

2005 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE

The final rounds of Europe's largest junior tennis competition, the European Winter Cups by Prince, were held during the last weekend of February at four venues across the continent. The event, now in its 28th year, saw a record number of entries in 2005, with 105 teams from over 30 of Tennis Europe's member nations taking part.

The event is split by age and gender into four categories; boys and girls of 14 & under and 16 & under. Competing teams first meet in qualifying rounds, held during the weekend of 11-13 February. Each category sees a qualifying competition held across four venues, with the top two performers at each venue proceeding to the final rounds, held two weeks later. Ties consist of two singles and one doubles match.

In the Girls 14 & under category, Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Elena Kulikova of Russia returned to Pruhonice as defending champions, and picked up where they left off last year. Teaming this time with Ksenia Pervak, they swept to victory without the loss of a set in



The winning French U16 team: l-r Botti, Inzerillo, Eysseric

singles action. Their Czech hosts, having won decisive doubles rubbers in both previous matches, once again impressed during with their doubles play, but ultimately came up short in a tight three set match to leave Russia with a final score of 3-0.

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It wasn't quite so easy for the Russians in Ronchin, France, venue of the Girls 16 & under event. Having reached the final with relative ease, their top player, Alisa Kleybanova was shocked by Poland's #1 Agnieszka Radwanska. Teaming with younger sister Urszula, the Pole then pushed Kleybanova and teammate Evgeniya Rodina to the limit before eventually capitulating 64 46 75.

Such is the dominance of the Russian girls that they have failed to reach the final of both categories only once since 2000, in which time they have racked up 10 titles, five in each age group.

The Czech Republic 14 & under boys team managed to go one better than their female counterparts, beating fourth seeds the Netherlands with two straight sets

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(continued from front page) singles wins to regain the crown they won in 2003. Having recorded 2-1 wins over Denmark, Poland and France in the qualifying rounds, the Dutch team repeated the trick at the final rounds, edging past Ukraine and Belgium on their way to the championship decider.

The Boys 16 & under championship featured a thrilling final as France and Czech Republic went head to head in a battle between two of the three teams (the other being Russia) to qualify for the final rounds in all four categories. Roman Jebavy for the Czechs and Kevin Botti for the French both won routine singles matches for the loss of just three games, setting the stage for another decisive doubles match. The match was in the balance from the very beginning, as the French fought back from a one-sided first set loss to eventually triumph 26 63 75. Their victory was a record ninth title in this category, and their first in four years.

French player Jerome Inzerillo, who won European



L-r The 16 & Under Russian team of Pavyluchenkova, Pervak, & Kulikova with coach Evgeniya Manyukova

Championships in both singles (Boys 14 & Under) and team events (Winter Cups Boys 14) last year, adds the rare distinction of having played on victorious teams in both age categories in successive years.

As part of the programme for the event, players at the final round ties were treated to demonstrations of the groundbreaking new racquet 03 from event sponsors

Prince, who also organised player parties at the venues.

The European Winter Cups by Prince have traditionally featured Europe's top junior players, providing a rare and important opportunity for players to compete in a top-level team competition during the winter months and on indoor courts. Top European players such as Justine Henin-Hardenne, Amelie Mauresmo, Anastasia Myskina, Kim Clijsters, Elena Dementieva, Svetlana Kuznetsova, Marat Safin, Tommy Robredo, Rafael Nadal and Joachim Johansson all represented their countries at the European Winter Cups by Prince in recent years.

2005 EUROPEAN WINTER CUPS BY PRINCE—FINAL STANDINGS

| | Girls 14 & Under | Girls 16 & Under | Boys 14 & Under | Boys 16 & Under |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | RUSSIA | RUSSIA | CZECH REPUBLIC | FRANCE |
| 2 | CZECH REPUBLIC | POLAND | NETHERLANDS | CZECH REPUBLIC |
| 3 | CROATIA | NETHERLANDS | FRANCE | CROATIA |
| 4 | UKRAINE | ITALY | BELGIUM | FINLAND |
| 5 | SLOVENIA | SPAIN | RUSSIA | SPAIN |
| 6 | FRANCE | AUSTRIA | UKRAINE | RUSSIA |
| 7 | GREAT BRITAIN | CZECH REPUBLIC | PORTUGAL | UKRAINE |
| 8 | AUSTRIA | FRANCE | CROATIA | ITALY |

SCHOOL TENNIS INITIATIVE IN BELARUS

As part of its drive to improve the quality of coaching at all levels, the Belarus Tennis Federation recently organized two coaches' workshops during the visit of ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic.

