

EUROPEAN PLAYERS DOMINATE AT GRAND SLAMS

For the second year in succession, Europe walked away with three of the four major singles titles at the summer Grand Slams. European players were particularly dominant at Roland Garros, accounting for all but one of the championship titles, in addition to a clean sweep of junior titles, in what was the most lucrative French Open (in terms of titles) since 1998 for the continent.

The championships also highlighted the ever-continuing advance of Russian women players, with Anastasia Myskina and Elena Dementieva fighting their way through to their first Grand Slam final - and the first between two Russian players, followed by a victory for compatriot Maria Sharapova (pictured) at Wimbledon.

It was Myskina who came out on top in a disappointing final in Paris, holding her nerve and playing consistently

enough to unsettle her former European Winter Cups (and now Fed Cup) team-mate. Myskina subsequently rose to #3 in the world having scored some remarkable victories, notably coming from match point down against another compatriot, Svetlana Kuznetsova, in the fourth round. This was followed up with wins over Venus Williams (USA) and Jennifer Capriati (USA). Amazingly, Myskina lost only seven games in the semis and final; an impressive feat for a player who had only won one match at Roland Garros in the previous four years.

Russian players also impressed in the women's doubles, where Kuznetsova and Elena Likhovtseva fought their way to a second consecutive Grand Slam final against Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP) and Paola Suarez (ARG). If the result was decisive in Australia it was even more so in Paris, where the clay courts (continued on the next page)

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[continued from Page 1] favoured the top ranked team, who were competing in their ninth consecutive Grand Slam final, and won their third Roland Garros title in four years. The Russian team are now no doubt looking forward to the Olympics, where they will heavily favoured to go one better.

The men's singles event produced another final between compatriots; this time from Argentina. 2003 Barcelona and Mallorca champion Gaston Gaudio outlasted the tournament favourite Guillermo Coria to win 8-6 in the fifth set of what had been a see-saw match, in which Coria initially outplayed his opponent before succumbing to cramps late in the third set. After playing the fourth set at walking pace, Coria mounted one last challenge in the fifth and twice reached match point but was unable to convert, leaving Gaudio an astonished champion.

The surprise of the tournament was the improbable run of Tim Henman (GBR), who serve-volleyed his way to the semi-final (twice recovering from a two set deficit), where he was the last remaining European player.

Xavier Malisse and Olivier Rochus ensured that for a second consecutive year some Roland Garros silverware would make its way back to Belgium. In their first ever doubles final, they beat Australian Open champions Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro (FRA) in straight sets, following up on their earlier upsets of Bjorkman (SWE) / Woodbridge (AUS) and Bhupathi (IND) / Mirnyi (BLR).

The home crowd had more to cheer about in the mixed doubles, where Richard Gasquet and Tatiana Golovin teamed for the first time - and won their first title. The promising youngsters (Golovin won last years European Individual Championships, while Gasquet is a former Ten-

nis Europe Junior Player of the Year) beat a host of top teams on their way to the title, including #2 seeds Ruano Pascual (ESP) / Knowles (BAH) and Australian Open champions Bovina (RUS) / Zimonjic (SCG).

France had another home victory in the boys singles event, where top seeded Gael Monfils came through to defeat Alex Kuznetsov (USA) in straight sets. Having dropped his first set of the tournament to Spaniard Guillermo Alcaide, Monfils never looked back and won all of his subsequent matches with self-assured ease.



Kuznetsov's luck wasn't to improve in the boy's doubles final, where he and Mikhail Zverev (GER) lost to Pablo Andujar and Marcel Granollers Pujol of Spain, who had come from the brink of defeat in their quarter and semi-final matches to secure a final place.

The girl's title went to the prodigious Sesil Karatancheva of Bulgaria, who is interviewed elsewhere in this issue. The 14-year old top seed can already boast two wins over

top 30 players this year, and has now won 17 consecutive matches on the junior circuit this year, with the loss of just two sets.

Katerina Bohmova (CZE) and Michaela Krajicek (NED) won the girls doubles, their first victory from three Grand Slam finals. They beat the unseeded Russian team of Irina Kotkina and Yaroslava Shvedova in straight sets. The title was consolation for Krajicek, a former Junior world #1, who saved match points in her singles second and third round matches, before losing an 8-6 final set in the quarter final to Timea Bacsinszky (SUI).

