

Czech Republic, France, Great Britain and Russia claim Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD titles



Clockwise from top left: Winning teams from Russia (Girls 12), Great Britain (Boys 14), Czech Republic (Girls 14), and France (Boys 16).

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The largest indoor team event in tennis grew even bigger in 2012, as the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD staged its inaugural 12 & Under edition.

A total of 170 national teams from all over Europe competed across three age categories throughout January and February. Despite the extra competition, the eventual champions were the same as last year, with Czech Republic, France, Great Britain and Russia coming out on top, though Czech Republic and Russia each won two titles.

The Winter Cups have famously given many of Europe's top juniors a first chance to play for their country in team competition, with 9 of the current Top 10 European men amongst the former competitors. For a full report, see Pages 2 - 4.





Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 12 & Under

Russian teams scooped both boys' and girls' titles at the inaugural edition of the 12 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD.

Having breezed through the qualifying rounds at home in Ufa by winning ties against Belgium, Hungary and Slovakia without the loss of a single set, the girls' team went on to repeat the feat at the final rounds in Sheffield (GBR), brushing aside Germany and Slovenia to set up a final against the Czech Republic.

The Czechs could be forgiven for being tired after a heroic semi-final win over Ukraine, which lasted over seven hours and saw two long singles matches followed by a thrilling deciding doubles which ended with a 9-7 final set victory.

By contrast, the final was over quickly. Olesya Pervushina put the Russians up 1-0 with a 6-1 6-3 win over Anna Kynclova. Tatiana Makarova survived a tense second set to seal the championship with a 6-0 7-5 victory over Lucie Kankova before Pervushina teamed with Anastasia Potapova to beat Kankova and Sabina Drabkova for the loss of just two games to complete a 3-0 sweep.

At the boy's finals in Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE), the Russian team almost fell to the Czech Republic in the semi-finals, coming back in style to win the deciding doubles rubber of their semi 4-6 7-6(1) 6-2. On the other side of the draw, Switzerland had advanced with ease, posting 3-0 wins over Ukraine and Italy to reach the final.

The final showdown was a repeat of the qualifying



Above: Russia's victorious boys' team in Roznov (CZE).

final in Ufa. On that occasion the Russian had blasted past the Swiss 3-0, losing just five games in total in the two singles matches. The final result would be the same, though the Swiss put up a sterner challenge this time. Nikolay Vylegzhanin was made to work hard by Damien Wenger to secure the first point 6-4 6-3, before Alen Avidzba was able to clinch the trophy with an almost identical 6-4 6-2 win over Mischa Lanz.

Hosts Czech Republic beat Italy 2-1 to take the bronze medals in the boys' competition, while Ukraine came from behind to beat Slovenia by the same score to claim bronze in the girls' event.

Photos, plus full draws and results from the 12 & Under competition can be found [here](#).

12 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	12 & Under Girls	12 & Under Boys
01	RUSSIA	RUSSIA
02	CZECH REPUBLIC	SWITZERLAND
03	UKRAINE	CZECH REPUBLIC
04	SLOVENIA	ITALY
05	SLOVAKIA	UKRAINE
06	GERMANY	ROMANIA
07	GREAT BRITAIN	NETHERLANDS
08	BELARUS	AUSTRIA



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 14 & Under

The 14 & Under competition was played during the first and third weekends of February, and quickly saw a major shock as defending champions Russia were ousted from the girls event during the qualifying rounds at the hands of Croatia.

Host nation the Czech Republic emerged as champions at the girls' final rounds in Roznov pod Radhostem, at the expense of neighbours Slovakia. Denisa Cichova gave the hosts an early advantage, dropping just four games to Tamara Kupkova before Tereza Kolarova put in an almost equally dominant performance to beat Tereza Mihalikova 6-1 6-4 in one hour of play, capping an unassailable 2-0 win.

The victory marks the fourth time since 1994 that the Czech Republic has won the 14 & Under girls' title, more than any other nation except Russia, still a long way ahead with 9.

