



WTT . . . At a glance

World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta

- Dates:** July 5-25, 2007 (regular season)
- Finals:** July 27-29, 2007 – WTT Championship Weekend in Roseville, Calif.
- July 27 & 28 – Conference Championship matches
 - July 29 – WTT Finals
- What:** 11 co-ed teams comprised of professional tennis players and a coach.
- Where:**
- Boston Lobsters Boston, Mass.
 - Delaware Smash Wilmington, Del.
 - Houston Wranglers Houston, Texas
 - Kansas City Explorers..... Kansas City, Mo.
 - Newport Beach Breakers.. Newport Beach, Calif.
 - New York Buzz Schenectady, N.Y.
 - New York Sportimes Mamaroneck, N.Y.
 - Philadelphia Freedoms Radnor, Pa.
 - Sacramento Capitals..... Roseville, Calif.
 - St. Louis Aces..... St. Louis, Mo.
 - Springfield Lasers Springfield, Mo.

Defending Champions: The Philadelphia Freedoms outlasted the Newport Beach Breakers 21-14 to win the King Trophy at the 2006 WTT Finals in Newport Beach, Calif.

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.

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, Gatorade, Geico and Wilson Racquet Sports.

History: The WTT Pro League enters its 32nd season of play in 2007. 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 for the past 27 consecutive years.

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 ('97 - '00). The Philadelphia Freedoms captured the title in 2001 but the Capitals returned to the top of the League with another championship season in 2002. The Delaware Smash topped the Capitals in 2003 for their first WTT Championship. In 2006, the Philadelphia Freedoms captured their second WTT title. In 2007, eleven teams will compete for the League Championship and the King Trophy (named after League co-founder Billie Jean King).

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

Television: WTT matches air nationally on Versus and The Tennis Channel. Several matches also air on regional networks including Comcast Sports Net, Cox Communications, Fox Sports Net, Madison Square Garden Network, Mediacom and Time Warner Cable.

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World TeamTennis: What to watch for in 2007!

GOING GREEN . . . WTT is teaming up with FirmGreen Energy for another sports first – the League is going green! FirmGreen will donate renewable energy credits (RECs) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission off sets to help reduce the carbon footprint for several World TeamTennis events this year including the WTT Championship Weekend. WTT may have multi-colored courts, but everyone is thinking green!

53-18-11-3 . . . You might want to play those numbers in the lottery if you are a World TeamTennis fan. This summer there will be 53 players from 18 countries playing on 11 teams representing 3 generations of tennis stars.

WTT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND . . . The top two teams in both the Eastern and Western Conferences advance to the season-ending WTT Championship Weekend, set for July 27-29, at Allstate Stadium at the Westfield Galleria in Roseville, Calif., home of the Sacramento Capitals. The weekend of action includes WTT Conference Championship matches with the winners advancing to battle for the WTT Championship and the King Trophy. The Philadelphia Freedoms are the defending champions.

YOUTH MOVEMENT . . . At 14 years, 6 months, Michelle Larcher de Brito will be the youngest player in history to play WTT when she takes the court for the Sacramento Capitals this July. Larcher de Brito caught the attention of the tennis world in March when she upset Meghann Shaughnessy in the first round of the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami. How young is the hard-hitting Larcher de Brito?

She was born in 1993 – the same year that:

≈ *Bill Clinton took office as the 42nd President of the United States.*

≈ *Michael Jordan retired from the NBA (for the first time).*

≈ *Late Night with Conan O'Brien debuted on NBC while Cheers bid farewell after 11 seasons.*

≈ *Jurassic Park was the top-grossing movie.*

≈ *Whitney Houston's mega hit "I Will Always Love You" ruled the charts.*

100,000...100,001 . . . Since the debut of their "Ready, Set, Racquet!" program, WTT presenting sponsor Advanta has distributed 100,000 free junior tennis racquets. The popular program continues this summer with kids age 16 and under receiving racquets at all WTT matches. Racquets are customized for WTT with each franchise's team colors and logo, and include a cover and a tennis ball.