On 18th February 2005 twenty five school teachers attended the first mini tennis seminar in Belarus. The teachers are an important part of recently launched the School Tennis Initiative in Belarus, which is sponsored by the city of Minsk and under supervision of Tennis Federation President Mr Sergey Pavlov. During the Workshop participants received information including modern methodologies for organizing tennis practice for young kids using appropriate tennis equipment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the LTA and PRINCE for contributing to development of School Tennis around Europe with the equipment donations made in the name of the European Solidarity Scheme launched by Tennis Europe in 2003.

On 19th February over thirty coaches of advanced competitive players participated in the Workshop with main topic: "Modern serve". Coaches had the chance to discuss the main features of the modern serve and saw some fresh ideas about technical analysis and improvement, as well as optimal ways of incorporating the serve into everyday practice.



School Tennis Initiative teachers at the seminar in Minsk.

Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer commented: "We are very pleased to be involved with these improvements to the quality of coaching that is crucial for further development of tennis in Belarus. The teachers included in new School Tennis Programmes launched in 2005 are especially important for popularization of tennis, as well as developing the base of future success in competitive tennis".

Paul Grablevski, the Vice President of the Belarus Tennis Federation added: "We view coaches' workshops as an essential aspect of our development programme, and will continue organizing them on a regular basis. The School tennis initiative is also an important part of our development efforts and we are determined to make it a real success."

CONFERENCE NEWS, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tennis Europe's 30th Annual General Meeting will be held during the weekend of April 15-17th in Malta. Among the items on the agenda are the elections of President and the Committee of Management.

Current Tennis Europe President John James will stand for re-election, as will several members of the current Committee of Management; Michele Brunetti (ITA), Philios Christodoulou (CYP), Pierre-Paul de Keghel (BEL), Jacques Dupré (FRA), Christine Ungricht (SUI) and Jarl Whist (NOR).

Standing alongside them for election are Boro Jovanovic (CRO), Günther Lang (GER), Aleksei Selivanenko (RUS), Juan Antonio Senz de Broto (ESP), Stefan Tzvetkov (BUL) and Ayda Uluç (TUR).

We can also announce that the 2005 Top Executives Meeting will take place in Lisbon, Portugal during the weekend of 11-13 November. Further details will follow.

EUROPEAN SENIOR PLAYERS OF THE YEAR 2004

The 2004 Senior Players of the Year have been announced. Medals will be presented to representatives of the respective member nations during the Annual General Meeting in Malta in April.

| Age | Women's Player of the Year | Men's Player of the Year |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|
| 35+ | Isabelle WILD (GER) | Daniel AHL (GBR) |
| 40+ | Natascha FASCHINBAUER (GER) | Simon FASTHOFF (GER) |
| 45+ | Christine FRENCH (GBR) | Pierre GODFROID (BEL) |
| 50+ | Heidi EISTERLEHNER (GER) | Radovan CIZEK (CZE) |
| 55+ | Heide ORTH (GER) | Giuseppe MARCORA (ITA) |
| 60+ | Heide ORTH (GER) | Peter POKORNY (AUS) / Peter ADRIGAN (GER) |
| 65+ | Nanda FISCHER (GER) | Bodo NITSCHKE (GER) |
| 70+ | Clelia MAZZOLENI (ITA) | Gunter HERRMANN (GER) |
| 75+ | Erzsebet SZENTIRMAY (HUN) | Guido TREVISAN (ITA) |
| 80+ | | Oscar JIRKOVSKY (AUT) |
| 85+ | | Dennis HERNAMAN (GBR) |

NORTH EAST REGIONAL TRAINING CAMP

The fifth edition of the ITF/Tennis Europe North East Regional Training Camp for players aged 14 & Under came to a successful conclusion in Siauliai, Lithuania last week. The camp, which ran on 13-18 January 2005, attracted 32 players and 12 coaches from the neighbouring countries of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and the Ukraine. Hrvoje Zmajic, ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer, conducted the camp along with the visiting coaches at the Siauliai Tennis School, which, with four indoor courts, a fitness centre and a lecture room, is well equipped to host such an event.

