



WTT . . . At a glance

World Team Tennis Pro League presented by Advanta

Dates: July 3-23, 2008 (regular season)

Finals: July 24-27, 2008 – WTT Championship Weekend in Roseville, Calif.
▪ July 24-26 – Wild Card & Semifinal Matches
▪ July 27 – WTT Finals

What: 11 co-ed teams comprised of professional tennis players and a coach.

Where: Boston LobstersBoston, Mass.
Delaware Smash.....Wilmington, Del.
Kansas City Explorers.....Kansas City, Mo.
Newport Beach BreakersNewport Beach, Calif.
New York Buzz.....Albany, N.Y.
New York Sportimes.....Mamaroneck, N.Y.
Philadelphia Freedoms.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Sacramento Capitals.....Roseville, Calif.
St. Louis AcesSt. Louis, Mo.
Springfield LasersSpringfield, Mo.
Washington KastlesWashington, D.C.

New in 2008: For the first time in League history, WTT will field a team in the nation's capital. The Washington Kastles will make their WTT debut this summer in Washington, D.C. with superstar Serena Williams. Serena will play on the multi-colored court of the Kastles' downtown venue when the team makes their home debut on July 8.

Defending

Champions: The Sacramento Capitals captured their League-best 6th WTT Championship with a 24-20 victory over the New York Buzz at the 2007 WTT Finals in Roseville, Calif.

Players: Marquee players for 2008 include Andy Roddick, Serena Williams, Venus Williams, Lindsay Davenport, Bob & Mike Bryan, Martina Navratilova and Anna Kournikova.

Format: Each team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Team matches consist of five events, with one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The first team to reach five games wins each set. A nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four all. One point is awarded for each game won. If necessary, Overtime and a Supertiebreaker are played to determine the outright winner of the match.

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Championship Weekend: July 24-27, 2008 in Roseville, Calif.

The top two teams from both the Eastern and Western Conferences automatically qualify for the playoffs, along with a wild card team. The wild card will either be the host team or the team with the fifth best overall League record (if the host team qualifies as one of the top two teams from their conference).

Innovations: WTT has always been at the forefront of innovation, bringing new and exciting aspects to the game since the League's inception. These include multi-colored courts, instant replay (first to use Hawk-Eye in official tennis competition), no-ad scoring, co-ed teams, play all lets, Overtime and Supertiebreakers, names on back of players' shirts and on-court coaching, among others.

Greening WTT: WTT continues its partnership with FirmGreen Energy in 2008, working together in all 11 Pro League markets to help reduce each team's carbon footprint. WTT may have multi-colored courts, but everyone is thinking green.

Live scoring: Live scoring from all WTT matches featured on WTT.com.

Sponsors: Advanta is the presenting sponsor of the WTT Pro League and the official business credit card of WTT. Official sponsors of the WTT Pro League also include Bälle de Match, FirmGreen Energy, Gatorade, GEICO and Wilson Racquet Sports.

History: The WTT Pro League enters its 33rd season of play in 2008. Billie Jean King and Larry King created the unique gender-balanced team concept in the early 70s. The WTT Pro League first hit the courts in 1974 for a five-year run. After a short hiatus, the League returned in 1981 and has been a highlight of the annual U.S. tennis calendar since.

Since its inception, some of tennis' greatest names have played in the League, including Pete Sampras, Andy Roddick, Steffi Graf, Anna Kournikova, Andre Agassi, Venus and Serena Williams, Maria Sharapova, Lindsay Davenport, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.

By the end of the '90s, the Sacramento Capitals had established a WTT dynasty by winning an unprecedented four consecutive League Championships (1997 - 2000). The Philadelphia Freedoms captured the title in 2001 but the Capitals returned to the top of the League with another championship season in 2002. In 2006, the Philadelphia Freedoms captured their second WTT title and the Capitals made League history in 2007 with a record 6th WTT Championship. In 2008, eleven teams will compete for the League Championship and the King Trophy (named after League co-founder Billie Jean King). For the first time in League history, WTT adds a team in Washington, D.C. – the Washington Kastles.

Tickets: Visit WTT.com to link to individual team websites.

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WTT Pro League - What to know before you go . . .

What to know before you go . . .

- **NOISE** is welcome and encouraged. This is tennis for the fans. Crowds are encouraged to be loud and cheer for their favorites. Expect music and DJ comments throughout the match.
- **TAKE YOUR SEATS** . . . whenever you want. Unlike traditional tennis, fans may walk to and from their seats during play.
- **1, 2, 3, 4** . . . WTT uses a four point scoring system. Points are 1, 2, 3 and 4 wins the game – no-ad scoring.
- **PLAY IT AGAIN** . . . Instant replay made its pro tennis competition debut at WTT matches in 2005. Coaches can challenge up to four calls at matches where the Hawk-Eye instant replay system is in use.