The Boys 14 & Under final in Correggio (ITA) between Great Britain and Sweden was hotly contested, and was the only one of the 14/16 & Under events to require a decisive doubles match. Jay Clarke had put the Brits in the driving seat with a 6-4 6-0 win over Filip Malbasic in the opening singles. Mikael Yemer then levelled the tie by beating Samuel Ferguson 6-2 6-3 (a second Yemer win of the weekend over Great Britain, as Mikael's elder brother Elias Yemer had been instrumental in Sweden's victory over the defending champions at the 16 & Under finals two days previously).

When the four players returned to the court, the Swedish team struck first, taking the first set 6-4



Above: Teams on the podium at the boys' final rounds in Correggio (ITA).

before the Brits mounted a fierce comeback, dropping just one game to level the match 6-1. The momentum stayed with the British pair during the final set, which they won 6-3 to ensure a Winter Cups title for their country for a third time in four years.

Despite their loss in the final, Sweden nonetheless made a huge impact on the competition, beating defending champions France in their very first qualifying match before winning the group and going on to score wins over Russia and top seeds Ukraine. The last time Sweden had reached the 14 & Under final prior to this year was in 1988.

Full draws, results and photos from the qualifying and final rounds can be found [here](#).

14 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	14 & Under Girls	14 & Under Boys
01	CZECH REPUBLIC	GREAT BRITAIN
02	SLOVAKIA	SWEDEN
03	ROMANIA	UKRAINE
04	CROATIA	HUNGARY
05	FRANCE	GERMANY
06	UKRAINE	TURKEY
07	SWITZERLAND	ESTONIA
08	SPAIN	RUSSIA



Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 16 & Under

Both 16 & Under events witnessed victories for teams from the host nations. At the boys' finals in Ronchin, France, the local team went one better than their 2011 runners-up spot to beat Poland 2-0 for the title.

Johan Sebastien Tatlot put the hosts ahead with a 6-3 7-5 win over Kamil Majchrzak before Quentin Halys sealed the win in style with a 6-1 6-1 demolition of Jan Zielinski. Halys also played on the winning 14 & Under team in 2010, before going on to lead the Summer Cups team to victory that year. Despite the loss, the Polish team can be pleased to have reached the final of a boys' event at the Winter Cups for the first time ever.

The victory represents a third title in four years for France in this age category, extending their record to thirteen wins in total and leaving them six titles clear of second-placed Germany overall.

At the girls' finals in Frydlandt nad Ostravici, both Czech players scored wins over higher ranked opposition during their match with Russia, a repeat of last year's final.

The first match was key, with Kristyna Rouckova coming from a set down to outlast Anastasiya Rychagova 3-6 6-4 7-5, despite being ranked 129 places below her. Katerina Siniakova then put the tie beyond the reach of the Russians, despatching Alina Silich 6-2 6-2 to secure the defence of the title.

The 16 & Under team dominated at both the qualifying and final rounds, never losing a live match during the tournament. Rouckova and Siniakova,



Above: Girls' 16 & Under champions Czech Republic at the opening ceremony in Frydlandt.

alongside teammate Sandra Matekova, join a select group of players to have won the Winter Cups more than once, having also played on the victorious 14 & Under team in 2010. The win also marked the second time in three years that the Czech teams had swept the 14 and 16 & Under events.

Romania beat Turkey to claim the bronze medals, ending Turkey's best ever run in the competition, having won their qualifying group and reached the semi-finals for the first time.

Full draws, results and photos from the qualifying and final rounds can be found [here](#).

16 & Under Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD: Final Standings

	16 & Under Girls	16 & Under Boys
01	CZECH REPUBLIC	FRANCE
02	RUSSIA	POLAND
03	ROMANIA	RUSSIA
04	TURKEY	SWEDEN
05	SLOVAKIA	GREAT BRITAIN
06	SWITZERLAND	ITALY
07	GERMANY	CZECH REPUBLIC
08	LITHUANIA	ROMANIA

Tennis Europe to re-launch flagship Senior Tennis events

Tennis Europe has announced a restructuring of the organisation's flagship European senior competitions, including the creation of a new European Senior Championships event.

The new Championships will be open to European players only, and will cater to all 21 age categories. The event will become the most prestigious in Europe in terms of ranking points, and has been granted B1 status by the International Tennis Federation.

Following a selection process that took place during the second half of 2011, the Bulgarian Tennis Federation has been announced as hosts of the inaugural European Senior Championships, which will be staged at the National Tennis Centre in Sofia from 2-8 July, and expect to see in excess of 400 players taking part.

