



World TeamTennis (WTT) Pro League – FACTS & FIGURES

Name: World TeamTennis (WTT) Pro League

Teams: **Western Conference:** Kansas City Explorers, Newport Beach Breakers, Sacramento Capitals, St. Louis Aces, Springfield Lasers
Eastern Conference: Boston Lobsters, New York Sportimes, Philadelphia Freedoms, Washington Kastles

- **2011 Schedule:** The 36th season of the WTT Pro League runs July 4-21, concluding with the WTT Finals Weekend, July 22-24, at the Family Circle Tennis Center in Charleston, S.C.
- The nine coed professional tennis teams in the WTT Pro League are battling for a spot in the Finals during the 2011 regular season which runs July 4-21. The top two teams from the regular season in both the Western and Eastern Conference will advance to the WTT Conference Championships in Charleston, with the Eastern Conference playing on Friday, July 22 (7pm ET), and the Western Conference on Saturday, July 23 (5pm ET). The Conference Champions face off for the King Trophy, named after League co-founder Billie Jean King, in the WTT Finals presented by GEICO on Sunday, July 24 (5pm ET). The Kansas City Explorers are the defending WTT Champions, winning their first title in 2010 with a victory over the New York Sportimes in Kansas City.

What to look for in 2011:

- An amazing player lineup includes 14 current or former world No. 1 players in singles or doubles
 - Singles & Doubles: Lindsay Davenport, Martina Hingis, John McEnroe, Venus Williams, Serena Williams
 - Singles only: Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras
 - Doubles only: Bob Bryan, Mike Bryan, Liezel Huber, Mark Knowles, Leander Paes, Lisa Raymond, Rennae Stubbs
- These No. 1s account for 1,062 ATP/WTA singles and doubles titles as well as 177 Grand Slam Championships.
- The bad boys of tennis face off again for the first time in more than 10 years when John McEnroe (New York Sportimes) takes on Jimmy Connors (Philadelphia Freedoms) on July 14 at Sportimes Stadium at Randall's Island.
- For the first time in World TeamTennis' history, the WTT Finals will be in South Carolina. The WTT Finals Weekend presented by GEICO is set for July 22-24 at the Family Circle Tennis Center in Charleston, S.C. The weekend includes the two Conference Championship matches at the WTT Finals.

History: World TeamTennis was co-founded in the 1970s by Billie Jean King and Larry King. 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.

The WTT Pro League, which begins its 36th season in July 2011, is a showcase for three generations of tennis standouts, including legends, current tour players and future champions. Since the League's debut, virtually every major champion of the Open era has played World TeamTennis including Pete Sampras, Andy Roddick, Kim Clijsters, Steffi Graf, Anna Kournikova, Andre Agassi, Venus and Serena Williams, Martina Hingis, Maria Sharapova, Lindsay Davenport, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors, Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.



Television: Tennis Channel, plus a series of regional telecasts with media partners including Comcast SportsNet. Tennis Channel will televise five WTT matches (live) along with the pre-season preview show - WTT GameChanger. Harry Cicma hosts the preview show, which includes interviews with Billie Jean King, John McEnroe, Kim Clijsters and many more stars. World TeamTennis GameChanger will premiere on Comcast Mid-Atlantic on June 8 at 9:30 p.m. ET, then air in the other six Comcast Sports Net regions throughout June. Tennis Channel airs the preview special on June 9 at 7:30 p.m. ET with multiple showings during the month.

Tennis Channel will feature *World TeamTennis Wednesdays*, throughout June and July. Classic WTT matches will air each Wednesday in June at 12 p.m. ET. The live primetime broadcasts begin the week after Wimbledon with a lead off match on Tuesday, July 5 when Venus Williams and the Washington Kastles open up their season in their new venue, Kastles Stadium at The Wharf. The Kastles, who won the WTT title in 2009, will host the defending League champion Kansas City Explorers. Match start time is 7 p.m. ET.

TENNIS CHANNEL NATIONAL BROADCAST SCHEDULE:

July 5 Kansas City Explorers @ Washington Kastles (Venus Williams)
July 6 Washington Kastles (Venus Williams) @ Philadelphia Freedoms
July 13 New York Sportimes (John McEnroe) @ Philadelphia Freedoms (Melanie Oudin)
July 20 Washington Kastles @ New York Sportimes (Kim Clijsters & Martina Hingis)
July 24 WTT Finals 5:00 pm ET

Players: Marquee players for 2011 include **James Blake** (Boston Lobsters), **Bob and Mike Bryan** (Kansas City Explorers), **Jimmy Connors** (Philadelphia Freedoms), **Lindsay Davenport** (St. Louis Aces), **Mardy Fish** (Sacramento Capitals), **Martina Hingis** (New York Sportimes), **John Isner** (Boston Lobsters), **John McEnroe** (New York Sportimes), **Mark Philippoussis** (St. Louis Aces), **Pete Sampras** (Newport Beach Breakers), **Serena Williams** (Washington Kastles) and **Venus Williams** (Washington Kastles).

