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On behalf of the Membership of the Tennis & Racquet Club, I welcome you to the *2023 United States Court Tennis Association Open Championship*.

The *U.S. Open* is the premier court tennis competition played in the United States, and attracts the world's leading players to its draw. The Tennis & Racquet Club is honored to present you with the unique and historic game of court tennis at its highest, international level.

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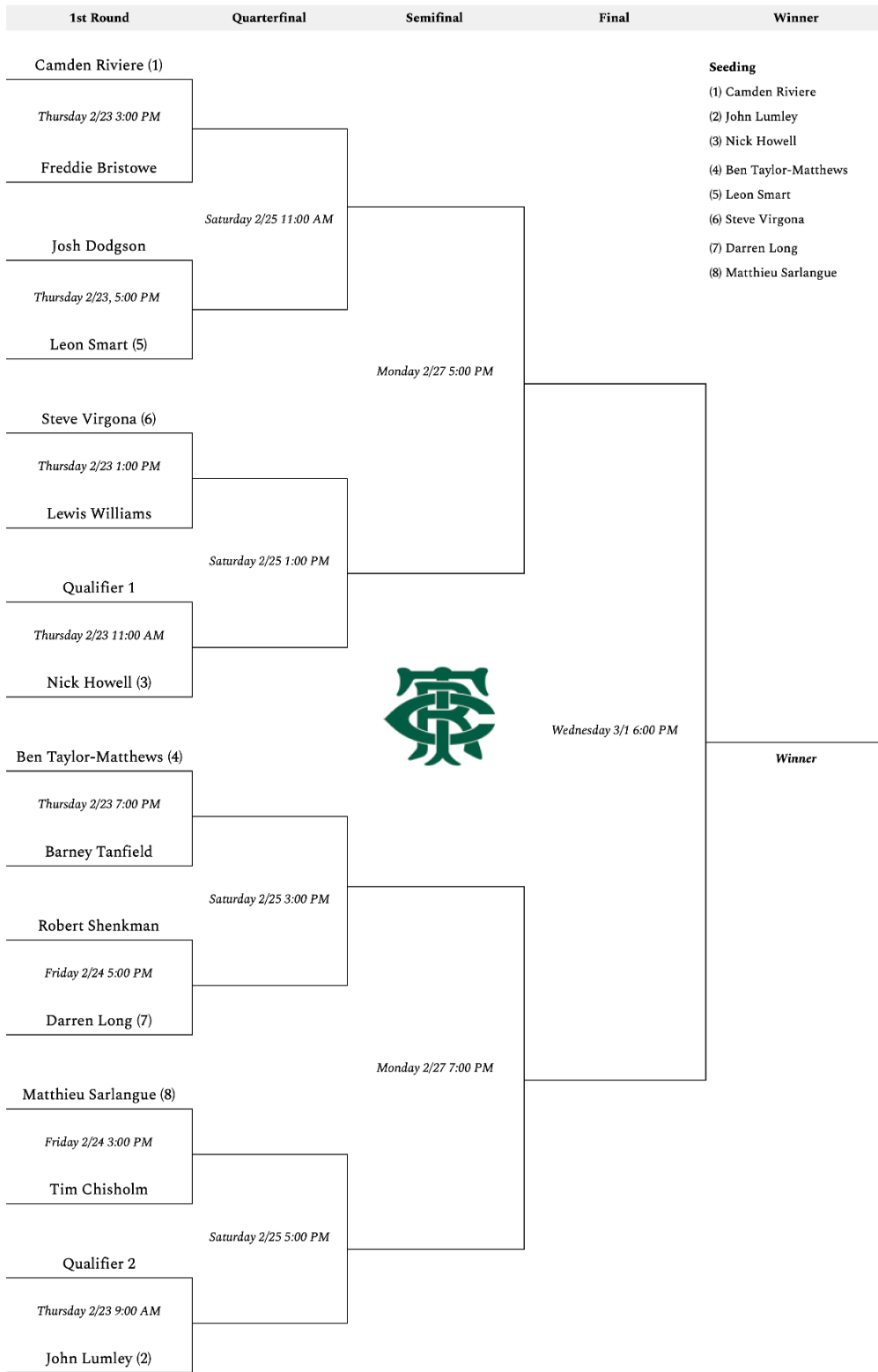
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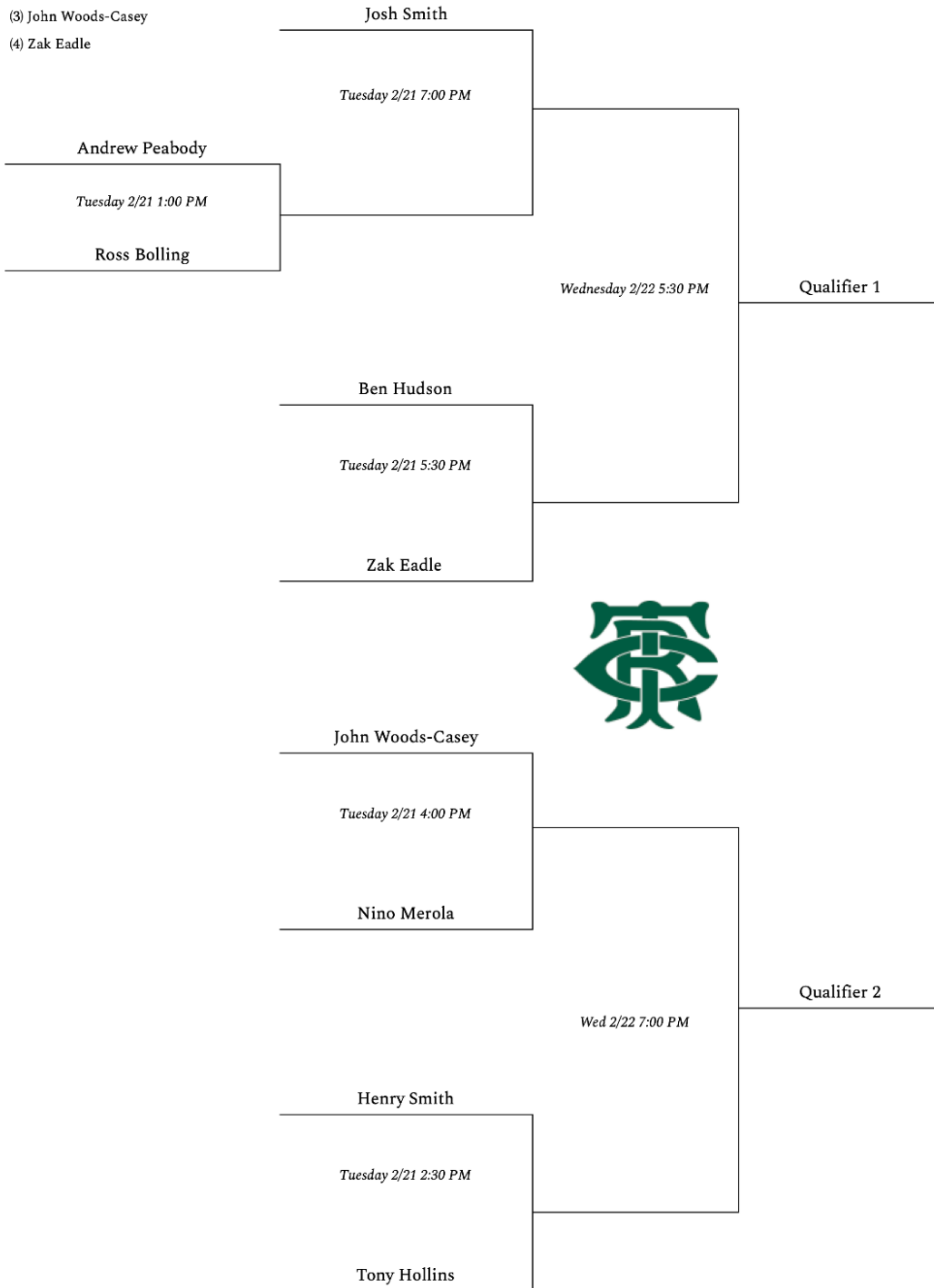
# 2023 US Open Court Tennis Singles Main Draw



