

Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lyon

The 38th Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting was held from 22-25 March in Lyon, France, where it was hosted by the French Tennis Federation (FFT).

A total of 86 delegates representing 36 member nations were in attendance for the Meeting, which was also the location of meetings of the organisation's Junior and Development Committees, as well as the Board of Management, concluding their first year together since being elected at the last AGM.

The opening day saw International Tennis Federation President Francesco Ricci Bitti address the gathering of his organisation's largest regional association with his annual ITF update. Other speakers and topics during the open session included FFT General Secretary Daniel Hette (Future Plans for Roland Garros), the Italian Tennis Federation's Luisanna Fodde (SuperTennis TV), HEAD's Folco Canonico (Marketing & Communications Strategies) and former French player, now President of the ASVEL Basketball team, Gilles Moretton (Tennis Career & Transition). >>



Left to right; International Tennis Federation President Francesco Ricci Bitti, Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré and French Tennis Federation President Jean Gachassin during the Annual General Meeting.

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Stars of Tomorrow – Tennis Europe Junior Tour video launched

Tennis Europe has launched a series of videos designed to promote the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, featuring interviews with players past and present.

Click the image below to watch the main video on YouTube, or skip to Page 4 for more information.



Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lyon

<< Saturday's plenary session saw annual reports from Tennis Europe's President Jacques Dupré and Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää, as well as those of the Chairpersons of the four committees, Günther Lang (Development), Karin van Bijsterveld (Juniors), Stefan Tzvetkov (Professional) and Philios Christodoulou (Seniors), and the Honorary Treasurer, Peter Bretherton.

Reflecting a relatively quiet year in constitutional terms, there were no applications for changes to membership status, and no other amendments to the rules.

Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré remarked, "It has been a busy but stable year for our organisation and the new Board of Management, as the committee reports have shown. I believe that we have had a successful meeting and that our member nations are satisfied with our work to serve and represent them. I am particularly pleased to have signed the agreement with the Special Olympics, an organisation whose work I strongly support. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Ricci Bitti for his presence and would also like to thank FFT President Jean Gachassin and his staff for their kind invitation to host the Meeting, and the President of the Lyon Tennis League Jean Wallach for the excellent social

programme that we have enjoyed here in Lyon."

The hosts organised a diverse range of activities for guests and partners, including a reception at the City Hall, a Saône & Rhône river cruise, a gastro-nomic workshop and tasting session, a visit to the silk weaving museum La Maison des Canuts, and a closing dinner at the historic Chateau de Pizay.

The official dinner was once again the venue for the presentation of Tennis Europe's annual awards for outstanding contributions to the game. These were given to Serghei Afanasenco (MDA), Nana Busina & Genrikh Feigin (RUS), Gavin Fletcher (GBR), Serghei Lashkul (UKR), Florenta Mihai (ROU), José Antonio Senz de Broto (ESP) and Slobodan Zivojinovic (SRB). European Tennis Trophies were also awarded to 2011 winners Netherlands (Wheelchair Tennis), Germany (Seniors Tennis), Russia (Junior Tennis) and Spain (Professional Tennis & Overall Performance), while special recognitions were given to Romania (Best-Performing 'B' Nation), Serbia (Best-Performing 'C' Nation), Greece (Greatest Improvement) and Czech Republic (Outstanding Achievement).

The next AGM will be hosted by the Estonian Tennis Association in Tallinn from 21-24 March, 2013.



Clockwise from top left; the Meeting in progress, representatives from the Romanian, French and Spanish Tennis Federations share the European Junior Championships Nations Ranking prize, President Jacques Dupré presents the Tennis Europe Award to former Vice President José Antonio Senz de Broto of Spain, and to Florenta Mihai of Romania.

Tennis Europe and Special Olympics Launch Partnership

Tennis Europe and Special Olympics have announced a new partnership agreement that will promote greater opportunities in tennis across Europe for people with intellectual disabilities.

The agreement was announced with the signing of a proclamation between President of Tennis Europe, Mr. Jacques Dupré and Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia Regional President Mrs. Mary Davis during the 2012 Tennis Europe Annual General which recently took place in Lyon, France.

"We are very pleased to join forces with Special Olympics to raise awareness and support for tennis players with intellectual disabilities," stated Jacques Dupré, President of Tennis Europe. "Tennis Europe greatly admires the work of Special Olympics in empowering children and adults with special needs every day to transform their lives through participation in sport. We are committed to playing our part so that more and more can experience the joy and benefits of tennis".

The tennis community across Europe is getting behind the Special Olympics movement. In 2010 Spanish champion Rafael Nadal developed the 'More than Tennis' programme in collaboration with Special Olympics and The Rafael Foundation with the equal aim of supporting personal development and promoting inclusion.

According to Mary Davis, Managing Director of SOEE: "Partnerships with sporting federations such as Tennis Europe are key to our ability to reach and include more people with intellectual disabilities as



Above: Tennis Europe CEO Olli Mäenpää, Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré, SOEE Sports Director Mariusz Damentko.

well as recruiting more coaches and volunteers. We are very excited about the new opportunities collaboration with Tennis Europe opens up that will help us meet the growing momentum for tennis in our movement."

Tennis is just one of 31 Olympic-type winter and summer sports of which Special Olympics offers year-round training and competitions. The movement, which serves more than half a million athletes across Europe and Central Asia, and nearly four million across the world, is keen to grow its number of registered players in this sport as well as recruit new coaches and volunteers.

For more information on Special Olympics visit www.specialolympics.org.



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour video – the Stars of Tomorrow

Tennis Europe has launched a series of videos designed to promote the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, a competitive forum for players aged 12, 14 and 16 & Under and consisting of 330+ events in 45 countries each year.

The clips, which will be made available to national tennis federations and junior tournament organisers free of charge, are intended to serve as a marketing and media tool for tournaments, and feature contributions from top professionals and former Junior Tour stars such as world #1 Victoria Azarenka, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Gael Monfils and Tomas Berdych, to name but a few.

Tennis Europe Chief Executive Officer Olli Mäenpää commented, "These films are a great way of spreading the message that the Tennis Europe Junior Tour provides a first opportunity to see the stars of tomorrow in action. For those not familiar, they explain the structure of the Junior Tour, from the low category tournaments to the elite and team



Click the image above to see the video on our YouTube channel.

events, and give an insight into the work done by Tennis Europe. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in the filming, especially the professional players who were happy to reminisce about their time on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour."

