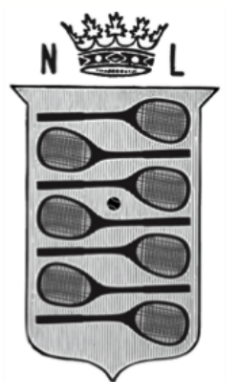
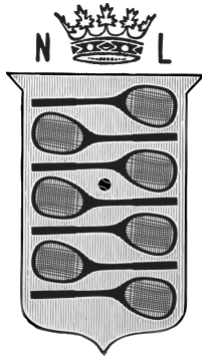


USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE 2017-18





Dear National League Fans,

On behalf of the USCTA National League, we welcome you with pleasure to the 2017-18 season. This year's play will feature many of the world's top players among the U.S.-based professionals.

The National League brings professional court tennis to each participating club, allowing members and their guests to watch the game played at the very highest level. It also affords professionals the opportunity to play competitive matches, sharpening their skills against each other as they prepare for their next Open tournament.

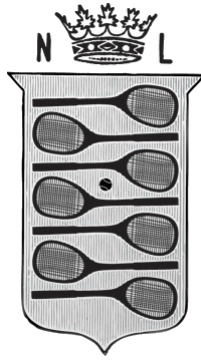
We thank the USCTA for its continued support of the National League and its U.S.-based professionals. We also rely upon the continued support of The Jesters Club, Eastham Capital, and Harrow, amongst others.

We look forward to another National League season of fierce and exhilarating competition. We hope that you enjoy these matches and find inspiration for your own game. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

The National League Commission

Marc Lewinstein, Adrian Kemp & Josh Dodgson



October 2017

Dear National League Fans,

On behalf of the United States Court Tennis Association, welcome to the 2017-18 USCTA National League. This season marks our twelfth season, a dozen great years of gathering together to watch the best in the world.

Congratulations to Conor Medlow, John Lumley and Steve Virgona of Chicago/Philadelphia who triumphed last season. The National League Final, held at Prince's Court in Washington, was perhaps the most exciting match in league history, when Chicago/Philadelphia overcame New England in nail-biting fashion. John Lumley defeated Nick Howell in a close two-set match; Conor Medlow lost to Camden Riviere; and then in the doubles Lumley & Medlow survived 8-7 to upset favoured Howell and Riviere.

The National League is a major showcase of our professional game. We are privileged to have such world-class talent out on the court, including eight of the top fifteen ranked players in the world. Matches will see current and former World Champions and Open winners, including Steve Virgona, Tim Chisholm, and James Stout, do battle with some of the brightest talents in the game including Nick Howell, John Lumley and Conor Medlow.

Many thanks to the three leaders of the USCTA National League, commissioners Marc Lewinstein, Josh Dodgson and Adrian Kemp. Many thanks also to our longtime, loyal supporters, especially U.S. Jesters Club and Harrow Sports.

Sincerely,

Jim Zug

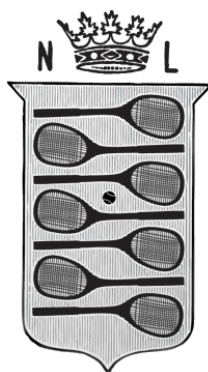
USCTA President

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CHICAGO VS TUXEDO

THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2017

@ CHICAGO

TUXEDO VS NEW YORK

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2017

@ TUXEDO

NEW YORK VS NEW ENGLAND / PHILADELPHIA

WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2017

@ NEW YORK

NEW ENGLAND / PHILADELPHIA VS TUXEDO

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2017

@ NEWPORT

NEW ENGLAND / PHILADELPHIA VS CHICAGO

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2017

@ PHILADELPHIA

NEW YORK VS CHICAGO

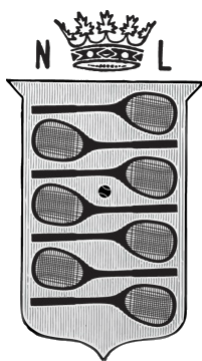
WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2017