The good news for European tennis continued at Wimbledon, where Maria Sharapova made it two Grand Slams in a row for Russia with a surprise victory. Sharapova, just 17, produced the best tennis of her career so far to win the

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[continued from Page 2] event at just her second attempt. She becomes the youngest Grand Slam winner since Martina Hingis in 1997. The final was a battle between arguably the two best grass court players on the women's circuit, with Sharapova having won the Birmingham title during her Wimbledon preparations, and Serena Williams gunning for her third consecutive Wimbledon title, and riding a 20-match win streak at the All England Club. The score, a one-sided 6-1 6-4 defeat was one most observers had predicted, but not the victor, as Sharapova was superior to her more experienced opponent in just about every department.

Roger Federer (pictured, previous page) ensured a European double by successfully defending his men's title. Despite some tricky moments early on, the Swiss World #1 weathered a storm of heavy hitting from challenger Andy Roddick, eventually triumphing 4-6 7-5 7-6 6-4 in a two and a half hour match that spanned most of the afternoon owing to periodic rain interruptions. Federer has now won three of the last five Grand Slams and stands a massive 267 points ahead of nearest rival Guillermo Coria in the ATP Race standings. With his final finish, Roddick strengthened his position as World #2, but has to defend a significant proportion of his points in the coming weeks during the US Hardcourt season.

The women's doubles event also saw some notable upsets. Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP) and Paola Suarez (ARG) saw their run of consecutive Grand Slam finals end at 9, Wimbledon being the only major that the pair have yet to win. Their conquerors in the semi-finals, Cara Black (ZIM) and Rennae Stubbs (AUS) went on to secure their first Grand Slam title together (the fourth in total for Stubbs) with a straight sets victory over Liezel Huber (RSA) and Ai Sugiyama (JPN).

The story of the men's doubles was a record breaking ninth Wimbledon for Todd Woodbridge (AUS), who won the title for third consecutive year with Jonas Bjorkman (SWE). Their final opponents, Julian Knowle (AUT) and Nenad Zimonjic (SCG) won an epic five set semi final but couldn't sustain the challenge against the more experienced team.

Cara Black and Todd Woodbridge held the distinction of being the only players to appear in two finals this year, Black teaming with brother Wayne for a 3-6 7-6 6-4 vic-

tory over the Australian team of Molik and Woodbridge. Black won three matches on the final day of the championships in order to complete the backlog of matches.

There was excitement for the home fans in the junior championships, as Britain's Miles Kasiri reached the final of the boy's event, just failing in his bid to become the first home winner of the event in 42 years. He was undone by the more experienced Gael Monfils (FRA) in straight sets 7-5 7-6. Having won in Melbourne, Paris and Wimbledon already this year, the French star now has a very real chance of attaining the Junior Grand Slam. The doubles event went to the second-seeded Americans Brendan Evans and Scott Oudsema.

The girls singles were also a showcase of rising talent. Ana Ivanovic's (SCG) 6-0 1-6 12-10 semi final win over Viktorya Azarenka (BLR) was hailed as one of the matches of the tournament, and she was to have another close battle in the final, where she was eventually overcome by Ukrainian Katerina Bondarenko 6-4 6-7 6-2. Azarenka took some consolation for the disappointment of her semi final loss by taking the doubles title with compatriot Volha Havartsova.

Wimbledon 2004 will be remembered as a year of contrasts. While the men's championship crept towards the eagerly awaited final showdown between the top two seeds, the women's event produced a champion younger than that of the girl's competition. At the other end of the age spectrum, a certain 47-year old won matches in all three competitions - Wimbledon legend Martina Navratilova finally saying goodbye to her beloved grass courts with a second round showing in singles, quarter final in mixed doubles and semi final in doubles.

It is somehow fitting that Navratilova herself was one of the first to spot Sharapova's potential, then aged 5, at an exhibition in Moscow, and advised her father to look for a serious trainer. It remains to be seen if Sharapova's win will be the first of many at Wimbledon, but the assured nature of the performances of Federer, Woodbridge and Bjorkman in defending their titles should give the confident youngster even more hope for the future.

TENNIS EUROPE AWARDS

The remaining Tennis Europe Awards, announced at this year's Annual General Meeting in Athens, were presented during the European Grand Slams. Tennis Europe President John James was on hand to present the awards to David Harnik (ISR), Derek Bone (GBR) and Michael McCaughey (IRE).

The Tennis Europe award is given each year to recognise outstanding contributions made to the furtherance of European tennis.

Mr. Harnik (pictured), who received his award at Roland Garros, has been a key contributor at Tennis Europe and ITF meetings for many years. It was under his Presidency (which spanned two decades) that Israel became a member nation of Tennis Europe.

