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2021 NATIONAL LEAGUE



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On behalf of the Board of Governors of the United States Court Tennis Association, I welcome you to the USCTA National League.

This is the fifteenth iteration of the National League and utterly unlike any of the previous fourteen. We have a sparkling new format: instead of individual evenings spread out over many months across the country and culminating in a two-team final, we have all five teams facing each other in a five-day, one-city round-robin.

Considering that because of the pandemic, there has been no legitimate, competitive professional tennis since the conclusion of the U.S. Open in February 2020, we are thrilled to resume and to resume with such a team extravaganza.

It is wonderful to be back at the corner of Boylston & Hereford Street. For nearly one hundred and twenty years, this club has been the home of tennis in the exact neighborhood where proper indoor court tennis was first played in the U.S. back in 1876. International Tennis Hall of Famers like Jimmy Burke, Tom Pettitt and Barry Toates have worked as professionals here. Countless tournaments, friendships and stories: there is a tremendous legacy of excellence at the T&R and this event is another milestone in that long history. We warmly thank the Tennis & Racquet Club. In particular, we lift up Tony Hollins. Through unprecedented circumstances and two postponements, he has brought this exceptional event into reality. It is a brilliant achievement. Of course, the twin powers at the T&R—Tom Dobbins and Janice Pearson—have been integral throughout. Matt Mitchell, the president of the T&R, has proved to be a stalwart of calm, focused leadership during this pandemic and a wonderful partner for the USCTA. We thank Dev Hamlen, the T&R's latest inductee into the Hall of Fame, whose pioneering foresight has enabled the club to thrive now and forever.

We warmly thank all the financial supporters of the National League. Through our national sponsorship program and the Lot 12 annual dinner auction item, we are able to better the prize-money pool for the professional players, the backbone of the game. Kudos to Jeremy Wintersteijn and Ted Goneos. In addition, we are so pleased to have generous support from the U.S. Court Tennis Preservation Foundation, our longtime partner, who have stepped forward so generously during the pandemic. Many thanks to Bill McLaughlin, Jane Lippincott and the entire Foundation leadership.

Lastly, there are some other USCTA leaders who play a key role with the National League. We thank the diligent tri-commissioners of the National League—Josh Dodgson, Marc Lewinstein and Steve Virgona, and we again honor Ryan Carey, the streaming wizard, who once again permits all of us—whether in Back Bay in Boston or Sandy Bay in Tasmania or Whitley Bay in Newcastle or anywhere else on our planet—the precious chance to enjoy the world-class tennis.

Sincerely,

Jim Zug
President, USCTA



On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Tennis & Racquet Club of Boston, I welcome you to The 2021 National League Championship – the premier team competition in professional Court Tennis.

For over 117 years, the Tennis & Racquet Club has been a steward of the game of Court Tennis. It is the Club's absolute privilege to host, and to facilitate, the return of competitive Court Tennis to a world audience. As we emerge from the challenges of the pandemic, we hope that this Championship provides a bit of respite and optimism to those who love our great game.

The Championship – which compresses what is normally a year-long series of league matches into a week-long tournament - has been organized, under the most unusual of circumstances, to ensure the health and safety of the playing participants and of the tournament's supporting staff. We are indebted to those key contributors who have helped navigate the significant challenges that have been coincident with hosting the event.

We thank our Championship sponsors, USCTA, USCTPF, Eastham Capital, and the LOT 12 program, for their sustaining economic and resource support. We thank Mr. Ryan Carey for permitting the matches to be live streamed through the world. We thank the playing participants for their accommodations and cooperation. We thank David Schenkein for his guidance and work on the COVID-19 protocols and guidelines. We particularly thank Mr. Tony Hollins, the Championship's organizer and the Director of Sports at the Tennis & Racquet Club, for his tireless and extra-ordinary efforts to make the Championship, and its first-of-a-kind format, a reality.

We look forward, again, to watching these remarkable athletes play our exceptional game.

Please enjoy the matches.

Matthew L. Mitchell
President

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MATCH SCHEDULE:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12TH:

10:00 - Racquet Club of Philadelphia vs. NY Racquet & Tennis Club

16:00 - New England vs. Racquet Club of Chicago

Markers: Tuxedo

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH:

10:00 - The Tuxedo Club vs. Racquet Club of Philadelphia

16:00 - NY Racquet & Tennis Club vs. Racquet Club of Chicago

Markers: New England

FRIDAY, MAY 14TH:

10:00 - The Tuxedo Club vs. Racquet Club of Chicago

16:00 - New England vs. NY Racquet & Tennis Club

Markers: Racquet Club of Philadelphia

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH:

10:00 - New England vs. Racquet Club of Philadelphia

14:00 - The Tuxedo Club vs. NY Racquet & Tennis Club

Markers: Racquet Club of Chicago

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH:

10:00 - Racquet Club of Philadelphia vs. Racquet Club of Chicago

14:00 - New England vs. The Tuxedo Club

Markers: NY Racquet & Tennis Club

FORMAT: #2 Singles, Doubles, #1 Singles

Singles:

- Best of three sets
- One deuce (except 5/5)
- Final set starts 3/3
- 2 team points per match

Doubles:

- 8 game pro set.
- One deuce (except 7/7)
- 1 team point

2 team bonus points for overall match win

TEAM WITH MOST OVERALL TEAM POINTS WINS NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

2005/2006

NEW YORK

Eden, Fowler, Gooding

2007/2008

NEW YORK

Fowler, Gooding

2009/2010

NEW YORK

Gooding, Stout

2011/2012

PHILADELPHIA

Virgona, Whitehouse

2013/2014

NEW ENGLAND

Hollins, Riviere, Smith

2015/2016

CHICAGO/PHILADELPHIA

Hopton, Lumley, Virgona

2017/2018

NEWPORT/PHILADELPHIA

Howell, Lumley, Gooding

2006/2007

NEWPORT

Hollins, Riviere, Smith

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Tanfield, Virgona, Whitehouse

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Hollins, Riviere, Smith

2014/2015

BOSTON/WASHINGTON

Hollins, Mackenzie, Riviere

2016/2017

CHICAGO/PHILADELPHIA

Lumley, Medlow, Virgona

2018/2019

NEW YORK

Stout, Tanfield, Kemp



RACQUET CLUB OF CHICAGO



STEVE VIRGONA

CLUB: CHICAGO (RCC)

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN

HEIGHT: 6'1" / 1.85M

D.O.B: 25TH SEPTEMBER 1978

BEST HANDICAP: +13.3



CONOR MEDLOW

CLUB: CHICAGO (RCC)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'2" / 1.88M

D.O.B: 4TH JULY 1991

BEST HANDICAP: +1.8





NY RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB



JAMES STOUT

CLUB: NEW YORK (R&T)

NATIONALITY: BERMUDIAN

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

D.O.B: 16TH AUGUST 1984

BEST HANDICAP: +9.2



BARNEY TANFIELD

CLUB: NEW YORK (R&T)

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

HEIGHT: 6'3" / 1.90M

D.O.B: 23RD DECEMBER 1981

BEST HANDICAP: 1.5





NY RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB

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ADRIAN KEMP

CLUB: NEW YORK (R&T)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'2" / 1.88M

D.O.B: 21ST JUNE 1985

BEST HANDICAP: 4.5





NEW ENGLAND



CAMDEN RIVIERE

CLUB: BOSTON (T&R)

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

HEIGHT: 5'8" / 1.73M

D.O.B: 20TH MAY 1987

BEST HANDICAP: +16.0



TONY HOLLINS

CLUB: BOSTON (T&R)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

D.O.B: 23RD APRIL 1986

BEST HANDICAP: 4.2





NEW ENGLAND

(Continued)



MIKE GOODING

CLUB: NEWPORT (NTC @ ITHF)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'1" / 1.85M

D.O.B: 1ST JANUARY 1965

BEST HANDICAP: +9.6



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RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA



JOHN LUMLEY

CLUB: PHILADELPHIA (RCOP)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M

D.O.B: 7TH AUGUST 1992

BEST HANDICAP: +7.9



JAMES ASHER

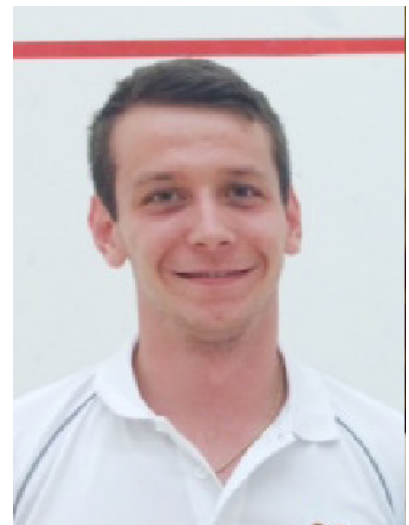
CLUB: PHILADELPHIA (RCOP)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.82M

D.O.B: 23RD JANUARY 1992

BEST HANDICAP: 18





RACQUET CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

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JOSH DODGSON

CLUB: NEW YORK (R&T)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M

D.O.B: 19TH OCTOBER 1990

BEST HANDICAP: 3.5



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THE TUXEDO CLUB



TIM CHISHOLM

CLUB: TUXEDO PARK (TC)
NATIONALITY: AMERICAN
HEIGHT: 5'10" / 1.78M
D.O.B: 31ST OCTOBER 1969
BEST HANDICAP: +12.5



LEON SMART

CLUB: TUXEDO PARK (TC)
NATIONALITY: BRITISH
HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M
D.O.B: 23RD APRIL 1992
BEST HANDICAP: 2.6