Sponsors: Official WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2011 season include Acura, DecoTurf, GEICO and Wilson Racquet Sports. The United States Tennis Association (USTA) is a minority owner and promotional partner of World TeamTennis. WTT and the USTA are teaming up on number of initiatives, including development of the youth market through junior team tennis programs.

CEO/Commissioner: Ilana Kloss
WTT Co-Founders: Billie Jean King, Larry King

WTT BY THE NUMBERS . . .

Players: In 2011, more than 50 pros representing 15 countries will play in the WTT Pro League.
Format: In the WTT format, each team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Team matches consist of five sets, 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 games all. One point is awarded for each game won. If necessary, Overtime and a Supertiebreaker are played to determine the winner of the match.
Matches: The nine teams will travel more than 75,000 miles to play 66 matches in 21 days.



MORE ABOUT WORLD TEAMTENNIS

- **THIS IS THE 36TH SEASON OF WORLD TEAMTENNIS:** The 36th season of the WTT Pro League runs July 4-21, concluding with the WTT Finals Weekend, July 22-24, at the Family Circle Tennis Center in Charleston, S.C.
- **WTT WAS FOUNDED IN THE 1970s ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF GENDER EQUITY.** WTT co-founder Billie Jean King simply says, “If you have ever seen a WTT match you have seen my philosophy of life in action – men and women, competing together, on a team and both genders making equal contributions to the result.”
- **VERY COMPETITIVE TENNIS:** While World TeamTennis is fun for the fans and players, it’s also very competitive tennis. The players take the matches seriously – it’s exciting, quality tennis. The format features cumulative scoring so every game counts.
- **FAN INTERACTION:** WTT is a unique experience for players and the crowd. The fans are very close to the action. The atmosphere gives the players an opportunity to meet a lot of the fans and give back to people who have supported WTT for years. Teams host kids clinics each night before matches and children age 16 and under can come on the court after every WTT match and get player autographs.
- **THREE GENERATIONS:** WTT showcases three generations of tennis players – legends, current players and up-and-comers. Gives the younger players a chance to play with and learn from the more experienced players.
- **INTERNATIONAL TENNIS SHOWCASE:** In 2011, more than 50 players from 15 countries are expected to play in the WTT Pro League.
- **SINGLES & DOUBLES:** WTT matches feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles which allows fans to see some players in a new environment – all in less than three hours.
- **INNOVATIONS:** World TeamTennis always tries new things that make the sport more fan-friendly – *playing let serves, substitutions, instant replay, on-court coaching, music between points, names on back of players shirts, letting fans keep balls that are hit into the stands, multi-colored courts* – it’s a little different but it brings the fans closer to the game.



2011 WTT Pro League full rosters

(including marquee and roster players // * = marquee; wc = wild card)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Lobsters

James Blake*
Eric Butorac
Jan-Michael Gambill
John Isner*
Coco Vandeweghe
Mashona Washington
Coach: Bud Schultz

New York Sportimes

Martina Hingis*
Robert Kendrick
John McEnroe*
Katie O'Brien
Jesse Witten
Coach: Fritz Buehning

Philadelphia Freedoms

Beatrice Capra
Jimmy Connors
Brendan Evans
Nathan Healey
Melanie Oudin*
Lisa Raymond
Asst. Coach: Josh Cohen
Coach: Pascal Collard

Washington Kastles

Leander Paes
Bobby Reynolds
Arina Rodionova
Rennae Stubbs
Serena Williams*
Venus Williams*
Coach: Murphy Jensen

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Kansas City Explorers

Madison Brengle
Bob Bryan*
Mike Bryan*
Alex Kuznetsov
Ricardo Mello
Kveta Peschke
Coach: Brent Haygarth

Newport Beach Breakers

Lester Cook
Anne Keothavong
Marie-Eve Pelletier
Travis Rettenmaier
Pete Sampras*
Coach: Trevor Kronemann

Sacramento Capitals

Mardy Fish*
Vania King
Mark Knowles
Dusan Vemic
Yasmin Schnack
Coach: Wayne Bryan

St. Louis Aces

Roman Borvanov
Lindsay Davenport*
Liesel Huber
Mark Philippoussis*
Jean-Julien Rojer
Coach: Rick Leach

Springfield Lasers

Carly Gullickson
Lilia Osterloh
Paul Hanley
Raven Klaasen
Rik de Voest
Asst. Coach: Martin Damm
Coach: John-Laffnie de Jager