Players and coaches were involved in both on and off-court training sessions, with the main objective of the camp being to improve tactical skills and develop a better understanding of tennis. The training camp also provides players and coaches from the region with a valuable opportunity to not only work and train together, but to also exchange opinions and information.

Hrvoje Zmajic said, "During the Training Camp we focused on combining high intensity with some fun games in the on-court and off-court practice sessions.

The Training Camp was a great success which was due in part to the high quality of the visiting coaches."

Remigijus Balzekas, Vice President of the Lithuanian Tennis Association added, "These training camps help to develop both the players and the coaches at the same time. From my point of view it also provides a great opportunity for the younger Lithuanian coaches to learn from their more experienced colleagues in the region."

On the completion of the camp, players had the opportunity to test their newly acquired skills in the Tennis Europe 14 & Under Junior Tournament held also at the Siauliai Tennis School. Both boys and girls competitions were dominated by players that took part in the Training camp. Three boys and two girls reached the semi-finals. Vadim Pinko from Lithuania (ranked #2 under 14 in Europe) had a particularly impressive run in the tournament, making his way to the title without dropping a set.

PRINCE INTRODUCES THE O³ RANGE

Prince Sports is launching a major new technical line of racquets, named O³, starting in March 2005.

O³ [pronounced O-three] is the latest innovation from the company that launched the original oversized racquet in the 1970s; constant taper system in the 1980s, and the longbody in the 1990s. Through the marvel of advanced engineering, Prince has been able to dramatically increase the size of the Sweet Spot again without increasing the size or length of the racquet or changing weight or string tension. And, Prince has done so with a stunning, fresh and bold look.

Mike Ballardie, Vice President and Managing Director of Prince Sports Europe, spoke about the O³ and performance sports products. "Product innovation has been the primary driver for our business since its foundation, and, in fact, for all successful performance sports equipment companies. Products that make play easier or raise an athlete's game have always had significant success. Think about the original Prince oversize, metal woods, shaped skis, mountain bike suspension. All those products started with a bold idea that solved a problem and altered the way people thought.

"O³ is no different. The engineering and technology that went into the creation of the new O³ racquet symbolise a significant design change that will revolutionise the game of tennis. Our goal is to make tennis more fun to play. We keep players ahead of the curve and help them to be competitive – and all of this starts with a great design."

With the O³'s breakthrough engineering, the sweet spot has been enlarged by 54% to create a Sweet Zone, so players of all levels can hit their best shots more often, faster more accurate serves, more controlled volleys, and more penetrating ground strokes. Not only is the engineering radical, but so is the look. The sleek black frame splashed with metallic colour, either red or silver, accentuates the most unique feature of the O³, the giant O-Ports.

Engineered for the Zone

The new O³ re-engineered racquets provide something never before thought possible in a tennis racquet, a large sweet spot in a manoeuvrable and aerodynamic frame. Prince re-engineered traditional pin-

sized string holes into giant O-Ports, providing total string freedom for a livelier response across the entire string bed. This expanded the conventional sweet spot by 54%, turning it into a Sweet Zone, allowing the player to hit more consistent shots, from more places on the racquet, more often.

O-Ports also act as 'wind tunnels' to reduce aerodynamic drag, creating a fast and manoeuvrable frame which produces a faster swing speed for more aggressive play.

Four O³ models for Playing in the Zone

The O³ racquet collection is unlike anything the tennis industry has ever seen before. The racquet's sleek design has a stealthy look that features a black frame splashed with metallic colours – red, silver, blue or orange - accentuating the most revolutionary feature of the racquet, the O-Ports.

Four models will be offered in the O³ line to help players get the maximum out of their game:

O³ Silver is recommended for players who are looking for maximum power, and who have shorter, slower strokes, whilst O³ Blue is designed for players who look for a blend of power and control, and have moderate length strokes.

O³ Red is aimed at players who look for a blend of power and control, and have moderate to full strokes, and O³ Tour is designed for players who look for high performance accuracy and control, and have fuller, longer stroke styles. The O³ Tour is played by world number six Guillermo Coria on Tour.

All models will be available through specialty tennis and major sporting goods retailers starting in March 2005.





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O³ Tour played by Guillermo Coria

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2005 EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Czech town of Cesky Krumlov will host both the men's and women's European Team Championships from November 9th-13th.