Tennis Europe News celebrates 100 Issues

Tennis Europe News has reached the milestone of 100 issues. The newsletter took over from 'ETA Flash', a printed document circulated to member nations in the 1990's. From 2000, the decision was taken to launch an internet-based newsletter, with some 250 initial subscribers.

For several years, the newsletter was sent on a bi-monthly basis before moving to monthly editions in 2005. Since then, the readership has grown exponentially, with around 30,000 direct subscribers now receiving each edition of the bulletin in addition to those on the Tennis Europe website and social media.

We'd like to thank all of our readers for their interest in Tennis Europe's activities, and look forward to sharing our next 100 updates with you!



Click the image above to read issues from the Tennis Europe News archives.

All previous issues from the Tennis Europe News archives can be found [here](#).



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Interview with ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti

International Tennis Federation President Francesco Ricci Bitti attended the recent Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lyon, where he gave his annual update on behalf of the ITF to its European member nations. Tennis Europe News met with him afterwards to discuss some current issues facing the sport.

As President of the ITF, and also an IOC member, what do you expect from the forthcoming Olympics in London?

The first thing that springs to mind is that the quality of the organising committee and the people working on the project is outstanding. From an IOC perspective there is no doubt that these will be great Games. Locally, as someone who also lives in London, I can tell you that at the moment there is a lot of financial pressure on organisers to stay on budget, so that's a challenge.

In terms of tennis, it's an unusual situation this time. We will be at Wimbledon, which is arguably the greatest venue in our sport, so everything is well tested and we already know the site. But the specifications of the Olympics are very different to those of the regular tournament at Wimbledon in many aspects, security being one example. The feel will be very different to that of Wimbledon, but in terms of technical and logistical services our aim is to use as many local people as possible, meaning that many of those who work at Wimbledon will also be at the Olympics.

The tennis will be played at Wimbledon, but the Paralympics will leave quite a legacy for tennis in London.

Yes, the Paralympics are particularly exciting. The centre is already up and running. It's called Eton Manor and will be used as a logistics centre during the main Games. A new tennis facility is greatly needed in this part of London, and after the Games there will be four indoor and six outdoor courts, plus other sporting facilities. The Paralympic tennis event is a sell-out, with sessions for 5,000 people. There is a very strong culture of disabled sport in Great Britain, which is reflected in both the preparation for the Games, and the huge demand for tickets. Channel 4 in the UK will be broadcasting the Paralympics in their entirety, which is a fantastic boost for the visibility of disabled sports. I have no doubt that these Paralympics will be the best ever.

There will surely be more and more talk about Olympic wild cards in the coming weeks...



Let's be clear that these are not 'wild cards' in the traditional sense. 2 places in each draw, for example, are reserved for the Olympic Solidarity programme to encourage universal competition. The rest are invitations and have strict and specific criteria including ranking and universality because the IOC recommends having as many countries as possible competing.

It's a landmark year for the ITF, with the organisation's centenary approaching. What do you have planned?

We have a lot of special functions planned. We will be careful financially, but the idea is to have a series of functions starting with the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas final this year. Although the Cup is 112 years old, coincidentally this year will see its 100th final, because the competition was not played during some of the war and post-war years. So the 100th final will kick off the centenary of the ITF itself, which will continue through a very special Champions Dinner next year and our centennial AGM which will be held in Paris, and finishes with the 50th Fed Cup final. The Fed Cup was created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ITF, so we will end up commemorating all of these occasions at once!

I understand that you met with the player's councils last week in Miami. Media reports still talk of the Davis & Fed Cups facing a crisis from time to time. Is that the impression you have?

Well, the meeting was actually about the Olympic eligibility rules, which can have an impact on those competitions. We had a particularly positive meeting with the men's council, though the women were also very receptive. It's important to note that it's often not the players that we need to convince; in general they are enthusiastic supporters of our events. >>

Interview with ITF President Francesco Ricci Bitti

<< But there are many people with vested interests – coaches, agents and so on, who advise some of the top players – especially the women – to the contrary. But there is no crisis. Participation rates amongst the women last year were 91%, which is great, though we would like to see some of the very top players commit a bit more. Recently we have seen growing depth in women’s tennis, some of the players that were dominant five or ten years ago are no longer playing full-time and there is a new generation at the top. This depth is reflected much more in a team competition; Italy’s recent titles are good illustration, and I believe that Germany is very much the team of the future. They have a very deep pool of players now, and great support; the recent tie in Stuttgart was sold out on both days and had a fantastic atmosphere.

The ITF recently launched a new website. Why the change?

Even though it had been some time since our last update, our website is more and more successful so of course it is our duty to continue to develop it. Things are changing fast in the world of communications; there is a social revolution, so every good website has to improve and to keep things fresh. It has been a huge project as everything is done in-house, from the design and technological aspects to the contents and social media. It’s an on-going project; the launch is really a promotional tool, but many things are still to be done. We’ve had good feedback from the users so far and are very happy with it.

You mentioned during your AGM address that the USTA had invested a significant amount of their total profits last year into the Tennis 10s project. What can European federations learn from this?

Obviously the vast majority of European federations do not have comparable resources to do a similar job as the Americans, but we are very happy in general with the way that the project has been enthusiastically picked up and supported by European nations. Many European countries already have their own successful projects, which has helped to spread the message of Tennis 10s.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the American project comes from something that they did – and they asked for special permission at the time – which was to blend the lines of an existing court with Tennis 10s lines. This was not allowed under the rules, so we had to grant them an exception, but this proved to be a great decision. .

So now the ITF does not object to marking smaller courts on normal-sized courts?

We would actively encourage it, because Tennis 10s is a key project for us. The most important thing is to participate and to compete, and it’s not always possible to find the resources to do so. If that means you have to convert existing courts, that’s better than not being able to play at all. The secret is to make the sport more accessible for everyone, and that’s what Tennis 10s is all about.

ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships

Ukrainian players dominated this year's ITF/Tennis Europe 14 & Under Development Championships which took place in Antalya, Turkey on 15-25 March. The event, which was hosted by the Turkish Tennis Federation, attracted players from 18 countries and comprised a two-day training camp followed by back-to-back Category 2 Tennis Europe Junior Tour tournaments.