What to do at WTT matches . . .

- **Hit a few balls.** There are free junior tennis racquets for every child age 4-16 at every WTT match courtesy of Advanta's "Ready, Set, Racquet!" program. Don't be surprised to find youngsters hitting a few balls on adjacent practice courts or even in the parking lots with their new racquets.
- **Autographs** . . . there are autograph sessions for kids age 16 and under after all WTT matches.
- **Catch it? Keep it!** Several years ago WTT started the newest tennis tradition of fans keeping any balls hit into the stands.
- **Shop. Picnic. Work out.** The only thing traditional about WTT's approach to tennis is that everything is untraditional . . . and that includes the venue. There's plenty to do at most WTT venues before the match. Two teams play at shopping malls – the Sacramento Capitals at Westfield Galleria in Roseville, Calif., and the Philadelphia Freedoms move to the King of Prussia Mall in 2008. Other venue highlights include:
 - **Kansas City:** The Explorers beautiful new downtown venue debuted in 2006, only steps from restaurants, hotels and shops in the heart of Kansas City.
 - **St. Louis:** Dwight Davis Tennis Center in Forest Park has been home to WTT matches and Davis Cup competition. With 1,293 acres, Forest Park is one of the largest urban parks in the United States, even larger than Central Park in New York. The Aces' park neighbors include the Zoo, Art Museum, History Museum, Science Center and a 27-hole golf course.



- ***New York Sportimes:*** Visit the village of Mamaroneck, within walking distance of the Sportimes court at Harbor Island. The adjacent tennis club, Sportime at Harbor Island, is home to eight indoor/outdoor red clay courts, and located waterside in the Harbor Island Park.
- ***Springfield:*** The Cooper Tennis Complex is a tennis lovers' dream. This state-of-the-art facility that features twelve indoor and 16 outdoor courts and a 2,500 seat outdoor stadium court. The home of the Springfield Lasers was named the 2006 USTA Missouri Valley Section Facility of the Year.
- ***Newport Beach Breakers:*** The Breakers moved to a new site in 2007 and created a showcase temporary venue in the parking lot of the Newport Beach Country Club. In addition to 24 tennis courts, NBCC features a 6,600 yard, par 71, private golf course which is the home of the Senior PGA's Toshiba Classic (March).
- ***Delaware Smash:*** The Smash returned to the prestigious DuPont Country Club in 2007. Look for pony rides, face painting and a family atmosphere in the parking lot before a Smash match. You might also catch a lawn bowling match on the adjacent grounds.

If You Can't Go . . .

TV . . . look for WTT matches on national and regional cable television.

Live Scoring . . . follow every match – point by point – with live scoring at WTT.com



2008 WTT COACHES CHALLENGE presented by GEICO: How It Works

Instant replay was introduced to pro tennis competition in 2005 with the WTT Coaches Challenge presented by GEICO. The technology, provided by Hawk-Eye, will be featured at selected regular season WTT Pro League matches as well as the WTT Championship Weekend.

RULES FOR WTT COACHES CHALLENGE:

1. Each team will receive 4 challenges per match – two in the first half and two after half-time. The first half will consist of events 1, 2, & 3. The second half will consist of the 4th & 5th events as well as Overtime and the Supertiebreaker. Challenges cannot be carried over from the first half of the match to the second half.
2. Teams can challenge a call up to and including the final point of the match. The coach is the only person that can initiate a challenge. A challenge can be issued at anytime during a point. The challenge can relate to any shot within the rally.
3. To issue a challenge, the coach shall throw a flag on to the court and tell the umpire verbally. Play stops immediately once a challenge is issued.
4. If player stops play to argue a call and the coach does not want to challenge the call, then that player loses the point.
5. Challenges must be made within 10 seconds of the conclusion of the point.
6. If the challenge results in the call being overturned, the point will either be awarded to the challenging team or a let will be played. The team that challenged the call will not lose a challenge if the challenge is correct and the call is overturned. However, if the call stands, the challenging team will be penalized the loss of one challenge.
7. The umpire will conduct all replay reviews on either a court-level monitor or the Stadium LED screen. The umpire will review the shot (mark), and makes his/her decision. All players not playing in the current event SHALL remain on their bench.
8. Once the umpire has made his/her ruling, players will have 30 seconds to start the next point.
9. If the review is inconclusive then the original call on court stands and no challenges will be lost.



World TeamTennis – Taking the Lead

Since its inception in the early 70s, WTT has been an innovator in the sports world. Many of WTT's novel rules have been designed to make the game a "fan-friendly" sport and are finally starting to be recognized and adopted by others in the industry.

