

HOME MATCHES

Wed., May 8, Hawaii Sat., May 11, Toronto

Wed., May 15, Detroit

Fri., May 17, Philadelphia

Wed., May 22, Houston

Sat., May 25, Minnesota

Wed., May 29, Cleveland

Sat., June 1, Pittsburgh

Sat., June 8, New York

Fri., June 14, Detroit

Sat., June 15, New York

Thurs., July 11, Pittsburgh

Sat., July 13, Golden Gate

Wed., July 17, Florida

Sat., July 20, Toronto

Wed., July 24, Chicago

Fri., July 26, Boston

Wed., July 31, Los Angeles

Fri., Aug. 2, Denver

Wed., Aug. 7, Boston

Fri., Aug. 9, Philadelphia

Sat., Aug. 17, Cleveland



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SIX MARYLAND TENNIS GREATS HONORED BY BANNERS

Six persons who have made outstanding contributions to the area tennis world have been honored in the first annual selection to the Baltimore Banners Tennis Hall of Fame. Announcement of the six initial members was made today by Edward C. Griepenkerl, Chairman of the Banners Hall of Fame Committee, and President of the Middle Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association.

The six who will be inducted on Wednesday night, May 8, at the Banners match at the Civic Center are: Maurice Schwartzman, Ralph J. Robinson, Adrienne Ayares Hoffman, William F. Riordan, Frank G. Roberts, Sr., and Eddie Jacobs. Five of the six will be on hand at the induction ceremonies. Ralph J. Robinson died recently, and will receive his honor posthumously.

The six initial members of the Banners Tennis Hall of Fame were selected for their devotion of time and talents to the development and growth of tennis in this area. Mr. Griepenkerl chaired a ten-member blue-ribbon committee that was commissioned by the Banners to make recommendations and selection of Hall of Fame members.

Mr. Schwartzman was selected for his teaching prowess over the years. Ralph Robinson was awarded the honor for his untiring efforts in getting the city of Baltimore and many players national recognition in the sport of tennis. Adrienne Ayares Hoffman and Eddie Jacobs were selected for their outstanding playing skill.

Bill Riordan and Frank Roberts were elected because of their administrative qualities, although Roberts doubled in the administration and player categories.

Induction ceremonies for the Banners Tennis Hall of Fame members will take place during the Banners opening match May 8. That Wednesday evening, the local World Team Tennis team will open the season at the Civic Center, playing host to the Hawaii Leis. Match time is 8:00 p.m. Plaques will be presented to the members at the ceremonies, and will be permanently displayed at the Civic Center. Induction of new members to the Tennis Hall of Fame will take place annually at a Banners home match.

HISTORIC WORLD TEAM TENNIS opener, Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 p.m., Civic Center. BANNERS MEET HAWAII. JIMMY CONNORS heads the talented Banners crew as the Banners face the Hawaiian Leis and their star, Dennis Ralston. Ralston is serving as player coach for the visitors. As added interest, Kristy Pigeon is expected to team up with Ralston in doubles against her old team-mates. Kristy was recently traded by the Banners for the rights to Jan Kodes. Others on the visiting team include Ross Case and Wendy Overton.

BANNERS set with all-star cast. The Banners have put together a formidable team for an inaugural WTT Season. JIMMY CONNORS ranks at the very top of the U.S. Men's Standings. BETTY STONE is an outstanding singles player, and is perhaps the greatest doubles player of all time. BOB CARMICHAEL has made his presence felt in international competition. Nicknamed "Nails", Bob is a fine singles player and a superb doubles player. JOYCE WILLIAMS HUME, ranked Number One in Scotland, is equally at home in singles and doubles play. Her opponents describe her as a "tiger" in the courts, contrary to her gentle personality off court. IAN CROOKERDEN, a transplanted New Zealander with a wicked left-handed serve, is a popular figure in this area. Ian was one of the first of the international tennis stars to settle in the Middle Atlantic area. AUDREY MORSE, the number-one Middle Atlantic female player, is a student at TOWSON STATE COLLEGE. Her rapid development under Banners Coach Don Candy enabled the team to trade Kristy Pigeon to Hawaii. BYRON BERTRAM, the young South African tennis star, will miss the historic opener because he will be involved with his home nation's Davis Cup Team. However, Byron is expected to return to the Banners by May 15.

CENTER COURT CLUB MEMBERS TO RECEIVE ROYAL HAWAIIAN TREATMENT OPENING NIGHT

Center Court members will be able to enjoy pre-match cocktails and dinner at their own private club in the Civic Center. The Club is located on the Hopkins Place side; and the first level will be decorated in a tennis motif.

Ron Shless of Martin's West has arranged an outstanding buffet for opening night, consisting of: Chef Salad, Choice of Dressing . Roast Sirloin of Beef, Chef carved . Assorted Seafood a la Newburg . Rice Pilaf . Baked Chicken Hawaiian . Belgian Carrots . Assorted Miniature French Pastries . Bread . Rolls . Butter . One Split Bottle Cold Duck or Champagne with each reservation . OR One Free Cocktail if preferred.

Buffet Dinner will cost \$4.50, plus 4% tax, per person. Reservations may be made by calling Martin's West, 539-0500; or in the Civic Center through the Banners Office at 727-6223.

During half-time of the match, the Luau Serenaders, provided by Bea Morris, will entertain Center Court Club Members.

Banners set fabulous group packages. The Baltimore Banners have arranged the most diversified group package in sports history. Group rates start with a minimum of only ten people.