Top seed Denys Klok (UKR) won the boys' singles titles in style, sweeping through both draws without dropping a set and defeating his compatriot Vladyslav Chumak in the final of each tournament. Chumak & Klok also combined to win the doubles events. The first week's final saw them overcome the Estonian pair of Mattias Siimar & Kristjan Tamm 1-6 7-6(4) [10-6]. The following week saw the Ukrainians overcome another Estonian partnership - second seeds Mikalai Haliak & Maxim Tybar - to win the final 6-3 6-3.

Klok now holds a total of six Tennis Europe Junior Tour titles, and strengthens his position as the European #2 as a result of his fortnight in Antalya, whilst also leading the Race to the Masters rankings. Chumak meanwhile climbs to fourth overall - a rise of 92 places since the beginning of the year.

There was further Ukrainian success in the girls' events, where unseeded Natalya Malenko (UKR) proved to be the star, beating her top seeded compatriot Anastasiya Klymenko (UKR) 6-2 7-6(3) and 7-5 6-3 respectively in the final of the two tournaments. The girls also teamed up to win the first week's doubles event over Vera Lapko & Aryna Sabalenka from Belarus 6-1 7-6(4) in the final. The Belarusians took their revenge the following week, upsetting their rivals in the semi-finals before going on to win the tournament, with a 7-5 6-3 victory over Krista Cerpina & Gundega Pastore from Latvia.

The tournament wins - Malenko's first on the Tennis Europe Junior Tour - contributed to a ranking rise of 89 places over the fortnight and saw her improve her win/loss record to 11-2 so far this year.

ITF/Tennis Europe Development Officer Hrvoje Zmajic commented: "Thanks to the ITF/Tennis Europe Development Programme, the Development Championships have once again helped a number of our smaller nations to compete in this high quality tournament. The facilities here in Antalya are first class and with ten matches over ten days, all players and coaches were able to make the most of the opportunity to work on their games and gain international experience."



Above: (Top and middle) Natalya Malenko and Denys Klok, double winners at the 2012 Development Championships (bottom) Anastasiya Klymenko, runner-up in both events.

A number of today's top professionals, including Victoria Azarenka, Kaia Kanepi and Marcos Baghdatis, have benefitted from playing this event in the past.

Full draws and results from the event, plus a photo gallery, can be found [here](#).

In the Spotlight: Stefan Tzvetkov

2012 is set to be a year to remember for the Bulgarian Tennis Federation, with several long-term projects reaching fruition. To find out more, we spoke to Stefan Tzvetkov, who was recently re-elected as federation's President. In addition being a successful businessman, Mr. Tzvetkov is also the Vice-President of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee and serves on Tennis Europe's Board of Management and as Chairman of our Professional Tennis Committee.

The big project for the Bulgarian Tennis Federation recently has been the inauguration of the National Tennis Centre in Sofia. What's the background to this project?

Well, the inauguration of the Centre represents the completion of the first phase of a 10-year investment plan, which has been carried in cooperation with the Ministry of Sports and Youth. We wanted to have a main centre where we could focus all of our activities. To this end, much of the site has been completely renovated, including the main clubhouse and the centre court. It has been a massive task but this phase is just about finished. Our aim has always been to have it ready by the time of the first big event, which will be the Davis Cup Europe/Africa Group III at the end of this month, and I'm happy to say that it will be.

How does the federation intend to use the Centre?

It will be the focal point for training, and also the venue for some of our major events, as well as housing the federation offices, which will help us greatly in terms of administration. There are currently a total of 13 courts, and the central court has ample seating and is overlooked by a restaurant. There will eventually also be 3 indoor courts, an in-house physiotherapist, as well as gym facilities and a sauna. As I said, it's a long-term project, but the Centre is a dream come true for generations of tennis lovers in Bulgaria. Both [Tennis Europe President] Jacques Dupré and [ITF President] Francesco Ricci Bitti strongly supported the federation's plans during their visits to Sofia in 2009 and 2010, and we are also very grateful to Prime Minister Boyko Borissov, whose commitment to the project made it possible.

Who is the Centre aimed at?

It is really for a complete spectrum of players. Of course, our elite players will train there, both juniors and professionals, but there will also be facilities for Tennis 10s, wheelchair tennis, university teams and so on. But the centre is just part of our long-term plan



to continue to improve as a federation in terms of our performance and also the services we provide as administrators of the sport, particularly in areas such as coaching. The National Training Centre will make it easier for us to implement development programs and help us to ensure that facilities are readily available to increasing numbers of children. In turn, we expect that this will have a knock-on effect in terms of generating interest, sponsors and finances for the future.

One of the first big events staged at the Centre will be the European Senior Championships.

Yes, logistically it will be a big challenge; the first edition of an event that could turn out to be one of the biggest in the tennis world. There will be 21 age categories competing in total, including men and women from Over 35s to Over 85s, and with singles, doubles and mixed doubles competitions. I expect that we'll have very strong draws, and Sofia's central location is great for players travelling from across all of Tennis Europe's member nations.

How popular is tennis in general in Bulgaria?

Participation is growing steadily. A few new clubs have opened in recent years and we have also seen a rise in licensed players. Tennis is now firmly within the top three sports. A lot of credit should go to Grigor [Dimitrov] and Tsvetana [Pironkova], who are fantastic ambassadors, both for the sport and for >>

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<< the country, and are amongst the most popular athletes and personalities in Bulgaria. We also have several very promising youngsters who will soon be making an impact on the tennis world, like Isabella Shinikova, Victoria Tomova and Dimitar Kuzmanov, as well as a whole group of talented juniors practising at the Centre. Bulgaria's recent first participation in the Hopman Cup was an important moment, bringing a lot of recognition for the sport in our country. The matches were broadcast live on national television and the wins over Denmark and the USA got a lot of attention, not just here but around the world.

You will be the Tournament Director of the WTA Tournament of Champions this year.

Yes, everybody is really looking forward to it. It has been over 20 years since we last had a WTA event in Bulgaria. People sometimes forget that we once had 3 Top 15 players [Manuela, Katerina & Magdalena Maleeva], and women's tennis is still very popular. The event will be here for three years, and will be played in a brand new venue, the Arena Sofia. It's a great opportunity for us, and will be the biggest tennis event ever held in Bulgaria. Of course our main hope is that it will help us in developing and raising the profile of the sport, but we also hope to promote Sofia as a prime destination for tourism and events.