Until this year, 'European Championship' events have been held on indoor courts in Seefeld (AUT) in January, and spread across venues in Baden-Baden, Baiersbronn (GER) and Poertschach (AUT) during the summer. These prestigious and popular events, which also accept players from non-European nations, will continue to exist with their current formats and ITF Grade 1 points allocations, though they will be re-titled 'European Senior Opens' to reflect the open nature of their entry systems.

The news comes in the wake of last month's announcement that all age categories of the European Senior Club Championships will be held at the same venue for the first time in 2012. The award-winning La Manga Club resort in Spain will host the event over a twelve-day period spanning the last week of September and first week of October.

The seniors' categories (Men 35, 45, 50, 55, and Women 40, 50) will be played from 25-29



Above: Competitors at the 2011 Women's 65 European Club Championships

September, with the Super-Seniors following from 2-6 October (Men 60, 65, 70, Women 60, 65), with a total of around 400 players representing 80 clubs expected to participate.

Both the new event and the existing tournaments will also be given a promotional boost. Tennis Europe has created specific logos and net banners that will be distributed to the European Senior Championships, European Senior Opens and European Senior Club Championships.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää stated, "This restructuring of our major seniors' events is the result of a long-term project undertaken by the Senior Tennis Committee, overseen by Chairman Philios Christodoulou, and we believe that it will have positive effect for competitive senior players of all levels. We are delighted to have found a home for Europe's premier senior club competition at one of the world's most prestigious sporting resorts, while the creation of a true European Championship event will provide an annual highlight for the ever-growing ITF Seniors Circuit calendar in Europe."



10 & Under Tennis Development in Latvia

The Latvia Tennis Union (LTU) is currently two years into a project aimed at developing programmes for children aged 10 & Under. The project plan was developed by the organisation with the assistance of ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic, and has been financially supported by the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme from the outset. From the very beginning Mark Tennant, a British expert in childrens' tennis, was involved in delivering the workshops for coaches and parents as well as creating resources needed for the successful application of the project.

The project had four initial goals - to attract and retain new 10 & Under players through the promotion of children's tennis activities around Latvia, to ensure the application of modern teaching methodology and usage of adapted equipment by coaches, to implement a national competition framework (calendar) for 10 and Under players, using red, orange and green courts, and finally to develop a new website to support and promote the project.

In order to achieve the desired success, the LTU invested in the development of a new website (www.u10teniss.lv) to promote a 10 and Under competition events calendar and allow online registration for players and the processing of tournament results. The ITF rule change requiring all 10 and Under competitions to be played using slower red, orange and green balls has been in place since 1st January 2012 and has been implemented into LTU competition and club programmes. National competition age groups now exist for red (U8), orange (U9) and green (U10) and are gradually being adopted by coaches and clubs.

The support of parents and coaches was recognised from the start as a key factor in the success of the project, so that the principles of Tennis 10s could be adopted and understood in training and competition nationwide. Regular coaches' education workshops have been an integral part of the success of the programme. During these workshops, coaches have learnt to understand the importance of using slower balls and smaller courts in their coaching, and to update and implement modern teaching methodology to help players develop the tactical as well as the technical side of the game. Regular meetings and information sessions have also been helping to educate and



Above: Coach and players prepare for action in Latvia.

update parents. Additionally, a series of 7 short videos aimed at educating parents and coaches has been produced in Latvian and subsequently translated into English and Russian languages for future use abroad and inclusion to the new Play and Stay website.

Since October 2010 the implementation of the project is being led by Mark Tennant with the support of Hrvoje Zmajic. Having been initiated by the LTU's former General Manager Ieva Matroze, the project is now managed by Zane Sausverde together with Latvian coaches Marika Netenberga and Lilita Didriksone. Ms Netenberga explains, "Ever since I first heard about the Tennis 10's program, I wanted to get involved, because it makes it easier for kids to learn to play tennis. They learn without fear and enjoy the game from their very first lesson."

In addition, a small team of coordinators was also created across Latvia with the responsibility of setting up and monitoring the programme of local tournaments for 10 and Under players. The LTU has provided each participating club with an equipment grant, in return for the organisation of red, orange and green events in 2011 and 2012, and the submission of regular reports and statistics on levels of participation. To date, 14 clubs have received this support. According to Ms. Didriksone, "When we first started the project, we could hardly find any coaches in Latvia using slower balls and smaller equipment. Now it is becoming the norm."