* = marquee player
wc = wild card player



2011 World TeamTennis (WTT) Pro League Schedule

2011 MARQUEE & WILD CARD PLAYERS:

Boston Lobsters: James Blake, John Isner
Kansas City Explorers: Bob and Mike Bryan
New York Sportimes: Martina Hingis, John McEnroe
Newport Beach Breakers: Pete Sampras
Philadelphia Freedoms: Jimmy Connors, Melanie Oudin
Sacramento Capitals: Mardy Fish
St. Louis Aces: Lindsay Davenport, Mark Philippoussis
Washington Kastles: Serena Williams, Venus Williams

WTT Pro League – MATCH START TIMES / LOCATIONS

Team | Venue | Match Start Time (subject to change)

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Kansas City Explorers Explorers Stadium at Barney Allis Plaza – Kansas City, Mo. | 7:35 CDT except Sunday, July 10 and Sunday, July 17 at 6:35 pm CST)

Newport Beach Breakers Breakers Stadium at The Tennis Club Newport Beach – Newport Beach, Calif. | 7:15 pm PDT

Sacramento Capitals Capitals Stadium at Sunrise Mall – Citrus Heights, Calif. | 7:30 pm PDT

St. Louis Aces..... Dwight Davis Memorial Tennis Center – St. Louis, Mo. | 7:15 pm CDT

Springfield Lasers Mediacom Stadium at Cooper Tennis Complex – Springfield, Mo. | 7:05 pm CDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Lobsters..... The Joan Norton Stadium at Ferncroft Country Club – Middleton, Mass. | 7 pm EDT

New York Sportimes Sportime Stadium at Randall’s Island – New York, N.Y. | 7:00 pm EDT

..... July 18 and 19 will be played at *SEFCU Arena at University at Albany – Albany, N.Y. | 7:30 pm EDT

Philadelphia Freedoms Pavilion at Villanova – Villanova, Pa. | 7 pm EDT

Washington Kastles..... Kastles Stadium at The Wharf – Washington, DC | 7 pm EDT



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, intense competition 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

- 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.
- Let serves are played.
- 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.



What you need to know

World TeamTennis. There are a few things to know about how we play the game.

It's about team. There are nine teams in the WTT Pro League presented by GEICO. Three generations of tennis standouts - from the stars of tomorrow to today's top names to legends of the game - make up the teams. In WTT, every game counts – literally. Scoring is cumulative and it takes a team to win!

HERE ARE THE BASICS OF WORLD TEAMTENNIS

TEAM – coed team of 2 men, 2 women, 1 coach.

5 SETS – one each of men's & women's singles, men's & women's doubles and mixed doubles.

SCORING – game scoring is 1 to 4; no-ad; scoring is cumulative.

ON THE COURT – no-ad scoring; let serves are in play; plus on-court coaching, Coaches' Challenges and player substitutions are allowed.

OVERTIME – if the team ahead in the cumulative score wins the final game of the last set, then that team wins the match. If the trailing team wins the final set, the match goes 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.

SUPERTIEBREAKER – if the match is tied at the end of the five sets or if the trailing team ties the score in Overtime, a 13-point Supertiebreaker, involving the fifth set event, is played. The first team to win seven points is awarded a single game and the match.

FANS – World TeamTennis is all about the fans. Get involved, get loud and have a great time.

KIDS – Kids rule the court at WTT matches. Look for post-match autograph sessions for kids age 16 & under after every match.



Great Moments

- WTT co-founder Billie Jean King is named as the League's first MVP (1974).
- Jimmy Connors dominated men's tennis in 1974, winning three of the four slams. However he was barred from playing in the French Open after he signed up to participate in World Team Tennis. Because the ATP and French officials opposed WTT, Connors was not admitted into the French Open field in 1974. It was the only Grand Slam title he never won in his legendary career.
- Billie Jean King leads the New York Sets to first of her three League Championships in 1976; King's final WTT title was in 1983 with the Chicago Fyre, which was coached by current WTT CEO/Commissioner Ilana Kloss .
- Chris Evert becomes the first WTT player to win back to back MVP awards (1977-78).
- Billie Jean King is named as the first woman commissioner in pro sports history, taking the role at World TeamTennis (1984).
- WTT Commissioner Ilana Kloss signs Jimmy Connors and Martina Navratilova to the League's first multi-year marquee player contracts (1990).
- Newport Beach Dukes post the League's first (and only) undefeated regular season in 1994 with 14-0 mark.
- Kansas City stages the greatest comeback in WTT history. Trailing the Sacramento Capitals by nine games going into the final set, the Explorers won men's doubles 6-0 and added three games in Overtime to force a Supertiebreaker. Kansas City won the Supertiebreaker 7-3 and the match 25-24 (1997).
- The "Ready, Set, Racquet!" program begins at WTT matches in 2003. Since that time, more than 250,000 free junior tennis racquets have been distributed.
- Instant replay is introduced to professional tennis competition at WTT matches with the WTT Coaches Challenge presented by GEICO (2005).
- Sacramento becomes first team in WTT history to win six championships with the 2007 title. The Caps also had an unprecedented four-peat, winning the title from 1997 to 2000.
- Martina Navratilova, playing for the Boston Lobsters in 2009, becomes the first player to reach 20 seasons in WTT.
- Kim Clijsters comes out of retirement and makes her WTT debut for the St. Louis Aces in July 2009. Less than two months later, she stuns the sports world by winning the US Open title.
- In 2010, Martina Hingis returns to pro tennis competition for the first time since 2007. Hingis joined the Albany, N.Y.-based New York Buzz in 2010. In 2011, she became a member of the New York Sportimes when the two New York teams merged.