Last year Bulgaria hosted the European Beach Tennis Championships, and later this year the ITF World Championships will visit. Have you seen a knock-on effect in terms of participation?

Yes, having these big events has generated a lot of interest, both in terms of media attention and also in terms of people coming along to the tournaments and trying the sport for the first time. Before the European Championships, Beach Tennis was not really known in Bulgaria, but there is great potential and we hope to convert this interest into international success. The World Championships will be held in Burgas, which is our fourth largest town and a beautiful location. Bulgaria has many fantastic seaside resorts, so it's clear that there is a huge potential for Beach Tennis.

What are your hopes for Bulgaria at the Olympics?

Obviously the dream is to win a medal, but the first step is to qualify. Tsvetana is currently just inside the safe zone for a spot; Grigor will have to have some great results in the coming weeks, but I am convinced that he will qualify and will have a successful Olympics. These would be the second Olympics for Tsvetana, and we have already seen that she can



The city of Burgas (above) will be location for the forthcoming ITF World Beach Tennis Championships.

excel on grass, so anything is possible. But for the athletes themselves, I just want them to go and enjoy the experience, because it's really something unique that they will always remember.

As Chairman of the Professional Tennis Committee, how do you see the current situation in Europe on the Pro Circuits?

It's an interesting situation because, despite the economic climate, 2011 turned out to be the busiest ever, with 300 men's and 285 women's tournaments. 2012 already looks to be as good, with very similar numbers of tournament applications. However if you look a bit more closely, there is likely to be less total prize money on offer, mainly because some of the biggest women's events have struggled to survive. Three \$100,000 events from 2011 will not be held this year, for example. So we hope to encourage some more of these events in order to ensure professional players of all levels have plenty of opportunities to earn points and to make a living.

How do you manage to combine so many different professional roles?

Sometimes it's a challenge but in general it works. Sometimes one role helps to inform you and to perform better in another. But tennis –and sport in general - has been a life-long passion for me ever since my days as a player, and I thoroughly enjoy the work I do. I can't imagine ever having too many projects on the go!

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Beyond the Baseline...

All venues are now confirmed for the **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** World Group semi finals and World Group II play-off ties, due to take place during the weekend of 21-22 April. The semi finals see Russia host Serbia on indoor clay in Moscow and Czech Republic host Italy on indoor hard courts in Ostrava.

The full Fed Cup play off line-up is as follows - World Group; Ukraine vs. USA in Kharkiv (clay), Japan vs. Belgium in Tokyo (hard indoors), Spain vs. Slovakia in Marbella (clay), Germany vs. Australia in Stuttgart (indoor clay). World Group II; France vs. Slovenia in Besançon (hard indoors), Switzerland vs. Belarus in Yverdon-les-Bains (hard indoors), Sweden vs. Great Britain in Borås (hard indoors) and Argentina vs. China in Buenos Aires (clay).

The forthcoming **Barcelona Ladies Open** has a new promoter, with former tournament director Arantxa Sánchez Vicario handing over the reins to Sandra Reichel.

Following ten months out of the game during which she successfully fought Hodgkins' Lymphoma, **Alissa Kleybanova** returned in Miami with a victory over world #64 Johanna Larsson before losing to Maria Kirilenko.

For the first time in over 20 years, three **ATP World Tour** Top 10 players (Roger Federer, David Ferrer, Mardy Fish) are aged 30 or over.

Either Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer or Andy Murray has won 17 of the last 18 **Masters 1000** titles.

The **WTA Tour** Board of Directors discussed the topic of grunting at their meeting last week in Key Biscayne.

Former world doubles #1 **Mark Knowles** has begun work as coach of Mardy Fish. 40-year old Knowles will also continue to play doubles part-time.

Rafael Nadal has resigned from his position as vice-president of the ATP Player Council.

Italy and France won their qualifying groups at the **BNP Paribas World Team Cup** qualifying competition in Antalya (TUR), securing spots in the Men's World Group 2 and Women's World Group respec-

tively. The main competition will be held in May in South Korea. Wild card invitations for the men's competition were also awarded to Switzerland and Greece.

Kim Clijsters has been ruled out for the next four weeks with a hip muscle injury. The Belgian has also suggested that she will play on until at least the US Open before retiring, following her appearance at the Olympics later this year.

Brazilian media reports that the country will host a WTA event in 2013.

Tickets have gone on sale for the **ATP World Tour Finals** in London. The 2012 event will see a Monday night final for the first time.

The **Gerry Weber Open** grass court event in Halle has announced a programme of events to celebrate its 20th edition in June, including a 'Champions Trophy' exhibition featuring Andrea Petkovic & Stefan Edberg vs. Martina Navratilova & Michael Stich, plus concerts featuring stars such as Melanie C and Sarah Connor.

Led by 22nd-ranked Kei Nishikori, Japan has been given a wild card invitation to compete at the **ATP World Team Cup** in Düsseldorf for the first time during the week prior to Roland Garros. USA, Serbia, Czech Republic, Croatia, Russia, Argentina and hosts Germany complete the line-up.

Former WTA #1 **Caroline Wozniacki** has recorded a single, '[Oxygen](#)' with proceeds going towards the Danish and Polish Paralympic teams. A video clip to accompany the song is currently being produced.

For the first time in the history of the competition, all four **Davis Cup by BNP Paribas** quarterfinal ties (Spain vs. Austria, France vs. USA, Czech Republic vs. Serbia and Argentina vs. Croatia) are being played on clay courts.

The Barcelona Open Banc Sabadell ATP World Tour event will pay tribute to **Ivan Lendl** on Thursday 26th April. Twice a winner in Barcelona (1980-81), the former world #1 will accompany Andy Murray to the event this year as they continue their coaching relationship.

FAST FACTS

71% of Europe's tennis players come either from France, Germany, Italy, Spain 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 April 3rd, 2012.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Taylor TOWNSEND	USA	2423
02	▶	Ashleigh BARTY	AUS	2142
03	▲	Ana KONJUH	CRO	1745
04	▲	Elizaveta KULICHOVA	RUS	1650
05	▶	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1600
06	▶	Ioana ROSCA	ROU	1540
07	▶	Indy DE VROOME	NED	1407
08	▶	Darya KASATKINA	RUS	1348
09	NEW	Beatriz HADDAD MAIA	BRA	1296
10	NEW	Katerina SINIAKOVA	CZE	1263



Ana Konjuh (CRO)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	1659
02	▶	Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	1181
03	▲	Borna CORIC	CRO	1147
04	NEW	Elias YMER	SWE	1100
05	▼	Petros CHRYSOCHOS	CYP	1090
06	▼	Noah RUBIN	USA	1083
07	▲	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	1073
08	▼	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	1035
09	▼	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	1000
10	NEW	Christian GARIN	CHI	901



Andrey Rublev (RUS)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

Titles at the Category 1 event in Stockholm last month brought rankings jumps for winners Olga Fridman (UKR) and Marko Osmakcic (SUI).