Already into its third year, and following a fifth visit by Mr. Tennant since 2010, the results are starting to show, as illustrated in the table below:

	End 2009		Feb 2012 (projected end of 2012)	
	Players	Competitions	Players	Competitions
Red (8 & Under)	64	3	46 (120)	25 (30)
Orange (9 & Under)	88	8	102 (120)	25 (30)
Green (10 & Under)	50	4	69 (105)	28 (30)

10 & Under Tennis Development in Latvia

<< Mark comments, "When we began the project in 2010 we could hardly find any coaches using slower balls and smaller courts in Latvia. 2011 was undoubtedly a watershed year for 10 & Under tennis in Latvia, as we were able to launch the start competitions, establish the website and convince coaches and parents of the benefits of using scaled down equipment for kids. Furthermore, already in 2011 we have observed increasing numbers of kids taking part in the competitions."

In 2012, the focus of the project will shift to increasing quality by establishing programmes for kids in regular schools and kindergartens, as well as improving the quality of existing competitions and continuing the education of competition organizers. The three-year project

The hope is that the Tennis10's project in Latvia can serve as example for many countries who are estab-

lishing frameworks for 10 & Under competitions. In implementing the project, the team has used positive experiences from other countries that have been modified according to specific situations and needs. An example of this is that instead of rankings, the LTU uses the win/loss ratio and number of played matches to define the relations between the players which in intended to lead to kids playing against the most adequate level of competition.

Ms. Sausberg of the LTU says that the organisation is satisfied with its evaluation of the work so far, and says, "The LTU is very pleased with the progress of the 10 & Under development program in Latvia over the last two years. We are grateful that our coaches have had the possibility to participate in the workshops conducted by Mark Tennant and Hrvoje Zmajic, and we are very appreciative of the assistance received from the ITF and Tennis Europe."

Solidarity Scheme Training Camp in London

Tennis Europe recently organized a fourth Solidarity Scheme Training Camp for players aged 14 & Under. The training camp took place from 12 – 16 February at the National Training Centre of the British Lawn Tennis Association.

A total of five countries that are in Development Program attended the five day event - 5 boys, 5 girls and 5 coaches from Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Turkey. The training camp was supervised by Tennis Europe expert Goran Shevchenko, hosted by the LTA with financial support from the Solidarity Scheme.

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; "We had players with high and equal tennis level with great motivation to work hard and the coaches that could perfectly answer on all the tasks. This was a very good chance for the players and their coaches 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 and against the best players from other countries."



Above (top): all team members and coaches
(Below) Coach and players during an on-court session.

European Coaches Symposium Dates Confirmed

Tennis Europe has announced that the 31st European Coaches' Symposium will be hosted by the Finnish Tennis Association in Helsinki from the 24th - 27th October, 2012.

The conference will be held at the Tali Tennis Centre, one of Europe's largest indoor facilities, and the loca-

tion of the \$125,000+H IPP Open ATP Challenger event.

Further information and entry forms will be sent to member nations in the coming weeks.

Turkish Sports Manager Award for Ayda Uluç

Tennis Europe Vice-President Ayda Uluç was recently presented with an award for her work as Turkish Tennis Federation President.

The Best Sports Manager of the Year Award for 2011 was made by Bogaziçi University, in recognition of an outstanding year for Turkish tennis in which the nation made great strides in the rankings, hosted more professional events than ever before, and was the venue for the prestigious season-ending WTA Championships, which were hailed by the organisation as a great success, with sell-out crowds attending each session.

In recent years Turkey has also significantly increased entry-level playing opportunities for juniors and professionals, with international tournaments set to be played during 51 weeks in 2012.



Stockholm's Category 1 event offers live streaming of matches

Sweden's first ever Category 1 Tennis Europe Junior Tour event is taking place this week and offers live match streaming over the internet, as well as a live scores service.

The Kungens Kanna & Drottningens Pris 14 & Under event is one of several Tour events to have been

upgraded to Category 1 status this year, and is being played in Stockholm until Sunday.

