

Azarenka & Djokovic make history in Melbourne



Victoria Azarenka completed her rise to the top of women's tennis in style, winning the Australian Open to take the first ever Grand Slam singles title for a Belarusian player and secure the world #1 ranking. Novak Djokovic took the men's title in a record-breaking match against Rafael Nadal at the end of a tournament that saw eight different European nations represented by the final eight players. Full report on Page 12

Spain regains European Tennis Trophy



Tennis Europe has announced that Spain is to be presented with the 2011 European Tennis Trophy for Overall Tennis Performance.

The race to the Trophy, which takes into account the performances of representatives from all 49 Tennis Europe member nations across the main competitive disciplines of the sport throughout the year, was the closest-ever, with the top four nations separated by less than 250 points.

Spain's Davis Cup by BNP Paribas victory at the end of the season was key to its success, securing the nation an 8th Professional Tennis Trophy as well as enabling them to leapfrog Russia, France and the Czech Republic to secure the Overall Performance crown for the fifth time, and first since 2002. In addition, Spain finished 5th in Junior Tennis, equalled its best ever performance in Seniors Tennis (#8), and recorded its highest ever finish (#4) in the Wheelchair Tennis category.

RFET President José Luis Escañuela said "It is a great honour for the Spanish Tennis Federation to receive this award, which acknowledges the efforts of people that work in all areas of our sport. This is a reward for their collective efforts and for the commitment of all our clubs, players and coaches across all categories. On behalf of all of them, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Tennis Europe for this award."

Elsewhere in the Professional Tennis category, 2010 winners Russia slipped to second place, ending just 22 points ahead of third-placed Czech Republic, >>

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<< who finished in the top three for a second time in three years. Neighbours Slovakia made the biggest climb, rocketing eight places to enter the top ten for the first time since 2005, at #9.

Russia reclaimed the Junior Tennis Trophy from France to win the category for the seventh time in eight years. Junior tennis provided some of the most remarkable year-on-year improvements, including those of Romania (from #8 to #4 in this subcategory), Croatia (#18 to #8), Switzerland (#21 to #12), Slovenia (#26 to #14), Estonia (#33 to #17) and Greece (#38 to #25).

Germany once again dominated the Senior Tennis Trophy, winning the title for a 21st consecutive year, with three times as many points as second-placed Italy, who beat Austria into the runner-up spot.

The Netherlands maintained a tight grip on the Wheelchair Tennis Trophy, having won the title each year since its inclusion in 2001. Great Britain ousted France to take second place for the first time since 2003.

Greece made the greatest leap forward, climbing from 38th last year to 28th overall, while three other nations (Slovenia, Estonia and Ireland) climbed nine spots. The Czech Republic was the only nation in Europe to improve on its 2010 posi-

tion in all four categories, while six other nations improved their overall ranking for a second consecutive year, led by Great Britain and Romania (up to 7th & 8th respectively), Belgium (#11), Switzerland (#17), Estonia (#21) and Norway (#30).

Announcing the results, Tennis Europe President Jacques Dupré said, "I would like to congratulate the Spanish Tennis Federation for another outstanding year, both in individual and team events, as well as the federations of Russia, Germany and the Netherlands for their respective wins. A European Tennis Trophy victory represents not just the achievements of the players, but also the performances of coaches, administrators and federation staff across the continent. The closeness of this year's Trophy underlines the health of European tennis in general, and Tennis Europe is looking forward to another year of cooperation and competition between our member nations."

Established in 1990 to recognise and reward the annual achievements of Tennis Europe's 49 member nations, the European Tennis Trophy effectively provides an end of year ranking of the performances of players and teams representing national tennis federations.

The 2011 prizes will be awarded at a special ceremony during the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Europe in Lyon in March. To see the full results, and a detailed explanation of how the points are calculated, please click [here](#).

2011 EUROPEAN TENNIS TROPHY: FINAL STANDINGS

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

In the Spotlight: José Luis Escañuela

Following Spain's success in capturing the European Tennis Trophy for Overall Performance for this first time in almost ten years, we spoke to the President of the Spanish Tennis Federation (RFET), José Luis Escañuela and asked him to evaluate the reasons for the nation's outstanding performances.

Congratulations on Spain's success in the European Tennis Trophy. Obviously the Davis Cup win contributed to the Professional Tennis Trophy, but what are the main reasons behind Spain's sharp improvements in the senior and wheelchair tennis categories last year?

For wheelchair tennis, there has been a definite investment, both from the federation and from other institutions, one repercussion of which has been an improved competitive structure. Given that there are more opportunities to play, it follows that the results will improve. In terms of senior tennis, there has also been an effort from the federation to pay greater attention to this area. Spanish tennis is of a high standard, and our players continue to perform well at senior level. Spain is a country that is blessed with a great climate for tennis all year round, as well as a great club structure, which all combines to ensure a high level of tennis for our mature players.

There seem to be many new events coming up in Spain in 2012 across all categories.

The federation has been investing in new events, especially at junior level. I think it's fair to say that along with Italy, we are the country with the best competitive structure, and offer the most opportunities to play international events, across all levels. Last year, the federation invested almost €200,000 in junior tennis events and we're also putting more funds towards women's events. I think that this investment will be returned in the performances of our players, not just the professionals but also at grassroots.

What about Tennis Europe Junior Tour events?

We've established a new sporting structure, which will be led by Albert Costa, and we're aware that this has been a weak link in our competitive structure in the past, so it's something we will pay more attention to, incentivising improvements in terms of both quality and quantity of junior events. Spain has a unique situation, because apart from the High Performance Centre of the RFET, there are many excellent private academies across the country as well as the federation bases in Barcelona, Seville and Madrid. So there may appear to be comparatively fewer junior tourna-



ments, but our players do not lack opportunities because they do not have to travel to play at a high level, and they are working just as hard as the other top Europeans, which you can see as soon as they turn professional.

What can other federations learn from the success of the RFET?

I think it would be very pretentious of me to advise other federations, who already have their own structures and strategies, to follow the path of the Spanish Federation. Our success is linked to the amount of work put in, as well as an excellent club structure, competitive opportunities and great professionals across all sectors, from the regional federations who make a great contribution, to our most successful players. We are humble and also realise that there is plenty that we can learn from other federations; for example, the French Tennis Federation's licensing system is something that could be adapted for us, as we look to increase the base membership. Ours is not an infallible method, and we are very open to learn from others and also to help them where we can.

Do you think Spanish tennis is in a better place than it was say 5 years ago?

