

France claims European Tennis Trophy



Tennis Europe has announced that France is the recipient of the 2010 European Tennis Trophy for Overall Tennis Performance. France edged past the defending champions – ending a five-year Russian dominance of the title – with little to separate the two nations in the major categories of Professional and Junior Tennis, eventually claiming the Overall Performance award by a margin of just 400 points.

Tennis Europe re-launches website



Tennis Europe has launched a new-look website. The new site at www.tenniseurope.org reunites the Tennis Europe Junior Tour pages - hosted on a different site during 2010 as the organisation implemented a comprehensive digitalisation process which enabled the Tour's 10,000+ players to manage their tournament entries online - with the regular content and provides a number of new user features.

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Clijsters and Djokovic win Australian Open titles

Kim Clijsters and Novak Djokovic began their 2011 Grand Slam campaigns in style with victories at the Australian Open in Melbourne last weekend. Coupled with double wins for both An-Sophie Mestach and Jiri Vesely in the junior events, the event signalled a fine start to the year for European tennis. More on Page 4.



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>> The key to the French victory was the **Junior Tennis** Trophy, which was secured for the first time since 1997 (and fourth overall), ending a six-year Russian win streak, thanks in no small part to the five European team championship titles won by

French boys across the Under 12, 14 and 16 age groups throughout the year.

French Tennis Federation President Jean Gachassin commented: "It is a great honor for French Tennis to win such a trophy. At the same time, it is an important reward for all our players who have been defending the French flag so well in all these competitions and also it is a very powerful encouragement for our youngsters to move on to the next level with the goal to win the Davis Cup or the Fed Cup."

Aside from France, Great Britain was the only nation to climb or retain their position in all four categories, rising to eighth overall. Serbia's 7th-placed finish, hot on the heels of the nation's first ever Davis Cup by BNP Paribas title, is the highest position ever reached by one of Tennis Europe's 'C'-Nations. Meanwhile, Slovakia was the highest climber overall. A best-ever third place finish in the Junior Tennis category contributed to a leap from 17th place in 2009 to 10th in 2010.

Russia gains some measure of compensation by beating France into second place to capture the

Professional Tennis Trophy for a fifth time in six years, ahead of Serbia, Italy and Czech Republic.

Germany once again dominated the **Seniors Tennis** category, earning more than four times as many points as second placed Austria to retain the title for the 20th time.

The Netherlands won the **Wheelchair Tennis** Trophy for a 10th consecutive year ahead of France, Great Britain and Sweden. The biggest improvement in the category was made by Spain, who leapt from ninth to a best ever fifth.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré announced the results, remarking, "This has been one of the most open years in recent memory with several nations in contention for the Overall Trophy. I'd like to congratulate the national federations of France, Russia, Germany and the Netherlands for the thoroughly deserved wins in their respective categories. These titles reflect the hard work and achievements of thousands of athletes and coaches, and provide a barometer of the successful policies adopted by these leading federations in recent years."

The 2010 European Tennis Trophy prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony during the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe in Amsterdam in March.

Full listings of results from each of the categories can be found at the Tennis Europe website, with the Top 10 summarised below.

2010 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY: FINAL STANDINGS

	OVERALL PERFORMANCE	PROFESSIONAL TENNIS	JUNIOR TENNIS	SENIORS TENNIS	WHEELCHAIR TENNIS
01	FRANCE	RUSSIA	FRANCE	GERMANY	NETHERLANDS
02	RUSSIA	FRANCE	RUSSIA	AUSTRIA	FRANCE
03	GERMANY	SERBIA	SLOVAKIA	GREAT BRITAIN	GREAT BRITAIN
04	ITALY	ITALY	SPAIN	ITALY	SWEDEN
05	SPAIN	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZECH REPUBLIC	NETHERLANDS	SPAIN
06	CZECH REPUBLIC	SPAIN	GREAT BRITAIN	BELGIUM	ISRAEL
07	SERBIA	GERMANY	ITALY	FRANCE	AUSTRIA
08	GREAT BRITAIN	CROATIA	ROMANIA	RUSSIA	GERMANY
09	NETHERLANDS	BELGIUM	UKRAINE	SWEDEN	BELGIUM
10	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE	HUNGARY	HUNGARY	ITALY

Tennis Europe re-launches website

Fans can now find full information from all officially-sanctioned international tennis events in Europe on the unified European Tennis Calendar, intended as a single reference point for all available data such as latest results, links, fact sheets and entry lists. The calendar can be sorted according to the various circuits, enabling the user to focus on specific areas of interest. Later this week, users will also be able to sign up for weekly email updates, providing lists of current, recently concluded, and forthcoming tennis events in Europe, with easy access to all necessary information directly from your inbox without the need to browse multiple websites.

The junior tennis pages have also been upgraded. Player information has been greatly expanded, enabling users to check players' head to head records, ranking history and complete match records on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour. Tour participants will also soon be able to build up their own detailed player profiles online.

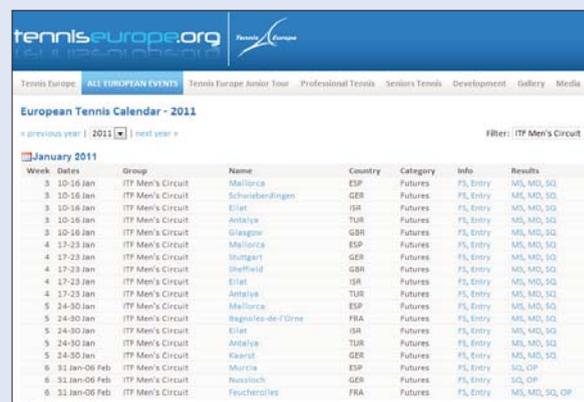
Social media networks Facebook and Twitter are fully integrated to the site, giving users the opportunity to share stories and rankings information, while the photo galleries have been given a makeover and extended to include seniors events.