Wimbledon saw two presentations, the first in honour of Michael MacCaughey, who has recently retired from his



long-standing role as Executive Vice President of Tretorn Sports, where he became a valued and trusted partner of Tennis Europe, contributing greatly to the growth of the European Junior Tour.

The second award went to Derek Bone, who received the award following more than twenty years' service as an LTA coach, during which time he actively supported many Tennis Europe activities, and was a

regular attendee of the Individual Championships and Junior General Meeting.

The fourth and final Tennis Europe award of 2004 was presented to Ruurd de Boer (NED), who received his trophy in Athens in May.

EUROPEAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR WOMEN

The home team of Club AS Patton Rennes won the European Club Championships title on June 10th, beating the surprise team of the tournament, Slovakia's TC Saki Trenčianske Teplice. The final was a one-sided affair, with Rennes triumphing 5-0, for the loss of just one set.

The top-seeded team avoided a repeat of last year's semi final upset, and fielded a team of experienced WTA tour players, including the likes of Emanuelle Gagliardi, Nuria Llagostera Vives and Seda Noorlander, amongst others.

The tie of the tournament came in the semi-finals, when the Bulgarian team of TC Cherno More Elit came from two matches down to force a deciding doubles match. Elit's top two players, Tzvetana Pironkova and 14-year old Sesil Karatanchewa upset Llagostera and Gagliardi re-

spectively. Gagliardi dashed to Rennes following the rain delayed completion of her third round doubles match at Wimbledon, and it was her experience that ultimately made the difference as they cruised through the deciding doubles match for the loss of just three games.

The second semi final also featured an impressive fight-back, as the Slovakian team came from two rubbers down to beat Luxembourg's Tennis Bridel-Koplescht.

2004 marks the second successive year that the tournament has been hosted in Rennes, France, where a generous package from the local hosts includes prize money and full hospitality for players.

SESil KARATANCHEVA INTERVIEW

During the European Club Championships we caught up with one of the most talked about junior talents of the year, Roland Garros Girls winner Sesil Karatancheva of Bulgaria, who has two wins over top 30 professional players so far this year.

Why did you choose to play here rather than at Junior Wimbledon?

I had already decided before the French Open to finish my junior career there. With winning Roland Garros and becoming the number one in the ITF 18&Under Ranking, I felt it was time to move further forward and to concentrate on my career on the professional Tour. I wanted to play the Wimbledon Ladies competition or not at all. I was not accepted, so it was very easy to take the decision to come to Rennes. I was really looking forward to play in a team competition and I see it also as a part of my preparation for the US Open.

What attracts you to team competitions?

I like to be part of a team and that we work all together these days. When I play an Individual Tournament I play for myself and if I lose it has just a consequence for me but in a team competition it affects the whole team. I already played Fed Cup where we qualified for the play-offs that we will play against Japan. Unfortunately I will not be allowed to play there due to the age rules.

Does your victory at Roland Garros reflect a love for clay, or are you more comfortable on other surfaces?

I have no problems with the different surfaces. It is a matter of mentality and my dad has taught me since my young years not to make any differences between the surfaces. I practice every day on different surfaces.

Do you prefer to spend your spare time in the States or in Bulgaria? How do the two countries compare for you after so long living away from home?

I like the United States very much and I live in the wonderful state of Florida. The reality is that when I am in the States I am having a very strict life with a lot of practice. When I am at home in Bulgaria I have a more relaxed life.

I like both and it is important for me to live in both worlds.

What are the plans for the rest of the year? You are limited in the number of pro tournaments in which you can compete because of your age – what's next on the agenda?

My next tournament is a WTA Tier IV event in Sweden in August and I was accepted for the US Open Qualies. I tried to get some bonus tournaments but it seems to be an impossible mission to convince the WTA.

Do you feel that the age restrictions are too strict? Would you like to compete more against pros or do you feel it's important to take it one step at a time?

I already had arguments with the WTA. I understand that there must be protection but I think that there should also be some flexibility in certain cases. In my eyes every case is very individual and should also be handled

individually. I even made a suggestion that under aged players that have a WTA Ranking below 200 should receive the opportunity to play two extra tournaments per year.

Your coach Nick Bolletieri called you the "biggest talent" he had ever worked with. How does that make you feel?

I had some discussions with Nick about that, as I do not feel that I am very talented. I feel that I work twice as hard as other players and when I came

to the Bolletieri Camp I was already rather complete. My advantage is not the talent, it is my physique and maybe that has also something to do that all my family were sportsmen.