Yes, I always said before I became President that I felt that the best was still to come, and I still believe so. But a country that has 14 players in the Top 100 is already at a level that is difficult to improve, especially when three of those players are in the Top 10. It's a great time for Spanish tennis and our task now is to ensure continuity.

The level of participation in Spain is high compared to most European countries. What does the Spanish Federation do to encourage participation? >>

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<< I think something we still have pending is to work seriously at increasing the number of registered players in Spain. The structure in Spain doesn't oblige players to be members of clubs or of the federation, and in general the Spanish don't tend to affiliate to sports organisations, so we need to investigate how to change that culture a bit. But participation is very high, even in schools, and tennis rivals even football as a popular sport.

What are the main projects of the federation right now?

Well, one priority is to extend our high performance centres across more of the country. Right now, we have centres in Barcelona, Madrid and Seville, and the intention is extend this structure to guarantee the same standards of training and methodology across more areas of our country. Also, to continue the policies that we have already begun, for example to increase our efforts in terms of women's tennis, which has been somewhat in the shadow of the men's game, something that I think happens in many sports, not just tennis, but must be avoided.

It's a year of changes for Spain's Davis and Fed cup teams, with two of the sport's best known names taking the reins...why did you opt for them?

That's right. In the case of Arantxa [Sanchez Vicario], it was partly an ideological decision; Spain has only ever briefly had a female Fed Cup captain, and it was important to us to end this cycle and allow a woman to take charge of the women's team. And of course, the achievements of Arantxa are indisputable, what she already done for Spanish tennis, and women's tennis in general is incredible and there's no doubt that she will be an inspiration to the team. As for the men's team, a change was necessary because the previous captain, Albert Costa, felt that he had achieved what he wanted to do. Alex [Corretja] is a popular choice with the players, and again, has already proven his abilities. Time will tell, but I'm very happy with these choices, and have every confidence in them.

A challenging year too, because some of the winning Davis Cup team have already said that they don't want to play in 2012...so how will you qualify the success or otherwise of these new captains?

We haven't put limits or expectations on either captain. In the women's competition we have to maintain ourselves at the current level. Their contracts are for two years, and so there is no need for immediate results. The Olympics are also a big priority for Spain



Above: Mr. Escañuela presents Spain's new Davis Cup captain, Alex Corretja.

this year; we have won medals at each previous edition of the games, and we are very keen to keep up that record. As for Nadal and Ferrer, they are still committed to the team; they haven't said that they will never play again, just that they need a rest from these duties, and they have other priorities this year. If we get far enough in the competition, past the Olympics, I have no doubt that they will get on board, because their commitment to their country and their team is beyond question.

Is it fair to say that tennis is one of the few areas of Spain that hasn't been affected by the economic crisis?

Yes and no. In terms of budgets from the Ministry of Sports and from local councils and other organisations, there has been a big decrease in funds available, not just for tennis but for all sports, which is a concern of ours. In terms of our athletes, there is no crisis. To have 14 players in the Top 100 is something that might never be bettered. The Davis Cup continues to be a big draw, with many regions bidding to host the ties. It's a model for the ITF too; the final last year against Argentina in Seville, apart from a massive TV audience, had huge attendance. People say that tennis is an elite sport, but I don't agree, there is huge popular interest. I've seen industry data of healthy racquet sales in Spain, there is much reason to be optimistic. The Davis Cup win in December is obviously great for Spanish tennis, but what makes me even happier is that it inspires people. It resulted in lots of kids asking for racquets for Christmas, and many tennis schools have waiting lists at the moment. So Spain, like everywhere, is suffering from an economic crisis and it can have some effects on our sport, but in terms of the popularity of tennis, and the success of our athletes, there's no crisis.

European International Senior Championships in Seefeld

The picturesque Austrian ski resort of Seefeld was once again host to one of the world's biggest senior tennis events, as 629 players gathered from all over the world for the 36th edition of the European International Championships.

With 21 age categories to be played on the indoor courts, the Championships were once again split between the Seniors and the Super-Seniors, who took centre-stage during the first week, and saw some record-breaking performances from some of the game's most renowned senior players.

There were home victories for two Austrians in the men's singles. Top seed Hans-Dietrich Heissel won the Men's 65s event, coming from behind to outlast Kasper Rud of Denmark 4-6 6-4 6-4 in the final. Peter Pokorny had an easier ride, conceding just twelve games in five matches on his way to defending his Men's 70s crown. The win was his 23rd title in Seefeld throughout a long and distinguished seniors' career, and an incredible 34th European title overall.

The Men's 75s title went to Germany's Gerhard Coldeway who made up for his final loss last year to beat compatriot Silvio Linzbauer 6-3 6-3. Ewald Przewloka beat Sweden's Sven Pewe to keep the Men's 80s title in German hands, while Michael Novik of Russia beat defending champion Angelo Sala (ITA) for the Men's 85s title.

The Women's 60s event went to Heidi Eisterlehner of Germany, who had to fight hard for her 11th title in Seefeld, recovering from the loss of the second set to beat Heleen Janssen-Prins (NED) 6-1 6-7 6-1. Eisterlehner also teamed up with Heide Orth for the doubles crown, while Orth was pipped to the Women's 65s title by Ellie Krocke of the Netherlands.

Britain's Jacqueline Boothman won the Women's 70s title with a 6-1 6-1 win over wild card Mary de Man O'Wel (NED), while Women's 75s Player of the Year Brigitte Jung outlasted compatriot Ilse Michael over three sets to regain the 75s title. Having accepted a wild card into the tournament, Magdalena Jauch (GER) went on to defend the Women's 80s crown with a win over top seed Erzsebet Szentirmay (HUN).

The second week of action in Seefeld saw the younger age groups swing into action. Top seed Daniel Dolbea (GER) won the Men's 35s title when Austria's Clemens Weinhandl was forced to default from their final match. 2010 champion Jorgen Aberg of Sweden regained his Men's 40s crown after a long



Above (left to right), Lesley O'Halloran, Olga Shaposnikova, Elena Sventitskaya & Svetlana Loginova prepare for ladies' doubles action.

battle with top seed Dinko Gudelj (CRO), 6-3 3-6 7-5.

Italian players had unprecedented success in Seefeld; Marco Zanola beat Franco Radogna in an all-Italian Men's 45s final, while Fernando Cavalleri won the Men's 50s over Per-Anders Lindeborg (SWE). Alan Rasmussen of Denmark ended hopes of what had looked like being a third Italian title, when Ferrante Rocchi Lanoir retired whilst trailing their Men's 55s final 6-4 0-6 0-4. Arguably the most competitive of all the draws was the heavily-subscribed Men's 60s event, which produced an all-German final, with unseeded Lubomir Petrov beating Alfred Boeckl in three sets.