The new site is a result of the partnership between Tennis Europe and Visual Reality, who have provided the technological know-how behind the Tennis Europe Junior Tour digitalisation process and have also worked on similar projects with the ITF, the British Lawn Tennis Association and the Badminton World Federation amongst others. The ongoing project will see even more new features and innovations launched in the coming weeks and months.

Commenting on the launch Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää said, "We aim to provide the best service



Above, the new gallery section, extended to include seniors tennis for the first time. Below, the European Tennis Calendar.



for tennis fans in Europe, and the new site has been devised in order to be as comprehensive as possible. We hope to build on the site's enormous growth in recent years to connect with new users, and also to continue to enhance the site for the thousands of players on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour who are our most frequent and dedicated visitors, as well as the many fans, tournament organisers, tennis industry members and federation staff in our member nations."

European Seniors Club Championships

Dates and venues for the 2011 European Seniors Club Championships have been confirmed. This year sees the introduction of a new age category - Women's 65 & Over, which will be staged simultaneously with the 60s in Salzburg, Austria. The complete list is as follows:

- Women 40 - Vale do Lobo (POR), 20-24 September
- Women 50 - Vale do Lobo (POR), 20-24 September
- Women 60 - Salzburg (AUT), 7-11 September
- Women 65 - Salzburg (AUT), 7-11 September

- Men 35 - Vale do Lobo (POR), 20-24 September
- Men 45 - Sabadelles (ESP), 7-11 September
- Men 50 - Arosa (SUI), 13-17 September
- Men 55 - Roehampton (GBR), 15 - 19 August
- Men 60 - Köln (GER), 5-9 September
- Men 65 - Elba (ITA), 20-24 September
- Men 70 - Valencia (ESP), 7-11 September

Further information will be posted on the Tennis Europe website as it becomes available.

Clijsters and Djokovic win Australian Open titles

Novak Djokovic played some of the best tennis of his career so far to win the Australian Open title for a second time, showing a new maturity and towering confidence as he rolled past **Roger Federer** and **Andy Murray** in successive matches with flawless straight sets victories.

The final itself was full of long punishing rallies from the very beginning – the second game lasted over 15 minutes – but all too often Djokovic had the answers, turning defence into attack and keeping unforced errors to a minimum. After winning an hour-long first set 6-4, the Serb swept to 5-0 in the second, and the result was never really in doubt after that. Murray began to hit more freely in the third set, but it was already too late as Djokovic had the finish line in his sights, and scored the decisive break in the eighth game before serving out for a disappointingly one-sided victory. After throwing his belongings, including shoes, towels and shirts, to the crowd, Djokovic dedicated the win to his country and described it as "...the best way I could have asked to start the season. To be able to win against those players in straight sets is incredible."

The two finalists have had parallel careers since first meeting on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour aged just 13, but Djokovic is clearly in the ascendancy right now. The Serb spoke about how anchoring his team to a first Davis Cup title at the end of last year had inspired him to play better than ever. Whether this first Slam final in years not to feature either of the world's top two players represents a definitive power shift at the top of the game is debatable. An in-form **Rafael Nadal** had been seeking to win his fourth consecutive Grand Slam title but lost tamely to **David Ferrer** after suffering a leg injury. Federer has also appeared on course for his 17th Slam before being brushed aside by Djokovic. The rest of the 2011 season will be intriguing to watch.

Throughout the fortnight, the women's tournament had also grabbed its fair share of headlines. With



defending champion **Serena Williams** still sidelined as she recovers from a foot injury, the players knew that the draw was wide open. A third round defeat for last year's runner-up **Justine Henin** at the hands of **Svetlana Kuznetsova** aggravated the elbow injury that had kept the Belgian out of the sport for the latter half of 2010, causing the former world #1 to announce her definitive retirement from the sport, as she revealed that doctors had advised that she will never be able to play to the necessary standard again. There will be no comeback this time, and Henin's dream of completing her career Grand Slam with a Wimbledon title is over. Kuznetsova's next match – a last 16 encounter with French Open champion **Francesca Schiavone** – would turn out to be the match of the tournament, a 4 hour 45 minute classic that ended with a win for the Italian at 16-14 in the deciding set of a match that was as high in quality and drama as it was long.

Meanwhile, **Kim Clijsters** snuck through the draw without problems, winning all six of her matches in straight sets without ever really hitting top form. On the other side of the draw, the witty **Na Li** had charmed the crowds on route to the final, saving a match point in ousting world #1 **Caroline Wozniacki** in a dramatic semi final to set up a repeat of the championship decider in Sydney, which she won two weeks earlier. After losing the first eight points, Li dominated the first set, winning it 6-3 to delight the sizeable Chinese contingent at the Rod Laver Arena. But Clijsters began to find her range, while Li gradually lost her focus, becoming irritated with shouts of the crowd and flash photography early in third set allowing Clijsters to make the decisive breakthrough and seal a 3-6 6-3 6-3 win.