You can follow live scores [here](#), or stream matches live from [Court One](#) and [Court Two](#).

La Manga Club Cup

Tennis Europe's Official Resort Partner, La Manga Club, has announced details of the La Manga Club Cup, an LTA Grade 3 Tournament set to take place during the first week of July.

The event caters for six age categories, ranging from 10 & Under Green Ball tournament, to men's and ladies' singles.

Competitors can also take advantage of a Pre-Tournament Training Camp and special accommodation offers at the resort's luxury hotels.

The event is open to all, however British tennis membership is a pre-requisite for entry. For more information, click [here](#).

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Beyond the Baseline...

The ITF has announced the draws for the 2012 **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group and World Group II play-offs on 21-22 April. European teams are involved in all but one of the ties, which are as follows (home nations first): World Group Play-offs – Ukraine vs. USA, Japan vs. Belgium, Spain vs. Slovakia, Germany vs. Australia. World Group II Play-offs: France vs. Slovenia, Switzerland vs. Belarus, Sweden vs. Great Britain, Argentina vs. China.

The French Tennis Federation has confirmed that the forthcoming **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** quarter-final with USA will be played on clay at the Monte Carlo Country Club on 6-8 April.

Novak Djokovic was recently awarded the Laureus Sportsman of the Year prize in recognition of his incredible 2011 season. The first Serb to receive the award, Djokovic follows in the footsteps of Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer as the only tennis players to be honoured.

As the Olympic Games draw closer, former world doubles #1 **Paola Suarez** has returned to the courts alongside a more recent world #1, compatriot Gisela Dulko, in the hope of obtaining a spot. Meanwhile, **Stanislas Wawrinka** has confirmed that he and **Roger Federer** will defend their Olympic doubles title.

The **Wimbledon Museum** has launched a special Olympics exhibition, which will run until the end of the year.

Carlos Moyá has beaten **Ivan Lendl** to win his first ATP Champions Tour event of the year in Delray Beach.

Martina Hingis and **Martina Navratilova** beat **Monica Seles** and **Amelie Mauresmo** 9-7 in a special legend's doubles match to celebrate the 20th edition of the recent WTA Open GDF Suez event in Paris.

Injury watch: **Andrea Petkovic** says that she expects to be back on Tour in about a month as she recovers from a back injury suffered in Australia. **Tommy Robredo** has had an operation on his left thigh, and hopes to be back in action in time for events in Monte Carlo and Barcelona. Meanwhile having undergone surgery twice in 2011, **Lleyton Hewitt** will

have surgery on his left foot and is expected to be out of action for four months. **Robin Soderling** is quoted as saying that he still doesn't know when he will be able to return to action, and is still suffering from the effects of mononucleosis.

22-year old Russian **Alisa Kleybanova** has been given a wild card for the WTA event in Miami, where she will make her return to the sport after battling with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Lindsay Davenport will once again be playing World Team Tennis this summer.

ATP players have voted Shanghai, Dubai and Bastad as their favourite Masters 1000, ATP 500 and ATP 250 events respectively. The tournaments are clear favourites; Shanghai has won the award each of its three years as a Masters 1000, Dubai has won for the eighth time in 9 years, and Bastad has now won in ten consecutive years!

Argentinean tennis will miss **Jose Acasuso**, who retired at last week's Buenos Aires ATP event. Chile's **Fernando Gonzalez** has also announced that the forthcoming Masters 1000 event in Miami will be his final tournament as a professional.

The ITF has announced that the **Hawk-Eye** Officiating System will now be mandatory at all rounds of the Davis Cup and Fed Cup World Group, plus the Fed Cup World Group play-offs.

Three of the world's Top Four - **Novak Djokovic**, **Rafael Nadal** and **Andy Murray** - have signed up to play doubles in Indian Wells.

The **International Tennis Hall of Fame** has announced a number of names due to be inducted at this year's ceremony on July 14th. They include tennis industry leader Mike Davies, wheelchair tennis great Randy Snow and Spanish legend Manuel Orantes.

France's National Olympic Committee and the French Tennis Federation have confirmed that the flag-bearer for the Olympic Games in London will be revealed before the men's final at **Roland Garros** on June 10th, when the Beijing flag-bearer Tony Estanguet will present the flag to his successor.