The Women's 40s went to Helena Vildova (CZE) over Gabi Kirchner (GER). Vildova beat top seed Lesley O'Halloran en route to the final, while Kirchner had despatched defending champion Nathalia Harina-Beckmann.

Top seed Ingrid Gutmann-Resch (AUT) defended her Women's 50s title in emphatic style, recording a 6-0 6-0 win over unseeded Katalin Boereocz (HUN), while 2011 Player of the Year Renata Tomanova beat German compatriot Heide Orth for the Women's 55s crown, for which Orth dropped two age categories. Orth holds more European Indoor titles than any other player with a total of 20, but will now have to wait another year to see if she can extend that figure.

Full draws and results can be found on the ITF website [here](#). Click [here](#) to visit our photo gallery (to be updated with more images soon).

European Senior Club Championships to be played at La Manga Club

Tennis Europe has announced that the award-winning La Manga Club resort in Spain will host all eleven categories of the 2012 European Senior Club Championships. This will mark the first time that all men's and women's age groups have been held simultaneously at the same venue.

The events will be staged over a twelve-day period spanning the last week of September and first week of October. The seniors' categories (Men's 35, 45, 50, 55, and Women's 40, 50) will be played from 25-29 September, with the Super-Seniors following from 2-6 October (Men's 60, 65, 70, Women's 60, 65).

In total, approximately 400 players representing teams from around 80 European clubs are expected to take part in the event.

La Manga Club is the Official Resort Partner of Tennis Europe and has previously been the host of several top-level conferences organised by the European Tennis Federation. This will be the first time that a European Championship tennis event has been hosted at the venue, which has previously



Some of the installations at La Manga Club.

been the location of several Davis and Fed Cup ties.

The resort boasts 28 tennis courts on a variety of surfaces, a full tennis academy, equipment hire and racquet services, squash and paddle tennis courts and a host of other sporting facilities including three golf courses.

Further information about the 2012 competition will be published [here](#) when available.

Belgian Davis Cup team train at La Manga Club

The Belgian Elite Squad (Davis Cup team) visited La Manga Club resort in Spain for the second year running in December in order to prepare for the Australian Open and upcoming Davis Cup ties.

Captain of the Belgian Davis Cup Team, Johan Van Herck, explained, "La Manga Club is the ideal place to practice at a high level. All the facilities needed for professional training are available and ready to be used by who ever needs it...this, combined with perfect accommodation and dining arrangements makes it a perfect place to get ready to create top performances."

During their stay, some members of the team took time out to train with the participants in the LevertonWilliams Tennis Academy, with some of the UK's most promising young tennis players.

Belgium will play the winners of the Great Britain vs. Slovakia Davis Cup tie in April.

Top photo: (front, left to right): Yannick Reuter; Steve Darcis; David Goffin; Germain Gigounon; Patrick Meur; Réginald Willems. (back, left to right): James Rose (La Manga Club Director of Tennis Coaching); Thierry Van Cleemput; Olivier Rochus; Chris Mertens; Arthur De Greef; Joris De Loore; Ruben Bemelmans; Yannick Mertens; Johan Van Herck; Kevin (team physio); Lorenzo Martínez (La Manga Club Director of Tennis & Leisure).

Bottom photo: Elite Squad members with LevertonWilliams Tennis Academy players.



European Senior Players of the Year

Tennis Europe has revealed the names of the winners of the European Senior Players of the Year titles for 2011.

Five men (Manfred Hundsdorfer, Paul French, Jorge Camina Borda, Petr Kolacek and Peter Pokorny) and five women (Lucie Schwab-Zelinka, Klaartje van Baarle, Renata Tomanova, Brigitte Jung and Erzsebet Szentirmay) successfully defended their titles from 2010.

Men's 40s winner Marko Por became the first player from Slovenia ever to win a Player of the Year title, while Men's 70s winner Peter Pokorny maintains his incredible streak of having won a title almost every year since the introduction of the award in 2000, missing out only once (2009).

The complete list of winners can be found below or on our special [gallery](#) of the winners.

The awards will be handed over to representatives from the national tennis federations of the players concerned at the forthcoming Tennis Europe Annual General Meeting in Lyon.

Men's Players of the Year

- 35 & Over - Gerhard Fahlke (GER)
- 40 & Over - Marko Por (SLO) (pictured, top)
- 45 & Over - Manfred Hundstorfer (AUT)
- 50 & Over - Norbert Henn (GER)
- 55 & Over - Paul French (GBR)
- 60 & Over - Jorge Camina Borda (ESP)
- 65 & Over - Petr Kolacek (SUI)
- 70 & Over - Peter Pokorny (AUT)
- 75 & Over - Gerhard Coldewey (GER)
- 80 & Over - Bo Hemborg (SWE)
- 85 & Over - Angelo Sala (ITA) (pictured, second from top)

Women's Players of the Year

- 35 & Over - Susi Fortun Lohrmann (GER)
- 40 & Over - Lucie Schwab-Zelinka (AUT)
- 45 & Over - Klaartje Van Baarle (BEL) (pictured, third)
- 50 & Over - Ingrid Gutmann-Resch (AUT)
- 55 & Over - Renata Tomanova (GER) (pictured, last)
- 60 & Over - Nicole Hesse Cazaux (FRA)
- 65 & Over - Gail Benedetti (FRA)
- 70 & Over - Sofia Garaguly (AUT)
- 75 & Over - Brigitte Jung (GER)
- 80 & Over - Erzsebet Szentirmay (HUN)



Wolfgang Hofer

Tennis Europe is saddened to report the death of Wolfgang Hofer, who passed away last week at the age of 87.

Mr. Hofer was a key figure in the early days of the European Tennis Association, serving for many years as a member of the Amateur, King's Cup and European Cup Committees, as they were then known. In 1976, he organised the first ever European Junior Championships in Berlin at the Rot-Weiss Club, of

which he served as President for many years.

In addition, Mr. Hofer served as Honorary Auditor of our organisation from 1975-2005, and was honoured with the position of Tennis Europe Honorary Life Counsellor in recognition of his outstanding contributions. His commitment never wavered, and he continued to attend the Annual General Meeting in recent years, where his presence will be greatly missed by all.