Since returning to the game after the birth of her daughter, Clijsters has now won three of the last six Grand Slams, and stands within striking distance of recapturing the world #1 spot. Despite that, 'Aussie Kim', as the Australian crowds have long referred to her, revealed that this would be her last full year on the Tour, though she hopes to defend her title in >>

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<< 2012. Li, meanwhile, starts the year with an 11-1 win/loss record. Having become the first Asian player ever to reach a Grand Slam final, she also reaches a career high of #7 in the rankings and said she hopes to inspire a new generation of Chinese players. An interesting footnote is that five consecutive Grand Slam finals have now been contested between two players over the age of 25.

Two more well established players, **Gisela Dulko** and **Flavia Pennetta**, were relieved to finally win their first Grand Slam title, having been the dominant team of 2010. The pair came back from the brink of defeat in the second set to firmly close the door on the hopes of **Victoria Azarenka** and **Maria Kirilenko** in the final.

The off-season merry-go-round of doubles partners seemed to have left many of the top male players struggling to adapt, and it was the two most experienced teams that emerged to face each other in the final. **Bob and Mike Bryan** once again asserted their position as the world's top doubles team with a straight sets win over reunited 'Indian Express' of **Leander Paes** and **Mahesh Bhupathi**, wrapping up a fifth Australian Open title in six years (and tenth Grand Slam overall) capitalising on some impeccable serving.

The mixed doubles saw disappointment for the home crowd, as **Katarina Srebotnik** (SLO) and **Daniel Nestor** (CAN) survived a champion's tie break to beat home hope **Paul Hanley** and **Yung-Jan Chan** of Taipei, winning their second mixed doubles Slam in the process.

In the junior events, **An-Sophie Mestach** (pictured, right) showed that Belgium has much to look forward to if Kim Clijsters does decide to join Justine Henin in re-retirement, by winning both the junior singles and doubles titles. 16-year old Mestach put in a flawless display to beat in-form fifth seed **Monica Puig** (PUR) in straight sets, a day after teaming with **Demi Schuurs** (NED) to win the doubles. The win represents a 17th consecutive junior girls' Slam won by a new player.

Top seed **Jiri Vesely** (pictured, left) of the Czech Republic repeated Mestach's feat by scooping both boys' titles – the first time since 1999 that two players had done the double in Melbourne. Vesely beat home favourite **Luke Saville** for the loss of just three games, and did not lose a set on his way to becoming the first Czech ever to win the Australian boys' title. Vesely had earlier teamed with former European Junior Champion **Filip Horansky** (SVK) to take the doubles crown.



Results – 2011 Australian Open

Men's Singles

(3) Novak Djokovic (SRB) d. (5) Andy Murray (GBR) 6-4 6-2 6-3

Men's Doubles

(1) Bryan/Bryan (USA) d. (3) Bhupathi/Paes (IND) 6-3 6-4

Women's Singles

(3) Kim Clijsters (BEL) d. (9) Na Li (CHN) 3-6 6-3 6-3

Women's Doubles

(1) Dulko (ARG)/Pennetta (ITA) d. Azarenka (BLR)/Kirilenko (RUS) 2-6 7-5 6-1

Mixed Doubles

(2) Srebotnik (SLO)/Nestor (CAN) d. Chan (TPE)/Hanley (AUS) 6-3 3-6 (10-7)

Boys' Singles

(1) Jiri Vesely (CZE) d. Luke Saville (AUS) 6-0 6-3

Boys' Doubles

(2) Horansky (SVK)/Vesely (CZE) d. Wagland/Whittington (AUS) 6-4 6-4

Girls' Singles

(2) An-Sophie Mestach (BEL) d. (5) Monica Puig (PUR) 6-4 6-2

Girls' Doubles

(6) Mestach (BEL)/Schuurs (NED) d. Hozumi/Kato (JPN) 6-2 6-3

Men's Wheelchair Singles

(1) Shingo Kuneida (JPN) d. (2) Stephane Houdet (FRA) 6-0 6-3

Men's Wheelchair Doubles

(1) Scheffers (NED)/Kuneida (JPN) d. (2) Houdet/Peifer (FRA) 6-3 6-3

Women's Wheelchair Singles

(1) Esther Vergeer (NED) d. (2) Daniela Di Tori (AUS) 6-0 6-0

Women's Wheelchair Doubles

(1) Vergeer/Walraven (NED) d. (2) Van Koot/Griffioen (NED) 6-0 6-2

Quad Wheelchair Singles

(1) David Wagner (USA) d. (2) Peter Norfolk (GBR) 6-2 6-3

Quad Wheelchair Doubles

Norfolk/Lapthorne (GBR) d. Wagner/Taylor (USA) 6-3 6-3

European Indoor Seniors Championships in Seefeld

The town of Seefeld in Austria was once again the location of the European Indoor Seniors Championships, which celebrated its 35th edition from 7-22 January. The event has long been established as one of the largest in the tennis world in terms of player numbers, and this year saw a total of 659 participants taking part across 19 age categories.

The first week of the event saw the super-seniors take centre stage, with the events for players aged 65-85 amongst the first to get underway. Once again **Heide Orth** (GER) and **Peter Pokorny** (AUT) proved to be the stars of the tournament, breaking their own records to extend their runs as the most successful players in the history of the event.

Orth defended her Women's 65 crown with a 6-1 6-3 win over French second seed **Sylvie Galfard-Kirsten**, keeping alive her streak of winning at least one title per year in Seefeld every year since 2000. The win also meant that Orth becomes the first woman ever to win 20 titles in Seefeld.