WORLD TEAMTENNIS 2011 SCHEDULE

(Marquee players subject to change)

Monday, July 4

Philadelphia @ Springfield

Tuesday, July 5

New York Sportimes @ Boston
Kansas City @ Washington (V. Williams)
St. Louis (Davenport) @ Newport Beach

Wednesday, July 6

Boston @ New York Sportimes (Hingis)
Washington (V. Williams) @ Philadelphia
Newport Beach @ Springfield
Sacramento @ St. Louis (Davenport)

Thursday, July 7

New York Sportimes @ Philadelphia
Boston @ Washington (S. Williams)
Newport Beach @ St. Louis (Davenport)
Sacramento @ Kansas City

Friday, July 8

Philadelphia @ Boston (Blake)
Washington @ Springfield
Newport Beach @ Kansas City
New York Sportimes (Hingis) @ Sacramento

Saturday, July 9

Kansas City @ Springfield
Philadelphia @ St. Louis (Davenport)
New York Sportimes (Hingis) @ Newport Beach (Sampras)
Washington (S. Williams) @ Sacramento

Sunday, July 10

Springfield @ St. Louis (Davenport)
Boston @ Kansas City
Newport Beach @ Sacramento

Monday, July 11

Philadelphia (Oudin) @ Boston
St. Louis @ New York Sportimes (Hingis)
Washington @ Newport Beach

Tuesday, July 12

Springfield @ Boston (Isner)
St. Louis @ Philadelphia
New York Sportimes (McEnroe) @ Washington
Kansas City (Bob/Mike Bryan) @ Sacramento

Wednesday, July 13

New York Sportimes (McEnroe) @ Philadelphia (Oudin)
Boston @ Springfield
Sacramento @ St. Louis (Davenport)
Kansas City @ Newport Beach (Bob/Mike Bryan)

Thursday, July 14

St. Louis @ Boston
Philadelphia (Connors) @ New York Sportimes (McEnroe / Hingis)
Springfield @ Washington
Sacramento @ Kansas City (Bob/Mike Bryan)

Friday, July 15

Springfield @ New York Sportimes (McEnroe / Hingis)
Boston @ Philadelphia
St. Louis @ Washington
Newport Beach @ Sacramento (Fish)

Saturday, July 16

Washington @ Boston
Philadelphia (Oudin) @ Springfield
New York Sportimes @ Kansas City (Bob/Mike Bryan)
Sacramento @ Newport Beach

Sunday, July 17

Springfield @ Kansas City

Monday, July 18

St. Louis (Philippoussis) @ Boston - SS
Kansas City (Bob/Mike Bryan) @ New York Sportimes* (Hingis)
Newport Beach @ Philadelphia
Sacramento @ Washington

Tuesday, July 19

Washington @ New York Sportimes* (Hingis)
Kansas City (Bob/Mike Bryan) @ Philadelphia
Sacramento @ Springfield
Newport Beach @ St. Louis (Davenport / Philippoussis)

Wednesday, July 20

Washington @ New York Sportimes (Hingis)
St. Louis (Philippoussis) @ Kansas City
Springfield @ Newport Beach
Boston @ Sacramento

Thursday, July 21

Philadelphia @ Washington
Kansas City @ St. Louis (Philippoussis/Davenport)
Boston @ Newport Beach
Springfield @ Sacramento

WTT Finals Weekend presented by GEICO – Charleston, S.C.

Friday, July 22 WTT Eastern Conference Championship (7pm)
Saturday, July 23 WTT Western Conference Championship (5pm)
Sunday, July 24 WTT Finals presented by GEICO (5pm)

** The New York Sportimes matches on July 18 and 19 will be played at SEFCU Arena in Albany, N.Y. All other Sportimes matches will be played at Sportime Stadium at Randall's Island in New York, N.Y.*