

PLAYER BIOS



Jonathan Crowell (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 8/29/83

Home Club – Racquet Club of Philadelphia

Singles Handicap – 10

Doubles Handicap – 11.1

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - 2019 US Amateur Doubles Winner, 2018 Silver Racquet Winner, 2017 Silver Racquet Winner, RCOP Singles Club Champion 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, RCOP Doubles Club Champion 2013, 2014, 2018

Profile - This is Jon's third Bathurst Cup and first as captain. After travelling to both Hobart and Paris in 2015 and 2017, Jon is excited to welcome the Bathurst Cup onto American soil and host our fellow competitors this year. Jon started playing court tennis in 2010 after joining the Racquet Club of Philadelphia. His roots in squash, playing in both junior tournaments and at the collegiate level, served him well when switching to this new sport, but he has also loved the challenge of improving his game.

Jon has travelled consistently within the US to play tournaments in other cities and hopes to do some more international competition soon. His wife Sydney is generous to accompany him frequently to these events and put up with his time away from home. This is Jon's 10th year playing court tennis and he hopes for another 10 years of high-level competition to follow.



Patrick Winthrop



Hand – R

DOB – 5/14/87

Home Club – National Tennis Club at International Tennis Hall of Fame (Newport)

Singles Handicap – 10.7

Doubles Handicap – 8.4

Started Playing – 1998 at age 11

Titles - Multiple US Junior championships, one Australian Junior Championship, six US Amateur Mixed doubles championships, two US Amateur singles championships, three US Amateur Doubles championships, numerous club championships, and both the Gold and

Silver Racquet tournaments.

Profile - Patrick Winthrop was born and raised in Newport, Rhode Island around a ten-minute walk from Newport's court tennis court. He participated in many sports throughout his childhood, but at age eleven was shown Court Tennis mainly due to the efforts of the National Tennis Club's newly founded junior program. Many of Patrick's family members are active court tennis players including his sister, parents, grandmother, and wife.

Patrick attended the University of Rhode Island and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. During his time at URI he attended the University of Melbourne for a semester where he was able to drop his Handicap to below a 10.

This Bathurst cup will be Patrick's third, having travelled to both Hobart and Paris with his wife Alexandra. Patrick is honored and excited to be a part of this year's Bathurst team and looks forward to competing with his compatriots in front of a home crowd.



Peter Cipriano



Hand – R

DOB – 7/9/87

Home Club – Racquet & Tennis Club (New York)

Singles Handicap – 12.2

Doubles Handicap – 8.9

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - 2014 Etchebaster Winner, 2018 & 2019 Gold Racquet Winner, 2015 R&T Club Champion, 2018 Pell Cup Winner,

2x US Amateur Doubles Finalist, 2x Silver Racquet Finalist, 2017 British Open Rackets Doubles Winner, 4x US Amateur Rackets Doubles Winner

Profile - Standing at just 5'8", Peter Cipriano is by far the shortest member of the US team. After playing varsity squash at Bowdoin College and focusing on his squash doubles on the amateur and SDA circuits between 2010 and 2014, he picked up Court Tennis and Rackets at the Racquet and Tennis Club in New York. Having the opportunity to play and practice with great players and professionals regularly at the R&T allowed Peter to improve his Tennis game enough to crack the top 5 in the US Amateur rankings list in 2015.

When he isn't working, playing obscure racquet sports or spending time with his wife Dana and baby daughter Bella, he can probably be found glued to the television watching his favorite club, Manchester United. Peter is very excited to participate in his first Bathurst Cup competition and looks forward to competing against the world's best amateurs.



Todd Meringoff



Hand – R

DOB – 5/7/74

Home Club – Tennis and Racquet Club (Boston)

Singles Handicap – 14.8

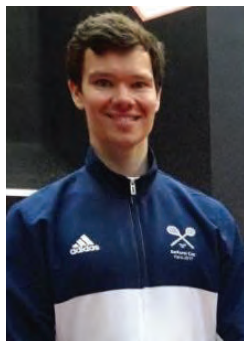
Doubles Handicap – 9.8

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - US Amateur Court Tennis and Racquets Championships in singles and doubles; T&R club championship

Profile - Todd Meringoff grew up a lawn tennis player, having played at Harvard University and then on the ATP/ITF tour for three years. He was introduced to the game of racquets by his first hiring manager in the corporate world (only later learning why he was hired) and rose to become the top-ranked North American amateur racquets player.