Peter Pokorny is one of just two male players to win more than 20 Seefeld titles, and he extended his tally to 22 by defending his Men's 70 crown. The home favourite won all six of his matches in straight sets and beat 8th-seeded German **Albrecht Neuheusel** in the final.

Pokorny and Orth continue to share the record for the most European Senior Championship wins, having won a total of 37 titles each across both indoor and outdoor events.

There was to be a number of first-time champions elsewhere amongst the super seniors events. **Herman Ahlers** (USA) overcame a fight back from **Gerd Coldeway** (GER) to secure the Men's 75 title, while **Jurgen Thron** (GER) took the 80's title after opponent **Bo Hemborg** (SWE) was forced to retire in the final set. The Men's 85 event went to **Angelo Sala** (ITA), who overcame **Günther Siebert** (GER) for the loss of just two games.

The Women's 70s saw top seeded Austrian **Sofia Garaguly** take the title with a 6-2 6-4 win over unseeded **Kristin Horn** (NOR). **Ilse Michael** (GER) defended her Women's 75s crown over compatriot **Gerti Zubeil**, while the 80s title went to another German, **Magdalena Jauch**, who conceded just seven games in her four matches.

The second week of the event saw the players aged 40 – 60 in action, with the women's events in par-



Above: Germany's Jurgen Thron celebrates his Men's 80s title.

ticular full of surprises. **Nathalie Harina Beckmann** (GER) beat defending champion and Player of the Year **Lucie Schwab Zelinka** on her way to the 40s title, which she won with a 6-2 7-5 victory over Austrian compatriot **Gabi Kirchner** in the final.

Lesley O'Halloran of Ireland was another first-time winner, accounting for 2009 champion **Lisa Prechtl** (NED) in the semi finals and defending champion **Olga Shaposhnikova** (RUS) in three sets to take the women's 45 title.

The women's 50s event saw a memorable final as **Ingrid Gutmann-Resch** of Austria fought back from a first set drubbing to outlast defending champion **Christina French** (GBR) 1-6 6-2 7-6.

Heide Orth then fell short of repeating her feat of last year of winning both the 55 and 65 titles, losing to second seeded compatriot **Renata Tomanova** in the final. Another prolific German, **Heide Eisterlehner**, defended her Women's 60s title, winning all of her matches with ease, including the final against second seed **Luise Moser** (AUT). The win is Eisterlehner's tenth European Indoor title.

The Men's 40s event saw sixth seeded **Christian Back** of Germany account for three of the top four seeds – including defending champion **Jörgen Aberg** – on his way to the title. The Men's 45s saw a similar pattern, with last year's winner **Girts Dzeldē** (LAT) upset by **Mauro Elia** (ITA) in the semi finals. Elia went on to outlast **Gerald Kaiser** (AUT) in a marathon final, recovering from the loss of the first set to win 6-7 7-6 6-4 and take his second title in Seefeld.

Another Italian, **Fernando Cavalleri**, emerged victorious from the Men's 50s draw. The fifth seed was in control against **Joakim Berner** in the final, winning 6-3 6-2 against the Finn, who had survived a marathon semi final the previous day. >>

European Indoor Seniors Championships in Seefeld

<< **Alan Rasmussen** defended his Men's 55s title, though the Dane benefitted from the injury-enforced retirement of his opponent **Paul French** (GBR) in the final. The British top seed had taken the first set 6-4 before suffering an injury and was eventually forced to retire while trailing 2-5 in the second set. Rasmussen extends his Seefeld winning streak to seven consecutive years with titles.

The hotly-contested Men's 60s draw saw sixth-seeded Frenchman **Jean-Claude Medalin** outlast **Mats Lilja** of Sweden in the final. Lilja had upset a number of big names on route to the final, including Peter Pokorny in the fourth round and defending champion **Alfred Böckl** (GER) in the semi finals, but was unable to get past an in-form Medalin, who claimed the title with a 4-6 6-4 6-3 win.

The Men's 65s saw better luck for another Swede, as **Henrik Andren** defended his title when opponent **Wolfgang Korn** (GER) was forced to retire trailing 6-1 4-1.



Above: Women's 65s winner Heide Orth (left) and runner-up Sylvie Galfard-Kirsten.

Full draws and results from the event can be found [here](#). It should be noted that some of the consolation draws were not completed due to flooding which affected one of the courts during the first week. Click [here](#) to visit the photo gallery.

European Seniors Players of the Year

Tennis Europe has revealed the names of the winners of the European Seniors Players of the Year titles for 2010.

Four men (Manfred Hundsdorfer, Pierre Godfroid, Jean Desmet and Laszlo Lenart) and five women (Ana Salas-Lozano, Barbara Koutna, Heide Orth, Nanda Fischer and Erzsebet Szentirmay) successfully defended their titles from 2009, with Orth adding the women's 60s title that of the 65s, after a successful year in both age categories.

Click [here](#) to view a gallery of the 2010 Players of the Year at the Tennis Europe website.

Players of the Year (Men/Women)

35 & Over

Thassilo Haun (GER) & Ana Salas Lozano (ESP)

40 & Over

Jorgen Aberg (SWE) & Lucie Schwab-Zelinka (AUT)

45 & Over

Manfred Hundstorfer (AUT) & Klaartje Van Baarle (BEL)

50 & Over

Pierre Godfroid (BEL) & Barbara Koutna (CZE)

55 & Over

Paul French (GBR) & Renata Tomanova (GER)

60 & Over

Jorge Camina Borda (ESP) & Heide Orth (GER)



Above: Jorgen Aberg of Sweden won the Men's 40 & Over Player of the Year title for the first time.