Fridman reclaimed the top spot before going on to win a second consecutive title at the Tim Essonne event in France the following week, while Osmakcic recorded his third title of the season so far - having earlier won in Beograd and Oetwil - and rises to his best position so far of third in Europe.

A champion last week in both singles and doubles at Maia, Dalma Galfi (HUN) moves closer to the #2 spot, while semi finalists Julia Payola (ESP) and Jay Clarke (GBR) also make big climbs and London 16 & Under champion Gabriella Taylor enters the girls' list, ensuring two Brits appear in both the boys and girls Top 10.

The full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are as of April 3rd, 2012.

14 & Under Girls

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	720
02	▼	Viktoria KUZMOVA	SVK	665
03	▲	Dalma GALFI	HUN	660
04	▲	Tereza MIHAILIKOVA	SVK	635
05	▼	Jaqueline Adina CRISTIAN	ROU	630
06	NEW	Julia PAYOLA	ESP	585
07	▼	Maia LUMSDEN	GBR	580
08	▶	Theo GRAVOUIL	FRA	560
08	NEW	Gabriella TAYLOR	GBR	555
10	▼	Karine SARKISOVA	RUS	555



Olga Fridman (UKR)

14 & Under Boys

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Kenneth RAISMA	EST	610
02	▶	Denys KLOK	UKR	540
03	▲	Marko OSMAKCIC	SUI	510
04	▲	Vladyslav CHUMAK	UKR	480
05	▼	Samuel SIPPEL	GER	465
06	▼	Michael MMOH	USA	440
07	▲	Mikael YEMER	SWE	415
08	▲	Jay CLARKE	GBR	415
09	NEW	Alessandro RICCI	CZE	360
10	▼	Samuel FERGUSON	GBR	360



Marko Osmakcic (SUI)

Race to the Junior Masters Rankings – 16 & Under

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Rankings below are as of April 3rd, 2012.



16 & Under Girls

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Daria KRUSHKOVA	RUS	300
02	NEW Gabriella TAYLOR	GBR	250
02	NEW Valeriya URZHUMOVA	RUS	250
04	NEW Anastasia SHAULSKAYA	RUS	240
04	NEW Theo GRAVOUIL	FRA	240
06	NEW Jil Belen TEICHMANN	SUI	230
07	NEW Anais GABRIEL	SUI	220
08	NEW Simona HEINOVA	CZE	210
08	NEW Dominika HALDINOVA	CZE	210
10	NEW Sara OTTOMANO	SUI	200



Anastasia Shaulskaya (RUS)

16 & Under Boys

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Daniel LITTLE	GBR	500
02	NEW Simone RONCALLI	ITA	310
03	NEW Igor PERUNOV	RUS	300
04	NEW Evgeny TYURNEV	RUS	290
05	NEW Marco PROCHAZKA	AUT	280
06	NEW Kenneth RAISMA	EST	270
06	NEW Christopher KLETTENBERG	EST	270
08	NEW Federico BONACIA	ITA	260
09	NEW Daniel ORLITA	CZE	250
09	NEW Boris POKOTILOV	RUS	250



Daniel Little (GBR)

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14 & Under Girls

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	395
02	NEW Dalma GALFI	HUN	365
03	NEW Tereza MIHALIKOVA	SVK	365
04	NEW Anastasia MIKHEEVA	GBR	328
05	NEW Anna BLINKOVA	RUS	310
06	NEW Viktoria KUZMOVA	SVK	310
07	NEW Vera LAPKO	BLR	305
08	NEW Anna KALINSKAYA	RUS	300
08	NEW Anastasia DETIUC	MDA	300
10	NEW Maia LUMSDEN	GBR	290



Dalma Galfi (HUN)

14 & Under Boys

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Marko OSMAKCIC	SUI	460
02	NEW Denys KLOK	UKR	450
03	NEW Mikael YEMER	SWE	405
04	NEW Vladyslav CHUMAK	UKR	390
05	NEW Jay CLARKE	GBR	365
06	NEW Alessandra RICCI	CZE	330
07	NEW Geoffrey BLANCANEUX	FRA	288
08	NEW Samuel FERGUSON	GBR	270
09	NEW Samuel SIPPEL	GER	260
10	NEW Kenneth RAISMA	EST	255



