Vasselin (FRA)	N Renavand (FRA)	46 64 62
Jun 13	Savitaipale (FIN)	\$10,000	(WC) T Lenho (FIN)	D Meffert (GER)	61 75
Jun 13	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(1) A Ungur (ROM)	(2) V Crivoi (ROM)	63 75
Jun 13	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	(8) A Hadad (ISR)	(5) S Yaroshenko (UKR)	36 62 60
Jun 13	Koper (SLO)	\$10,000	(7) G Zemlja (SLO)	(8) M Pedrini (ITA)	67 64 64
Jun 13	Belgrade (SCG)	\$10,000	(1) K Capkovic (SVK)	M Radschnitting (AUT)	62 62
Jun 13	La Palma (ESP)	\$10,000	(2) M Granollers Pujol (ESP)	C Rexach Itoiz (ESP)	75 67 63
Jun 13	Bassano (ITA)	\$10,000	M Ocera (ITA)	(6) G Carry (ARG)	62 76
Jun 20	Lanzarote (ESP)	\$15,000+H	(1) YT Wang (TPE)	(Q) A Sitak (RUS)	63 63
Jun 20	Toulon (FRA)	\$15,000	(2) J Mertl (CZE)	(Q) T Meniane (FRA)	60 26 76
Jun 20	Vierumäki (FIN)	\$10,000	B Dorsch (GER)	M Kunnapp (EST)	61 63
Jun 20	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	(3) V Crivoi (ROM)	(4) J Aguilar (CHI)	61 62
Jun 20	Belgrade (SCG)	\$10,000	V Troicki (SCG)	F Colangelo (ITA)	62 61
Jun 20	Istanbul (TUR)	\$10,000	R Lukaev (BUL)	(Q) P Rusevski (MKD)	62 63
Jun 20	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	(4) M Op Der Heijde (NED)	T Popp (GER)	46 76(5) 60
Jun 20	Castelfranco (ITA)	\$10,000	(6) M Ocera (ITA)	(WC) M Viola (ITA)	64 60
Jun 27	Heerhugowaard (NED)	\$15,000	(8) D Greilmayer (GER)	(1) N Todero (ARG)	64 62
Jun 27	Trier (GER)	\$10,000	(2) A Beck (GER)	T Meniane (FRA)	63 60
Jun 27	Pescara (ITA)	\$10,000	(4) M Pedrini (ITA)	(Q) H zeballos (ARG)	75 26 62
Jun 27	Hunedoara (ROM)	\$10,000	(4) Kornel Bardoczky (HUN)	(LL) V Anagnastopol (ROM)	63 57 64