Is it an extra pressure to be held in such high regard?

At what point will you feel you have satisfied your potential? I like it when people expect a lot. That gives me a challenge and I play even better. My goal is to be the number one in the future and I know it won't be easy but it makes me more nervous thinking about how to remain there. I am happy so far with what I have achieved but I have to continue working very hard.



WHEELCHAIR TENNIS UPDATE

Wheelchair tennis continues to gain interest at astonishing rates, and is set for a busy summer in Europe. Exhibition matches featuring some of the sports best known names were held at Roland Garros and Wimbledon, and proved to be a popular attraction for tennis fans.

At Roland Garros David Hall (AUS) and Esther Vergeer (NED) teamed up with French No 1s Michael Jeremiasz and Florence Gravelier to play mixed doubles and singles demonstrations. It was the first time that wheelchair tennis exhibitions have been played on the clay courts of Paris' most prestigious venue.

Also at Roland Garros, Hall and Vergeer attended the ITF World Champions' Dinner, where they were honoured with the Player of the Year awards, for a fifth and fourth time respectively.

At the Wimbledon exhibition, the British pair of David Gardner and Kevin Plowman beat Matt Faucher (GBR) and John Greer (USA) 6-1 6-2. The pair will be hoping to translate their success to Paralympic glory later in the year.

With the latest exhibitions, wheelchair tennis is becoming a regular fixture at Grand Slams, with a tournament held during the Australian Open as well as prior exhibitions at Wimbledon and the US Open.

The summer schedule is packed with an increasing number of European tournaments; 13 events in nine countries set between now and the summers' highlight; the Paralympic Games in Athens, which commence on September 17th.

In other news, the ITF International Junior Wheelchair Tennis Camp for Europe/Africa was held from 6 – 11 July, held in conjunction with the Dutch Open tournament in Rotterdam. Junior players from across the continent, including Silver Fund nations (Moldova and Romania sent delegates for the first time), plus attendees from as far afield as South Africa, took the opportunity to benefit from the camps activities, which included the technical expertise of eleven coaches. The camp was rounded off with a tournament, at which Hall and Vergeer were again on hand, along with World #2 Quad player David Wagner to give the prizes.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The "Austrian Airlines Cup" for boys and girls between the ages of 14-16 was held May 24-30, 2004 at the Leila Meskhi Tennis Academy in Tbilisi, Georgia. On the final day of the tournament, Special Olympics tennis players Ann Khachidze, Irakli Tivadze, Vadim Zhukhovetski and Nino Vasadze (seen in photo with friends and supporters) were presented to spectators on center court.

The Special Olympics players also took part in presenting awards to Cup winners. The Consul of Austria in Georgia



and General Director of Austrian Airlines, Ms. Eva Berger, presented Special Olympics players with prizes.

Representatives from the national Olympic committee, the ministry of sport, Special Olympics Georgia, and Leila Meskhi, president of the tennis academy

and president of the Georgian Tennis Federation, attended the closing ceremony. Both the opening and closing ceremonies were covered on television.

ITF/TENNIS EUROPE 14&UNDER TOURING TEAMS

As part of the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, two 14&U Touring Teams are taking part in junior tournaments around Europe this summer.

Small States Team

The 14 & Under Small States team concluded its three-week tour of the Baltics on 10th of July. The team consisted of two boys and three girls who were selected following their excellent performances at the ITF/Tennis Europe Small States Championships which were held in Luxembourg in March of this year.

For the first time the Tour started with the three-day training camp in Vilnius followed by the tournament at the same place. By reaching the quarter-finals in the girls singles event Elaine Genovese from Malta was the most successful player. After Vilnius, the team moved to Tallinn, Estonia where it achieved the biggest success in the five years history. Christian Durbach from Luxembourg reached the finals in the singles and with his compatriot Christophe Durbach won the doubles event. For the girls, Sevil Alyeva from Azerbaijan and Pasqualina Vajkolari from Albania reached the quarter-finals and Elain Genovese reached the semis of the singles event.

The Tour ended in Riga where the players were not able to repeat the success from the previous week. The best boy was again Christian Nicols, who reached the quarter-finals. In the girls doubles event Elain Genovese and her partner Pantazi Maria from Estonia reached the semi finals of the doubles competition.

The Team coach Mazonas Gitanas from Lithuania commented: "During the Tour the players had the possibility to play on different surfaces what is one of the characteristics of the professional tour. The players had to adapt quickly from the clay courts in Vilnius for the artificial grass in Tallinn and be able to play again on the clay

courts in Riga. I would like to emphasise the excellent atmosphere in the Team despite the fact that the players came from different countries with significant cultural differences."