Mikael Yemer (SWE)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Mar 19	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	A Zakharov (RUS)	I Ponomarenko (RUS)	63 76(2)	Vylegzhanin/Zakharov (RUS)
		A Kulikova (RUS)	O Pervushina (RUS)	63 64	Pervushina/Potapova (RUS)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 27	Stockholm (SWE)	1 M Osmakcic (SUI)	M Yemer (SWE)	63 61	Osmakcic/Rudolph (SUI)
		O Fridman (UKR)	A Kalinskaya (RUS)	61 62	Detiuc (MDA)/Stollar (HUN)
Feb 27	Bleiswijk (NED)	3 L Wessels (GER)	D Altmaier (GER)	64 76(1)	Moonen/Stevens (NED)
		A Mikheeva (GBR)	V Zeleva (RUS)	62 62	Dijkman/van Rijn (NED)
Feb 27	Togliatti (RUS)	3 S Lysov (RUS)	A Ovcharov (RUS)	63 26 60	Orlov/Ovcharov (RUS)
		E Buss (RUS)	E Kunina (RUS)	6 67(5) 62	Buss/Nikolaeva (RUS)
Mar 5	St. Genevieve (FRA)	1 K Raisma (EST)	S Sippel (GER)	61 64	Bednarczyk (CAN)/Raisma (EST)
		O Fridman (UKR)	D Galfi (HUN)	76(4) 76(6)	Miklova/Vondrousova (CZE)
Mar 12	Oulu (FIN)	3 R Wrzesinski (POL)	D Morozov (RUS)	62 76(5)	Rainin (UKR)/Ruusuvoori (FIN)
		A Welti (SUI)	D Dehterevich (BLR)	75 62	Andersson/Humaloja (FIN)
Mar 12	Kosice (SVK)	2 S Ramazzotti (ITA)	M Valkusz (HUN)	63 62	Igamberdiyev (RUS)/Valkusz (HUN)
		D Galfi (HUN)	V Kuzmova (RUS)	w/o	Guna (ROU)/Shchipakina (RUS)
Mar 12	Isernhagen (GER)	3 G Blancaneaux (FRA)	V Guenther (GER)	63 63	Altmaier (GER)/Blancaneaux (FRA)
		L Reuffer (GER)	V Zeleva (RUS)	64 63	Hohnhold/Kehrer (GER)
Mar 12	Antalya (TUR)	2 D Klok (UKR)	V Chumak (UKR)	63 60	Chumak/Klok (UKR)
		N Malenko (UKR)	A Klymenko (UKR)	62 76(3)	Klymenko/Malenko (UKR)
Mar 19	Tel Aviv (ISR)	2 N Kolobaev (RUS)	M Kecmanovic (SRB)	75 64	Daels (BEL)/Rajaonah (FRA)
		E Antropova (RUS)	A Anshba (RUS)	64 63	Burez/De Ryck (BEL)
Mar 19	Nastola (FIN)	3 N Mayr (GER)	A Pollanen (FIN)	64 26 63	Pollanen/Ruusuvoori (FIN)
		V Yushchenko (RUS)	E Kunina (RUS)	61 62	Andersson/Humaloja (FIN)
Mar 19	Antalya (TUR)	2 D Klok (UKR)	V Chumak (UKR)	76(5) 60	Chumak/Klok (UKR)
		N Malenko (UKR)	A Klymenko (UKR)	75 63	Lapko/Sabakenko (BLR)
Mar 26	Maia (POR)	1 G Moroni (ITA)	M Osmakcic (SUI)	26 60 5-1 ret	Clarke/Ferguson (GBR)
		D Galfi (HUN)	C Bucsa (MDA)	76(4) 64	Galfi (HUN)/Mihailikova (RUS)
Mar 26	Minsk (BLR)	2 V Chumak (UKR)	M Tybar (BLR)	62 62	Chumak (UKR)/Tybar (BLR)
		V Lapko (BLR)	V Pogrebnyak (BLR)	62 26 75	Dehterevich (BLR)/Nazarova (UKR)
Mar 26	Jerusalem (ISR)	2 M Kecmanovic (SRB)	S Tsiptas (GRE)	62 61	Daels (BEL)/Rajaonah (FRA)
		A Mikheeva (GBR)	S Arol Wiegand (ISR)	60 61	Anshba/Vlasenkova (RUS)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Feb 27	Tallinn (EST)	3 K Raisma (EST)	E Lamberti (ITA)	62 75	Di Cosmo (ITA)/Reynolds (GBR)
		E Hendsel (EST)	G Kerezaitė (LTU)	63 76(1)	Hendsel (EST)/Kerezaitė (LTU)
Mar 5	Milovice-Mlada (CZE)	2 P Zawisza (POL)	D Orlita (CZE)	06 60 64	Paulson/Slezak (CZE)
		V Zlatanova (BUL)	A Bondar (HUN)	63 16 62	Bondar/Pirok (HUN)
Mar 5	Nastola (FIN)	3 D Little (GBR)	C Klettenberg (EST)	61 62	Dosuzhev (RUS)/Mangaloglu (TUR)
		D Kruzhkova (RUS)	V Urzhumova (RUS)	63 75	Kandratiuk/Yedzelkina (BLR)
Mar 12	Oulu (FIN)	3 I Perunov (RUS)	P Niklas-Salminen (FIN)	26 76(7) 75	Kalinin/Perunov (RUS)
		A Lysakova (RUS)	G Taylor (GBR)	64 61	Pajumets/Pajumets (EST)
Mar 19	Trencianske Teplice (SVK)	3 D Orlita (CZE)	P Obal (SVK)	63 64	Maco/Obal (SVK)
		T Mihailikova (SVK)	T Jaruskova (SVK)	62 64	Majorova (SVK)/Rosca (ROU)
Mar 26	London (GBR)	3 B Thomson (GBR)	C Reynolds (GBR)	63 62	Raschiatore (AUS)/Sabugueiro (POR)
		G Taylor (GBR)	J Asghar (GBR)	64 26 61	Schneider (SUI)/Taylor (GBR)



Clockwise from top left; Jerusalem 14&U winners Anastasia Mikheeva (GBR) & Miomir Kecmanovic (SRB), Tel Aviv 14&U winner Ekaterina Antropova and runner-up Amina Anshba (RUS), Stockholm 14&U winners Olga Fridman (UKR) & Marko Osmakic (SUI), singles finalists at Bucharest 14&U, finalists at the Super 12 Open in Auray, and finalists at the 16&U Chambon-sur-Lignon event.