The fan experience of a WTT match is simply not like anything you've ever seen on a tennis court. It's loud, exciting, and innovative. WTT is all about the fans – it's a little bit rock n' roll and a whole lot of fun.

With a fascinating history of firsts, innovations and an emphasis on gender equity, World TeamTennis stands out among all professional sports leagues. Here are a few of the reasons why:

WORLD TEAMTENNIS – A League of Firsts & Innovations

- WTT becomes one of the first pro sports league to go green in 2008.
- Professional sports league where men and women have equal roles.
- Use of instant replay technology in 2005 with the WTT Coaches Challenge.
- Professional tennis competition to regularly feature no-ad scoring – first one to four points wins the game.
- Features on-court coaching.
- WTT encourages fan participation. WTT crowds are encouraged to be vocal about great play (while still being respectful of all players) and are allowed to enter/exit the stadium during play without having to wait for a changeover. Often between games, music is played or a DJ fires up the crowd.
- Play all lets.
- Sets are played to five games (nine-point tiebreak played at 4-4).
- Invented the use of Supertiebreaker and Overtime in tennis.
- Tennis fans are allowed to keep balls hit out of play and get them autographed after the match..
- Substitutions are allowed during a WTT match.
- WTT matches have half-times, Overtime and Supertiebreakers.
- Player names on the back of shirts.
- Played on multi-colored courts.



WTT HISTORY

- 2008 WTT returns for its 33rd season and introduces the League's first Washington, D.C. team – the Washington Kastles. All 11 teams “go green” in 2008 in partnership with FirmGreen Energy. A Who's Who of tennis stars sign on for the 2008 season including Serena and Venus Williams, Bob and Mike Bryan, Lindsay Davenport, Andy Roddick, Anna Kournikova, John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova.
- 2007 The Sacramento Capitals made history in 2007 by winning a League-best 6th WTT Championship. The Caps outlasted the New York Buzz 24-20 to earn the King Trophy on their home court in Roseville, Calif. 2007 also marked the year that WTT goes “green”, signing a multi-year agreement with FirmGreen Energy, Inc. (FGE™) to become Official Green Energy Company of WTT. Bälle de Mätch named official apparel of Pro League.
- 2006 Pete Sampras made his WTT debut for the Newport Beach Breakers. Philadelphia Freedoms capture their 2nd WTT Championship with a win over Newport Beach. Advanta gave away their 100,000th free junior tennis racquet as part of the popular “Ready, Set, Racquet!” program.
- 2005 WTT celebrates its 30th season of play with the addition of two new franchises – the Boston Lobsters and the Houston Wranglers – and the introduction of instant replay. Advanta signs on as the presenting sponsor of the League. A League record 17 Marquee Players are selected by WTT teams. Among the top picks – Steffi Graf – making her WTT debut and first return to pro tennis since 1999. Martina Hingis dropped only one set as she led the New York Sportimes to their first WTT title.
- 2004 It only took two seasons for the Newport Beach Breakers to capture their first WTT Championship. The 2004 regular season showcased the talents of popular stars like Andre Agassi, Patrick Rafter, Anna Kournikova and Maria Sharapova. Advanta joins the Pro League as a new sponsor and introduces their “Ready, Set, Racquet!” giveaway program which distributed 25,000 free junior racquets that year for kids that attended WTT matches.
- 2003 Ten teams take to the courts in 2003 with the addition of the League-owned Newport Beach Breakers in Newport Beach, Calif., led by Lindsay Davenport. Other top players signing on for the 2003 season include Andre Agassi (Sacramento); Andy Roddick (St. Louis); Anna Kournikova (Kansas City) and Boris Becker, making his WTT debut for the New York Buzz.
- 2002 Andre Agassi joins the WTT Pro League as both a player and League Ambassador, making his WTT debut for Sacramento. The League implements two new community-oriented programs and brings top pros to franchise markets to interact with children – WTT Adopt-A-School and WTT KidCaster. Corina Morariu makes an inspirational return to tennis when she plays for the Philadelphia Freedoms in 2002. Morariu, the 1999 Wimbledon doubles champion, was out of tennis action for nearly a year after being diagnosed with leukemia.
- 2001 World TeamTennis introduces a new sponsorship deal with Tyco International Ltd. taking over title sponsorship of the League. Ilana Kloss named CEO/Commissioner in February 2001. World TeamTennis signs one of the strongest fields in League history with the talents of Lindsay Davenport, Jan-Michael Gambill, Monica Seles, Andy Roddick, Lisa Raymond, Jana Novotna, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe (playing for brother Patrick's Hamptons franchise) taking to the courts. Once again the WTT Finals return to the USTA National Tennis Center as part of the Arthur Ashe Kids' Day celebration. The Philadelphia Freedoms capture the WTT Pro League title as a first year franchise.