This year will mark the first time in the history of the championships that both events have been held simultaneously at the same venue. The Czech Republic won both titles in 2004.

The following nations qualified to participate in 2005:

Women: Austria, Czech Republic, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Ukraine.

Men: Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Spain.

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS NEWS

Wheelchair tennis was incorporated into the Category 1 European Junior Tour (14 & Under) event at Tarbes, France for the first time in February, with great success. The event, 'Les Petits As' has traditionally been one of the strongest on the junior calendar, and the wheelchair event proved to be no exception, as the top players gathered for the Cruyff Foundation Junior Masters.

Prior to competing in the tennis event, the wheelchair players took part in a high performance training camp, led by ITF Wheelchair Tennis Development Officer Mark Bullock. Topics covered during the on and off court sessions included tournament planning, goal setting and anti-doping matters.

Europe's top two players, Aniek Van Koot (NED) and

Stefan Olsson (SWE) won the round-robin singles competitions, and were rewarded with first and second place on the newly invented Junior Wheelchair Tennis rankings, published for the first time in February of this year.

In other wheelchair tennis news, Dutch coach Aad Zwaan was recently voted 2004 IWTA Coach of the Year, after a hugely successful season in which the Netherlands swept the board at the Invacare World Team Cup, winning men's, women's and junior titles as well as a runner-up finish in the Quads competition. Dutch players also shone under his leadership at the Paralympic Games, with Esther Vergeer and Robin Ammerlaan both winning gold medals.

2004 EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 University Tennis Teams with 40 students (17 women and 23 men) from 6 countries took part in the 2004 team European University Tennis Championship (EUTC), which was hosted in Touques, France from 13-17 December. The EUTC is an event of the European University Sport Association (EUSA) and was organised by the French University Sports Federation (FFSU), with support of French Tennis Federation (FFT). The main Championship sponsor was BNP Paribas.

The event was hosted by Domaine de l'Amiraute, a venue boasting 8 indoor synthetic clay tennis courts. The venue is used by the French Davis Cup team for training camp, and also hosts an ITF \$50,000 women's tournament every November. Seven players at the event had WTA/ATP rankings, led by Russia (women 238 and 261 - men 713 and 1460), Germany (1460) and France (women 1200 - men 1500). Prior to the opening of the EUTC, a welcome address was given with representatives from EUSA, FFSU, Touques Major.

The EUTC are played with a round robin system, dividing two groups by gender. In the women's event, Gulnara Fattakhitdinova and Maria Gondratieva from Moscow confirmed their superiority at the championships, beating the team from Metz in the final 2-0. In the men's event Sebastien Kosack, the reigning French university champion, and Pierre Metenier of Rouen's A team won an all-French final against Grenoble 3-0. Third places went to Köln (Men) and Grenoble A (Women).

For complete results of 1st EUSA tennis by team championship, and for more information about EUTC and the bid procedure for 2005, visit www.eusa-unisport.org.

In 2006 the Tennis EUC will be held from July 2nd to 9th in Eindhoven (together with Football and Volleyball), hosted by the Studentsport Nederland and the Eindhoven Technical University, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR - RESULTS 14 & UNDER