In addition to straight ticket discounts, cocktails, dinner and after-match snack plans are available. Arrangements have been made with the Chesapeake Restaurant, the Charcoal Hearth, and Martin's West, in the Civic Center, to tailor a plan to meet your needs.

Large ticket discounts are available for fund-raising groups. For additional information on group reservations, please call Mrs. Gerkin at 727-6223.

Charcoal Hearth Banner Dinner Package Available. Charcoal Hearth and the Banners are offering a specially priced dinner ticket package for each Banners home match for one or 100 persons. Diners will save on the dinner and admission for this special package. Call the Charcoal Hearth directly at 752-3500.

WORLD TEAM TENNIS DIVISIONAL LINEUP

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division		Central Division	Gulf Plains Division	Pacific Division
	Baltimore	Cleveland	Chicago	Denver
	Boston	Detroit	Florida	Golden Gate
	New York	Pittsburgh	Houston	Hawaii
	Philadelphia	Toronto	Minnesota	Los Angeles

TORONTO LED BY YOUNG STARS FOR MAY 11 MATCH

MIKE ESTEP and WENDY OVERTON will lead the Toronto Royals into the Civic Center Saturday night for the second match of the season. Good individual game tickets are still available for this match.

MAY 15

ROSY CASALS leads the Detroit Loves into the Civic Center.

MAY 17

BILLY JEAN KING and Company visit the Banners. Advance sales are heavy for this match.

WORLD TEAM TENNIS FORMAT AND RULES TO ADD ZIP TO TENNIS

The Baltimore Banners and World Team Tennis have announced the format, scoring and rules for league play. There are some changes from the conventional rules of tennis, and it will create excitement from start to finish in WTT matches.

World Team Tennis began its initial season under these rules on April 29 in Philadelphia when the Freedoms hosted the Pittsburgh Triangles at the Spectrum. The Banners open their 1974 WTT season on Wednesday, May 8, at the Civic Center, hosting the Hawaii Leis. All Banners home matches start at 8:00 p.m.; and tickets are available at the Civic Center box office, or by calling the Banners office, 727-6223.

Here is a capsule summary of the format and scoring for all World Team Tennis matches:

- 1. Each match consists of six sets, two halves.
- In the first half, one set of each of three events is played. The events are always in the order of Women's Singles, Men's Singles, and Mixed Doubles.
- 3. Following a 15-minute half-time break, one set of each event is again played, with the events identical in order to the first half.
- 4. Under this format, a player may play two different events during the same evening. However, no player may play two events in the same half. For example, Jimmy Connors could play Men's Singles in the first half and Mixed Doubles in the second half.
- 5. WTT coaches have the right to make substitutions in any event.
- 6. With one notable exception, each of the six sets will be played under the familiar rules of tennis. The first player to win six games wins the set, but sets must be won by a margin of two games, with nine-point tiebreakers played in any set tied at 6-all. The exception is that in WTT there is no deuce or ad. The first player to win four points wins the game.
- 7. Teams will change ends of the court after every three games of each event.
- 8. The final scores of WTT matches are based on the total number of games won by each in all six sets. In essence, each player is not trying to win his set as such, but as many games as possible, and the greater the winning margin, the better position his team will be in.

SPECIAL GROUP PLAN FOR TENNIS MATCH AND/OR DINNER

Listed below are the special discount prices for groups on tickets to any home match of the Banners. Also, we offer many varieties of dining at three of Baltimore's finest restaurants. To establish the complete cost per person, add the cost of the dinner you select to the price of the ticket.

TICKET PRICES

Group of:	Discount:	Cost: \$7.00	\$6.00 \$4.00	000000
10 - 20	10%	6.30	5.40 3.60	NAME OF THE PARTY
20 - 40	15%	5.95	5.10 3.40	9000
40 - 60	20%	5.60	4.80 3.20	20000
60 & up	25%	5.25	4.50 3.00	90000

DINNERS (All prices quoted are at discount price)

I. AT THE CHESAPEAKE

- A. Cocktail Hot & Cold Hors d'Oeuvre Buffet \$7.50*
- B. Late Snack: Club or Steak Sandwich, Shrimp Salad, etc. \$4.25
- C. Broiled Fish, Chicken Kiev, or Chopped Steak \$9.95**
- D. Steak \$14.25**
- E. Prime Rib \$11.80**
- F. Imperial Crab \$10.90**
- * includes two drinks
- ** includes full-course dinner, tax and gratuity

II. AT THE CHARCOAL HEARTH

- A. Cocktail Buffet \$6.00 (open bar)
- B. Roast Duck, Imperial Crab, or Top Sirloin \$6.50
- C. Late Snack: Omelette, Steak Sandwich, etc. \$2.75
- all prices include tax

III. AT MARTIN'S WEST (in the Civic Center)

- A. Cocktail Hot Hors d'Oeuvre Buffet \$5.20* (includes tax & tip)
- B. Buffet Dinner \$5.00* (plus tax & tip)
- C. Stuffed Hen, Roast Turkey, Ham, Fish Filet, or Sirloin \$5.25*
- D. After-Match Snack: Corned Beef, Cold Plate, etc. \$3.00*
- E. Prime Rib \$6.75*
- F. Filet Mignon \$8.25*
- G. Crab Imperial \$7.25*

*add \$1.00 to each price if a cocktail open bar is desired All dinner prices include full-course dinner.