- 2000 The WTT Pro League announces two new franchises for the 2000 season: the Hartford FoxForce and the New York Hamptons. Patrick McEnroe becomes the first player/owner in the history of the League with the Hamptons. Serena and Venus Williams, Mary Pierce, Jim Courier, Monica Seles, Mary Joe Fernandez and Martina Navratilova are selected by teams in the Marquee Draft. The League launches a new logo to celebrate its 20th consecutive season. The WTT Finals take place at the USTA National Tennis Center on Aug. 26, where the Sacramento Capitals accomplish an unprecedented four-peat and defeat the Delaware Smash to win the King Trophy.
- 1999 Veterans Martina Navratilova, Mary Joe Fernandez and the Jensen brothers, as well as League newcomers Monica Seles and Bob and Mike Bryan entertain WTT fans. Sacramento wins its third consecutive WTT title by downing the Springfield Lasers, 23-15.
- 1998 DuPont becomes the title sponsor of both the Pro and Rec Leagues. Lindsay Davenport, Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova headline the season. WTT moves to a split season, which runs from July 8-26 and Sept. 12-20. The Sacramento Capitals win their second consecutive King Trophy, downing the New York OTBzz in the Championship Match in Sacramento, Calif.
- 1997 The Pro League adds a new franchise in Milwaukee, Wis. Marquee players include Lindsay Davenport, Mary Joe Fernandez, Richey Reneberg and the Jensen brothers. The WTT Championship Weekend is rained out Dec. 12-14, at the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla. The Sacramento Capitals take the title as a result of their League-best regular season record.
- 1996 A new franchise is awarded to Springfield, Mo. League newcomers include Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, John McEnroe and Lisa Raymond. St. Louis Aces defeats Delaware for their first WTT title.
- 1995 The Pro League celebrates its 15th consecutive season, adding a new franchise in Schenectady, N.Y. Navratilova and the New Jersey Stars win their second consecutive championship.
- 1994 New franchises are awarded to Charlotte, Idaho and St. Louis. Zina Garrison, Luke and Murphy Jensen, Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova headline the '94 season. The best regular season record (14-0) was set by the Newport Beach Dukes.
- 1993 A League record 12 teams, including new franchises in Florida and Kansas City, play World TeamTennis. Tracy Austin, Bjorn Borg and Mats Wilander sign one-year contracts.
- 1992 The Pro League returns under its new name ...World TeamTennis (WTT).
- 1991 The Pro League expands to 11 teams. Martina Navratilova and the Atlanta Thunder defeat Jimmy Connors and the Los Angeles Strings in the championships.
- 1990 TeamTennis celebrates its 10th consecutive season. Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova agree to multi-year contracts beginning in 1991.
- 1985 Domino's Pizza signs a multi-million dollar deal to sponsor the Pro League and the Rec program.
- 1984 Billie Jean King becomes the first woman commissioner in professional sports history.
- 1982 League expands nationwide from four to eight teams.
- 1981 TeamTennis Pro League hits the courts with four teams playing in California.
- 1974-78 TeamTennis is introduced to the public as professional World TeamTennis. The League continues for five successful seasons with the top players in the world.
- 1962 Billie Jean Moffitt and Larry King originate the concept of TeamTennis



WTT Pro League Championship Teams

2007	Sacramento Capitals
2006	Philadelphia Freedoms
2005	New York Sportimes
2004	Newport Beach Breakers
2003	Delaware Smash
2002	Sacramento Capitals
2001	Philadelphia Freedoms
2000	Sacramento Capitals
1999	Sacramento Capitals
1998	Sacramento Capitals
1997	Sacramento Capitals
1996	St. Louis Aces
1995	New Jersey Stars
1994	New Jersey Stars
1993	Wichita Advantage
1992	Atlanta Thunder
1991	Atlanta Thunder
1990	Los Angeles Strings
1989	San Antonio Racquets
1988	Charlotte Heat
1987	Charlotte Heat
1986	San Antonio Racquets
1985	San Diego Buds
1984	San Diego Buds
1983	Chicago Fyre
1982	Dallas Stars
1981	Los Angeles Strings
1979-80	League Hiatus
1978	Los Angeles Strings
1977	New York Apples
1976	New York Sets
1975	Pittsburgh Triangles
1974	Denver Racquets



WTT – Important Things To Know

Each year after Wimbledon, WTT takes center stage in professional tennis. Some of the world's best men and women pros team up in 11 markets to play singles, doubles and mixed doubles in an exciting and unique format. The players enjoy the camaraderie of team play and the hometown support from their fans. Here are key terms to know about the WTT experience.