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb 27	Faro (POR)	\$10,000	P Sousa (POR)	C Grassi (ITA)	64 76(6)	Falcao/Sousa (POR)
Feb 27	Cartgena (ESP)	\$10,000	F Reynet (FRA)	J Samper Montana (ESP)	36 76(1) 61	Lopez Jaen/Trujillo Soler (ESP)
Feb 27	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	A Kellner (HUN)	76(5) 62	De Loore/Reuter (BEL)
Feb 27	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	A Juska (LAT)	I Sergejev (UKR)	76(4) 76(4)	Manafov/Uzhylovsky (UKR)
Mar 5	Lille (FRA)	\$15,000	K de Schepper (FRA)	R Jouan (FRA)	62 46 63	Jouan/Martin (FRA)
Mar 5	Tipton (GBR)	\$15,000	P Torebko (GER)	J Goodall (GBR)	63 62	Eaton/Inglot (GBR)
Mar 5	Faro (POR)	\$10,000	A Martin (SVK)	D Smethurst (GBR)	62 62	Martin/Sikora (SVK)
Mar 5	Reus (ESP)	\$10,000	E Burzi (ITA)	M Fornell Mestres (ESP)	36 63 61	Burzi/Trevisan (ITA)
Mar 5	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	M Konecny (CZE)	A Sadecky (SUI)	62 63	Bjelica (SRB)/Mijic (GER)
Mar 5	Cherkassy (UKR)	\$10,000	O Nedovyesov (UKR)	V Galovic (ITA)	62 63	Manafov/Uzhylovsky (UKR)
Mar 12	Umag (CRO)	\$10,000	M Cecchinato (ITA)	A Martin (ITA)	63 64	Jebavy (CZE)/Martin (SVK)
Mar 12	Poitiers (FRA)	\$15,000+H	J Ouanna (FRA)	K De Schepper (FRA)	76(2) 76(2)	Patience/Renavand (FRA)
Mar 12	Bath (GBR)	\$15,000	P Torebko (GER)	M Ryderstedt (SWE)	62 62	Burton/Corrie (GBR)
Mar 12	Herzlia (ISR)	\$10,000	A Michon (FRA)	T Blomgren (SWE)	63 63	Benneteau/Michon (FRA)
Mar 12	Loule (POR)	\$10,000	D Lukacs (HUN)	N Desein (BEL)	64 61	Desein/Masson (BEL)
Mar 12	Moscow (RUS)	\$15,000	A Juska (LAT)	D Pavlovs (LAT)	67(3) 63 61	Juska/Pavlovs (LAT)
Mar 12	Badalona (ESP)	\$10,000	R Carballes (ESP)	D Estruch (ESP)	62 63	Lopez Jaen/Trujillo Soler (ESP)
Mar 12	Taverne (SUI)	\$10,000	M Baumann (GER)	H Laaksonen (FIN)	64 46 64	Kretschmer/Sude (GER)
Mar 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	N van der Meer (NED)	P Cervenak (SVK)	76(9) 61	Grozdanov/Kuzmanov (BUL)
Mar 19	Porec (CRO)	\$10,000	K Krawietz (GER)	D Marcan (CRO)	63 57 63	Balazs/Bardoczy (HUN)
Mar 19	St Raphael (FRA)	\$10,000	L Rochette (FRA)	N Desein (BEL)	64 61	Andersen/Roelofse (RSA)
Mar 19	Herzlia (ISR)	\$10,000	A Fitzpatrick (GBR)	A Kellner (HUN)	67(3) 64 64	Chadaj/Gadomski (POL)
Mar 19	Trento (ITA)	\$15,000	B Pashanski (SRB)	S Galvani (ITA)	16 61 76(4)	Crugnola/Grassi (ITA)
Mar 19	Tyumen (RUS)	\$15,000	E Kirillov (RUS)	B Westerhof (NED)	76(9) 63	Juska/Pavlovs (LAT)
Mar 19	Vaduz (LIE)	\$10,000	G Sakharov (FRA)	M Baumann (GER)	76(1) 63	Kretschmer/Sude (GER)
Mar 19	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	I Sergejev (UKR)	F Reynet (FRA)	62 62	Ciumac (MDA)/Sergejev (UKR)
Mar 26	Herzlia (ISR)	\$10,000	A Weintraub (ISR)	A Michon (FRA)	75 60	Godry/Kellner (HUN)
Mar 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	R Albot (MDA)	S Gutierrez Ferrol (ESP)	61 63	Ojeda Lara/Roca Batalla (ESP)
Mar 26	Rovinj (CRO)	\$10,000	R Carballes (ESP)	M Sieber (GER)	64 46 75	Krawietz/Zimmermann (GER)
Mar 26	Cividino (ITA)	\$10,000	D Dzumhur (BIH)	C Brezac (FRA)	64 64	Cluskey (IRL)/Raja (IND)
Mar 26	Fällenden (SUI)	\$10,000	J Goodall (GBR)	P Oswald (AUT)	64 62	Daniell (NZL)/Fucsovics (HUN)

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ITF Pro Circuits (Europe) Results



ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Feb 27	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	G Barbieri (ITA)	63 64	Giovine (ITA)/Schaefer (GER)
Feb 27	Bron (FRA)	\$10,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	A Vasylyeva (UKR)	57 76(2) 63	Marcinkevica (UKR)/Papamichail (GRE)
Mar 5	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	M di Giuseppe (ITA)	62 46 62	Dinu/Enache (ROU)
Mar 5	Dijon (FRA)	\$10,000	M Zanevska (UKR)	D Marcinkevica (LAT)	64 64	Marcinkevica (UKR)/Papamichail (GRE)
Mar 12	Amiens (FRA)	\$10,000	I Shinikova (BUL)	Y Bonaventure (BEL)	63 06 63	Van de Velde/Van Uiter (NED)
Mar 12	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	J Tinjic (BIH)	60 64	Barbieri/Grymalska (ITA)
Mar 12	Bath (GBR)	\$10,000	T Smitkova (CZE)	K Piter (POL)	46 62 61	Murray/Webley-Smith (GBR)
Mar 12	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	E Guisard (FRA)	S Sorribes Tormo (ESP)	60 76(5)	Dominguez Lopez/Rapisarda (ESP)
Mar 19	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Savic (CRO)	L Sabino (SUI)	5-0 ret	Mayr/Mayr (ITA)
Mar 19	Gonesse (FRA)	\$10,000	I Bremond (FRA)	A Bergot (FRA)	76(2) 63	Morgosova/Tvaroskova (SVK)
Mar 19	Madrid (ESP)	\$10,000	S Sorribes Tormo (ESP)	I Rapisarda Calvo (ESP)	62 76(8)	Jandova (CZE)/Martinovic (BIH)
Mar 19	Bath (GBR)	\$25,000	K Bertens (NED)	A Beck (GER)	64 36 63	Malek (GER)/Vogt (LIE)
Mar 19	Moscow (RUS)	\$25,000	M Gasparyan (RUS)	L Kichenok (UKR)	60 ret	Gasparyan/Marenko (RUS)
Mar 26	Le Havre (FRA)	\$10,000	M Georges (FRA)	Y Bonaventure (BEL)	57 75 60	Georges/Ghesquiere (FRA)
Mar 26	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Schmiedlova (SVK)	A Friedsam (GER)	76(5) 64	Bhargava/Krywacz (USA)
Mar 26	Fällenden (SUI)	\$10,000	A Sadikovic (SUI)	S Sekulic (SUI)	63 62	Knoll/Sadikovic (SUI)



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European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Considering that we've had two mandatory events with a potentially massive haul of ranking points since our last issue, there are surprisingly few changes to the European rankings this month. For a second consecutive month, the only change to the men's list involves David Ferrer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who continue to fight for the #5 position, with the Spaniard - who turned 30 this week - just edging his French rival at present, though he has far more points to defend during the coming clay court season.