@ NEW YORK

THE USCTA NATIONAL
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USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE PREVIOUS WINNERS

2005/06 – New York

2006/07 – Newport

2007/08 – New York

2008/09 – New York

2009/10 – New York

2010/11 – Philadelphia

2011/12 – Philadelphia

2012/13 – New England

2013/14 – New England

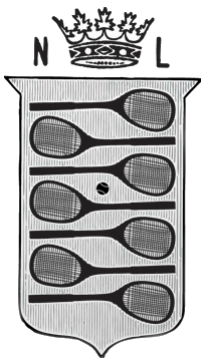
2014/15 – Boston / Washington

2015/16 – Chicago / Philadelphia

2016/17 – Chicago / Philadelphia

THE USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE
WISHES TO THANK HARROW FOR
THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT





TEAM NEW ENGLAND/ PHILADELPHIA



NICK HOWELL

CLUB: NEWPORT

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

HEIGHT: 5'10" / 1.78M

D.O.B: 10TH SEPTEMBER 1986

BEST HANDICAP: +6.0

2016 SPRING INVITATIONAL WINNER

2016 TASMANIAN OPEN WINNER

MIKE GOODING

CLUB: NEWPORT

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

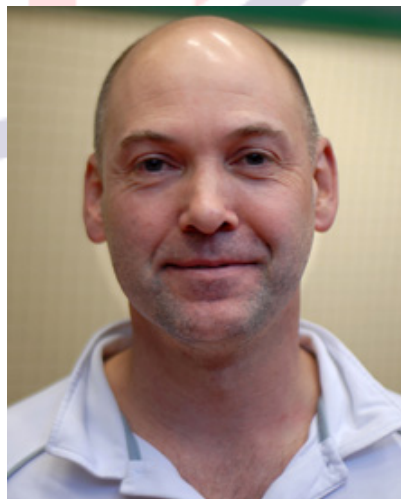
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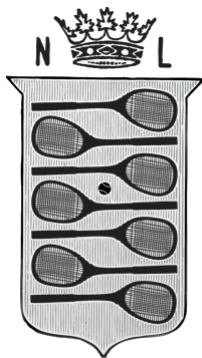
D.O.B: 1ST JANUARY 1965

BEST HANDICAP: +9.6

3-TIME OPEN SINGLES WINNER

FORMER #1 RANKED DOUBLES PLAYER





TEAM NEW ENGLAND/ PHILADELPHIA



JOHN LUMLEY

CLUB: PHILADELPHIA

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M

D.O.B: 7TH AUGUST 1992

BEST HANDICAP: +2.3

2017 IRTPA PRO DOUBLES WINNER

2016 FRENCH OPEN DOUBLES WINNER

TONY HOLLINS

CLUB: BOSTON

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

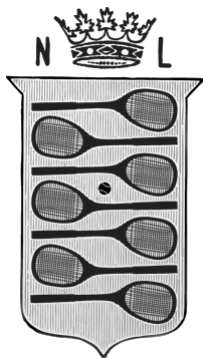
D.O.B: 23RD APRIL 1986

BEST HANDICAP: 4.2

3-TIME USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE WINNER

2012 SEACOURT SILVER RACKET FINALIST





TEAM CHICAGO



STEVE VIRGONA

CLUB: CHICAGO

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

HEIGHT: 6'1" / 1.85M

D.O.B: 25TH SEPTEMBER 1978

BEST HANDICAP: +13.3

7-TIME OPEN SINGLES WINNER

6-TIME WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPION

CONOR MEDLOW

CLUB: CHICAGO

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'2" / 1.88M

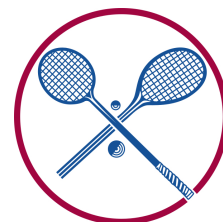
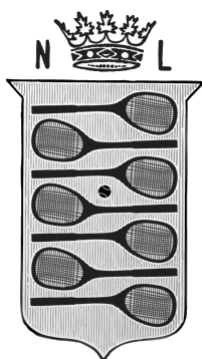
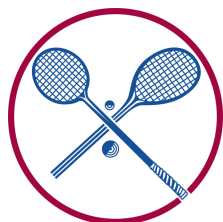
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BEST HANDICAP: +1.8