WTT Coaches Challenge:

The WTT Coaches Challenge allows each coach to challenge four calls during a match (two during the first 3 events and two after halftime). If the call on the court stands, the challenging team will be penalized the loss of one challenge. The team that challenged will not lose a challenge if the challenge is correct and the call is overturned.

Draft:

The system by which team rosters are determined. There are four or five rounds to the WTT Draft, which took place April 1, 2008, in Miami. Returning franchises have the right to protect players from the previous year's roster. Each player that a team protects reduces the number of available draft selections for that team. Teams draft in reverse order of the previous year's final team standings (including playoffs), based on overall match won/loss record. The team that wins the WTT Championship Match will draft in the last position. Expansion teams draft in the middle of the order. In the case of a tied record, order is determined using the WTT tiebreaker system. That order continues throughout the draft.

Franchises:

Eleven teams will compete for three weeks during the regular season, July 3-23. The franchises are divided into two conferences:

EASTERN CONFERENCE – Boston Lobsters, Delaware Smash, New York Buzz, New York Sportimes, Philadelphia Freedoms and Washington Kastles.

WESTERN CONFERENCE – Kansas City Explorers, Newport Beach Breakers, Sacramento Capitals, Springfield Lasers and St. Louis Aces.

Game Scoring:

Game scoring is no-ad (first team to win four points wins the game). Should the game reach deuce (three points each), the receiver chooses the side from which he/she will receive serve. In mixed doubles, the serve is always gender-to-gender at 3-3. Each game counts as one point in the team's cumulative match score. Players change sides after every four games. Lets are played and either partner may return the let serve.

Match:

A match is a contest between two World TeamTennis teams and consists of five events plus Overtime, if any, and Supertiebreaker, if necessary. The events are men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Officials:

Seven roving linespersons and a head umpire comprise the officials corps at a WTT match. The head umpire, who calls the match from an umpire's box, is in charge. His/her decisions are final.

**Order of Events:**

The home team coach determines the order of events. An event will be one set.

Overtime:

Overtime eliminates the possibility of the final sets becoming exhibitions. If the team ahead in the cumulative score wins the final game of the last set, then that team is the winner. If, however, the trailing team wins the final set, the match is sent into Overtime and continues until, a) the leading team wins one game, or b) the trailing team ties the match score. If the score becomes tied, the match is decided by a Supertiebreaker.

Regular Season:

There will be 77 regular season WTT matches plus 4 post-season matches.

The regular season runs July 3-23 with five teams advancing to the WTT Championship Weekend, July 24-27, in Roseville, Calif.

Scoring:

All games, sets and Supertiebreakers are won by a margin of one point.

Set:

The first team to reach five games in an event wins each set. Should a set be tied at 4-4, a nine-point tiebreaker is played.

Substitution:

A coach may substitute one player, per event, per gender at the conclusion of a point. If a player is substituted, he/she may not return to the match during that set.

Supertiebreaker:

In the event of a tied match at the conclusion of five sets or if the trailing team ties the score in Overtime, a 13-point Supertiebreaker, involving the same fifth set event, decides the outcome of the entire match. A coin toss determines the choice of side, server and receiver. Players change sides after six points. The first team to win seven points is awarded a single game and the match.

Team:

Each team has a coach and four players; two men and two women (five players if there is a Marquee Player on the team). Teams may name local alternates and substitute those should a regular team member become injured during a match. Players are permitted to play in three sets per match.

Tiebreaker:

If a set reaches 4-4, a nine-point tiebreaker is played to decide the winner of the set. The first team to reach five points wins a tiebreaker. Players change sides after four points. The tiebreaker counts as one game and decides the outcome of the set.



World TeamTennis on TV – Tennis Channel and Versus

Eight World TeamTennis matches, featuring some of the biggest names in tennis, will air nationally this summer on the Tennis Channel and VERSUS. Tennis Channel will premiere seven WTT telecasts while the WTT Finals will air live on Versus on July 27 and re-air on Tennis Channel on July 30.

The VERSUS telecast will mark the first time the WTT Finals will air live since 2004. The WTT Finals are set for 4 pm EST/1 pm PST from Roseville, Calif., home of the defending champion Sacramento Capitals.

The 8-match series will also be distributed throughout the Comcast Network on a region by region basis throughout July and August. The League is finalizing plans to air the series on several other regional sports networks including Cox Communications, Fox Sports Net, Mediacom, MSG and Time Warner Cable. Visit WTT.com for a complete schedule of WTT regional telecasts.