65 & Over

Petr Kolacek (SUI) & Heide Orth (GER)

70 & Over

Peter Pokorny (AUT) & Nanda Fischer (GER)

75 & Over

Ladislav Vysocky (CZE) & Brigitte Jung (GER)

80 & Over

Jean Desmet (BEL) & Erzsebet Szentirmay (HUN)

85 & Over

Laszlo Lenart (HUN)



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 2011 Preview



The 2011 edition of the sport's largest junior indoor team competition kicks of this week. The qualifying rounds of the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD will take place over the next two weekends (4-6 and 11-13 February), with the top two teams from each qualifying zone advancing to the final rounds during the weekend of 19-21 February.

118 teams of boys and girls aged 14 and 16 & Under are set to take part, following in the footsteps of some of the world's greatest players, many of whom represented their countries for the first time at the event including Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray, Vera Zvonareva and Kim Clijsters.

As ever, the 14 & Under events are particularly strong, with 8 of the Top Ten girls and 9 of the Top Ten boys in action.

After winning all available boys' team events, both indoors and outdoors, in both age groups in 2010, the pressure is on France to defend their titles. Although none of last year's team members will be back to compete this year, France will be the favourites in both the 14 and 16 & Under events,

having accumulated more boys' titles than other nation in the history of the competition.

Great Britain will be hoping to win their first 16 & Under boys' title in almost 20 year under the guidance of former world #4 Greg Rusedski, who will accompany his team to Minsk for the qualifying rounds. The team features Christopher Pearce and Evan Hoyt, both of whom played on the victorious 2009 14 & Under team.

Czech teams dominated the girls' events last year delighting the crowds with a 14/16 double win at home in Pruhonice. The 16 & Under team will start as favourites to defend their title, led by European #5 Petra Rohanova, but will face tough tests from Russia and Romania, who look set to field some of the strongest teams.

Full news, draws and results, plus constantly updated photo galleries can be found at www.tenniseurope.org throughout the three weekends of the competition. You can also follow @tenniseurope on Twitter for the latest updates.



Above: The 2010 Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD champions; clockwise, from top left, France 14 & Under boys in Ascoli, Czech 14 & Under girls in Pruhonice, Czech 16 & Under girls in Pruhonice, and France 14 & Under boys in Ronchin.



Qualifying Zones & Repartition of Nations



Boys 14&U: Qualifying (4-6 or 11-13 February)

Zone A	Correggio (ITA)	Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Ukraine
Zone B	Bergen (NOR)	Belarus, Belgium, Czech Republic, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Slovakia
Zone C	Karlskrona (SWE)	Croatia, Germany, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Austria, Estonia, Great Britain, Hungary, Serbia, Spain, Turkey
Finals	Ascoli (ITA)	18-20 February

Girls 14 & Under: Qualifying 4-6 or 11-13 February

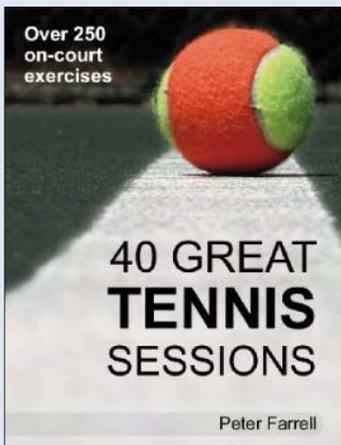
Zone A	Ebreichsdorf (AUT)	Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Russia, Slovenia
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Belarus, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey
Zone C	Maniago (ITA)	Greece, Italy, Moldova, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone D	Bucharest (ROU)	Belgium, Great Britain, Hungary, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia
Finals	Kamen (GER)	18-20 February

Boys 16 & Under: Qualifying 4-6 or 11-13 February

Zone A	Minsk (BLR)	Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Greece, Israel, Romania, Russia
Zone B	Cholet (FRA)	Croatia, Czech Rep, France, Georgia, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Sweden
Zone C	Udine (ITA)	Estonia, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Slovakia, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Austria, Denmark, Serbia, Spain, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey
Finals	Ronchin (FRA)	18-20 February

Girls 16 & Under: Qualifying 4-6 February

Zone A	Vendryne (CZE)	Czech Republic, Greece, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Ukraine
Zone B	Brest (FRA)	Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Moldova, Romania, Sweden, Switzerland
Zone C	Zutphen (NED)	Belarus, Estonia, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Spain
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Russia, Turkey
Finals	Frydlant (CZE)	18-20 February



40 Great Tennis Sessions

The Tennis Ireland Coaches Association has recently published a new book. Entitled *40 Great Tennis Sessions*, the book features over 250 on-court exercises and drills designed to help players, coaches and parents when training the major tennis skills. Author Peter Farrell has 30 years' experience of teaching tennis and has written a number of coaches' training courses for Tennis Ireland.

You can read more about the book, and order *40 Great Tennis Sessions* from www.amazon.co.uk. If you wish to use an alternative method, please contact peter.farrell@tennisiireland.ie for more details.

Solidarity Scheme Training Camp in London

The ITF and Tennis Europe recently organized a third Solidarity Scheme Training Camp for players aged 14 & Under. The training camp took place from 3 – 9 January at the National Training Centre of the British Lawn Tennis Association.

A total of five countries currently benefitting from the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme attended the event, with the squad consisting of 4 boys, 5 girls and 5 coaches from Belarus, Cyprus, Estonia, Lithuania and Turkey. The training camp was supervised by ITF/Tennis Europe expert Goran Shevchenko, and was hosted by the LTA with financial support from the Solidarity Scheme and the Grand Slam Development Fund.