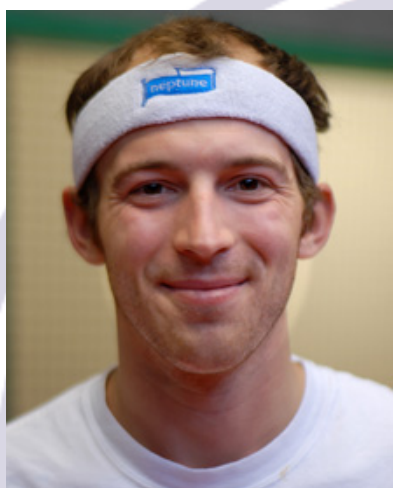
3-TIME BRITISH AMATEUR SINGLES WINNER

2016 U.S. NATIONAL OPEN FINALIST





TEAM NEW YORK



JAMES STOUT

CLUB: RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB

NATIONALITY: BERMUDIAN

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

D.O.B: 16TH AUGUST 1984

BEST HANDICAP: +9.2

2010 U.S. OPEN SINGLES WINNER

2014 U.S. OPEN SINGLES & DOUBLES FINALIST

BARNEY TANFIELD

CLUB: RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

HEIGHT: 6'3" / 1.90M

D.O.B: 23RD DECEMBER 1981

BEST HANDICAP: 1.5

2017 SPRING INVITATIONAL WINNER

2017 PRO SINGLES SATELLITE WINNER



ADRIAN KEMP

CLUB: RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

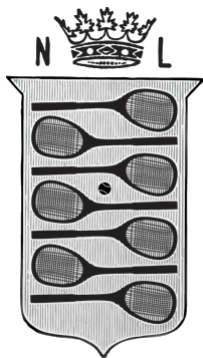
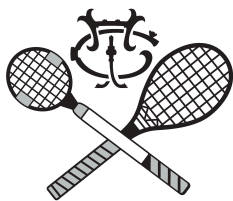
HEIGHT: 6'2" / 1.88M

D.O.B: 21ST JUNE 1985

BEST HANDICAP: 4.5

6-TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION OF FRANCE

2017 SPRING INVITATIONAL FINALIST



TEAM TUXEDO



TIM CHISHOLM

CLUB: TUXEDO

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

HEIGHT: 5'11" / 1.80M

D.O.B: 31ST OCTOBER 1969

BEST HANDICAP: +12.5

TWO-TIME WORLD DOUBLES CHAMPION

5-TIME OPEN SINGLES WINNER

JOSH DODGSON

CLUB: TUXEDO

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

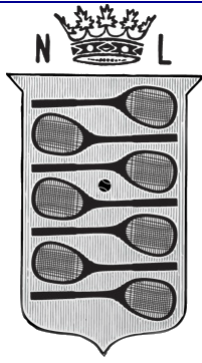
D.O.B: 19TH OCTOBER 1990

BEST HANDICAP: 3.9

2012 SEACOURT SILVER RACKET WINNER

2012 TAYLOR CUP WINNER





HISTORY & FUTURE

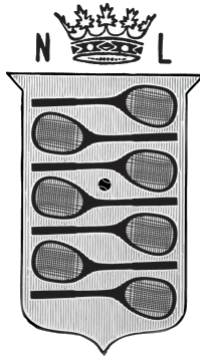
Court tennis is the ancestor of all racquet sports. Called court tennis in the U.S., real tennis in Australia and Great Britain and jeu de paume in France, the game emerged from the streets of France almost a millennium ago. It spread across Europe, becoming very popular with both the masses (Paris had nearly two thousand outdoor courts in 1600) and royalty – two palace courts in Great Britain from the sixteenth century are still in use today. Many informal, outdoor courts existed in the U.S. but the first formal indoor court in America was built in Boston in 1876. Since then, eighteen more courts have appeared around the country: today, eleven of them are playable.