In 2010, he turned his sites to court tennis, and astonishingly with his 2018 US Amateur court tennis doubles title, is the only person ever to have won US Amateur racquets and court tennis championships in both singles and doubles. Todd has two young daughters (6 and 3) who are very curious about these different racquet sports and why their dad does not wear any eye protection. Todd is thrilled to be competing for the first time alongside his teammates on the US team for the Bathurst Cup.



Jamie Douglas (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 3/29/87

Home Club – Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

Singles Handicap – +1

Doubles Handicap – 4.7

Started Playing – 2004

Titles - 9 Gold Rackets, 3 British Amateur Singles,
5 British Amateur Doubles

Profile - Jamie Douglas is a Trader at Goldman Sachs, working in London. He picked up Real Tennis when in his last year of school, playing at the Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club in Newcastle. However, he started playing seriously at Cambridge University where he achieved his best handicap of +2 and had the fortune of winning 2 Premier League Titles with Rob Fahey.

Since then Jamie has won 9 MCC Gold Rackets, 3 British Amateur Singles and 5 British Amateur Doubles titles as well as a Bathurst Cup.

Jamie will be playing in his 6th Bathurst Cup in Chicago.



Edmund Kay



Hand – R

DOB – 7/2/92

Home Club – Cambridge

Singles Handicap – 0.7

Doubles Handicap – 1.2

Started Playing – 2011

Titles - Amateur singles champion 2011, 2 x MCC silver racket,
4 varsity match wins for Cambridge University, captain of
Cambridge's 2017 Pol Roger winning team.

Profile - Ed started playing in his second year at university, coming from a background of lawn tennis and rackets. He spent 8 years at Cambridge University doing a master's and subsequent PhD in Engineering. He still lives in Cambridge and is now working as a data scientist for a fraud detection company. This will be his second Bathurst Cup and he's looking to go one better after coming agonisingly close against the Australian team in Paris in 2017.



Jamie Giddins



Hand – R

DOB – 2/4/94

Home Club – Queen's Club, MCC

Singles Handicap – 4.5

Doubles Handicap – 6.3

Started Playing – 2010

Titles - US Amateur Singles Champion 2018 & 2019,
UK Amateur Doubles Champion 2019

Profile - Jamie Giddins works at PwC in London, living close to The Queen's Club where he now plays and first tried out the game. Having played rackets at school, he started to play more regular real tennis during his rackets fellowship to Chicago at the time the court was reopening. He subsequently moved to Cambridge for university, playing regularly with Ed Kay, with whom he competed in Varsity matches.

More recently, Jamie has won the 2018 and 2019 US Amateur Singles and the 2019 UK Amateur Doubles Championship with Ed. This is Jamie's first Bathurst Cup, stepping up from the Van Alen Cup and Limb Trophy. Jamie would like to thank the USCTA for their kind hospitality and the T&RA for their continued support.



Tim Batten (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 10/7/63

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 18.2

Doubles Handicap – 22.2

Started Playing – 1997

Titles - Winner of the Doubles Gold Racquet several times;
Runner up of the Singles Gold Racquet

Profile – Participated in first Bathurst Cup in 1999 and has been the French captain since 2006



Matthieu Sarlangue



Hand – R

DOB – 8/14/92

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 2.6

Doubles Handicap – 1.9

Started Playing – 2007

Titles - 9 times French Amateur winner Singles and Doubles; Manchester Gold Racket winner 2013; British Open Amateur Singles winner 2014; U.S Open Amateur Singles winner 2015; British Open Amateur Singles winner 2017

Profile – 4th Bathurst Cup



Nicolas Victoir



Hand – R

DOB – 9/10/76

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 9.9

Doubles Handicap – 8.8

Started Playing – 2007

Profile – I came to the “jeu de paume” game from lawn tennis. I started playing real tennis in Cambridge in 2000, and then thoroughly enjoyed playing intensively in Oxford the game for 5 years, reaching a handicap of +2.2 in 2005. I participated in the Bathurst cup in 2000, 2002, 2004 for France, won the Oxford 0-9 tournament, went twice to the National League final partnering another amateur. I then moved to New York, and then to Asia which forced me to stay away from the game for a few long years. But I am now back on court as often as work and family permits, winning with Mathieu the U.S. Amateur Doubles, the U.S. Silver Racquet in singles, going recently to the final of the U.S. Gold Racquet and winning a few Whitney Cups with the N.Y. Racquet and Tennis Club.