All of the coaches and players engaged in two working sessions per day, focusing on technical, tactical

and physical topics, as well as looking at individual needs. Physical training and tennis practice was organized in the mornings, and in the afternoon the players worked on more open situations and match practice. The intensity of the practice was very high and the players enjoyed the program.

Summarising the event, Goran Shevchenko commented; "For most of the coaches the training camp was very good opportunity to work hard in this period of the year and to get ready for the forthcoming season. This was a very good chance for the players to work in one of the best facilities in Europe, and in an excellent and positive environment to improve, develop their game and to play with/against the best players from the other countries. They also had the chance to build new friendships."



Beyond the Baseline...

This week sees the start of the 2011 **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** competition. European teams are involved in all World Group ties. Italy face Australia, France visit Russia, Slovakia hosts the Czech Republic and Belgium hosts the United States in World Group 1. In World Group 2, Spain travel to Estonia, Slovenia hosts Germany, Serbia hosts Canada and Ukraine visits Sweden.

Anastasia Myskina and **Elena Likhovtseva** will reportedly assist **Larisa Savchenko** as Russian coaches under captain **Shamil Tarpishev** during the forthcoming Fed Cup tie.

The **French Tennis Federation** has announced a series of jazz concerts to be held between now and May at the Roland Garros museum.

Steven Martens has resigned as Player Director of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to join the Royal Belgium Football Association as General Secretary.

Coaching news: **Richard Gasquet** is reported to be working with **Sebastien Grosjean** on a part-time basis, alongside regular coach **Eric Deblicker**. **Maria Sharapova** is now coached by **Thomas Hogstedt**, while **Svetlana Kuznetsova** has begun working with **Carlos Cuadrado**. **Dinara Safina** has parted ways with **Gaston Etlis**.

Injury watch: **Marion Bartoli** will be out for six weeks after suffering a tear in her calf muscle at the Australian Open. **Fernando Verdasco** played in Melbourne with a fractured bone in his ankle and is said to be considering his options regarding possible surgery.

Following her loss in Australia, **Patty Schnyder** said she has no idea how long she will continue playing on the tour, stating that she was only committed to forthcoming Fed Cup, Doha and Dubai events.

Ecuadorian former Australian Open semi finalist **Nicolas Lapentti** has retired from professional tennis due to a knee injury.

Austrian sports drink **Power Horse** has stepped in as title sponsor of the **World Team Cup**, saving the event from cancellation this year.

This week's **WTA Tour** Top Ten rankings features players from ten different nations for the first time ever.

Six as yet unnamed WTA players will feature in a new reality TV series following their on and off court

lives, due to be screened online and on mobile phones from March.

Goran Ivanisevic is teaming up with **Marin Cilic** in doubles action at this week's ATP Zagreb Open, in what the former Wimbledon champion and world #2 describes as a "one-off" appearance.

The **University of Oregon** has announced a 'Nike Clash of the Champions' exhibition on March 8th, set to feature **Rafael Nadal**, **Roger Federer**, **Maria Sharapova** and **Serena Williams**.

Former world #1s **Ivan Lendl** and **Mats Wilander** will play an exhibition match during the WTA Stuttgart event in April.

The forthcoming **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group first round tie between Austria and France will be staged in an aircraft hangar at Vienna airport, Tennis Austria has confirmed.

Also in Austria, the **Kitzbühel** ATP Tour event has regained its place on the calendar and will be sponsored this year by **bet-at-home.com**, the online betting website.

Pan-European broadcaster **Eurosport** has renewed its rights to show the Australian Open until 2016.

Pete Sampras is set to participate on the ATP Champions Tour in Europe for the first time when he plays at the BNP Paribas Zurich Open from 8-12 March.

47-year old American **Gretchen Magers**, a quarter-finalist at Roland Garros, Wimbledon and the Australian Open and former Top 20 regular, appears in the qualifying draw of a \$25,000 ITF Pro Circuit event in California this week.

Andre Agassi and women's tennis pioneer **Fern Lee "Peachy" Kellmeyer** have been elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

In 2010, Tennis Europe introduced a new junior ranking system, devised to give a unified overall list that shows the relative strengths of all players, regardless of where they achieved their results or picked up points,

A player's total includes points from Tennis Europe Junior Tour 16 and 14 & Under events, plus points earned by players in these age categories who participate in ITF Junior Circuit and professional tour-

naments, all of which are weighted according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking will continue to be available separately (see next page), as well as being integrated to the overall rankings. In addition, a 'Race to the Junior Masters' is also published. For more information on the rankings system, visit www.TennisEurope.org.

Rankings below are as January 31st, 2011.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Irina KHROMACHEVA	RUS	1769
02	▲	Yulia PUTINTSEVA	RUS	1697
03	▲	Irina Maria BARA	ROU	1522
04	▲	Victoria KAN	RUS	1290
05	NEW	Miho KOWASE	JPN	1220
06	NEW	Petra ROHANOVA	CZE	1169
07	NEW	Ulyana AYZATULINA	RUS	1145
08	NEW	Madison KEYS	USA	1144
09	NEW	Cristina ENE	ROU	1130
10	NEW	Ksenija SHARIFOVA	RUS	1128



#1 Irina Khromacheva (RUS)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Frederico SILVA	POR	1230
02	NEW	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	1213
03	▲	Kyle EDMUND	GBR	1175
04	▲	Maximilian MARTERER	GER	1140
05	▲	Laslo DJERE	SRB	1135
06	▲	Or RAM-HAREL	ISR	1108
07	NEW	Nikola MILOJEVIC	SRB	1010
07	NEW	Marin CILIC	CRO	955
09	NEW	Sergis KYRATZIS	CYP	900
10	NEW	Yuriy KRYVOY	UKR	898



#1 Frederico Silva (POR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

As the new year saw players born in 1996 removed from the 14 & Under rankings, there is much change to the European Top Tens this month. Only Belinda Bencic and Jelena Ostapenko remain from the last lists. Ostapenko began her year strongly, reaching the final of Les Petits As in Tarbes, where she fell to new #3 Anastasiya Rychagova in three sets last weekend.