Court Tennis boasts the oldest World Championship (dating back to the early 18th Century). American professional Camden Riviere holds the title, which he will try to defend at the Queens Club, England in April 2018.



Court Tennis has been growing in size and reach over recent years. New courts have been recently opened in both the UK and US, and the game has experienced a revival in the Basque region of France. A new court is planned to open in Bordeaux, France in 2019, whilst the USCTA is finishing the fundraising for a new Court Tennis facility in Charleston, South Carolina.

There is a Professional Tour with events in all four playing countries (UK, USA, France, Australia). Professionals are active in all four countries, and are looking to bring through the next generation of young players.



COURT TENNIS RULES

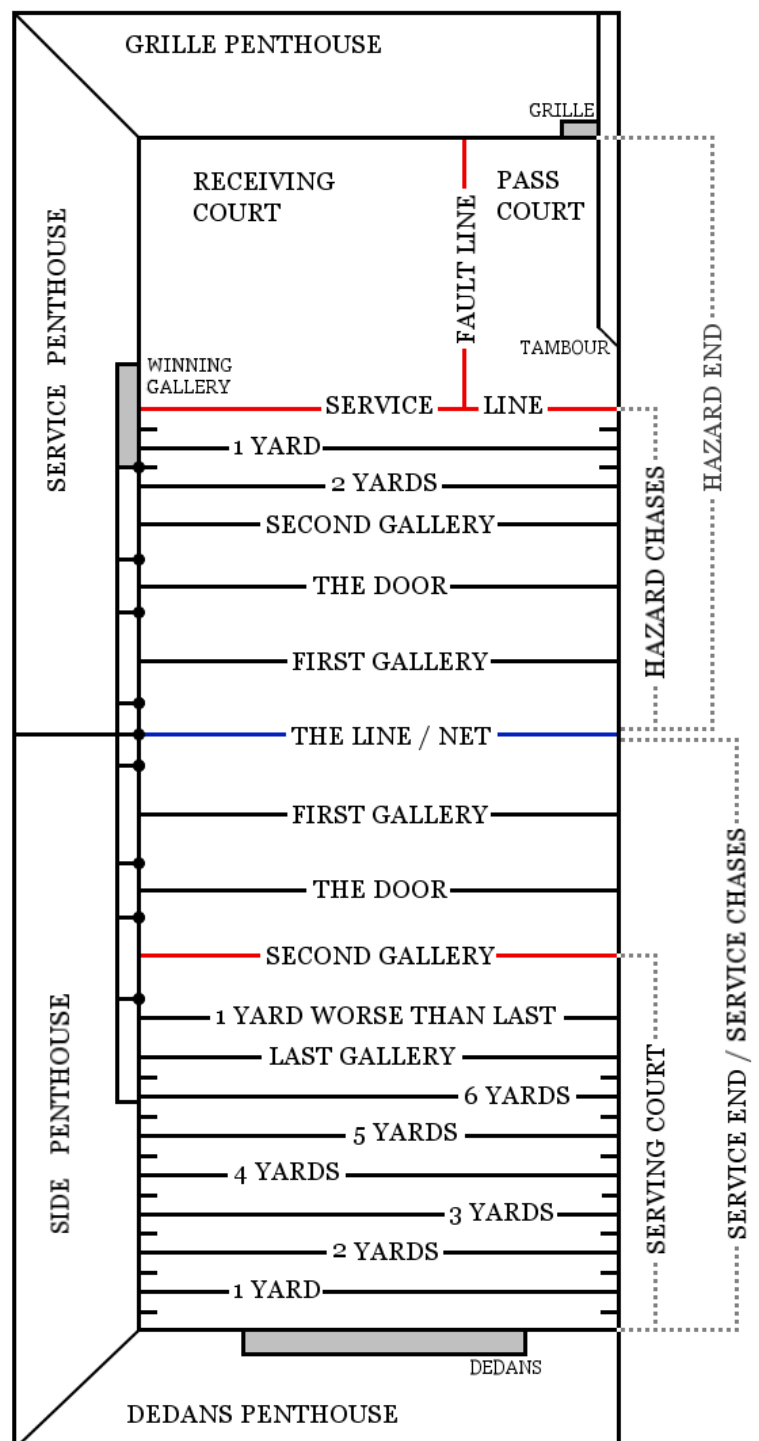
The rules of tennis have remained virtually unchanged for centuries. Play is across a net at the centre of the court, with players able to use any of the walls or penthouses to propel the ball into their opponent's side of the court. Players score points by hitting winning openings in the court, or by forcing errors from their opponent.