In addition to the League's presence on Tennis Channel and VERSUS, WTT is expected to air more than 160 hours of programming on local and regional networks, as well as in international markets. Matches from the 2007 season aired in Australia, Japan, Russia, South Africa, Spain and throughout the Middle East.

MATCH DATE	TV AIRDATE	HOME TEAM	OPPONENT	NETWORK	MARQUEE PLAYER
7/08/08	7/10, 8:00 PM EST	WASHINGTON KASTLES	Boston Lobsters	Tennis Channel	Serena Williams
7/09/08	7/11, 8:00 PM EST	PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS	Delaware Smash	Tennis Channel	Venus Williams
7/10/08	7/16, 8:00 PM EST	NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS	Springfield Lasers	Tennis Channel	Lindsay Davenport
7/12/08	7/17, 8:00 PM EST	ST. LOUIS ACES	Kansas City Explorers	Tennis Channel	Andy Roddick
7/15/08	7/23, 9:30 PM EST	WASHINGTON KASTLES	New York Sportimes	Tennis Channel	John McEnroe
7/16/08	7/24, 9:30 PM EST	PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS	Kansas City Explorers	Tennis Channel	Bob and Mike Bryan
7/22/08	7/26, 9:00 PM EST	NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS	New York Sportimes	Tennis Channel	John McEnroe
7/27/08	7/27, LIVE – 4:00 PM EST	WTT FINALS in Roseville, Calif.	Teams TBD	VERSUS	Teams TBD
7/27/08	7/30, 7:00 PM EST	WTT FINALS in Roseville, Calif.	Teams TBD	Tennis Channel	Teams TBD



ILANA KLOSS - BIO

CEO/Commissioner, World TeamTennis

PERSONAL:

Born: 03/22/1956 **Birthplace:** Johannesburg, South Africa

Residence: New York, N.Y.

WTT TODAY:

Currently, Ilana Kloss is Chief Executive Officer/Commissioner of World TeamTennis (WTT), overseeing the 11-team WTT Pro League presented by Advanta and the nationwide grassroots Recreational League programs from her New York City office.

ON THE COURT – Then & Now:

- World's best doubles player in 1976, winning doubles titles at the U.S. Open, Italian Open, U.S. Clay Courts, German Open, British Hard Courts and Hilton Head. Also won 1976 French Open Mixed Doubles title (w/Kim Warwick).
- Youngest player ever to be ranked No. 1 in her native South Africa. Before turning pro, won Wimbledon and U.S. Open Juniors titles. Singles ranking rose as high as No. 19 (Feb. 1979).
- In 1973, won 3 gold medals at the Maccabiah Games (singles, doubles, mixed). Added her 4th Maccabiah gold medal in 1977 in women's doubles.
- Won 4 Grand Slam Masters titles (1999 U.S. Open Over-35 Doubles and Mixed Doubles champion; Wimbledon Over-35 Doubles 2001, 2003).

WTT EXPERIENCE:

- Started with WTT in 1974 playing for the San Francisco Golden Gaters. Played for teams in Long Beach, Calif.; Miami Beach, Fla., and Oakland, Calif., during the 80s and coached the Chicago Fyre to the 1983 WTT Championship.
- Has worked for WTT since 1985, becoming the Executive Director in 1991 and being named CEO/Commissioner in February 2001.

OFF THE COURT:

- Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Women's Sports Foundation and is the Chair of Strategic Planning for the WSF's Development Committee.
- In 2006, was inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. One year later was named as the "Sports Business Woman of the Year" by the Warsaw Sports Marketing Center (May 2007).
- Serves on the executive boards of the Elton John AIDS Foundation and WTT Charities.
- Member of the USTA Pro Circuits Committee.



BILLIE JEAN KING - BIO

Co-Founder, World TeamTennis

PERSONAL:

Born: November 22, 1943

Birthplace: Long Beach, Calif.

Residence: New York, N.Y.

Visionary. Innovator. Champion.

Billie Jean King has long been a champion for social change and equality. King created new inroads for women in sports and beyond during her legendary career and she continues to make her mark today. Among her many accomplishments are:

- Named one of the “100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century” by Life Magazine in 1990.
- Won 39 Grand Slam singles, doubles and mixed doubles tennis titles, including a record 20 titles at Wimbledon.
- Authored *Pressure is a Privilege: Lessons I’ve Learned from Life and the Battle of the Sexes* to commemorate the 35th anniversary of her historic 1973 match against Bobby Riggs. Published by Lifetime Media, the book is due in stores in mid-August 2008.
- Was one of nine players who broke away from the tennis establishment and accepted \$1 contracts from tennis promoter Gladys Heldman in Houston. The revolt led to the birth of women’s professional tennis and the formation of the Virginia Slims Tour and Women’s Tennis Association.
- Empowered women and educated men when she defeated Bobby Riggs in one of the greatest moments in sports history – the Battle of the Sexes in 1973. This match is remembered for its effect on society and its contribution to the women’s movement.
- Founded the Women’s Tennis Association (1973), the Women’s Sports Foundation (1974), and Women’s Sports Magazine (1974).
- Co-founded World TeamTennis (1974), the groundbreaking co-ed professional tennis league and founded the World TeamTennis Recreational League, one of the most popular recreational tennis formats in the U.S.
- Ranked No. 5 on Sports Illustrated’s “*Top 40 Athletes*” list for significantly altering or elevating sports the last four decades (1994).
- Continues to be a leader in the fight for equality and recognition in the GLBT community, and has been honored by many of the leading GLBT organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign, GLAAD and Lambda Legal Foundation.
- Honored on August 28, 2006, when the National Tennis Center, home of the U. S. Open, was renamed the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in honor of King’s contributions to tennis, sports and society both on and off the court. She continues to be involved with the USTA and is currently Chair of the Tennis in the Parks Committee.
- Honored in October 2006, when the Sports Museum of America and the Women’s Sports Foundation announced that the Billie Jean King International Women’s Sports Center, the nation’s first permanent, comprehensive museum collection dedicated to women’s sports, will be housed at the Sports Museum of America when it opens in New York City in 2008.
- Serves currently on the boards of the Women’s Sports Foundation and the Elton John AIDS Foundation. Has launched an environmental initiative called GreenSlam, which is a challenge to the sports industry to get proactive about being green.



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DELAWARE SMASH

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Wilmington, DE 19898

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GM: Jeff Harrison (jharrison@wtt.com)

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NEW YORK SPORTIMES

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Wilmington, DE 19898

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GM: Jeff Harrison (jharrison@wtt.com)

PR Contact: Rory Paolantonio (rpaolantonio@wtt.com)

Website: www.philadelphiafreedoms.com

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PR Contact: Jack Deschauer, (jdeschauer@qorvis.com)

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY EXPLORERS

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NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS

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Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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GM: Jeff Purser (jpurser@toshibaclassic.com)

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Springfield Greene County Park Board

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON LOBSTERS

Jan-Michael Gambill
Amir Hadad
Raquel Kops-Jones
*Martina Navratilova
Marie-Eve Pelletier
Coach: Tim Mayotte

DELAWARE SMASH

Madison Brengle
Christina Fusano
Chris Haggard
Ryler de Heart
Liezel Huber
Coach: Mariaan de Swardt

NEW YORK BUZZ

Nathan Healey
Gabriela Navratilova
Vladimir Obradovic
Yaroslava Shvedova
Coach: Jay Udwadia

NEW YORK SPORTIMES

Bethanie Mattek
*John McEnroe
Hana Sromova
Jesse Witten
Brian Wilson
Coach: Dustin Taylor

PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS

Alex Bogomolov Jr.
Audra Cohen
Travis Parrott
Lisa Raymond
*Venus Williams
Coach: Craig Kardon

WASHINGTON KASTLES

Justin Gimelstob
Sacha Jones
Scott Oudsema
Mashona Washington
*Serena Williams
Coach: Thomas Blake

WESTERN CONFERENCE:

KANSAS CITY EXPLORERS

James Auckland
*Bob Bryan
*Mike Bryan
Kveta Peschke
Rennae Stubbs
Dusan Vemic
Coach: Brent Haygarth

NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS

Angelika Bachmann
*Lindsay Davenport
Ramon Delgado
Michaela Pastikova
Kaes Van't Hof
Coach: Trevor Kronemann

SACRAMENTO CAPITALS

Eric Butorac
Tammy Hendler
Elena Likhovtseva
Dmitry Tursunov
Sam Warburg
Coach: Wayne Bryan

ST. LOUIS ACES

Uladzimir Ignatik
*Anna Kournikova
Jelena Pandzic
Travis Rettenmaier
*Andy Roddick
Jasmin Woehr
Coach: Greg Patton

SPRINGFIELD LASERS

Shenay Perry
Todd Perry
Tamarine Tanasugarn
Glenn Weiner
Coach: John-Laffnie "JL" de Jager

* = marquee player (limited schedule)

= featured/exempt roster player (limited schedule)



Team / Venue | Match Start Time

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Kansas City Explorers.....M&I Bank Stadium at Barney Allis Plaza – Kansas City, Mo. | 7:05 CDT

Newport Beach Breakers.....Breakers Stadium at Newport Beach Country Club
– Newport Beach, Calif. | 7 pm PDT

Sacramento Capitals.....Allstate Stadium at Westfield Galleria – Roseville, Calif. | 7:30 pm PDT