| Venue/Category | | Winner | Runner-up | Score |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| MOSCOW (RUS) (Cat. 3) | Boys | MIKHAIL BIRYUKOV (RUS) | ILLYA SHATSKIY (RUS) | 64 62 |
| | Girls | EKATERINA ABAEVA (RUS) | YANA BUKHINA (RUS) | 61 75 |
| SIAULIAI (LTU) (2) | Boys | VADIM PINKO (LTU) | MICHAIL TITOV (RUS) | 63 61 |
| | Girls | MARINA LUSHCHINA (RUS) | YULIYA KIRIENKO (UKR) | 64 67(4) 63 |
| TELFORD (GBR) (1) | Boys | LAZARE KUKHALASHVILI (USA) | RYAN HARRISON (USA) | 76(4) 62 |
| | Girls | GAIL BRODSKY (USA) | GRACIA RADOVANOVIC (FRA) | 63 75 |
| MOGILOV (BLR) (3) | Boys | ANDREI KHRISTENKO (RUS) | ANDREI VASILEUSKI (BLR) | 64 46 62 |
| | Girls | ANNA-ARINA MARENKO (RUS) | MARYNA CHUMAK (UKR) | 76(2) 26 75 |
| TARBES (FRA) (1) | Boys | CHASE BUCHANAN (USA) | LAZARE KUKHALASHVILI (USA) | 64 46 64 |
| | Girls | KSENIA PERVAK (RUS) | GRACIA RADOVANOVIC (FRA) | 63 64 |
| PRIBRAM (CZE) (2) | Boys | ALISTAIR BARNES (GBR) | STANISLAV POPLAVSKYY (UKR) | 63 76 |
| | Girls | TETYANA AREFYEVA (UKR) | KARINA PIMKINA (RUS) | 63 62 |
| OSLO (NOR) (3) | Boys | TOM FARQUHARSON (GBR) | MATTHEW LUGG (GBR) | 63 64 |
| | Girls | MARTINA CARREGARO (ITA) | GIULIA BRUZZONE (ITA) | 64 36 62 |
| OETWIL (SUI) (3) | Boys | SANDRO EHRAT (SUI) | MATTHIEU VIERIN (ITA) | 61 62 |
| | Girls | JUSTYNA JEGIOLKA (POL) | HANA TOMLJANOVIC (CRO) | 64 36 63 |
| RUNGSTED KYST (DEN) (3) | Boys | ULRIK THOMSEN (DEN) | TORE WALDHAUSEN (GER) | 61 60 |
| | Girls | KAREN BARBAT (DEN) | KARINA BOGUSLAVSKAYA | 64 62 |

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR - RESULTS 16 & UNDER

| Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-up | Score |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| PRIBRAM (CZE) (2) | Boys | JAN BLECHA (CZE) | ALEXANDER LOBKOV (RUS) | 46 64 60 |
| | Girls | KSENIA LYKINA (RUS) | JULIE LAMONT (BEL) | 62 62 |
| NOVOSIBIRSK (RUS) (3) | Boys | EUGENI SLESAREV (RUS) | ALEXEI GRIGAROV (RUS) | 62 62 |
| | Girls | MARIA SKVORTSOVA (RUS) | MARINA BABUSHKINA (RUS) | 63 64 |
| MARCQ EN BAROEUL (FRA) (1) | Boys | KEVIN BOTTI (FRA) | JEROME INZERILLO (FRA) | 63 36 62 |
| | Girls | ESTELLE GUIARD (FRA) | SHERAZAD BENAMAR (FRA) | 64 64 |
| CHAMBON SUR LIGNON (FRA) (2) | Boys | DYLAN SESSAGESIMI (SUI) | JUSTIN LOPES (FRA) | 60 61 |
| | Girls | FLORENCE DE VRYE (BEL) | BETTY DAUTRIAT (FRA) | 62 61 |
| RUNGSTED KYST (DEN) (3) | Boys | JOSHUA MILTON (GBR) | ANDRE FINKENRATH (GER) | 76 61 |
| | Girls | AMANDA CUNNINGHAM (GBR) | STEFANIE MIKESZ (GER) | 63 61 |

EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RANKINGS

The Race for the 2005 European Junior Masters event is now on! This years event will be held during the weekend of 7-9 October in Reggio Calabria, Italy.

How the rankings work: Players earn points throughout the year according the round they reach at tournaments part of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. The top eight European juniors are invited to take part in the Junior Masters at the end of the season. Rankings are updated every Thursday, and the full ranking lists can be found in a variety of formats, a points-per-tournament breakdown and a year end ranking history at www.TennisEurope.org