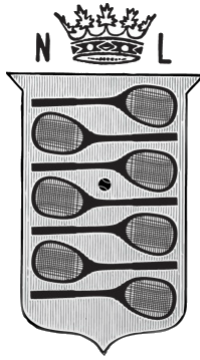
The serve is always hit from the 'Service End', and must touch the Service Penthouse on its way into the opponent's service box. The court configuration gives the server a significant advantage. Therefore the receiver will try to limit their time at the receiving end, preferring to return to the Service Side as quickly as possible. This is possible only once a 'chase' has been set! The most common way to set a 'chase' is by getting the ball to bounce twice on the Service Side floor before the server touches it. With this, the receiver reclaims the Service End.

All courts are slightly different, and most of them have 'local' rules which can give home players a significant advantage!

Though the rules can seem complicated at the outset, newcomers are able to quickly master them.

If you are new to the game – take a lesson with a Pro who will be able to take you on court, explain the rules, and provide instruction on technique and strategy.





USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE 2017-18 RULES AND FORMAT

1. Authority

- 1.1. National League matches are official United States Court Tennis Association ('USCTA') events.
- 1.2. The USCTA has final authority on all decisions pertaining to the administration of the National League.
- 1.3. The USCTA shall appoint a commissioner (the 'Commissioner') who shall be deeply involved in all major decision-making and included in all material correspondence pertaining to the National League.
- 1.4. The Commissioner shall be the official, neutral arbiter of any dispute pertaining to the National League.

2. Teams

- 2.1. National League teams ('Teams') are to be defined and agreed upon at the start of the season with a roster of nominated players. Nominated players are only allowed to represent their specified Team.
- 2.2. A list (the 'Floaters List') of 'floating' professionals eligible to represent any Team and to substitute for any nominated member of a Team will be circulated at the start of each season.
- 2.3. In the case of a player being unavailable to play a scheduled Fixture, his or her Team must select another nominated player from said Team, or selected a player from the Floaters List.

3. Fixture Scheduling & Publicity

- 3.1. Teams are required to agree on dates of scheduled fixtures ('Fixtures') before the start of the National League season.
- 3.2. Each participating Team club shall appoint an individual to coordinate Fixture scheduling and publicity; upcoming Fixtures shall be publicized by the participating Team clubs.
- 3.3. The Commissioner requires Fixtures to be fulfilled on their publicized date; once a Fixture has been scheduled, both Teams have a duty to ensure that they are able to fulfil that Fixture.
- 3.4. Teams unable to fulfil a Fixture will be subject to a penalty, which, at the discretion of the Commissioner, could take the form of a point(s) penalty or a reduction in allocated prize money.

4. Fixture Play

- 4.1. Each Fixture will consist of two (2) singles matches and one (1) doubles match.
- 4.2. Singles matches shall consist of best-of-three 6-game sets, with a single deuce and single advantage per game and, if necessary, a 40-all one-point conclusion except where games are 5-all in a set.
- 4.3. Doubles matches shall consist of a single 8-game set, with deuce and advantage in each game.
- 4.4. Each Fixture shall feature an amateur event to be played in between the singles matches and the double match. The specifics of the vent may vary among Fixtures, but will award a prize to the winning amateur(s).

5. Fixture Points

- 5.1. Each singles match victory awards two (2) points to the winning Team.
- 5.2. Each doubles match victory awards one (1) point to the winning Team.
- 5.3. The Team that wins any two matches in the Fixture receives an additional two (2) points.
- 5.4. The two (2) teams with the highest point totals at the end of the regular season qualify for the National League Final.



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