Andrey Rublev, winner of three titles in 2010, moves

up to claim the boys' #1 spot. Romania's Bogdan Bobrov has had the strongest start to 2011 though, and is already close to the top himself, having won the tournament in Bucharest before reaching the Tarbes final last week.

Full ranking lists, as well as the new 'Race to the Junior Masters' rankings, and the year-end rankings for 2010 and all other years can be found at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are of January 31st, 2011.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Belinda BENCIC	SUI	825
02	▲	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	705
03	NEW	Anastasiya RYCHAGOVA	RUS	655
04	NEW	Anastasiya KOMARDINA	RUS	635
05	NEW	Helen PLOSKINA	UKR	620
06	NEW	Iryna SHYMANOVIC	BLR	615
07	NEW	Veronika KUDERMETOVA	RUS	590
08	NEW	Ana KONJUH	CRO	560
08	NEW	Anna SVIRIPA	UKR	515
10	NEW	V. GRAMMATIKOPOULOU	GRE	490



#1 Belinda Bencic (SUI)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	470
02	NEW	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	460
03	NEW	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	450
04	NEW	Bogdan BOBROV	RUS	385
05	NEW	Roman SAFIULLIN	RUS	375
06	NEW	Michal DEMBEK	POL	360
07	NEW	Dominik STARY	CZE	335
08	NEW	Nikolay BATANOV	RUS	330
08	NEW	Evgeny TYURNEV	RUS	330
10	NEW	Domagoj BILJESKO	CRO	325



#1 Andrey Rublev (RUS)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Dec 27	Boulogne (FRA)	I Symchowicz (FRA)	A Regalado Pedrol (ESP)	62 75	Popyrin (AUS)/Regalado (ESP)
		A Mikheeva (GBR)	D Orichkevitch (UKR)	26 75 63	Orichkevitch/Zavatska (UKR)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 03	Beograd (SRB)	3 V Durasovic (NOR)	F Grbic (SRB)	75 61	Durasovic (NOR)/Grbic (SRB)
		N Jovic (SRB)	V Kuzmova (SVK)	63 75	Dolakova/Kuzmova (SVK)
Jan 03	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	2 R Safiullin (RUS)	E Tyurnev (RUS)	64 76(5)	Kuznetsov/Rublev (RUS)
		V Kudermetova (RUS)	A Komardina (RUS)	63 61	Komardina/Rychagova (RUS)
Jan 10	Siauliai (LTU)	3 K Raisma (EST)	A Andrukhou (BLR)	63 36 60	Andrukhou (BLR)/Lazdins (LAT)
		G Kerezaitė (LTU)	S Smagina (RUS)	75 46 64	Kalinskaya/Smagina (RUS)
Jan 10	Milovice (CZE)	2 S Stary (CZE)	O Krstev (CZE)	61 61	Chyba (CZE)/Sachko (UKR)
		V Zovincova (CZE)	A Bolsova (MDA)	64 62	Kolodziejova/Zovincova (CZE)
Jan 17	Bolton (GBR)	1 S Kozlov (USA)	H Wiersholm (USA)	57 75 62	Kozlov/Wiersholm (USA)
		A Rychagova (RUS)	J Ostapenko (LAT)	61 61	Komardina/Rychagova (RUS)
Jan 17	Bucharest (ROU)	3 B Borza (ROU)	S Bucur (ROU)	62 61	Borza/Efrim (ROU)
		R Surban (ROU)	A Turcu (ROU)	62 61	Naicu/Orban (ROU)
Jan 17	Narva (EST)	3 B Pokotilov (RUS)	K Raisma (EST)	w/o	Igambardiyev/Pokotilov (RUS)
		A Semashko (RUS)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	36 61 63	Kalinskaya/Semashko (RUS)
Jan 24	Tarbes (FRA)	1 H Wiersholm (USA)	B Borza (ROU)	62 57 63	Biljesko/Lozic (CRO)
		J Ostapenko (LAT)	A Komardina (RUS)	16 63 63	Komardina/Rychagova (RUS)
Jan 24	Mogiliov (RUS)	2 R Safiullin (RUS)	A Khomich (BLR)	60 64	Khrustalev/Safiullin (RUS)
		D Kasatkina (RUS)	A Nefedova (RUS)	36 61 61	Sakaloukaya/Shymanovich (BLR)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 03	Milovice (CZE)	2 P Staubert (CZE)	V Stavropoulos (GRE)	76(4) 57 62	Staubert/Vondrasek (CZE)
		V Zovincova (CZE)	A Vrbenska (CZE)	62 63	Kolodziejova/Zovincova (CZE)
Jan 17	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	3 I Koshcheyev (RUS)	V Surduk (RUS)	63 64	Aleksanyan/Shakhnubaryan (RUS)
		A Silich (RUS)	T Bokhua (RUS)	63 63	Karamalak/Khasanova (RUS)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 10	Schwieberdingen (GER)	\$10,000	A Juska (LAT)	P Oswald (AUT)	36 76(6)	64 Danilovic (SWE)/Juska (LAT)
Jan 10	Glasgow (GBR)	\$15,000	K De Schepper (FRA)	A Sidorenko (FRA)	75 75	Eaton/Slabinsky (GBR)
Jan 10	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	V Rudnev (RUS)	H Laaksonen (FIN)	63 61	Kovalik/Sikora (SVK)
Jan 10	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	J Martí (ESP)	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	76(5) 36 64	Fornell/Santos (ESP)
Jan 10	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Smirnov (UKR)	A Renard (FRA)	64 63	Molchanov/Smirnov (UKR)
Jan 17	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	J Mertl (CZE)	M Copil (ROU)	36 63 64	Emmrich/Kretschmer (GER)
Jan 17	Sheffield (GBR)	\$15,000	H Heliovaara (FIN)	K De Schepper (FRA)	64 57 64	Eaton/Goodall (GBR)
Jan 17	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Kellner (HUN)	R Vogeli (CZE)	63 62	Dzumhur/Gorcic (BIH)
Jan 17	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Carrero Busta (ESP)	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	26 62 63	Checa Calvo/Poch Gradin (ESP)
Jan 24	Bagnoles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	M Teixeira (FRA)	J Eysseric (FRA)	76(4) 36 62	Reynet/Rochette (FRA)
Jan 24	Kaarst (GER)	\$10,000	J Mertl (CZE)	C Eaton (GBR)	75 64	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Jan 24	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Kellner (HUN)	N Cacic (SRB)	62 75	Eros/Weintraub (ISR)
Jan 24	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar Rossello (ESP)	P Carrero Busta (ESP)	75 61	Gutierrez/Mazon (ESP)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 10	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	J Tinjic (GBR)	N Broady (GBR)	62 62	Eikeri (NOR)/Shnikova (BUL)
Jan 17	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	J Cepelova (SVK)	N Zander (GER)	64 64	Harmsen (NED)/Melnikova (RUS)
Jan 17	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	M Honcova (SVK)	K Negrin (AUT)	60 64	Domagala/Kolat (POL)
Jan 17	Wrexham (GBR)	\$10,000	A Fitzpatrick (GBR)	J Winley (GBR)	67(3) 63 75	Fitzpatrick/Winley (GBR)
Jan 17	Andrezieux (FRA)	\$25,000	M Barthel (GER)	S Vogt (LIE)	63 36 64	Jurak (CRO)/Savinykh (RUS)
Jan 24	Kaarst (GER)	\$10,000	S Gronert (GER)	A Zaja (GER)	67(4) 76(5) 63	Frankova/Hladikova (CZE)
Jan 24	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	A Kontaveit (EST)	Z Luknarova (SVK)	64 46 62	Curovic(SRB)/Kryvoruchko (UKR)
Jan 24	Grenoble (FRA)	\$25,000	M Domachowska (POL)	N Broady (GBR)	64 64	Cohen Loro (FRA)/Sfar (TUN)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