# 2023 US Open Court Tennis Singles Qualifying Draw

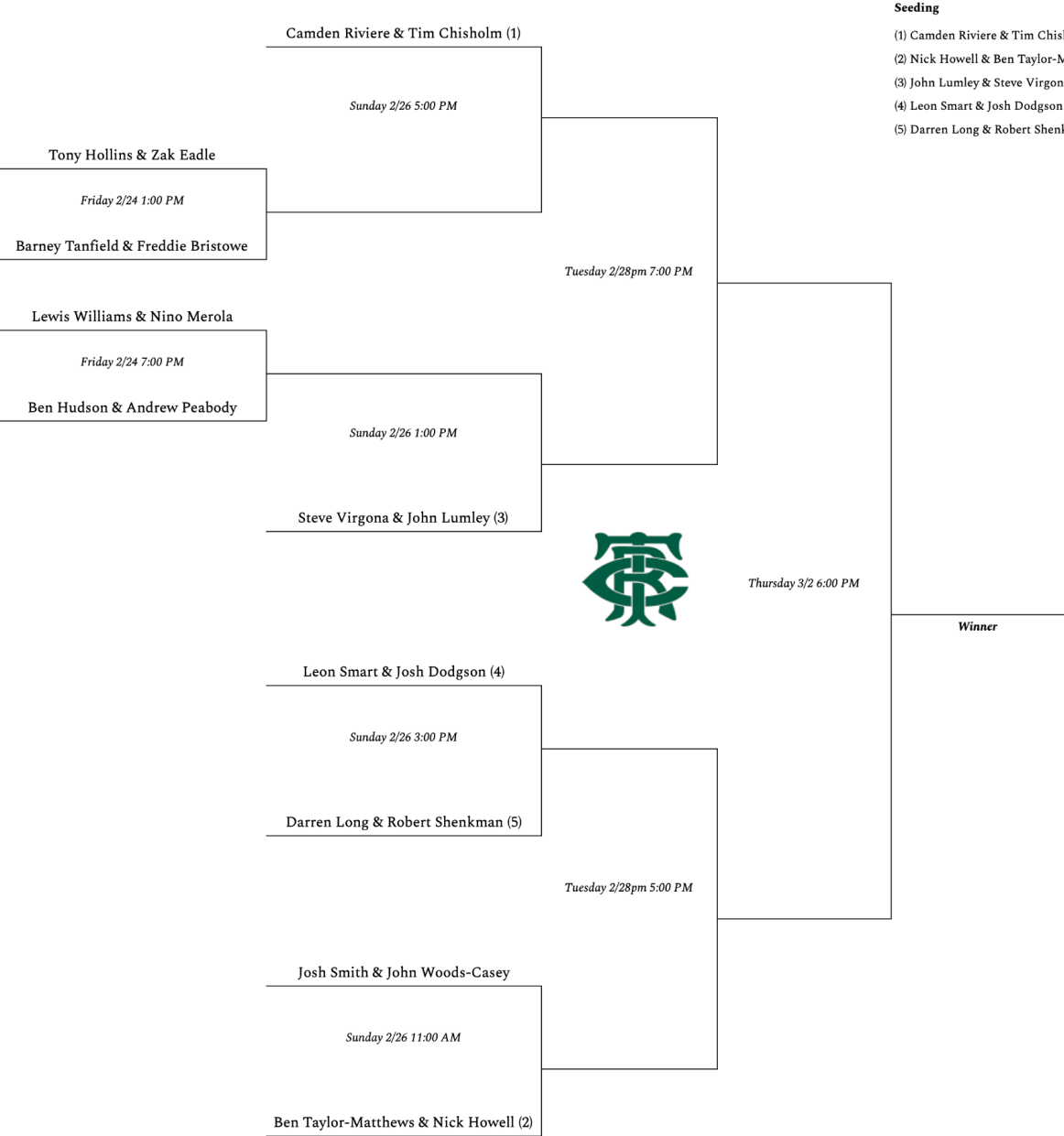
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- (1) Josh Smith
- (2) Tony Hollins
- (3) John Woods-Casey
- (4) Zak Eadle



# 2023 US Open Court Tennis Doubles Main Draw

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*List as of February 16th, 2023*

## PLAYER PROFILES



### **CAMDEN RIVIERE**

**Home Club:** Westwood Country Club

**World Ranking:** 1      **Tournament Seeding:** 1

**Bio:** Camden started playing court tennis at the age of 5, rising through the junior and amateur ranks before turning pro in 2005. Since turning professional Camden has amassed numerous titles including 10 consecutive US Open Singles titles and Doubles titles alongside partner Tim Chisholm. Camden is also the current Singles & Doubles World Champion also with partner Tim Chisholm. He is excited to get back to Boston where he has worked off and on for many years.



### **JOHN LUMLEY**

**Home Club:** Racquet Club of Philadelphia

**World Ranking:** 3      **Tournament Seeding:** 2

**Bio:** John became a Real Tennis Professional in 2010 and started his career at Radley Real Tennis court with Chris Ronaldson. John now works at The Racquet Club of Philadelphia and has been there for nine years. John is currently ranked 3rd in the world and has made it into his first world eliminator series this year!



### **NICK HOWELL**

**Home Club:** Aiken Tennis Club

**World Ranking:** 5      **Tournament Seeding:** 3

**Bio:** Head professional at Aiken Tennis Club. Current world no 5. Has played 4 open singles finals and won 5 open doubles titles.