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## ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score
Jun 06	Zagreb (CRO)	\$75,000	(1) Z Ondraskova (CZE)	T Pironkova (BLR)	46 64 63
Jun 06	Marseille (FRA)	\$50,000	C Martinez Granados (ESP)	(5) ME Pelletier (CAN)	61 61
Jun 06	Grado (ITA)	\$25,000	T Uvarova (BLR)	(7) M Yuan (CHN)	64 64
Jun 06	Nazare (POR)	\$10,000	F Molinero (ARG)	(1) J Cortez (BRA)	75 36 60
Jun 06	Stare Splavy (CZE)	\$10,000	(1) P Novotnikova (CZE)	(6) V Raimrova (CZE)	63 63
Jun 06	Warsaw (POL)	\$10,000	(7) A Radwanska (POL)	(3) O Tepyakova (UKR)	61 63
Jun 13	Gorizia (ITA)	\$25,000	(Q) I Lisjak (CRO)	(1) A Canepa (ITA)	62 63
Jun 13	Les Franqueses del Valles (ESP)	\$10,000	(4) E Cabeza Candelas (ESP)	J Ozga (GER)	76 46 62
Jun 13	Lenzerheide (SUI)	\$10,000	(2) D Krstajic (SCG)	K Knapp (ITA)	62 75
Jun 13	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	C Corduneanu (ROM)	M Moldovan (ROM)	62 60
Jun 13	Montemor (POR)	\$10,000	A Salas Lozano (ESP)	(5) L Zelder (GER)	75 46 62
Jun 20	Perigueux (FRA)	\$25,000	V Pichet (FRA)	(5) E Dzehalevich (BLR)	63 76
Jun 20	Fontanafredda (ITA)	\$25,000	(2) S Bammer (AUT)	(5) A Canepa (ITA)	76 62
Jun 20	Davos (SUI)	\$10,000	(3) A Petkovic (GER)	(4) J Bejkova (CZE)	64 62
Jun 20	Alcobaça (POR)	\$10,000	(3) L Zelder (GER)	(7) A Sieveke (GER)	63 63
Jun 20	Bucharest (ROM)	\$10,000	E Ivanova (RUS)	C Corduneanu (ROM)	46 63 75
Jun 20	Oslo (NOR)	\$10,000	(2) M Andersson (SWE)	(7) J Larsson (SWE)	64 64
Jun 20	Alkmaar (NED)	\$10,000	I Jikia (GEO)	(WC) M Boonstra (NED)	64 61
Jun 20	Orestiada (GRE)	\$10,000	(1) C De Gubernatis (FRA)	(7) C Sperling (GER)	64 67 61
Jun 27	Fano (POR)	\$75,000	K Kanepi (EST)	M Czink (HUN)	36 61 75
Jun 27	Mont de Marsan (FRA)	\$25,000	(4) M Johansson (FRA)	N Gussoni (ARG)	36 64 64
Jun 27	Båstad (SWE)	\$25,000	H Nooni (SWE)	E Krauth (ARG)	60 62
Jun 27	Vaihingen (GER)	\$25,000	(4) V Henke (GER)	(7) K Nagy (HUN)	62 06 64
Jun 27	Galati (ROM)	\$10,000	C Corduneanu (ROM)	(2) A Bastrikova (RUS)	63 57 64
Jun 27	Heerhugowaard (NED)	\$10,000	K De Beer (NED)	(WC) M Boonstra (NED)	62 61
Jun 27	Padova (ITA)	\$10,000	(4) S Martinovic (BIH)	(Q) A Zucchini (ITA)	64 62

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## EUROPEAN RANKINGS

There are surprisingly few changes to the top of the European rankings following the conclusion of the third Grand Slam of the year. Roger Federer remains firmly at #1, whilst his newest rival Rafael Nadal is left to rue a vital opportunity to gain points during the grass season. As Federer takes a 5-week break before the US hardcourt season, Nadal concentrates on the remaining European clay events in an attempt to build on his points total. Thomas Johansson's Wimbledon semi-final earns him enough points to enter the list at #5, whilst Richard Gasquet capitalises on a strong spring, and a first tour title (Nottingham) to appear in the top 10 for the first time.

Semi-final showings at Wimbledon cement the top two places for Maria Sharapova and Amelie Mauresmo, although failure to defend her title in London means Sharapova must work hard to attain the world #1 ranking that was seemingly within reach during the spring. Victory in Eastbourne during the run up to Wimbledon means Kim Clijsters is once again amongst the ten best Europeans. With virtually no points to defend for the rest of the year there seems little doubt that she will soon be ascending even higher.

Rankings are as of July 4th 2005.

WOMEN		Player	Country	WTA TOUR RANK	Points Total
1	▶	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2	4452
2	▶	Amelie MAURESMO	FRA	3	4208
3	▶	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	5	3248
4	▶	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6	3211
5	▶	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	7	3069
6	▶	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	9	2676
7	▶	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	10	2571
8	▶	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	11	2167
9	▲	Mary PIERCE	FRA	13	2116
10	NEW	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	14	2074
MEN		Player	Country	ATP ENTRY RANK	Points Total
1	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	6980
2	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	3	3635
3	▶	Marat SAFIN	RUS	5	3265
4	▶	Nikolay DAVYDENKO	RUS	7	2115
5	NEW	Thomas JOHANSSON	SWE	9	1688
6	▼	Tim HENMAN	GBR	11	1615
7	▼	Joachim JOHANSSON	SWE	14	1545
8	▲	Radek STEPANEK	CZE	16	1480
9	NEW	Richard GASQUET	FRA	17	1470
10	▶	Ivan LJUBICIC	CRO	19	1435

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