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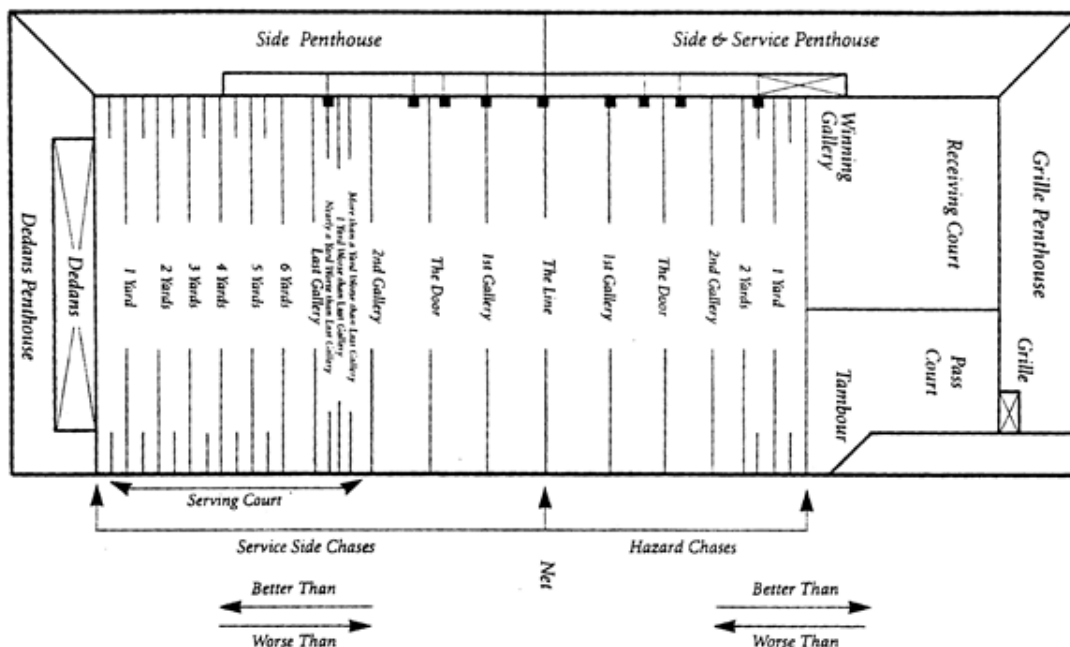
Court Tennis (also known as Real Tennis, Royal Tennis, or Jeu de Paume) can be traced back at least to the 12th century, when it originally was played as a street game. By the 17th century there were thousands of courts (as we know them today) throughout Europe. The first American court was built in Boston in 1876. Court Tennis is the predecessor to the (now ubiquitous) game of Lawn Tennis.

Each court has its own distinguishing characteristics, depending upon where and when it was built. The balls are hand-made by the professionals and are kept in sets of up to 72 for any given court. The racquets are wooden, heavy, and skewed in a way to aid “cutting” the ball and “digging” shots out of corners.

Scoring is complex and requires more strategy than most racquet sports. In addition to the basic idea of winning points, it is very important in court tennis to control the service end (players often switch ends during a game). There is a clear and obvious advantage to serving as opposed to receiving in this game.

“The Chase”: Chases can occur on either the service or hazard end and are measured by the yardage marks on the court. A chase is made (by “Player A”) when the ball bounces twice before it is touched (by “Player B”), and is marked on the 2nd bounce and becomes a point to be finished later. When players achieve 2 chases (or if there is a chase and a game point) they switch ends. Now, “Player B” has to achieve a chase better than the one “Player A” had made. For example, if “A’s” chase was 4 yards, then to win the point “B” must make a shot so that either: “A” hits into the net or out of court; or: a) “A” misses the ball and b) the second bounce lands closer to the back wall than 4 yards. Simple, eh?!

For more information on the sport visit www.uscourttennis.org.



Live video coverage

This year's event will be streamed on the USCTA YouTube channel courtesy of the talented Ryan Carey.

Ryan's coverage of the professional court tennis tour has continued to provide spectators around the country, and the world, with an extremely high quality product.

This event will also feature color commentary from the professionals and T&R members.

To find the stream search for USCTA in YouTube or visit www.uscourttennis.org

Score Predictor Competition

As a fun additional incentive to tune in and watch the matches, we will be running a score predictor competition.

Simply check out our instagram (@tandr_boston) and vote for your winners on the morning of the matches. Correctly predict the winning team and your name will be added to a raffle drawn that evening.

The winning name will win prizes!

Entry is **FREE!**

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Many thanks go to the five national sponsors below. The USCTA's national sponsorship program supports the U.S. Open, National Open, U.S. Professional Singles playing for the Schochet Cup, Ladies Open, and the USCTA National League.

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At the USCTA's Annual Dinner, a live auction takes place that raises funds for the game and various USCTA initiatives. These funds include support for junior programs, player development, new courts and court maintenance, and the professional game. Lot 12 is the auction item that supports professionals, and these funds are added to the Sponsorship Program. As such, additional thanks go to the Lot 12 contributors below as part of their funds support USCTA National League.

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