| 14 & UNDER GIRLS | | | | 14 & UNDER BOYS | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Ran k | Name | Nation | Points | Rank | Name | Nation | Points |
| 1 | Ksenia Pervak | RUS | 510 | 1 | Illia Shatskiy | RUS | 360 |
| 2 | Petra Martic | CRO | 450 | 2 | Radim Urbanek | CZE | 335 |
| 3 | Polona Hercog | SLO | 435 | 3 | Lazare Kukhalashvili | GEO | 300 |
| 4 | Gracia Radovanovic | FRA | 400 | 4 | Yannick Reuter | BEL | 297 |
| 5 | Nikola Hofamnova | AUT | 380 | 5 | Martim Trueva | POR | 275 |
| 6 | Dominika Kanakova | CZE | 345 | 6 | Ulrik Thomsen | DEN | 272 |
| 7 | Katrin Schmidt | GER | 342 | 7 | Toni Androic | CRO | 270 |
| 8 | Indire Akiki | CRO | 332 | 8 | Stanislav Poplavskyy | UKR | 265 |
| 9 | Jasmina Kajtazovic | SLO | 320 | 9 | Vadim Pinko | LTU | 255 |
| 10 | Alice Moroni | ITA | 310 | 10 | Chase Buchanan | USA | 245 |
| 16 & UNDER GIRLS | | | | 16 & UNDER BOYS | | | |
| 1 | Alexandra Dulgheru | ROM | 550 | 1 | Andrei Karatchenia | BLR | 470 |
| 2 | Arina Rodionova | RUS | 445 | 2 | Kevin Botti | FRA | 410 |
| 3 | Maya Gaverova | RUS | 375 | 3 | Deni Zmak | CRO | 380 |
| 4 | Raluca Ioana Olaru | ROM | 340 | 4 | Dylan Sessagesimi | SUI | 345 |
| 5 | Ioana Ivan | ROM | 335 | 5 | Thomas Fabbiano | ITA | 335 |
| 6 | Anastasia Kharchenko | UKR | 325 | 6 | Petru Luncanu | ROM | 320 |
| 7 | Agnieszka Radwanska | POL | 320 | 7 | Artem Gramma | UKR | 295 |
| 8 | Urszula Radwanska | POL | 315 | 8 | Valentin Dimov | BUL | 270 |
| 9 | Ekaterina Jeritsheva | EST | 305 | 9 | Daniel Lopez | PAR | 265 |
| 10 | Federica Grazioso | ITA | 295 | 10 | Jerome Inzerillo | FRA | 264 |

ITF MEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE - RESULTS

| Week | Venue | Cat. | Winner | Runner-Up | Score |
|--------|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Jan 03 | Nussloch (GER) | \$10,000+H | R Vik (CZE) | (4) S Darcis (BEL) | 62 63 |
| Jan 10 | Leeds (GBR) | \$10,000 | (5) A Banks (GBR) | (8) T Rettenmaier (USA) | 76 (5) 16 64 |
| Jan 10 | Stuttgart (GER) | \$10,000 | Z Krajcan (CRO) | (Q) B Ebrahimzadeh (GER) | 63 64 |
| Jan 17 | Devon (GBR) | \$10,000 | M Smith (GBR) | (2) J Goodall (GBR) | 64 62 |
| Jan 17 | Deauville (FRA) | \$10,000 | (Q) S Darcis (BEL) | (WC) O Van De Wiele (FRA) | 62 61 |
| Jan 17 | Oberhaching (GER) | \$10,000 | R Vik (CZE) | (7) A Beck (ger) | 76 (3) 46 61 |
| Jan 24 | Anif (AUT) | \$10,000 | (1) I Zelenay (SVK) | B Osabnik (SLO) | 63 61 |
| Jan 24 | Feucherolles (FRA) | \$10,000 | (4) S Darcis (BEL) | (2) J-M Pequery (FRA) | 64 76(1) |
| Jan 24 | Kaarst (GER) | \$10,000 | L Uebel (GER) | E Korolev (RUS) | 64 75(5) |
| Jan 24 | Mallorca Satellite (ESP) | \$25,000 | F Condor Fernandez (ESP) | (6) M El Aarej (MAR) | 60 76(4) |
| Jan 31 | Bergheim (AUT) | \$10,000 | LChramosta (CZE) | M Pedrini (ITA) | 62 76(1) |
| Jan 31 | Murcia (ESP) | \$10,000 | F Fognini (ITA) | (Q) M Radic (CRO) | 26 75 60 |
| Jan 31 | Bressuire (FRA) | \$10,000+H | (5) A Juska (LAT) | (1) S Wauters (BEL) | 64 36 63 |
| Jan 31 | Mettmann (GER) | \$10,000+H | (2) M Hantschk (GER) | S Rieschick (GER) | 16 63 64 |
| Feb 07 | Murcia 2 (ESP) | \$10,000 | (5) G Fraile Exteberria (ESP) | (1) I Navarro Pastor (ESP) | 61 62 |
| Feb 07 | Bergheim (AUT) | \$10,000 | LChikladze (GEO) | B Osabnik (SLO) | 26 76(6) 76(4) |
| Feb 14 | Zagreb (CRO) | \$15,000 | (1) R Vik (CZE) | (Q) E Kirillov (RUS) | 61 61 |
| Feb 14 | Totana (ESP) | \$10,000 | (1) I Navarro Pastor (ESP) | (2) G Fraile Exteberria (ESP) | 64 61 |
| Feb 14 | Porto Santo Satellite (POR) | \$25,000 | (4) T Enev (BUL) | (3) A Piccari (ITA) | 63 61 |
| Feb 21 | Zagreb (CRO) | \$15,000 | (4) V Skenderovic (CRO) | R Jarc (SLO) | 63 64 |
| Feb 21 | Trento (ITA) | \$15,000 | (1) G Galimberti (ITA) | (Q) L Chikhladze (GEO) | 76(7) 75 |
| Feb 21 | Faro (POR) | \$10,000 | F Gil (POR) | (1) M Granollers (ESP) | 62 67(3) 63 |
| Feb 21 | UK Satellite | \$50,000 | (6) H Mankad (IND) | (4) M Hilton (GBR) | 64 64 |
| Feb 21 | Cartagena (ESP) | \$10,000 | (4) G Fraile Exteberria (ESP) | (7) M Albert Ferrando (ESP) | 67(7) 61 64 |
| Feb 28 | Roma Castelgandolfo (ITA) | \$10,000 | (8) A Ungur (ROM) | (7) M Neunteibl (AUT) | 67(4) 63 61 |
| Feb 28 | Switzerland Satellite 1 (SUI) | \$25,000 | (1) M Koning (NED) | (3) G Menga (ITS) | 62 63 |
| Feb 28 | Lagos (POR) | \$10,000 | (4) D Guez (ESP) | (3) M Granollers Pujol (ESP) | 62 63 |