FAST FACTS

At the 2011 Wimbledon tournament there was a total of 589 competitors from 65 different nations. 155 of these came from either the USA, Russia or the UK.



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

Tennis Europe's junior ranking system is 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 overall 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 tournaments, all of which are weighted

according to their relative strengths.

The 14 & Under ranking is still available separately containing points earned exclusively at Tennis Europe Junior Tour events (see next page), as well as being integrated to these 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 of February 28th, 2012.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Taylor TOWNSEND	USA	2423
02	▼	Ashleigh BARTY	AUS	2288
03	▶	Ioana ROSCA	ROU	1670
04	▶	Ana KONJUH	CRO	1600
05	▼	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1598
06	▶	Elizaveta KULICHOVA	RUS	1425
07	▼	Indy DE VROOME	NED	1417
08	NEW	Darya KASATKINA	RUS	1308
09	▶	Ilka CSOREGI	ROU	1243
10	▼	Donna VEKIC	CRO	1220



Darya Kasatkina (RUS)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	1460
02	▶	Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	1181
03	▲	Petros CHRYSOCHOS	CYP	1130
04	▼	Noah RUBIN	USA	1083
05	▶	Borna CORIC	CRO	1035
06	▲	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	1000
07	▼	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	995
08	NEW	Julian CASH	GBR	988
09	▼	Patrick CIORCILA	ROU	945
10	▼	David PICHLER	AUT	938



Julian Cash (GBR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Playing at the Winter Cups has had a beneficial effect for several of the top European juniors. Slovakia's runner-up spot helps Viktoria Kuzmova to claim sole possession of the #1 ranking that she shared last month with Olga Fridman, while Kuzmova's team-mate Tereza Mihalikova is a high climber at #5.

Theo Gravouil scored a memorable win over then #1 Fridman at the Winter Cups before going to reach the quarter finals of the 16 & Under event at

Chambon-sur-Lignon, and enters the Top Ten at #8.

Two members of the winning British team also crash into the boys' Top Ten, with Samuel Ferguson leading the way at #6, followed by Jay Clarke at #10. Mikael Yemer of Sweden scored a win over Ferguson in the final, and also enters the Top Ten as a result of his efforts.

The full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are as of February 28th, 2012.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Viktoria KUZMOVA	SVK	660
02	▼	Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	630
03	▼	Jaqueline Adina CRISTIAN	ROU	620
04	▼	Maia LUMSDEN	GBR	580
05	NEW	Tereza MIHALIKOVA	SVK	560
06	▼	Karine SARKISOVA	RUS	555
07	▼	Dalma GALFI	HUN	545
08	NEW	Theo GRAVOUIL	FRA	535
08	▼	Fanny STOLLAR	HUN	535
10	▼	Katarina JOKIC	BIH	528



Theo Gravouil (FRA)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Kenneth RAISMA	EST	520
02	▲	Denys KLOK	UKR	484
03	▼	Michael MMOH	USA	440
04	▶	Samuel SIPPEN	GER	405
05	NEW	Vladyslav CHUMAK	UKR	355
06	NEW	Samuel FERGUSON	GBR	335
07	▼	Marko OSMAKCIC	SUI	331
08	NEW	Mikael YEMER	SWE	325
09	▼	Mikhail SOKOLOVSKIY	RUS	316
10	NEW	Jay CLARKE	GBR	310



Samuel Ferguson (GBR)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 23	Vanersborg (SWE)	L Sheyngelikhit (RUS)	J Jorgensen (DEN)	61 60	Coksun (TUR)/Sheyngelikhit (RUS)
		N Boltinskaya (RUS)	C Schroeder (LUX)	63 63	Boltinskaya/Golubovskaya (RUS)
Feb 18	Auray (FRA)	F Auger Aliassime (CAN)	A Avidzba (RUS)	64 61	Molleker (GER)/Zakharov (RUS)
		P Arias Manjon (ESP)	L Kankova (CZE)	62 60	Kankova (CZE)/Vukovic (SRB)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 6	Bucharest (ROU)	3 C Manda (ROU)	A Roglan (ESP)	75 62	lordache/Manda (ROU)
		Y Ghioroai (ROU)	A Surdeanu (ROU)	61 60	Gavrila/Minca (ROU)
Feb 13	Oetwil (SUI)	2 M Osmakcic (SUI)	T Reuhl (GER)	63 62	Blancaneaux/Rajaonah (FRA)
		E Antropova (RUS)	J Bruehwiler (SUI)	64 36 62	Crivellotto (SUI)/Gabric (GER)
Feb 20	Zoetermeer (NED)	3 R Balzerani (ITA)	P Matuszewski (POL)	75 63	Moonen/Stevens (NED)
		G Axon (GBR)	K van Rijn (NED)	61 61	Hart/Mulder-Syrovskaia (NED)
Feb 20	Stockholm (SWE)	3 R Leck (GBR)	G Jaeger (SWE)	61 62	Pollanen (FIN)/Ruud (DEN)
		A Blinkova (RUS)	S Zhuk (RUS)	64 76(6)	Golubovskaya/Zhuk (RUS)