Charles-Antoyne (Charlie) Hurstel



Hand – R

DOB – 8/1/88

Home Club – Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume de Paris

Singles Handicap – 18.1

Doubles Handicap – 20.4

Started Playing – 2008

Profile – Charles-Antoyne Hurstel, born in 1988, is a lawyer in Paris, where he picked up the game of “Jeu de Paume” in 2008.

Charles-Antoyne then moved to Durham and played at Newcastle, in the great Jesmond Dene Real Tennis Club. He won the club championship and one Jesmond Dene Cup.

This is Charles-Antoyne’s first Bathurst Cup and he is very excited to meet all of the players and thankful for being given the chance to represent France for this amazing competition.



Alastair Ramsay (Captain)



Hand – R

DOB – 2/16/81

Home Club – Hobart

Singles Handicap – 11.8

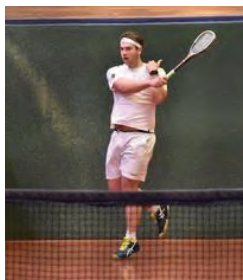
Doubles Handicap – 14.3

Started Playing – 1996

Titles - Australian u26 representative – 2 x Clothier Cup winner, Australian Amateur Junior, 2 x Hobart Club Champion, 8 x Hobart Club Doubles Champion

Profile - Alastair is a Director in the Australian public service in Hobart, Tasmania. Having been introduced by his father he started playing in 1996 and quickly took to the game.

This will be Alastair’s first Bathurst Cup, but he has previous represented Australian in the Clothier Cup in 2001, 2003, and 2005, as well as the Australian Junior Champion. He has won the Hobart Club Championship twice and the Club Doubles title 9 times. His wife, Merran, is travelling with him to Chicago and has been busily researching the city and is looking forward to a week of tennis and exploring.



Michael Williams

Hand – R

DOB – 10/6/92

Home Club – Melbourne/Ballarat

Singles Handicap – 4.4

Doubles Handicap – 7.4

Started Playing – 2007



Titles - Australian Amateur Doubles Champion (2016, 2017) - Australian Amateur Junior Champion, US's National u26 Champion, Bathurst Cup Member 2013, Clothier Cup & George Limb Trophy Representative (2013, 2015 & 2017).

Profile – Michael Williams is a banker in Melbourne where he moved to after growing up in Ballarat where he learnt the game of Real Tennis. His tennis improved quickly as he finished schooling and moved to London to work at the Queens Club as an Intern. Getting hours on court with Bryn Sayers, Andrew Lyons and Conor Medlow his game improved down to the low teens. Returning to Australia to start university and tennis took a slight backseat, however, a reinvigorated last 2 years has seen his game improve to low single figures. He enjoys all sports and is looking forward to a competitive week of tennis.



Graeme Blundstone

Hand – R

DOB – 4/14/77

Home Club – Royal Melbourne Tennis Club

Singles Handicap – 14.4

Doubles Handicap – 15.5

Started Playing – 2008



Titles – 2014 Australian Amateur Singles Finalist and 2016 Australian Amateur Doubles Finalist

Profile – Graeme Blundstone learned the game of Court/Real Tennis in Hobart under the expert (and varied) tutelage of two former US-based pros in Barry Toates and Graham Hyland, before taking his talents to Melbourne and the RMTTC. As for tennis accomplishments, most amateur tournaments of note down under feature the irrepressible force that is Kieran Booth, so, titles are hard to come by, however, making the final of the 2014 Australian Amateur Singles was a highlight. This will be his first Bathurst Cup. Graeme's other interests include being an avid NBA watcher (avowed Portland Trailblazers fan since the 'Clyde the Glide' days) and has recently discovered the joys of tennis photography, which will no doubt lead to the camera getting an extensive workout throughout the week.