There have been surprisingly few changes to the Top Ten European players following the conclusion of the first Grand Slam of the season. The retirements of Justine Henin and Elena Dementieva have enabled Maria Sharapova to edge back into the list at #9, followed by Russian compatriot Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who appears amongst the top Europeans for the first time.

Kim Clijster's fourth major title leaves her within striking distance of Caroline Wozniacki for the #1 spot. A semi final finish at her next scheduled event (Paris, in

two weeks' time) would be enough to see the 27-Belgian back on top for the first time in four years.

On the men's list, Roger Federer's failure to defend his Australian Open title sees a gap of over 4,000 ATP points open up between him and Rafa Nadal, with Novak Djokovic less than 100 points behind him in third place. Jurgen Melzer, currently the only player to feature in the world's Top Ten players in singles and doubles, climbs to a career-beat #9 in Europe.

Rankings as of January 31st, 2011.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	8655
02	▲	Kim CLIJSTERS	BEL	8515
03	▼	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	7405
04	▶	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	5055
05	▶	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	4385
06	▲	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	3935
07	▲	Agnieska RADWANSKA	POL	3340
08	▲	Shahar PEER	ISR	3225
09	NEW	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	2936
10	NEW	A. PAVLYUCHENKOVA	RUS	2645

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	12390
02	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	7965
03	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	7880
04	▲	Robin SÖDERLING	SWE	5955
05	▼	Andy MURRAY	GBR	5760
06	▲	David FERRER	ESP	4570
07	▼	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	4270
08	▶	Fernando VERDASCO	ESP	3240
09	▲	Jurgen MELZER	AUT	2955
10	▼	Mikhail YOUZHNY	RUS	2920



Maria Sharapova (RUS)



Robin Söderling (SWE)



Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

News from National Associations

Peter Bretherton is the new President of the Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain.

José Corrêa de Sampaio is the new President of the Portuguese Tennis Federation.

Dr. Rolf Thung is the new President of the Royal Dutch Lawn Tennis Association (KNLTB).

Bobo Zivojinovic has been re-elected as President of the Serbian Tennis Federation.

Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference

The Tennis Europe Pro Tennis Conference is due to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 16-18 February. Amongst the items on the agenda are ITF Pro Circuits and Officiating, Beach and Wheelchair Tennis and the promotion of the sport.

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