### **BEN TAYLOR-MATTHEWS**

**Home Club:** Leamington Tennis Court Club

**World Ranking:** 6      **Tournament Seeding:** 4

**Bio:** Ben recently celebrated his 20th year as a professional. He has been a fixture in the world's top 10 for a decade now and has multiple Open Doubles titles. He is still looking for his first Open Singles title, having made three finals.



### **LEON SMART**

**Home Club:** Tennis & Racquet Club – Boston

**World Ranking:** 8      **Tournament Seeding:** 5

**Bio:** Leon started his career at Middlesex University. He moved to the T&R in 2015 and worked in Boston for 4 years before moving to Tuxedo Park. Leon recently returned to the T&R in September of 2022 and is excited to be playing the U.S. Open at his home club.



### **STEVEN VIRGONA**

**Home Club:** Racquet Club of Chicago

**World Ranking:** 9      **Tournament Seeding:** 6

**Bio:** DOB: 9/25/1978. Plays: Left. Birthplace: Melbourne, Australia. Resides: Chicago, IL. Club: Racquet Club of Chicago. 7 time open singles winner, 24 time open doubles winner, 6 time world championship doubles winner, 2 time singles world championship challenger.



### **DARREN LONG**

**Home Club:** Manchester Tennis & Racquet Club

**World Ranking:** 10      **Tournament Seeding:** 7

**Bio:** Senior Professional at Manchester Tennis & Racquet Club. Started playing Real Tennis at the age of 20 under the guidance of Steve Ronaldson whilst working at Canford School. Played a lot of Squash as a Junior and that style of play is put into his Real Tennis.



### **MATTHIEU SARLANGUE**

**Home Club:** Société Sportive du Jeu de Paume et de Racquets – Paris

**World Ranking:** 12      **Tournament Seeding:** 8

**Bio:** French number 1. 12-time French national champion.





**TIM CHISHOLM**

**Home Club:** The Tuxedo Club

**World Ranking:** 13

**Bio:** Lucky to be married to Darcey for 27+ years and proud Dad to Sammey, Dawson and Ellie. Old and broken but happy to have won a few events over the years. A yoke on the neck of our singles world champion while playing doubles, but lucky that he has a very strong back.



**LEWIS WILLIAMS**

**Home Club:** Leamington Tennis Court Club

**World Ranking:** 14

**Bio:** Age: 28. Status: Professional. L/R: Right Handed. Height: 6'1. Position: Head Professional at Leamington Tennis Court Club.



**JOHN WOODS-CASEY**

**Home Club:** Royal Melbourne Tennis Club

**World Ranking:** 17

**Bio:** Since learning to play while playing squash at the RMTC in Melbourne, John has been working at the RMTC from 2015.



**ROBERT SHENKMAN**

**Home Club:** Manchester Tennis & Racquet Club

**World Ranking:** 20

**Bio:** *"I'm cut from a different cloth, I'm a different breed to most. They don't make players like me anymore. I'm a dying breed. Need some Real Tennis stats or gym advice? I'll probably be able to help. Employee of the year at Shenks Accountancy Services 2 years running."*



**BARNEY TANFIELD**

**Home Club:** Racquet and Tennis Club – New York

**World Ranking:** 21

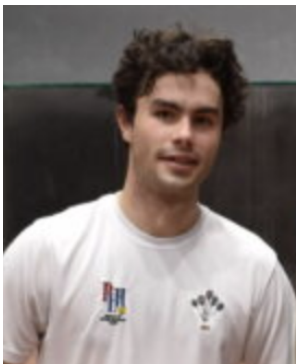
**Bio:** *“I grew up and began playing in Philadelphia. My first professional job was there from 2005-2011. I moved up to New York in 2011 and have worked at the Racquet and Tennis Club ever since. I always look forward to playing at T&R and count many of the members as good friends! Thanks for having the professionals back!”*



**ROSS BOLLING**

**Home Club:** Racquet Club of Philadelphia

**Bio:** Currently teaching court tennis at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia and hungry for match experience.



**FREDDIE BRISTOWE**

**Home Club:** Racquet Club of Philadelphia

**Bio:** Freddie Bristowe started playing in New York aged 11. He then later moved to England where he attended Wellington College, and he continued to play there when they built a court in his second year. Freddie now goes to the University of Pennsylvania and he plays the majority of his tennis at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.



**JOSH DODGSON**

**Home Club:** Racquet and Tennis Club – New York

**Bio:** Professional at the Racquet and Tennis Club and huge fan of Boston.



### **ZAK EADLE**

**Home Club:** Unattached

**Bio:** Started as a pro at 19 years old, became British Under 21 & 24 Champion at 21. Moved to Australia to work as the assistant in Hobart before taking a break from the game for a few years. Has just left Jesmond Dene after working there for two years, is currently living in Oxfordshire and is unattached to a club.