Eastern Europe Team

The ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under East European Team is competing in some of the most important 14 & Under tournaments in Europe from 30th June till 1st August. The team consists of seven boys and five girls who were selected following the results at the ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships, held in Yerevan, Armenia in May 2004.

The tour kicked off with a three-day training camp in Paris allowing the players and coaches to get to know each other and also to practice at the same venue as the first tournament. The Team Coach Erhan Oral from Turkey commented: "It is a great opportunity for coaches and players to take part in this Programme. The tour gives an excellent chance for players to develop their personalities and characters as well as their tennis abilities. At the same time four weeks gives enough time to coaches for the improvement of their tactical understanding of the game."

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic added: "Travelling with the Teams is a unique experience for the young players. Besides the matches with high quality opponents from around the world, for the majority of the kids this is the first time to be away from home without parents or personal coaches. Coping with the tournament stress, responsibility for the practice as well as unknown food and dealing with everyday laundry has significant impact on development of the players' personality that is crucial for their further development as tennis players."



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EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Name: Elena Kulikova
Age: 13
Residence: Belgerod, Russia
Ranking: 1 (girls under 14)
Coach: Kulikov A. A.
Favourite Players: Andy Roddick / Serena Williams
Ambition: To win Wimbledon

Elena Kulikova was born in 1991 in Belgerod, Russia. Currently the second ranked player for girls under 14 in Tennis Europe, Elena has achieved numerous victories on the European Junior Tour. Starting from the end of last year when she won the 14 & under, category 1, tournament in Ste. Genevieve d. Bois (TIM 91) she went on to win the category 1 tournament in Tarbes (U14, Les Petits As). After that she was the top seed in the winning Russian team playing the final round of the 2004 European Winter Cups by Prince (U14) in Pruhonice, Czech Republic. Elena has also won, at home, the Kremlin Cup, a category 2 U14 tournament, and the Russian Open, a category 3 U14 tournament.

Finally, the Russian Tennis Federation has just nominated her to play in the Under 14 2004 European Summer Cups and European Individual Championships, both of which take place in July. She will be guaranteed a high seeding there, having this week ascended to the #1 ranking in her age group for the first time.



EUROPEAN JUNIOR TOUR RANKINGS

The Tennis Europe Junior Masters began in 1996, devised to reward the best players competing on the European Junior Tour. It is the end of season highlight for the eight best-ranked European boys and girls of the 14 and 16 & Under age categories. The 2004 European Masters will be played during the weekend of 17-19th October.

The rankings below illustrate the players currently (ranking as of 15th July 2004) leading the race for the 2004 European Junior Masters. The players who occupy these top 8 positions on October 2nd will qualify to compete in this years event. To see the full rankings in a variety of formats, with a breakdown of points per tournament, please visit the Tennis Europe website at www.tenniseurope.org

14 & UNDER GIRLS				14 & UNDER BOYS			
Rank	Name	Nation	Points	Rank	Name	Nation	Points
1	Elena Kulikova	RUS	530	1	Vladimir Ignatic	BLR	515
2	Sorana Cirstea	ROM	500	2	Alexiei Grigorov	RUS	425
3	Klaudia Boczova	SVK	490	3	Ricardis Berankis	LTU	400
4	Urszula Radwanska	POL	490	4	Jerome Inzerillo	FRA	390
5	Cristina Kucova	SVK	420	5	Daniele Piludu	ITA	385
6	Petra Mokra	CZE	405	6	Massim Slilam	FRA	365
7	Tamira Paszek	AUT	365	7	Luka Somen	CRO	365
8	Ksenia Milevskaya	BLR	360	8	Daniel Cox	GBR	360
9	Anastasia Pivovarova	RUS	340	9	Emanuel Reholá	CZE	350
10	Ksenia Pervak	RUS	340	10	Davide Della Tommasina	ITA	345
16 & UNDER GIRLS				16 & UNDER BOYS			
1	Maria Miziouk	RUS	415	1	Pere Riba	ESP	475
2	Ayu Fani Damayanti	INA	410	2	Albert Ramos	ESP	400
3	Mihaela Buzarnescu	ROM	380	3	Emiliano Massa	ARG	395
4	Raluca Olaru	ROM	327.5	4	Ernestas Gulbis	LAT	385
5	I-Hsuan Hwang	TPE	305	5	Robert Varga	UKR	365
6	Alena Bayarchyk	BLR	305	6	Andrei Karatchenia	BLR	327.5
7	Maya Gaverova	RUS	300	7	Robin Roshardt	SUI	325
8	Anastasia Kharchenko	UKR	275	8	Pavel Chekhov	RUS	310
9	Stefanie Vogele	SUI	267.5	9	Marc Meigel	GER	280
10	Lucie Makrlikova	CZE	260	10	Boris Obama	FRA	275