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 three 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. From shopping at Westfield Galleria in Roseville, Calif. (where the Sacramento Capitals play their matches in the mall parking lot) . . . to a walk in the park, or Central Park to be exact in Schenectady, N.Y., home of the New York Buzz. Other venue highlights include:
 - **Houston:** Things really are bigger in Texas. Houston's premiere sports and fitness facility, the recently renovated Westside Tennis and Fitness, is home to the Houston Wranglers. There are basketball and tennis courts, batting cages, a soccer field, pools, volleyball courts and a state-of-the-art 40,000 square foot fitness area. The addition of a full-service spa makes membership worth the price. And did we mention the Wranglers cheerleaders?
 - **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. Not only do kids receive free junior tennis racquets from Advanta at every match, but each ticket holder between the ages of 5 and 13 gets a free tennis lesson from 5:45-6:45 p.m. before the matches start from local St. Louis Tennis Pros. 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.
- **Boston:** Finally, you can say you "went to Harvard" . . . at least long enough to catch the Lobsters play at the Beren Tennis Center on the grounds of the storied Harvard campus.
- **Philadelphia:** The Freedoms strike another blow for higher education as their home court is nestled in the scenic wooded campus of Cabrini College. Cabrini is a 112-acre campus located along the city's Main Line, just 30 minutes from Philadelphia.
- **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 move to the Newport Beach Country Club in 2007. 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 return 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



2007 WTT Player Draft

The 2007 WTT Player Draft took place Tuesday, March 27 in Miami, Fla. Teams selected in reverse order of finish from the 2006 season. For the second consecutive year, the Houston Wranglers had the first draft pick. The 2006 WTT Champions Philadelphia Freedoms picked last in the first round.

Team	2006 Regular Season Record/ Playoff Finish
1. Houston Wranglers	3-11
2. New York Buzz.....	5-9
3. Boston Lobsters	5-9
4. Kansas City Explorers.....	6-8
5. St. Louis Aces	8-6
6. Delaware Smash.....	8-6
7. Springfield Lasers	5 th Place Playoffs
8. New York Sportimes	4 th Place Playoffs
9. Sacramento Capitals.....	3 rd Place Playoffs
10. Newport Beach Breakers	2 nd Place Playoffs
11. Philadelphia Freedoms	1 st Place Playoffs



2007 World TeamTennis Pro League lineups

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON WRANGLERS

Goran Dragicevic
Jan-Michael Gambill
Bryanne Stewart
Mashona Washington
Coach: Thomas Blake

KANSAS CITY EXPLORERS

Mike Bryan
Bob Bryan
Jarmila Gajdosova
David Macpherson
Corina Morariu
Dusan Vemic
Coach: Brent Haygarth

NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS

Lauren Albanese
Ramon Delgado
Rick Leach
Michaela Pastikova
Pete Sampras
Maria Sharapova
Coach: Trevor Kronemann

SACRAMENTO CAPITALS

Mark Knowles
Anna Kournikova
Michelle Larcher de Brito
Elena Likhovtseva
Sam Warburg
Coach: Wayne Bryan

ST. LOUIS ACES

Jonathan Erlich
Andy Ram
Aleke Tsoubanos
Serena Williams
Jasmin Woehr
Coach: Sean Cole

SPRINGFIELD LASERS

Tamarine Tanasugarn
Andreea Vanc
Martin Verkerk
Glenn Weiner
Coach: John "JL" Laffnie de Jager

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON LOBSTERS

Julie Ditty
Amir Hadad
Nikita Kryvonos
Nicole Pratt
Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario
Coach: Anne Smith

DELAWARE SMASH

Lester Cook
Chris Haggard
Angela Haynes
Liesel Huber
Coach: Mariaan de Swardt

NEW YORK BUZZ

Greta Arn
Rik de Voest
Ashley Fisher
Gabriela Navratilova
Coach: Jolene Watanabe

NEW YORK SPORTIMES

Ashley Harkleroad
John McEnroe
Mirko Pehar
Hana Sromova
Jesse Witten
Coach: Chuck Adams

PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS

Daniel Nestor
Frederic Niemeyer
Lisa Raymond
Olga Savchuk
Venus Williams
Coach: Craig Kardon

2007 Schedule – World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta



Thursday, July 5

Delaware @ NY Sportimes
New York Buzz @ Philadelphia
St. Louis @ Houston
Springfield @ Sacramento (**Kournikova**)

Friday, July 6

St. Louis @ Boston
Philadelphia @ Delaware
Houston @ Kansas City
Sacramento (**Kournikova**) @ Newport Beach

Saturday, July 7

Boston @ Philadelphia
Houston @ St. Louis
Springfield @ Newport Beach

Sunday, July 8

NY Sportimes @ Boston
Delaware @ New York Buzz
Sacramento (**Kournikova**) @ Houston
Newport Beach @ Kansas City