European Beach Tennis Championships Dates

Tennis Europe has announced that the fifth edition of the European Beach Tennis Championships will be staged at the IBS Beach Planet in Borgo Maggiore in San Marino from 31st August - 2nd September 2012.

The event, which has previously been held in Italy, Turkey and Bulgaria, will be visiting San Marino for the first time and continues to grow each year. 124 players from 19 nations took part in last year's Championships in Albena (BUL).

Great Britain has already been confirmed as the host of the event in 2013 and 2014.



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Ball Contest

Each year, Tennis Europe's Official Racquet, Tennis Ball and Tennis Bag partner, HEAD, allows us to make a special offer to supply balls to organisers of Tennis Europe Junior Tour events at a special price.

All tournaments to use HEAD balls are entered into a prize draw at the end of the year, and the winners for 2011 are as follows: David Mentz, organiser of the event in Steinfort (LUX) will receive 2 centre court tickets for the first day of play at Roland Garros

2012. Peter Whitehead, organiser of the event in Nottingham (GBR), will receive a HEAD TIP mini-tennis kit. Finally, Eduardo Cabrita, organiser of the event in Coimbra (POR) will receive a HEAD tennis racquet.

Tennis Europe would like to thank all of the tournaments that used HEAD balls in 2011, and wishes you luck with the 2012 contest.



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Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD 12/14/16 & Under Preview

As reported last month, the sports largest indoor team competition became even bigger this year, as the Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD introduces a 12 & Under category for the first time.

The 12 & Under players made their debut in the competition last weekend (27-29 January), with 55 national teams participating in the qualifying competition at six venues across the continent.

Girls' qualifying group winners Ukraine, Czech Republic, Russia and Slovenia will be joined by runners-up Germany, Belarus, Slovak Republic and Great Britain at the final rounds in Sheffield (GBR) from 10-12 February.

The winners of the boys' qualifying groups - Czech Republic, Italy, Russia and Ukraine - will be joined by runners-up Austria, Romania, Switzerland and the Netherlands at the final rounds in Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE) during the same weekend.

This weekend (3-5 February) sees the older age groups begin their 2012 campaigns, with qualifying taking place across the continent. A full list of all venues and the repartition of nations can be found on the following page.

France (boys) and Russia (girls) won last year's 14 & Under titles, while Great Britain (boys) and Czech Republic (girls) have the task of defending the 16 & under titles.

In all, 121 national teams will be competing in the 14/16 & Under events. Team nominations and all the results, photos and other news can be found on the dedicated [tournament page](#), or by following us on [Twitter](#) throughout the competition.



Above: Ukraine won the girls' qualifying group in Neudorf, Austria, last weekend and advance to the final rounds in Sheffield (GBR). Below, Russia's boys coach imparts some advice to his team as they qualify at home in Ufa.



Established in 1976, the Winter Cups are a highlight of the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, and have seen players such as Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Victoria Azarenka, Kim Clijsters and Vera Zvonareva represent their countries for the first time in team competitions.

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Boys 12&U

Finals **Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE)** 10-12 February

Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Switzerland, Ukraine

Tennis Europe Winter Cups by HEAD Girls 12&U

Finals **Sheffield (GBR)** 10-12 February

Belarus, Czech Republic, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine



Qualifying Zones & Repartition of Nations



Boys 14&U: Qualifying 3-5 February

Zone A	Pecs (HUN)	Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Moldova, Russia, Serbia
Zone B	Bergen (NOR)	Belarus, Czech Rep, Germany, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone C	Karlskrona (SWE)	Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden
Zone D	Ankara (TUR)	Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey
Finals	Correggio (ITA)	17-19 February

Girls 14 & Under: Qualifying 3-5 February

Zone A	Ebreichsdorf (AUT)	Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden
Zone B	Rakovnik (CZE)	Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Rep, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Gt Britain, Slovakia
Zone C	Maniago (ITA)	Belarus, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Switzerland
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	France, Latvia, Moldova, Netherlands, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine
Finals	Roznov pod Radhostem (CZE)	17-19 February

Boys 16 & Under: Qualifying 3-5 February

Zone A	Minsk (BLR)	Belarus, Bulgaria, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Poland, Romania, Spain
Zone B	Cholet (FRA)	France, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland
Zone C	Udine (ITA)	Croatia, Italy, Israel, Luxembourg, Portugal, Serbia, Sweden, Ukraine
Zone D	Istanbul (TUR)	Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Czech Rep, Gt Britain, Netherlands, Slovenia, Turkey
Finals	Ronchin (FRA)	17-19 February

Girls 16 & Under: Qualifying 3-5 February

Zone A	Vendryne (CZE)	Czech Rep, Gt Britain, Greece, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Switzerland, Ukraine
Zone B	Brest (FRA)	Austria, Belgium, France, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania, Sweden
Zone C	Zutphen (NED)	Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Slovakia, Serbia
Zone D	Izmir (TUR)	Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey
Finals	Frydlant nad Ostravici (CZE)	17-19 February

Official Junior Championships Calendar 2012



Jan 23-29	Mon-Sun	AUSTRALIAN OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Grand Slam (ITF)	18&U
Jan 27-29	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS	Qualifying Rounds	12&U
Feb 3-5	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD	Qualifying Rounds	14/16&U
Feb 10-12	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS	Final Rounds	12&U
Feb 17-19	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE WINTER CUPS BY HEAD	Final Rounds	14/16&U
Mar TBA	Mon-Thu	ITF/TENNIS EUROPE DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS		14 &U
June 4-10	Mon-Sun	ROLAND GARROS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Grand Slam (ITF)	18&U
July 2-8	Mon-Sun	WIMBLEDON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Grand Slam (ITF)	18&U
July 1-3	Sun-Tue	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS COPA DEL SOL & EUROPA CUP ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION	Qualifying Rounds	14&U
July 6-8	Fri-Sun	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS COPA DEL SOL & EUROPA CUP ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS COMPETITION	Final Rounds	14&U
Aug 13-18	Mon-Sat	ITF WORLD JUNIOR TENNIS FINALS	ITF	14&U
July 23-29	Mon-Sun	EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS		14/16/18&U
July 26-29	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD	Qualifying Rounds	12&U
Aug 9-12	Thu-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE NATIONS CHALLENGE BY HEAD	Final Rounds	12&U
Aug 1-3	Wed-Fri	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS BOROTRA & HELVETIE CUPS GALEA/VALERIO & REINA/SOISBAULT ITF JUNIOR DAVIS & FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS	Qualifying Rounds Qualifying Rounds	16&U 18&U
Aug 6-8	Mon-Wed	EUROPEAN SUMMER CUPS BOROTRA CUP & HELVETIE CUP GALEA/VALERIO & REINA/SOISBAULT ITF JUNIOR DAVIS & FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS	Final Round Final Round	16&U 18&U
Sep 3-9	Mon-Sun	US OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	Grand Slam (ITF)	18&U
Sep 25-30	Tue-Sun	ITF JUNIOR DAVIS CUP/JUNIOR FED CUP BY BNP PARIBAS WORLD FINALS	ITF	16&U
Oct 5-7 (TBC)	Fri-Sun	TENNIS EUROPE JUNIOR MASTERS		14/16&U