Miami champion Agnieszka Radwanska is the only climber on the women's list. Now up to #4, the Pole has two title under her belt in 2012 and has amassed a 26-win/loss record so far, with all of her losses coming against world #1 Victoria Azarenka (not including a walkover conceded in Kuala Lumpur). Being the only one of the Top 5 without title points to defend during the run-up to Roland Garros, she looks set to climb further in the coming weeks.

Rankings as of April 2nd, 2012.

European Women

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01 ▶	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	8980
02 ▶	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	7930
03 ▶	Petra KVITOVA	CZE	7095
04 ▲	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	6710
05 ▼	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	5720
06 ▶	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	5020
07 ▶	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	3895
08 ▶	Andrea PETKOVIC	GER	3410
09 ▶	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	3380
10 ▶	Sabine LISICKI	GER	3201

European Men

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01 ▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	12670
02 ▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	9935
03 ▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	9035
04 ▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	8040
05 ▲	David FERRER	ESP	4700
06 ▼	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	4670
07 ▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	3725
08 ▶	Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	2820
09 ▶	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2250
10 ▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2050



David Ferrer (ESP)



Agnieszka Radwanska (POL)



Novak Djokovic (SRB)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

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Ronnie Leitgeb has been elected as President of **Tennis Austria**.

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Top Executives' Meeting

The 2012 Tennis Europe Top Executives' Meeting will be hosted by the Luxembourg Tennis Federation in Luxembourg from 9-11 October.

European Racquet Stringers' Association

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

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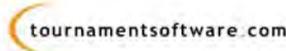
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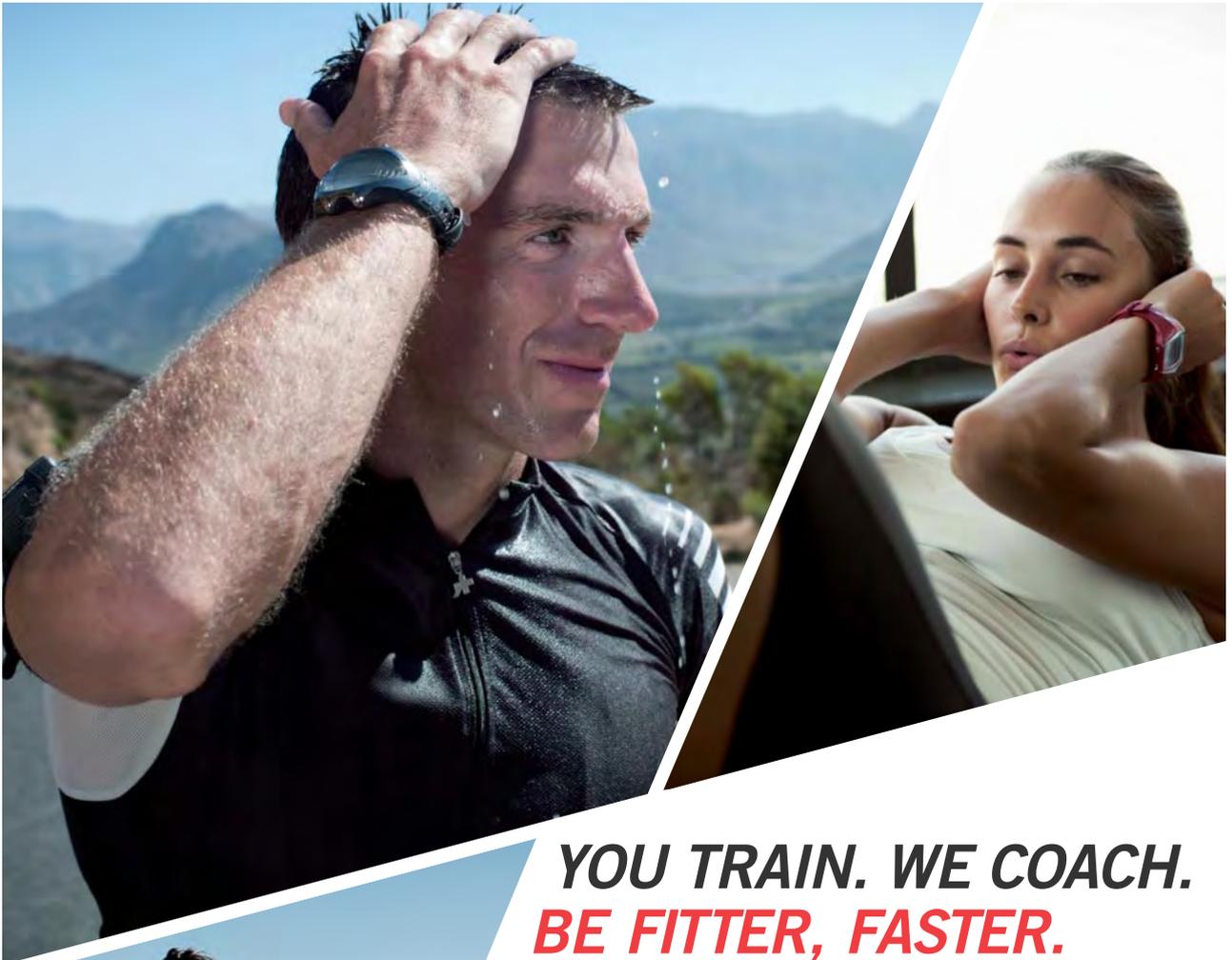
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Djokovic claims Miami hat-trick

Novak Djokovic won a tight battle between fellow HEAD racquet rebels, bolstering his world No. 1 status with a third career trophy at the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami. Djokovic, swinging his YouTek™ IG Speed MP, lifted the 30th title of his career with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) defeat over Andy Murray in the final. This victory completed a Miami hat-trick for the 24-year-old after winning in 2007 and 2011.

In the women's final, HEAD racquet rebel Maria Sharapova, playing with her YouTek™ IG Instinct MP, battled Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska in a 5-7, 4-6 defeat. The WTA No. 2 was playing her second consecutive Masters final in the US after her match against No. 1 rival Victoria Azarenka in Indian Wells. [Full story >>](#)





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