### **TONY HOLLINS**

**Home Club:** International Tennis Hall of Fame

**Bio:** Tony has gained experience working at various clubs in the USA starting in 2006 at the National Tennis Club, Tuxedo Club, Boston Tennis & Racquet Club, New York Racquet & Tennis Club, and is now the Head Professional at the International Tennis Hall of Fame.



### **BEN HUDSON**

**Home Club:** Tennis & Racquet Club – Boston

**Bio:** Ben is currently based in Boston and plays tennis at the Tennis & Racquet Club. He has won a few events including the Greevy Cup, Etchebaster Trophy, and US U26 Doubles. Ben has represented New England at the Whitney Cup for the past several years, and was part of the team that won in 2021.



### **NINO MEROLA**

**Home Club:** Radley Real Tennis Club

**Bio:** Nino Merola is the senior professional at Radley Real Tennis Club in the UK, based just outside of Oxford. He plays national league for Leamington Tennis club and partners Lewis Williams, as he will be in this US Open. Discovering the game at Radley College as an amateur he took his first tennis job at Princes court (Washington) before returning to the UK.



**ANDREW PEABODY**

**Home Club:** Tennis & Racquet Club – Boston

**Bio:** Andrew resides in Boston and discovered the game of Court Tennis after spending decades in a hockey rink. He balances his addiction to the game with his commitment to being a Sales leader in the Cyber Security space. He represented the T&R at the Whitney Cup for the first time in 2022.



**JOSH SMITH**

**Home Club:** Holyport Real Tennis Club

**Bio:** Josh Smith has been a Real Tennis professional since 2013, where he joined the Royal Tennis Court team, which was also his introduction to the sport. Josh spent 8 years with RTC, before taking over at Holyport in 2021, and has been competing in tournaments since 2018.



**HENRY SMITH**

**Home Club:** Racquet Club of Philadelphia

**Bio:** Member of the winning 2019 Van Alen Cup team. Winner of Noll & Greevy Cups. Winner of US U26 Doubles 2022. Looking forward to competing in the 2023 US Open Court Tennis Championship.



As Chair of the U.S. Open Organizing Committee, I welcome you to the 2023 United States Court Tennis Association Open Championship. The Tennis & Racquet Club is honored to host this great competition once again.

The U.S. Open would not be possible without the tireless support of the volunteer members of the tournament organizing committee. I offer special recognition to them here:

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Enjoy the matches!

Arthur Drane

*Chair, U.S. Open Organizing Committee*

## COURT TENNIS: THE GAME

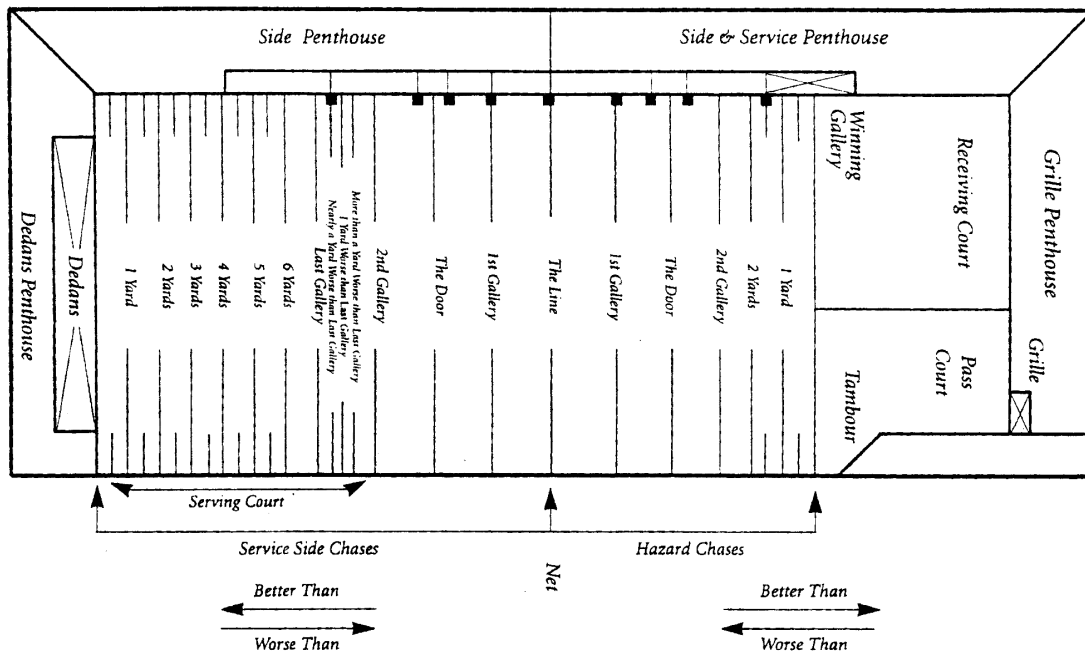
Court Tennis (also known as Real Tennis, Royal Tennis, or Jeu de Paume), the predecessor to the modern game of Lawn Tennis, can be traced back at least to the 12th century, when it originally was played as a street game. By the 17th century there were thousands of courts (as we know them today) throughout Europe. As with baseball venues, each court has its own distinguishing characteristics, depending upon where and when it was built. The first American court was built in Boston in 1876, though not the same court being used for this tournament. Today there are approximately fifty courts worldwide, including a dozen here in the U.S.