EUROPEAN RANKINGS

Some big changes are afoot in the rankings following Roland Garros and Wimbledon this year. The Russian advance continues unabated on the women's list, with Russian players now accounting for an unprecedented 6 of the top 10 European players. Maria Sharapova's Wimbledon victory propels her into the world's top ten for the first time, and she looks a safe bet to climb higher with few points to defend for the rest of the year.

The rest of the field are starting to threaten the Belgian duo of Clijsters and Henin Hardenne for the top spots as the world's top two players continue to take time out to recover from injury. Clijsters looks sure to relinquish her #2 spot during the US hardcourt season, and exceptional performances by either Mauresmo or Myskina in coming

weeks could guarantee them the top two spots by the US Open, especially if Henin continues on the sidelines.

Things are a little more secure on the men's side, as Roger Federer's Wimbledon defence means he is safe at the top for the foreseeable future. Federer is the only man to win seven titles so far this season, and is unbeaten in three tournaments since his Roland Garros loss.

Tim Henman continues to improve, up to third place following consistent performances at Roland Garros and Wimbledon. His conqueror in the latter tournament, Mario Ancic, enters the list for the first time at #8 ahead of Tommy Robredo and the injury-hit Juan Carlos Ferrero. Rankings are as of 12th July 2004.

WOMEN	Player	Country	WTA TOUR Rank	Points Total
1	Justine HENIN-HARDENNE	BEL	1	5307
2	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	2	4421
3	Amélie MAURESMO	FRA	3	4031
4	Anastasia MYSKINA	RUS	4	3720
5	Elena DEMENTIEVA	RUS	6	2884
6	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	8	2386
7	Svetlana KUZNETSOVA	RUS	9	2113
8	Nadia PETROVA	RUS	12	1857
9	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	13	1748
10	Patty SCHNYDER	SUI	17	1620
MEN	Player	Country	ATP CHAMPIONS RACE	Points Total
1	Roger FEDERER	SUI	1	781
2	Carlos MOYA	ESP	4	414
3	Tim HENMAN	GBR	5	319
4	Marat SAFIN	RUS	8	283
5	Sébastien GROSJEAN	FRA	10	235
6	Dominik HRBATY	SVK	11	197
7	Mario ANCIC	CRO	13	187
8	Tommy ROBREDO	ESP	14	183
9	Juan Carlos FERRERO	ESP	18	166
10	Andrei PAVEL	ROM	19	164

OBITUARIES

Tennis Europe is sad to report the loss of two important figures in European tennis. Finn Kaulhauge, President of the Danish Tennis federation, passed away in Paris during Roland Garros. Mr. Kaulhauge was a member of Tennis Europe's Men's Committee for some years and had been involved with the Danish Federation since 1989. He was 59.

Derek Penman of Britain passed away at the beginning of July. Mr Penman was member of the first Committee of Management of the European Tennis Association from 1975 and stayed on the Committee until 1984. He was Chairman of LTA in 1970 and member of the All England Club.

Tennis Europe was greatly saddened by the deaths of both men, who contributed so much to the sport in our continent, and sends its warmest wishes to their families.

CONTACTS

Belarus Tennis Association has made new appointments:

President—Mikhail Pavlov

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COACHING NEWS

The ITF has launched a new weblet, focusing on tennis coaching. The new site can be found at <http://www.itftennis.com/coaching/> and is a must for all with a professional interest in coaching the sport.

DOWNLOAD

The 'Coaching Girls' Manual, developed by the Norwegian Tennis Association as a part of the Federation Development Project is now available for download from www.tenniseurope.org.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27.10.2004 - The Davidoff Swiss Indoors ATP event in Basel is also the venue for a forthcoming Sports Medicine conference from BBS Congress, endorsed by Tennis Europe. The event features a number of renowned speakers from Switzerland, France and Britain, and focuses on developing children and tennis. More information will follow in the next issue.

30.10-4.11.2004 - 2004 European Coaches Symposium in St Andrews, Malta. Further information can be found at www.tenniseurope.org

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