ITF WOMEN'S CIRCUIT EVENTS IN EUROPE

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|--------|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Jan 10 | Stuttgart (GER) | \$10,000 | (1) M Jugic-Salkic (BIH) | (2) S Klaschka (GER) | 62 62 |
| Jan 17 | Grenoble (FRA) | \$10,000 | (1) M Jugic-Salkic (BIH) | (8) K Paterson (GBR) | 63 61 |
| Jan 17 | Tipton (GBR) | \$10,000 | (3) I Bulykina (RUS) | (4) K O'Brien (GBR) | 67(5) 62 64 |
| Jan 17 | Oberhaching (GER) | \$10,000 | (Q) K Barrois (GER) | (2) S Klaschka (GER) | 75 64 |
| Jan 24 | Belfort (FRA) | \$25,000 | (2) S Kleinova (CZE) | (Q) T Pironkova (BUL) | 64 63 |
| Jan 24 | Hull (GBR) | \$10,000 | (2) K O'Brien (GBR) | I Israilova (UZB) | 64 64 |
| Jan 31 | Ortisei (ITA) | \$75,000 | M Krajicek (NED) | S Kloesel (GER) | 63 63 |
| Jan 31 | Sunderland (GBR) | \$25,000 | (5) S Arvidsson (SWE) | I Bulykina (RUS) | 61 61 |
| Jan 31 | Vale de Lobo (POR) | \$10,000 | M Gojnea (ROM) | (1) L Jimenez Almendros (ESP) | 64 46 60 |
| Feb 07 | Redbridge (GBR) | \$25,000 | N Ozegovic (CRO) | (1) E Baltacha (GBR) | 60 63 |
| Feb 07 | Capriolo (ITA) | \$25,000 | (8) L Safarova (CZE) | (6) M Jugic-Salkic (BIH) | 64 61 |
| Feb 07 | Montechoro (POR) | \$10,000 | (Q) K Barrois (GER) | (Q) L Balk (NED) | 62 62 |
| Feb 07 | Mallorca (ESP) | \$10,000 | (3) C Schiechl (AUT) | (4) M Muñoz Gonzales (ESP) | 63 61 |
| Feb 14 | Bromma (SWE) | \$25,000 | (Q) O Savchuk (UKR) | (1) E Laine (FIN) | 61 62 |
| Feb 14 | Portimao (POR) | \$10,000 | (2) L Jimenez Almendros (ESP) | (Q) R Llewellyn (GBR) | 76(6) 64 |
| Feb 14 | Mallorca (ESP) | \$10,000 | (5) R Oprandi (ITA) | A Floris (ITA) | 63 60 |
| Feb 14 | Biberach (GER) | \$10,000 | (WC) S Barrois (GER) | (1) L Hradecka (CZE) | 75 64 |
| Feb 21 | Melilla (ESP) | \$10,000 | (7) S Errani (ITA) | (2) L Jimenez Almendros (ESP) | 61 64 |
| Feb 28 | Las Palmas (ESP) | \$10,000 | C Suarez Navarro (ESP) | (3) P Cetkowska (CZE) | 26 64 63 |
| Feb 28 | Buchen (GER) | \$10,000 | (1) M Jugic Salkic (BIH) | (2) E Hrdinova (CZE) | 62 20ret |