The game is similar in some ways to Lawn Tennis: the court is divided by a net in the center; players hit a ball back and forth over the net using strung racquets to win points, games and sets; and the scoring is familiar (love, 15, 30, 40, game - set - match). The various pieces of equipment are a bit different from their Lawn Tennis descendants: The balls, for instance, are hand-made of layers of materials and have a raised seam, like a baseball; the racquets are wooden, heavy, very tightly strung, and skewed in a way to aid “cutting” the ball and “digging” shots out of corners; and the net is noticeably higher at either end, encouraging cross-court play.

Two critical differences really distinguish Court Tennis from Lawn Tennis, one physical, and the other strategic. First, the court has obvious features (walls, slanted roofs, openings and markings) that affect the movement of the ball and scoring. Note, for example, the various openings on three sides of the court. Three of these must be particularly defended, as a shot into any one of them is an outright winner of the point being played. These are the “Dedans” (the large opening behind the server), the “Grille” (the lone, small opening behind the receiver), and the “Winning Gallery” (the last of the series of galleries on the receiving (or “Hazard”) end opposite the big Main Wall). There is also an angled section of the big Main Wall on the Hazard end, called the “Tambour,” that redirects the ball and presents a particular challenge to the receiver. Second, and most importantly, players do not take regular turns serving and switching sides; the service, which is always from the “service end,” must be earned. Owing to the features of the court and the variety of available serving styles, there is a distinct advantage to being the server, and the strategies employed to gain and remain on the service end drive the game.

The “Chase”: During a rally, a player may win the point by hitting a winner or lose the point by double faulting, failing to clear the net, or hitting the ball out of court. Points are also won or lost playing off Chases. The “Chase” is the way players gain or lose the service end. Once struck over the net, if the ball bounces twice before being touched, or if it enters a side gallery (other than the winning gallery), a Chase is created (or “made”) by the player who struck the ball. The one exception to this is where the ball bounces for a second time in the far portion of the Hazard end (the receiving end), in which case the point is lost by the receiver, as in Lawn Tennis. Notwithstanding this exception, Chases may be made on either side of the court. The position of the Chase is announced by the nearest player, making reference to the name of the nearest line on the floor or the name of the applicable side gallery. When a Chase is made, the score remains unchanged; the point for that particular rally is deferred until the players change ends and “play off” the Chase. Players change ends, and thus roles, when there is one Chase and the score is at game point, or when there are two Chases. One might think of the Chase as a situation that has arisen and must be resolved before the end of that particular game.

Chases are played off (in order) as soon as the players change ends. The player on whose side the Chase was made is now, having changed ends, said to be “attacking” the Chase, and the opponent is said to be “defending” the Chase. In general, the attacker wins the Chase if the ball, if not touched after crossing the net, bounces for a second time (or enters a gallery) where it would have made a better Chase than the one being played off. That is, the attacker wins the Chase if the ball lands on the floor or enters a gallery closer to the opponent’s back wall than the spot of the Chase. For example, if a Chase was made on the 6-yard line, then a second bounce on the 4-yard line when playing off that Chase wins the Chase for the receiver, as the 4-yard line is “better” (closer to the back wall) than the 6-yard line. Conversely, if the second bounce is farther from the back wall than the 6-yard line, the Chase is lost, and the point falls to the server. As always, either player can lose the point with a racquet error or win it with a shot into a winning opening on the opponent’s side. Landing on the same parallel as the Chase (the 6-yard line in this example) nullifies the Chase (“Chase off”), and no point is awarded. After Chases are played off, normal play resumes without switching ends.