Monday, July 9

New York Buzz @ St. Louis

Tuesday, July 10

Kansas City (**Bryan Bro.**) @ NY Sportimes
Delaware @ Philadelphia
St. Louis @ Houston
New York Buzz @ Springfield
Sacramento @ Newport Beach (**Sampras**)

Wednesday, July 11

Boston @ New York Buzz
Springfield @ NY Sportimes
Kansas City (**Bryan Bros.**) @ Delaware
Houston @ Sacramento

Thursday, July 12

NY Sportimes @ Boston (**Sanchez-Vicario**)
Philadelphia @ Delaware
Newport Beach @ Springfield

Friday, July 13

Delaware @ Boston
Philadelphia @ New York Buzz
Newport Beach @ Houston
Kansas City (**Bryan Bros.**) @ St. Louis

Saturday, July 14

New York Buzz @ NY Sportimes
Boston @ Philadelphia
Springfield @ Delaware
Houston @ Kansas City (**Bryan Bros.**)
St. Louis @ Sacramento

Sunday, July 15

KC @ Springfield (**Bryan Bros.**)
St. Louis @ Newport Beach

Monday, July 16

Houston @ Boston
Sacramento @ New York Buzz
NY Sportimes (**McEnroe**) @ Philadelphia
Kansas City @ Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 17

Philadelphia (**V. Williams**) @ NY Sportimes
New York Buzz @ Delaware
Springfield @ Houston
Sacramento @ St. Louis

Wednesday, July 18

Philadelphia (**V. Williams**) @ Boston
Newport Beach (**Sampras**) @ New York Buzz
NY Sportimes (**McEnroe**) @ Delaware
St. Louis @ Springfield
Kansas City @ Sacramento

Thursday, July 19

Boston @ NY Sportimes (**McEnroe**)
Newport Beach (**Sampras**) @ Philadelphia
Springfield @ Kansas City

Friday, July 20

Houston @ Philadelphia (**V. Williams**)
Springfield @ St. Louis
Delaware @ Sacramento

Saturday, July 21

New York Buzz @ NY Sportimes
Delaware @ Houston
Boston @ Springfield
St. Louis @ Kansas City
Newport Beach @ Sacramento

Sunday, July 22

NY Sportimes @ New York Buzz
Boston @ Kansas City
Philadelphia (**V. Williams**) @ Newport Beach

Monday, July 23

Boston @ Delaware
Houston @ Springfield
NY Sportimes @ St. Louis (**S. Williams**)
Philadelphia @ Sacramento

Tuesday, July 24

New York Buzz @ Boston
Kansas City @ Houston
Sacramento @ Springfield
Newport Beach (**Sampras**) @ St. Louis

Wednesday, July 25

Delaware @ New York Buzz
Sacramento @ Kansas City
NY Sportimes (**McEnroe**) @ Newport Beach (**Sharapova**)



WTT TV SCHEDULE

World TeamTennis televises matches on National, Regional and Local Cable networks and reaches more than 100 million households every week during the Pro League season. Look for WTT matches to air throughout July and culminate with the WTT Finals broadcast on August 5 on Versus.

Media partners include: Comcast Sports Net, Cox Communications, Fox Sports Net, Madison Square Garden Network, Mediacom, The Tennis Channel, Time Warner Cable and Versus Network. See below for a partial schedule of matches and view the complete schedule at WTT.com.

MATCH	DATE	TIME (EDT)	CHANNEL
Springfield @ Sacramento	July 12	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
Sacramento @ Newport Beach	July 15	11:30 am	Versus
Sacramento @ Newport Beach	July 19	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
Houston @ Philadelphia	July 22	11:30 am	Versus
Houston @ Kansas City	July 25	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
Houston @ Philadelphia	July 26	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
NY Sportimes @ Newport Beach	July 29	5:00 pm	Versus
NY Sportimes @ St. Louis	Aug. 1	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
NY Sportimes @ Newport Beach	Aug. 2	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel
WTT Finals	Aug. 5	4:00 pm	Versus
WTT Finals	Aug. 9	8:00 pm	The Tennis Channel

MATCHES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL TIMES EASTERN.