Please note:

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Azarenka and Djokovic make history in Melbourne

The first Grand Slam of the season turned out to be a showcase of the health and diversity of European tennis, with the eight singles semi-finalists representing eight different European nations. All eyes were on the 'Big Four' of men's tennis throughout the tournament, with fans eagerly anticipating the latest instalments in the rivalries between the world's Top 4 players, who have established an almost unbreakable monopoly of Grand Slam semi-final spots over the last year. The four duly held their seedings to meet in the semis, where Rafael Nadal once again got the better of Roger Federer in a four-set match to book his place in a final. Top seed and defending champion Novak Djokovic survived a strong test from Andy Murray in their rematch of the 2011 final. The Serb eventually prevailed 7-5 in the fifth set of a brutal match that highlighted Murray's early progress under new coach Ivan Lendl and determination to win a first Slam in 2012.

Nadal had been hoping to put behind him the memory of six consecutive defeats to Djokovic last year, and many pundits believed that Novak's marathon semi-final against Murray would give the Spaniard the edge physically. But both players proved to be indefatigable in what turned out to be a classic encounter. Nadal had played aggressively to win an 80-minute first set 7-5, but the world #1 came roaring back to level with a 6-2 second set, and took the lead after a ten-game third. In the fourth set, during which the quality of tennis was matched by the drama, Nadal came from the brink of defeat to force a decider as the clock passed midnight. The world #2 then ground out a 4-2, 30-15 lead when he missed an easy backhand shot into the open court. The miss seemed to disrupt his momentum long enough for Djokovic to respond. Eventually the Serb triumphed on his first match point to seal an epic win that will be remembered for many years to come. Just shy of six hours, the match was the longest final in Grand Slam history, and ended at 01:37 local time. Both players were so exhausted during the presentation ceremony that they had to be seated for the



speeches, during which Novak echoed the thoughts of many, saying "Unfortunately there could not be two winners, and I hope we have many more matches like this." Nadal may not agree; the victory is Djokovic's fifth Grand Slam, and third in a row, having now beaten Nadal in three consecutive finals.

The women's final was much less dramatic, as Victoria Azarenka produced a steely performance in her first appearance in a major final to brush aside the challenge of the more experienced Maria Sharapova. With her confidence sky-high having won the tune-up event in Sydney with wins over three top ten players, Azarenka continued her march in Melbourne, ending the reign of defending champion Kim Clijsters in a three-set semi-final, while Sharapova had ended the #1 hopes of Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova. The Russian started the final strongly, breaking her opponent's serve at the first opportunity and holding for a 2-0 lead, prompting commentators to speculate whether Azarenka would follow in the footsteps of Natasha Zvereva, her only other compatriot to have reached a Grand Slam final, who famously froze against Steffi Graf in 1988 at Roland Garros and did not win a game. What happened next was quite the opposite; Azarenka found her range, and Sharapova mis-fired, allowing her opponent to dictate play. Azarenka reeled off twelve of the next thirteen games to secure a first ever Grand Slam title for Belarus, as well as the world #1 ranking. The win means that for the first time in history, all four women's Grand Slam titles are held by first-time Slam winners.



Both the men's and women's doubles competitions were won by unseeded teams of veteran players. Russians Svetlana Kuznetsova & Vera Zvonareva boosted their hopes of Olympic gold by teaming up to win what was a second Grand Slam doubles title for both players. Their final opponents Sara Errani & Roberta Vinci - another likely Olympic team - provided a tough test, but ran out of steam with Kuznetsova in particular playing inspired tennis during the decid-

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<<In the men's event, 38-year old Leander Paes finally completed the Grand Slam, teaming with Radek Stepanek for just the second time since 2004 to record a win over the world #1s and defending champions Bob & Mike Bryan. The brothers were hoping to break the Open era record for most Grand Slam titles as a team, a feat which will surely remain their objective for the rest of the season, while India's Paes joins an elite group of players to have captured all four Slam titles during their career.

There were surprise winners of the mixed event too, as the US-Romanian pair Bethanie Mattek-Sands & Horia Tecau upset the more experienced partnership of Elena Vesnina & Leander Paes with a match tiebreak win. Vesnina's appearance ensured that all three main championships featured a Russian woman in the final.

Luke Saville was the only Australian to feature in a final, and he didn't let the home fans down, recovering from the loss of the second set to outlast Canada's Filip Peliwo and recording his second Junior Grand Slam title and consolidate his position as the world #1. The boys' doubles went to British pair Liam Broady, runner up to Saville in last year's Wimbledon final, and Joshua Ward-Hibbert.

While the US men had their poorest showing in Australia sine 1973, 15-year old Taylor Townsend restored some American pride in the girls' event, announcing her arrival on the world stage by teaming with compatriot Gabrielle Andrews for the doubles title, and then posting a shock three-set win over Yulia Putintseva of Russia to wrap up her first ever Junior Grand Slam title.

Many players will now go onto Davis and Fed Cup duty in February, while Nadal has already stated his intention to take the month off. Having suffered one of the most bruising defeats in tennis history, it's

impossible to argue that he deserves it. Meanwhile, Djokovic continues to go from strength to strength, and in an Olympic year, the tennis world continues to wonder who will be the player to step up and solve the Novak Problem.