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1951	Alastair Martin	1991	Lachlan Duechar
1956	A. B. Johnson	1992	Lachlan Duechar
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1960	James F. C. Bostwick	1996	Julian Snow
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1962	James F. C. Bostwick	1998	Chris Bray
1963	A. B. Johnson	1999	Wayne Davies
1964	R. Hughes	2000	Robert Fahey
1965	A. B. Johnson	2001	Robert Fahey
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1967	J.F.C. Bostwick	2003	Tim Chisholm
1968	G. H. Bostwick, Jr.	2004	Tim Chisholm
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1976	J.F. Sammis III Roger Tuckerman	1996	Julian Snow Nick Wood
1977	Norwood Cripps Chris Ronaldson	1997	Julian Snow James Male
1978	Eugene L. Scott Ogden M. Phipps	1998	Ruaraidh Gunn Steve Virgona

1999	Julian Snow James Male	2011	Robert Fahey Steve Virgona
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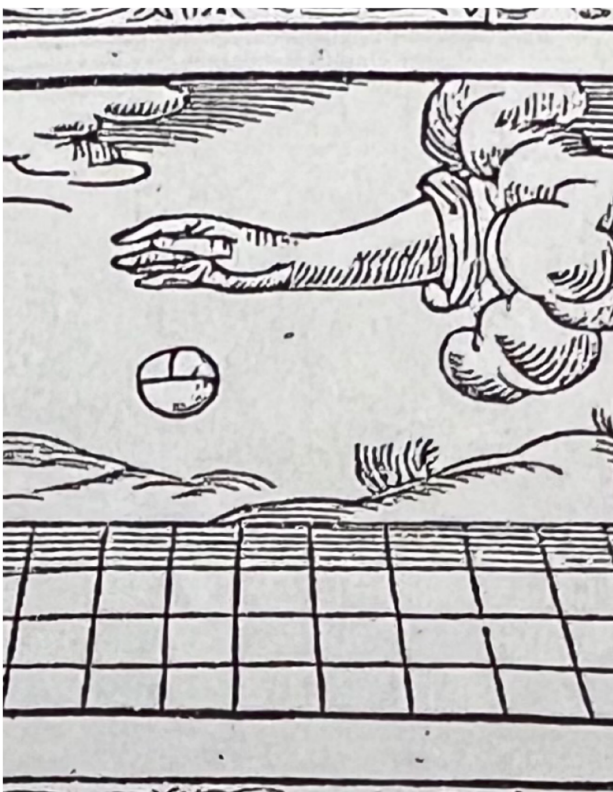
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A heavenly hand dropping a tennis ball has been used, since the middle-ages, to depict the game of Court Tennis. The emblem most obviously symbolizes the element of chance that is inherent in the game. On a more profound level, the motif expresses the idea that the playing of ball games is somehow intrinsic to being a human being.