St. Louis AcesDwight Davis Tennis Center – St. Louis, Mo. | 7:15 pm CDT

Springfield LasersCooper Tennis Complex – Springfield, Mo. | 7:05 pm CDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Lobsters.....Ferencroft Country Club in Middleton, Mass. | 7 pm EDT
(except July 13 at 4 pm EDT)

Delaware Smash.....DuPont Country Club – Wilmington, Del. | 7:05 pm EDT

New York Buzz.....Washington Avenue Armory – Albany, N.Y. – 7 pm EDT
(except 7/9 & 7/22 @ 7:30 pm EDT)

New York Sportimes.....Sportime Stadium at Harbor Island Park – Mamaroneck, N.Y. |
7:30 pm EDT – except 7/3 @ 1 pm

Philadelphia FreedomsKing of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Pa. |
7:30 pm EDT – expect 7/4 @ 5 pm EDT

Washington KastlesCity Center – Washington D.C. | 7 pm EDT (except 7/20 at 5 pm)

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Thursday, July 3

Boston Lobsters @ New York Sportimes
New York Buzz @ Delaware Smash
St. Louis Aces @ Springfield Lasers
Newport Beach Breakers @ Sacramento Capitals

Friday, July 4

Washington Kastles @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Delaware Smash @ St. Louis Aces
Kansas City Explorers @ Sacramento Capitals

Saturday, July 5

Washington Kastles @ Delaware Smash
Philadelphia Freedoms @ Springfield Lasers
New York Buzz @ St. Louis Aces
Kansas City Explorers @ Newport Beach Breakers

Sunday, July 6

Boston Lobsters @ New York Buzz
Springfield Lasers @ Kansas City Explorers

Monday, July 7

Delaware Smash @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Sportimes
Newport Beach Breakers @ Springfield Lasers
Sacramento Capitals @ St. Louis Aces

Tuesday, July 8

New York Buzz @ New York Sportimes
Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*) @ Delaware Smash
Boston Lobsters @ Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*)
Sacramento Capitals @ Springfield Lasers
Newport Beach Breakers @ St. Louis Aces

Wednesday, July 9

Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*)
Sacramento Capitals @ Kansas City Explorers

Thursday, July 10

Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*) @ Boston Lobsters
Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ New York Sportimes
Springfield Lasers @ Newport Beach Breakers (*Lindsay Davenport*)

Friday, July 11

New York Sportimes @ Delaware Smash
New York Buzz @ Washington Kastles
St. Louis Aces @ Kansas City Explorers
Springfield Lasers @ Sacramento Capitals

Saturday, July 12

New York Buzz @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Sportimes
Kansas City Explorers @ St. Louis Aces (*Andy Roddick*)
Newport Beach Breakers (*Lindsay Davenport*) @ Sacramento

Sunday, July 13

New York Sportimes @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Springfield Lasers
Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ Newport Beach Breakers

Monday, July 14

New York Sportimes (*John McEnroe*) @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Boston Lobsters @ Kansas City Explorers
Sacramento Capitals @ Newport Beach Breakers

Tuesday, July 15

Springfield Lasers @ Delaware Smash
New York Sportimes (*John McEnroe*) @ Washington Kastles
New York Buzz @ Kansas City Explorers
St. Louis Aces @ Sacramento Capitals

Wednesday, July 16

Springfield Lasers @ Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*)
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ Philadelphia
St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*) @ Newport Beach Breakers

Thursday, July 17

Springfield Lasers @ New York Sportimes
Boston Lobsters @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ Delaware Smash
Sacramento Capitals @ Washington Kastles

Friday, July 18

Washington Kastles @ Boston Lobsters
Sacramento Capitals @ New York Buzz
Newport Beach Breakers @ New York Sportimes
Springfield Lasers @ St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*)

Saturday, July 19

Newport Beach Breakers @ Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*)
New York Buzz @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Sacramento Capitals @ Delaware Smash
St. Louis Aces @ Springfield Lasers
Washington Kastles @ Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*)

Sunday, July 20

New York Sportimes @ New York Buzz
Philadelphia Freedoms @ Washington Kastles
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ St. Louis Aces

Monday, July 21

Delaware Smash @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*) @ Newport Beach Breakers

Tuesday, July 22

St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*) @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Washington Kastles
Kansas City Explorers @ Springfield Lasers
New York Sportimes @ Newport Beach Breakers (*John McEnroe*)
Boston Lobsters @ Sacramento Capitals

Wednesday, July 23

Delaware Smash @ New York Buzz
St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*) @ Washington Kastles
Newport Beach Breakers @ Kansas City Explorers
New York Sportimes @ Sacramento Capitals

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