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Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 6	Belgorod (BLR)	3 E Tyurnev (RUS)	A Chepik (RUS)	60 36 75	Kuznetsov/Pokotilov (RUS)
		A Shauskaya (RUS)	M Paygina (RUS)	63 75	Paygina/Tretyak (RUS)
Feb 13	Siauliai (LTU)	2 B Pokotilov (RUS)	A Lazins (LAT)	67(5) 61 75	Ladzins/Losbergs (LAT)
		A Nefedova (RUS)	A Fedoryshyn (UKR)	62 ret	Kalinskaya/Smagina (RUS)
Feb 20	Taverne (SUI)	3 J Stefanini (ITA)	S Roncalli (ITA)	63 61	Cutuli/Stefanini (ITA)
		A Gabriel (SUI)	F Mordegan (ITA)	61 61	Bandecchi/Petrovic (SUI)
Feb 20	Chambon-sur-Lignon (FRA)	2 B Bonzi (FRA)	R Joncour (FRA)	67(6) 64 63	Joncour/Rakotomalala (FRA)
		A Bolsova (MDA)	L Wagnier (FRA)	36 63 63	Badosa (ESP)/Bolsova (MDA)

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ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 30	Feucherolles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	M Authom (BEL)	G Burquier (FRA)	64 62	Arenas Gualda/Lopez Perez (ESP)
Jan 30	Nussloch (GER)	\$15,000	N Langer (GER)	P Oswald (AUT)	76(0) 76(2)	Moriya/Uchiyama (JPN)
Jan 30	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Dzumhur (BIH)	N Moser (AUT)	64 76(4)	Dzumhur/Setkic (BIH)
Feb 6	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	G Olaso (ESP)	P Clar (ESP)	26 63 63	Krawietz (GER)/Weissborn (AUT)
Feb 6	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Ghedin (ITA)	N Desein (BEL)	16 64 76(5)	Altuna (TUR)/Skoloudik (CZE)
Feb 13	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	M Michalicka (CZE)	R Broomfield (GBR)	36 62 60	Daescu/Mergea (ROU)
Feb 13	Yoshkar Ola (RUS)	\$15,000	E Kirillov (RUS)	N Cacic (SRB)	76(3) 76(3)	Fufygin/Reshetnikov (RUS)
Feb 13	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	P Clar (ESP)	M Philips (GBR)	46 64 63	Falcao/Sousa (POR)
Feb 13	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Smethurst (GBR)	R Albot (MDA)	36 75 60	Gigounon/Reuter (BEL)
Feb 20	Zagreb (CRO)	\$15,000	R Bloomfield (GBR)	T Androic (CRO)	64 62	Daescu/Mergea (ROU)
Feb 20	Moscow (RUS)	\$15,000	A Kumantsov (RUS)	M Biryukov (RUS)	64 76(5)	Juska/Pavlovs (LAT)
Feb 20	Murcia (ESP)	\$10,000	S Diez (CAN)	P Sousa (POR)	26 64 63	Lopez Jaen/Trujillo Soler (ESP)
Feb 20	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	A Lobkov (RUS)	76(5) 63	de Loore/Reuter (BEL)
Feb 20	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	A Smirnov (UKR)	S Ehrat (SUI)	61 62	Chadaj/Kapas (POL)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 30	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Harmsen (NED)	M di Giuseppe (ITA)	63 64	Enache (ROU)/Harmsen (NED)
Jan 30	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	I Cavalle Reimers (ESP)	62 63	Cavalle/Cervera Vazquez (ESP)
Jan 30	Grenoble (FRA)	\$25,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	K Pliskova (CZE)	76(11) 76(6)	Pliskova/Pliskova (CZE)
Jan 30	Sunderland (GBR)	\$25,000	S Gronert (GER)	A Beck (GER)	36 62 63	Jegiolka (POL)/Marcinkevica (LAT)
Feb 6	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	D Enache (ROU)	61 61	Enache (ROU)/Harmsen (NED)
Feb 6	Vale do Lobo (POR)	\$10,000	E Guisard (FRA)	H Kuwata (JPN)	62 61	Horakova/Malikova (CZE)
Feb 13	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	Y Beygelzimer (UKR)	L Ungur (ROU)	75 75	Yang/Zhang (CHN)
Feb 13	Leimen (GER)	\$10,000	M Klaffner (AUT)	T Smitkova (CZE)	26 76(5) 61	Friedsam/Kimmelmann (GER)
Feb 13	Linkoping (SWE)	\$10,000	M Sirotkina (RUS)	M Spremo (SRB)	61 63	Raikovic/Wessel (GER)
Feb 13	Portmao (POR)	\$10,000	J Ozga (GER)	E Bovina (RUS)	46 61 61	Horakova/Malikova (CZE)
Feb 13	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	A Bowtell (IRL)	P Vinogradova (RUS)	76(5) 64	Butkovska (SVK)/Wacanno (NED)