2012 Australian Open Roll of Honour

Men's Singles

- (1) Novak Djokovic (SRB) d.
- (2) Rafael Nadal (ESP) 57 62 64 67(7) 75

Men's Doubles

- Paes (IND)/Stepanek (CZE) d.
- (1) Bryan/Bryan (USA) 76(2) 62

Women's Singles

- (3) Victoria Azarenka (BLR) d.
- (4) Maria Sharapova (RUS) 63 60

Women's Doubles

- Kuznetsova/Zvonareva (RUS) d.
- (11) Errani/Vinci (ITA) 57 64 63

Mixed Doubles

- Mattek-Sands (USA)/Tecau (ROU) d.
- (5) Vesnina/Paes (IND) 63 57 (10-3)

Boys' Singles

- (1) Luke Saville (AUS) d.
- Filip Peliwo (CAN) 63 57 64

Boys Doubles

- (6) Broady/Ward-Hibbert (GBR) d.
- Pavlascek/Veger (CRO) 63 62

Girls' Singles

- (14) Taylor Townsend (USA) d.
- (4) Yulia Putintseva (RUS) 61 36 63

Girls' Doubles

- Andrews/Townsend (USA) d.
- (1) Khromacheva (RUS)/Kovinic (MNE) 57 75 (10-6)

Men's Wheelchair Singles

- (1) Maikel Scheffers (NED) d.
- Nicolas Peifer (FRA) 36 76(2) 60

Women's Wheelchair Singles

- (1) Esther Vergeer (NED) d.
- (2) Aniek van Koot (NED) 60 60

Men's Wheelchair Doubles

- (2) Ammerlaan/Vink (NED) d.
- (1) Houdet/Peifer (FRA) 62 46 61

Women's Wheelchair Doubles

- (1) Vergeer/Walraven (NED) d.
- (2) Buis/Van Koot (NED) 46 62 64

Quad Wheelchair Singles

- (2) Peter Norfolk (GBR) d.
- (1) David Wagner (USA) 46 64 62

Quad Wheelchair Doubles

- (1) Laphorne/Norfolk (GBR) d.
- (2) Wagner (USA)/Gershony (ISR) 64 62



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Beyond the Baseline...

This weekend sees the first round of **Fed Cup by BNP Paribas** action for 2012. World Group ties see Russia host Spain in Moscow, Belgium host Serbia in Charleroi, Italy host Ukraine in Biella and Germany host Czech Republic in Stuttgart. World Group II matches see Belarus visit Worcester in the USA, Slovenia travel to Hyogo in Japan, Slovak Republic host France in Bratislava, and Switzerland host Australia in Fribourg.

15 European nations are taking part in the Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Europe/Africa Zone Group 1 competition this week on hard courts in Eilat, Israel. Pool A features Estonia, Austria & Bulgaria, Pool B includes Sweden, Hungary, Greece and Bosnia & Herzegovina, Pool C contains Great Britain, Israel, Netherlands and Portugal, and Pool D features Poland, Romania, Croatia & Luxembourg.

Davis Cup by BNP Paribas World Group ties to be played during the weekend of 10-12 February (host nation first); Spain vs. Kazakhstan, Austria vs. Russia, Canada vs. France, Switzerland vs. USA, Czech Republic vs. Italy, Serbia vs. Sweden, Japan vs. Croatia, Germany vs. Argentina.

Novak Djokovic became the fourth tennis player (after Goran Ivanisevic, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal) to win the BBC's Overseas Sports Personality of the Year Award.

The **BNP Paribas Zurich Open** line-up is almost complete. The legend's event will this year feature Stefan Edberg, Pat Cash, Jimmy Connors, Tim Henman, Henri Leconte, Marat Safin and defending champion Mark Philippoussis plus one other player to be confirmed.

British Eurosport has signed a 2-year deal with the ITF to become the exclusive broadcaster of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas in the UK, and will offer comprehensive coverage of World Group ties, plus British matches, commencing with the tie against Slovakia in Glasgow from 10-12 February. Eurosport has also announced that it will continue to broadcast from the US Open until at least 2017.

Former world #1 **Lindsay Davenport** has given birth to her third child, a girl.

Brad Drewett, former player and current ATP senior

executive, has been named as the organization's new Executive Chairman and President. He began his role on January 1, 2012, and will be based in the ATP's London office.

Indian Wells organisers have announced that the **BNP Paribas Open** in March will become the first combined ATP/WTA event to award one million dollars to both the men's and women's champions.

Andreas Vinciguerra has revealed plans to open a tennis academy bearing his name in Sweden later this year.

The **WTA Tour** and Dubai Duty Free have announced a three-year extension to their partnership, which will continue until 2014. Meanwhile, the organisation's long standing sponsorship deal with Sony Ericsson will terminate at the end of 2012.

The WTA released a statement during the Australian Open saying that it is "currently in the process of exploring how to reduce excessive grunting."

Agnieszka Radwanska is working with Borna Bikic, former coach to Karolina Sprem.

The '**Andalucia Tennis Experience**' WTA event in Marbella has been cancelled due to a lack of funds.

Players and fans at the Tennis Europe Junior Tour event 'Les Petits As' in Tarbes, France, were treated to an exhibition match between **Michael Chang** and **Fabrice Santoro** last weekend, a re-match of their semi final 26 years ago.

Some of the best-known tennis writers are contributing to a new website. **The Tennis Space** has all the latest on and off-court news, plus interviews with top players and much more. Visit www.thetennisspace.com.

Rafael Nadal (#5), Roger Federer (#6) and Novak Djokovic (#9) all feature in the Top 10 of the Bloomberg Businessweek/Horror Sports Ventures **Power 100 rankings**, which evaluate top athletes' worth based on statistics, the popularity and viewing audience of their sports, endorsement earnings, and their reach on social media.

FAST FACTS

More than 6 million branded tennis balls were sold in Europe in 2010; this would fill more than 12 Olympic-sized swimming pools, and is enough to supply balls for the four Grand Slam tournaments for 37 years.



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Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – Overall

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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 January 31st, 2012.

Overall Girls' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Ashleigh BARTY	AUS	2278
02	NEW	Jelena OSTAPENKO	LAT	1568
03	▲	Ioana ROSCA	ROU	1540
04	NEW	Ana KONJUH	CRO	1505
05	▲	Indy DE VROOME	NED	1497
06	NEW	Elizaveta KULICHOVA	RUS	1410
07	NEW	Taylor TOWNSEND	USA	1318
08	▲	Donna VEKIC	CRO	1265
09	NEW	Ilka CSOREGI	ROU	1238
10	NEW	Francoise ABANDA	CAN	1115



Jelena Ostapenko (LAT)

Overall Boys' Ranking

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW	Gianluigi QUINZI	ITA	1282
02	▲	Alexander LEBEDYN	UKR	1261
03	NEW	Noah RUBIN	USA	1083
04	▲	Petros CHRYSOCHOS	CYP	1050
05	NEW	Borna CORIC	CRO	1030
06	NEW	Bogdan BORZA	ROU	995
07	NEW	David PICHLER	AUT	938
08	NEW	Patrick CIORCILA	ROU	933
09	NEW	Alexander ZVEREV	GER	910
10	NEW	Andrey RUBLEV	RUS	890



Gianluigi Quinzi (ITA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Rankings – 14 & Under

As the class of 1997 moves from the 14 & Under to 16 & Under rankings, there are huge changes to the lists this month. The two highest climbers in the girls' list are the winners of the opening Category 1 events of the season, Jaqueline Cristian (ROU, conqueror of Tarbes) and Maia Lumsden (GBR, winner in Bolton).