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EUROPEAN RANKINGS

The first Grand Slam of the year has had quite an impact on the European rankings. Justine Henin-Hardenne's inability to play in Melbourne drops her out of the world's top twenty for the first time since 2001. Nathalie Dechy's semi final performance in Australia sees her enter the list for the first time, whilst Patty Schnyder's consistent results so far in 2005 strengthen her position among the elite. Maria Sharapova, first of seven Russians in the European top ten, edges closer to Amélie Mauresmo's top spot—with few points to defend until Wimbledon, her chances of becoming the first ever Russian World #1 women's player look good.

Roger Federer retains his #1 spot despite relinquishing

his title to Marat Safin in Australia. Safin's inconsistency (a Grand Slam title and a first round loss being his results so far in 2005) allows Federer to slip in front courtesy of titles at Doha, Dubai and Rotterdam. The player he beat in the final of all three events, Ivan Ljubicic, climbs to his highest ever position of third-ranked European, and is joined by compatriot Mario Ancic in seventh place.

Back to back clay court titles in Brazil and Mexico push Rafael Nadal up to a career high, becoming the ATP Race's top ranked Spaniard for a first time.

Rankings are as of March 7, 2005.

| WOMEN | Player | Country | WTA TOUR Rank | Points Total |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Amélie MAURESMO | FRA | 2 | 4890 |
| 2 | Maria SHARAPOVA | RUS | 3 | 4544 |
| 3 | Elena DEMENTIEVA | RUS | 5 | 3665 |
| 4 | Anastasia MYSKINA | RUS | 6 | 3567 |
| 5 | Svetlana KUZNETSOVA | RUS | 7 | 3338 |
| 6 | Vera ZVONAREVA | RUS | 11 | 2217 |
| 7 | Nadia PETROVA | RUS | 12 | 2155 |
| 8 | Patty SCHNYDER | SUI | 13 | 1802 |
| 9 | Nathalie DECHY | FRA | 14 | 1683 |
| 10 | Elena BOVINA | RUS | 15 | 1541 |
| MEN | Player | Country | ATP CHAMPI-ONS RACE | Points Total |
| 1 | Roger FEDERER | SUI | 1 | 250 |
| 2 | Marat SAFIN | RUS | 2 | 201 |
| 3 | Ivan LJUBICIC | CRO | 4 | 162 |
| 4 | Rafael NADAL | ESP | 6 | 136 |
| 5 | Joachim JOHANSSON | SWE | 7 | 113 |
| 6 | Nikolay DAVYDENKO | RUS | 8 | 101 |
| 7 | Mario ANCIC | CRO | 11 | 82 |
| 8 | Olivier ROCHUS | BEL | 12 | 77 |
| 9 | Max Mirnyi | BLR | 14 | 74 |
| 10 | Radek STEPANEK | CZE | 15 | 70 |

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TENNIS EUROPE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Tennis Europe reaches a milestone this year; our thirtieth anniversary. It will also be the thirtieth year that the city of Basel, Switzerland, has been the site of the organisation's headquarters. As part of the celebrations, Tennis Europe will be reaching out into the local community and participating in a number of events throughout the year.

First up, during the weekend of April 22-23 will be 'Tennis Festival Basel' at TC Old Boys, one of Basel's best-known tennis clubs, home club to none other than world #1 Roger Federer. Federer himself will be on hand to play an exhibition match against fellow TC Old Boys member and Swiss #4 Marco Chiudinelli. Further information about tickets and other events on the weekend's programme can be found here: <http://www.tcob.ch/tennisfestival/index.html>



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