Feb 20	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Mitu (ROU)	M Ayukawa (JPN)	63 60	Beygelzimer (UKR)/Milevskaia (BLR)
Feb 20	Helsingborg (SWE)	\$10,000	Q Lemoine (NED)	E Hrdinova (CZE)	64 64	Bowtell (IRL)/Lemoine (NED)
Feb 20	Macon (FRA)	\$10,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	E Mikulcic (CRO)	61 62	Gatto (ITA)/Honcova (SVK)
Feb 20	Tallinn (EST)	\$10,000	A Kontaveit (EST)	K Piter (POL)	75 64	Brouleau (FRA)/Sasnovich (BLR)
Feb 20	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	A Beck (GER)	K Flipkens (BEL)	61 75	Kalashnikova (GEO)/Sirotkina (RUS)

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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

There's just one change to the men's Top Ten this month, but it's a significant one as Jo-Wilfried Tsonga edges past David Ferrer for the #5 spot, equalling his highest ever ranking. With very few points to defend between now and the grass court season, the French #1 will be attempting to make a strong challenge to break into the top four by summer. Ferrer will not be far behind though, having lost just once in three events so far this season, though the Spaniard must defend the lion's share of his results during the clay court season.

Victoria Azarenka recently won her third consecutive tournament to strengthen her position at #1. Maria Sharapova regains the #2 spot, mainly as a result of Petra Kvitova's injury-related absence in recent weeks. Meanwhile, Sabine Lisicki enters the European Top Ten for the first time in her career, joining Andrea Petkovic to give Germany two players in the Top Ten for the first time since Steffi Graf and Anke Huber in 1999.

Rankings as of February 27th, 2012.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	8980
02	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	7680
03	▼	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	7095
04	▶	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	6270
05	▶	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	5850
06	▶	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	5160
07	▶	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	4340
08	▶	Andrea PETKOVIC	GER	3810
09	▶	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	3575
10	NEW	Sabine LISICKI	GER	3196

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	13130
02	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	10435
03	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	8235
04	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	7150
05	▲	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	4410
06	▼	David FERRER	ESP	4345
07	▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	3860
08	▶	Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	2710
09	▶	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2070
10	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2005



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (FRA)



Sabine Lisicki (GER)



David Ferrer (ESP)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Member Nations

Stefan Tzvetkov has been re-elected for another 4-year term as President of the Bulgarian Tennis Federation.

Annual General Meeting

The 38th Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe will be hosted by the French Tennis Federation in Lyon from 22 - 25 March. For further information, please contact Jessica Browning: jessicab@tenniseurope.org.

European Racquet Stringers' Association

The first issue of ERSA's Racquet Tech magazine for 2012 has been published and is available online [here](#).

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