The boys' list is headed by Kenneth Raisma (EST), and also features Francis Tiafoe, who by virtue of winning singles and doubles in Tarbes as well as the

singles in Bolton reaches the Top Ten with just two events on his record.

Tiafoe is just behind compatriot Michael Mmoh, who played 8 European events last year and has a good chance of becoming the first American to head the Tennis Europe Junior Tour rankings for many years.

The full ranking lists can be found at www.TennisEurope.org. Rankings below are as of January 31st, 2012.

14 & Under Girls

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Olga FRIDMAN	UKR	600
01	NEW Jaqueline Adina CRISTIAN	ROU	600
03	NEW Maia LUMSDEN	GBR	580
04	NEW Viktoria KUZMOVA	SVK	570
05	NEW Karine SARKISOVA	RUS	555
06	NEW Dalma GALFI	HUN	545
07	NEW Fanny STOLLAR	HUN	535
08	NEW Katarina JOKIC	BIH	528
09	NEW Nikolina JOVIC	BIH	525
10	NEW Alina SEMASHKO	RUS	520



Maia Lumsden (GBR)

14 & Under Boys

Rank	Name	Nat.	Points
01	NEW Kenneth RAISMA	EST	510
02	NEW Michael MMOH	USA	440
03	NEW Denys KLOK	UKR	405
04	NEW Samuel SIPPEL	GER	350
05	NEW Mikhail SOKOLOVSKIY	RUS	316
06	NEW Marko OSMACIC	SUI	301
07	NEW Francis TIAFOE	USA	295
08	NEW Artem DUBRIVNYI	RUS	291
09	NEW Aykhan MANAFI	AZE	290
10	NEW Alessandro RICCI	CZE	290



Francis Tiafoe (USA)



Tennis Europe Junior Tour Results

12 & Under

Date	Tournament	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 9	Ufa (RUS)	A Avidzba (RUS)	L Sheyngelikht (RUS)	61 63	Avidzba/Vylegzhanin (RUS)
		O Pervushina (RUS)	A Potapova (RUS)	46 61 62	Pervushina/Potapova (RUS)

14 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 2	Mytischki (RUS)	2 D Klok (UKR)	S Tsitsipas (GRE)	64 75	Guskov/Nesterov (RUS)
		Y Bryzgalova (RUS)	E Buss (RUS)	64 64	Bryzgalova/Kalinskaya (RUS)
Jan 2	Beograd (SRB)	3 M Osmakcic (SUI)	E Guell Bartrina (ESP)	63 64	Osmakcic/Rudolph (SUI)
		T Mihalikova (SVK)	J Vukovic (SRB)	63 64	Berberovic (BIH)/Delibegovic (CRO)
Jan 9	Siauliai (LTU)	3 A Aleshchev (RUS)	V Lobak (UKR)	61 76(4)	Liaonenka/Tybar (BLR)
		A Kalinskaya (RUS)	A Ureke (RUS)	61 61	Anshba/Kalinskaya (RUS)
Jan 16	Bolton (GBR)	1 F Tiafoe (USA)	M Mmoh (USA)	63 63	Blumberg/Ponwith (USA)
		M Lumsden (GBR)	A Black (USA)	75 61	Black/Frenkel (USA)
Jan 16	Milovice (CZE)	2 L Weidenmann (GER)	L Daels (BEL)	63 16 63	Holis/Ricci (CZE)
		V Kuzmova (SVK)	D Cichova (CZE)	63 64	Antonitsch/Wolfgruber (AUT)
Jan 16	Narva (EST)	3 A Pollanen (FIN)	A Aleshchev (RUS)	76(3) 62	Guskov/Sahabutdinov (RUS)
		A Ureke (RUS)	H Yedzelkina (BLR)	64 63	Golubovskaya (RUS)/Yedzelkina (BLR)
Jan 23	Tarbes (FRA)	1 F Tiafoe (USA)	W Blumberg (USA)	60 62	Mmoh/Tiafoe (USA)
		J Cristian (ROU)	A Black (USA)	62 63	Black/Frenkel (USA)
Jan 23	Mogilev (BLR)	3 A Ovcharov (RUS)	S Shainyan (RUS)	61 64	Klimov/Orlov (RUS)
		M Antonova (RUS)	A Blinkova (RUS)	26 75 64	Dehterevich/Lapko (BLR)

16 & Under

Date	Tournament	Category / Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles Winner
Jan 9	Milovice (CZE)	2 O Krstev (CZE)	M Prochazka (POL)	62 63	Hajek/Prorbil (CZE)
		S Heinova (CZE)	D Haldinova (CZE)	w/o	Haldinova (CZE)/Shchipakina (RUS)
Jan 16	Vsevolozhsk (RUS)	3 E Tyurnev (RUS)	A Bublik (RUS)	61 64	Tyurnev/Vasilyev (RUS)
		A Shauskaya (RUS)	V Miroshnichenko (UKR)	64 76(2)	Tretyak/Zolotareva (RUS)