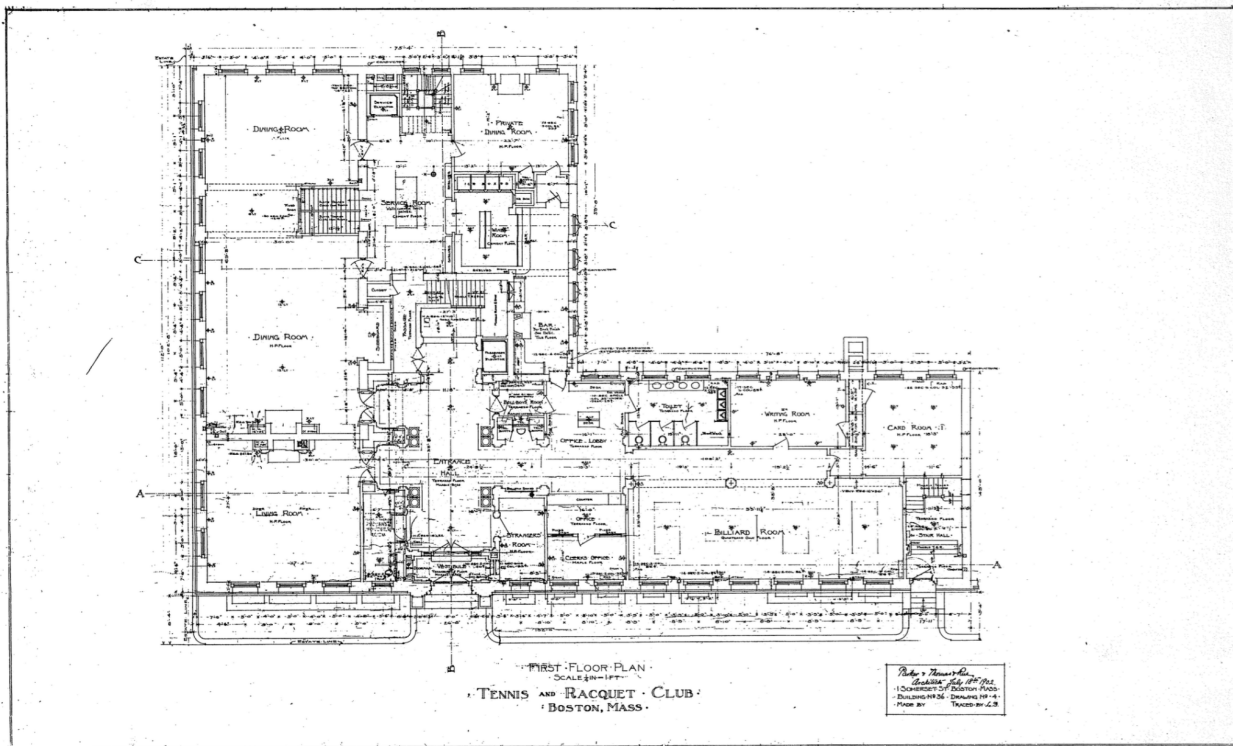
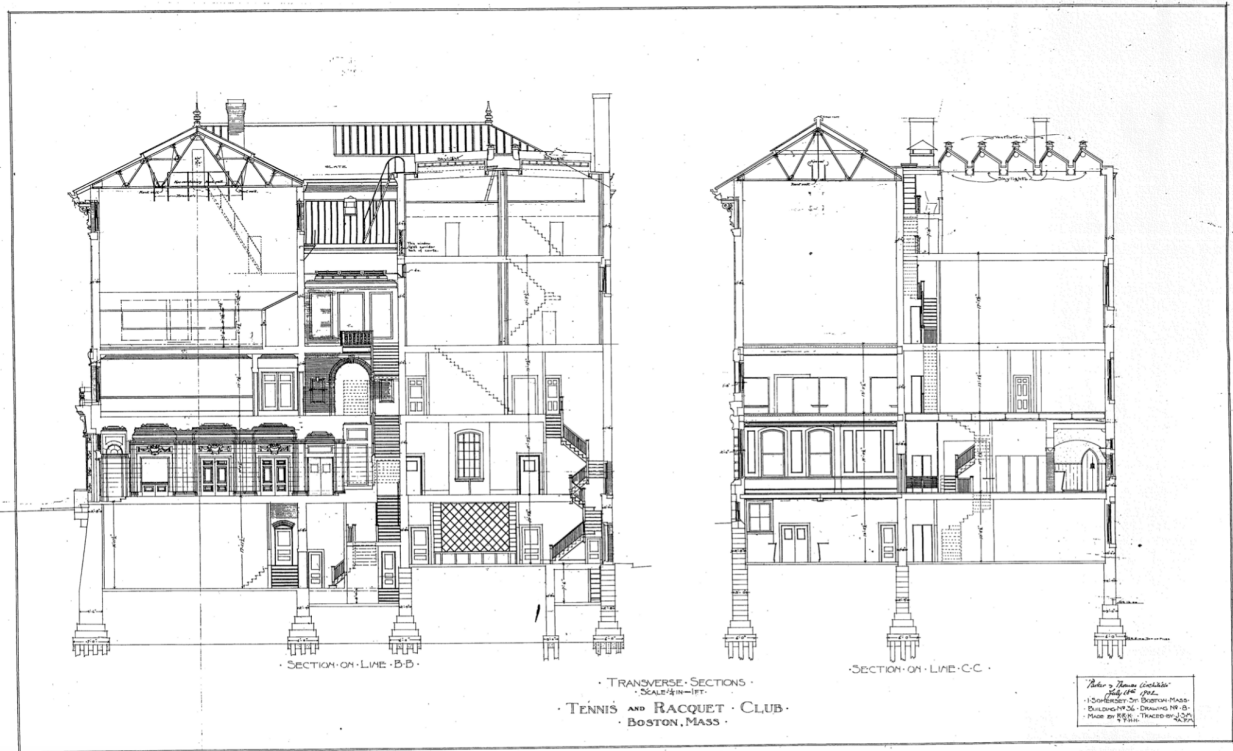
In connection with a restoration of the court in advance of the U.S. Open, the Club added the image to the hazard side, back wall. While we are still working on a final iteration of the design, we hope this new element of the court sparks a conversation about the historic and unique nature of Court Tennis.

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