2007 WTT Pro League Venues & Important Dates

Team / Venue | Match Start Time

Western Conference

Houston Wranglers Westside Tennis Club – Houston | 7 pm CDT
 Kansas City Explorers..... Barney Allis Plaza - Kansas City, Mo. | times vary
 Newport Beach Breakers 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 Aces Dwight Davis Tennis Center - St. Louis, Mo. | 7:15 pm CDT
 Springfield Lasers Cooper Tennis Complex - Springfield, Mo. | 7:05 pm CDT

Eastern Conference

Boston Lobsters Beren Tennis Center at Harvard, Univ. - Boston, Mass. | Times vary*
 Delaware Smash..... DuPont Country Club -Wilmington, Del. | 7:05 pm EDT
 New York Buzz CDPHP Stadium, Central Park - Schenectady, N.Y. – 7 pm EDT except 7/18
 New York Sportimes Sportime at Harbor Island Park - Mamaroneck, N.Y. | 7:30 pm EDT except 7/5
 Philadelphia Freedoms Cabrini College - Radnor, Pa. | 7:05 pm EDT

COURT/COURT SURFACE | CAPACITY

Boston Lobsters	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 1,800
Delaware Smash	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,500
Houston Wranglers	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 5,240
Kansas City Explorers	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,500
Newport Beach Breakers	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,300
New York Buzz	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,300
New York Sportimes	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 1,843
Philadelphia Freedoms	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,500
Sacramento Capitals	Hard Court/DecoColor (hard court, outdoor) 4,300
St. Louis Aces	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 1,700
Springfield Lasers	Hard Court/DecoColor (outdoor) 2,500

STARTING TIME OF MATCHES

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Houston Wranglers — 7:00 pm (cdt)
 Kansas City Explorers — Times Vary*
 Newport Beach Breakers — 7:00 pm (pdt)
 Sacramento Capitals — 7:30 pm (pdt)
 Springfield Lasers — 7:05 pm (cdt)
 St. Louis Aces — 7:15 pm (cdt)
 * Kansas City — matches on July 6, 14, 19, 21 & 25 @ 7:35 pm (cdt); matches on July 8 & 22 @ 6:05 pm (cdt)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Lobsters — All matches at 7:00 pm except July 8 @ 4:00 pm (edt)
 Delaware Smash — 7:05 pm (edt)
 New York Buzz — 7:00 pm (edt) except July 18 @ 7:30 pm (edt)
 New York Sportimes — All matches at 7:30 pm except July 5 @ 1:00 pm (edt)
 Philadelphia Freedoms — 7:05 pm (edt)

WTT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

July 27-29, Allstate Stadium at Westfield Galleria at Roseville in Roseville, Calif.
 July 27 @ 7:30 pm (pdt) — Conference Championship
 July 28 @ 7:30 pm (pdt) — Conference Championship
 July 29 @ 7:30 pm (pdt) — WTT Finals



2007 WTT COACHES CHALLENGE: How It Works

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

RULES FOR WTT COACHES CHALLENGE:

1. Each team will receive 3 challenges per match, Overtime and Supertiebreakers count as part of the match with no new challenges being awarded for those periods.
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 a court-level monitor after consulting with other on-court officials. After the umpire reviews the shot (mark), and makes his/her decision, the coaches and player(s) involved in the point may review the point on the monitor. All other players from both teams SHALL remain on the bench. Failure to remain on the bench will result in Code of Conduct violations being issued against the offending players and or coach.
8. Once the umpire has made his/her ruling, players will have 30 seconds to start the next point.
9. In the event a technological malfunction precludes a call from being reviewed, the original call will stand. No challenges are used/and or lost.



World Team Tennis – Taking the Lead

Since its inception in the early 70s, WTT has been an innovator in the tennis 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 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.

Here's how many of the WTT rules differ from mainstream tennis.

WORLD TEAMTENNIS – A League of Firsts & Innovations

- Use of instant replay technology with the WTT Coaches Challenge (debuted in 2005).
- Professional sports league where men and women have equal roles.
- 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.
- Let serves are played out.
- 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.
- 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

- 2007 The 32nd season of play kicks off on July 5 with 11 teams battling for the King Trophy. The top two teams from both the Western and Eastern Conference advance to the WTT Championship Weekend, July 27-29, in Roseville, Calif. 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, and newcomers Monica Seles and Bob and Mike Bryan entertain WTT fans. Sacramento earns a 3rd consecutive title with a 23-15 win over 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. Sacramento 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

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



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 three calls during a match. 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 March 27, 2007 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 will 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 5-25. The franchises are divided into two conferences:

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE – Houston Wranglers, 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 of the match. 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.

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.

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