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ITF Men's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 9	Schwieberdingen (GER)	\$10,000	J Goodall (GBR)	B Knittel (GER)	26 76(4) 64	Olivetti/Rousset (FRA)
Jan 9	Glasgow (GBR)	\$15,000	M Przysienzny (POL)	M Basic (BIH)	61 76(7)	Eaton/Inglot (GBR)
Jan 9	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	C Grassi (ITA)	G Sakharov (RUS)	76(5) 63	Grassi/Volante (ITA)
Jan 9	Moscow (RUS)	\$10,000	S Poplavskyy (UKR)	M Fufygin (RUS)	76(8) 76(1)	Juska/Pavlovs (LAT)
Jan 9	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	T Brkic (BIH)	M Konecny (CZE)	64 61	Brkic/Setkic (BIH)
Jan 16	Bagnoles (FRA)	\$10,000+H	M Baumann (GER)	A Penaud (FRA)	26 76(4) 64	Heller (GER)/Wang (FRA)
Jan 16	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	F Pepe (FRA)	N Langer (GER)	26 62 62	Copil (ROU)/Stadler (GER)
Jan 16	Sheffield (GBR)	\$15,000	D Evans (GBR)	D Rice (GBR)	62 60	Eaton/Inglot (GBR)
Jan 16	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	D Smethurst (GBR)	J Kovalik (SVK)	64 62	Grassi (ITA)/van der Duim (NED)
Jan 16	Moscow (RUS)	\$10,000	A Juska (LAT)	E Kirillov (RUS)	36 63 64	Betau/Bury (BLR)
Jan 16	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	A Setkic (BIH)	T Androic (CRO)	62 62	Androic (CRO)/Cacic (SRB)
Jan 23	Bressuire (FRA)	\$10,000+H	L Rochette (FRA)	M Rodrigues (FRA)	67(9) 63 63	Couillard/Oger (MON)
Jan 23	Kaarst (GER)	\$15,000	J H Gulang (NED)	J Mertl (CZE)	61 3-2 ret	Flock/Langer (GER)
Jan 23	Wirral (GBR)	\$15,000	Y Mertens (BEL)	J Janowicz (POL)	76(5) 26 62	Rice/Thornley (GBR)
Jan 23	Eilat (ISR)	\$10,000	A Weintraub (ISR)	C Grassi (ITA)	61 61	Dubarencu (MDA)/Thiem (AUT)
Jan 23	Sergiev Posad (RUS)	\$10,000	S Betau (BLR)	S Poplavskyy (UKR)	62 64	Juska/Pavlovs (LAT)
Jan 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	D Kutrovsky (BUL)	S Diez (CAN)	63 60	Klymenko/Smirnov (UKR)

ITF Women's Circuit

Week	Venue	Cat.	Winner	Runner-Up	Score	Doubles
Jan 9	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	E Pashkova (RUS)	60 62	Frolova/Pashkova (RUS)
Jan 9	Glasgow (GBR)	\$10,000	A Van Uytvanck (BEL)	F Stephenson (GBR)	63 60	Fitzpatrick/Murray (GBR)
Jan 16	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	S Kvatsabaia (GEO)	M Giral Lores (VEN)	76(4) 61	Dinu/Mitu (ROU)
Jan 16	Coimbra (POR)	\$10,000	U Ayzatulina (RUS)	C Whoriskey (USA)	75 61	Butkowska (SVK)/Eikeri (NOR)
Jan 16	Stuttgart (GER)	\$10,000	T Smitkova (CZE)	M Zanevska (UKR)	64 76(4)	Kania/Lykina (RUS)
Jan 16	Sutton (GBR)	\$10,000	R Hogenkamp (NED)	A Bowtell (IRL)	62 63	Bowtell (IRL)/Lemoine (NED)
Jan 23	Antalya (TUR)	\$10,000	C Dinu (ROU)	L Ungur (ROU)	75 63	Dinu/Mitu (ROU)
Jan 23	Coimbra (POR)	\$10,000	U Eikeri (NOR)	J Jegiolka (POL)	26 75 63	Butkowska (SVK)/Eikeri (NOR)
Jan 23	Kaarst (GER)	\$10,000	D Pfizenmaier (GER)	A van Uytvanck (BEL)	64 64	Gasparyan/Smolina (RUS)
Jan 23	Mallorca (ESP)	\$10,000	A Grymalska (ITA)	B Sobaszekiewicz (POL)	61 64	Grymalska (ITA)/Sobaszekiewicz (POL)
Jan 23	Andrezieux (FRA)	\$25,000	K Pliskova (CZE)	A Remondina (ITA)	62 62	Pliskova/Pliskova (CZE)

Updated seven days a week, all the latest draws, results, schedules, tournament fact sheets and entry lists for ITF Men's and Women's Circuit events in Europe can be found on the European Tennis Calendar at www.TennisEurope.org.

European Tennis Rankings – Men & Women

Following on from her maiden Grand Slam triumph in Australia, Victoria Azarenka has become the first-ever player from the Belarus to top the European - and world - rankings, leapfrogging former #1 Caroline Wozniacki and Petra Kvitova in the process. Azarenka and Wimbledon champion Kvitova look set to battle for the #1 position in the coming months, with the Czech player just 115 points behind the leader. Elsewhere in the list, Jelena Jankovic returns to the European Top Ten, while Agnieszka Radwanska and Marion Bartoli both attain their highest ever positions.

There are no changes at all in the order of the men's Top Ten. Rafael Nadal's improved performance in Australia compared to last year allows him to make inroads as he seeks to regain the #1 position, though Novak Djokovic's 3,000 point lead is unlikely to be threatened until the summer at the earliest. Andy Murray's failure to repeat his runner-up placing gives Roger Federer some breathing space as #3, while Jo-Wilfried Tsonga is steadily catching up with David Ferrer as he attempts to break into the Top Five for the first time.

Rankings as of January 30th, 2012.

European Women

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▲	Victoria AZARENKA	BLR	7485
02	▶	Petra KVI TOVA	CZE	7370
03	▲	Maria SHARAPOVA	RUS	6520
04	▼	Caroline WOZNIACKI	DEN	6510
05	▲	Agnieszka RADWANKSA	POL	5435
06	▲	Marion BARTOLI	FRA	5250
07	▼	Vera ZVONAREVA	RUS	4710
08	▶	Andrea PETKOVIC	GER	4580
09	▶	Francesca SCHIAVONE	ITA	3900
10	NEW	Jelena JANKOVIC	SRB	3161

European Men

Rank		Name	Nat.	Points
01	▶	Novak DJOKOVIC	SRB	13630
02	▶	Rafael NADAL	ESP	10435
03	▶	Roger FEDERER	SUI	8010
04	▶	Andy MURRAY	GBR	6900
05	▶	David FERRER	ESP	4565
06	▶	Jo-Wilfried TSONGA	FRA	4425
07	▶	Tomas BERDYCH	CZE	3700
08	▶	Janko TIPSAREVIC	SRB	2700
09	▶	Nicolas ALMAGRO	ESP	2380
10	▶	Gilles SIMON	FRA	2005



Andy Murray (GBR)



Maria Sharapova(RUS)



Thomas Berdych (CZE)

Notes and news from Tennis Europe

Reminder for Member Nations

Tennis Europe would like to remind member nations that the deadline for completion of the Member Nations Survey was yesterday, Tuesday 31st January. If you haven't yet completed the survey, or encounter any problems, please contact jonathanj@tenniseurope.org.

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