

USCTA NATIONAL LEAGUE

SUPER EVENT

14 players, 4 teams, 3 days of court tennis
4 singles and 2 doubles matches each day

APRIL 3-5, 2023



April 3, 2023

Dear Court Tennis Enthusiasts,

The United States Court Tennis Association is thrilled to partner with the Racquet & Tennis Club to host our second National League super event. This format was born of necessity. Our game, just like other professional sports, was forced to adjust its approach during the pandemic. By bringing the U.S.-based pros together in one location, we were able to both support our professionals and, as spectators, get back to watching the game we love. This year 12 professionals and two top amateurs will compete across three days of incredible tennis. There is simply nothing like watching the game, particularly doubles, at this level.

The National League in the United States was conceived as an opportunity to bring our top U.S.-based players together to showcase our exciting talent to a broader audience than just our major tournaments. With the critical input of the professionals, National League continues to evolve as an important annual event. With your vital support of the USCTA and its National Fund, we are able to make this event's prize money worthy of the players. I would like to thank all Lot 12 contributors, national sponsors, the R&T and all USCTA members for their generosity.

I look forward to many years of continued partnership between the USCTA, the professionals, U.S. clubs, and donors to support the American game.

Play well!

Mary A. Livingston
President
USCTA



April 3, 2023

Dear Spectators,

The Racquet and Tennis Club is pleased to host the 2023 National League Super Event. The Club has been a longtime supporter of the league since its inception in 2005 and is excited to host the competition in its new, condensed format. The event signifies the strong relationship between the U.S. court tennis clubs and highlights the leadership of the professionals, the USCTA and USCTPF who facilitate this league.

The Club is excited to have three days of tremendous tennis with 14 of the world's best players, including multiple World Champions and top ten players.

We wish the players the best of luck and welcome the patrons and spectators for what will be an unforgettable event.

Yours sincerely,

Morris Clothier
President
Racquet and Tennis Club

USCTA 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/PHILA.

Hopton, Lumley, Virgona

2017/2018

NEWPORT/PHILA.

Howell, Lumley, Gooding

2021 SUPER EVENT

BOSTON/NEWPORT

Riviere, Hollins, Gooding

2006/2007

NEWPORT

Hollins, Riviere, Smith

2008/2009

NEW YORK

Gooding, Stout

2010/2011

PHILADELPHIA

Tanfield, Virgona, Whitehouse

2012/2013

NEW ENGLAND

Hollins, Riviere, Smith

2014/2015

BOSTON/WASH.

Hollins, Mackenzie, Riviere

2016/2017

CHICAGO/PHILA.

Lumley, Medlow, Virgona

2018/2019

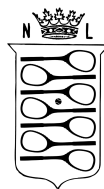
NEW YORK

Stout, Tanfield, Kemp

2022

EXHIBITION MATCHES

at R&TC NY and RCC



MATCH SCHEDULE

MONDAY

10:00AM - 1:00PM
PRO AM

4:00PM

#2 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #1 SINGLES

6:30PM

#1 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #2 SINGLES

TUESDAY

10:00AM - 1:00PM
PRO AM

4:00PM

#2 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #1 SINGLES

6:30PM

#1 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #2 SINGLES

WEDNESDAY

10:00AM - 1:00PM
PRO AM

4:00PM

#2 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #1 SINGLES

6:30PM

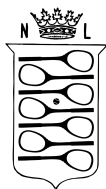
#1 SINGLES / DOUBLES / #2 SINGLES

Tournament Chairman

Ted Goneos

Tournament Director

Barney Tanfield



TEAMS & PLAYERS

TEAM PIQUE	TEAM BOOMERANG
<p style="text-align: center;">JAMES STOUT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: R&TC NY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: BERMUDIAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: +9.2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEVE VIRGONA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: RCC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 6'1" / 1.85M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: +13.3</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BARNEY TANFIELD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: R&TC NY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: AMERICAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 6'3" / 1.90M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: 1.5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JOHN LUMLEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: RCOP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: BRITISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: +12.5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JOSH DODGSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: R&TC NY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: BRITISH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: 2.9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FREDDIE BRISTOWE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: RCOP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: AMERICAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: 3.6</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">BEN STEIN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CLUB: R&TC NY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NATIONALITY: AMERICAN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEIGHT: 6'1" / 1.85M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEST HANDICAP: 9.7</p>

TEAMS & PLAYERS

TEAM CATERPILLAR	TEAM RAILROAD
<p>CAMDEN RIVIERE CLUB: WESTWOOD NATIONALITY: AMERICAN HEIGHT: 5'8" / 1.73M BEST HANDICAP: +17.5</p>	<p>NICK HOWELL CLUB: AIKEN NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN HEIGHT: 5'10" / 1.78M BEST HANDICAP: +6.4</p>
<p>TIM CHISHOLM CLUB: TUXEDO NATIONALITY: AMERICAN HEIGHT: 5'10" / 1.78M BEST HANDICAP: +12.5</p>	<p>LEON SMART CLUB: T&R BOSTON NATIONALITY: BRITISH HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M BEST HANDICAP: +0.8</p>
<p>ADRIAN KEMP CLUB: R&TC NY NATIONALITY: BRITISH HEIGHT: 6'2" / 1.88M BEST HANDICAP: 4.5</p>	<p>TONY HOLLINS CLUB: NEWPORT NATIONALITY: BRITISH HEIGHT: 6'0" / 1.83M BEST HANDICAP: 4.2</p>
<p>ROB WHITEHOUSE CLUB: RCOP NATIONALITY: AMERICAN HEIGHT: 5'9" / 1.75M BEST HANDICAP: 1.7</p>	

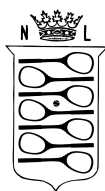
FORMAT

MATCH ORDER			
4:00PM	#2 Singles	Doubles	#1 Singles
6:30PM	#1 Singles	Doubles	#2 Singles

SINGLES	DOUBLES
One 8 game set, 2nd deuce 40 all every game	Best of 3 sets, 3 all in the 3rd, 2nd deuce 40 all every game

TIMEOUT	COACHING
Each team to receive a one minute timeout per match to be used at any time	Coaching from the side galleries by team members is permitted

SCORING	TEAM FINAL STANDINGS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One point per singles win• Two points per doubles win• Three points for the overall win• Match wins will be the tie breaker	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Team points2. Result between the two teams3. Matches won4. Matches lost5. Sets won6. Sets lost7. Games won8. Games lost



HISTORY & RULES

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.

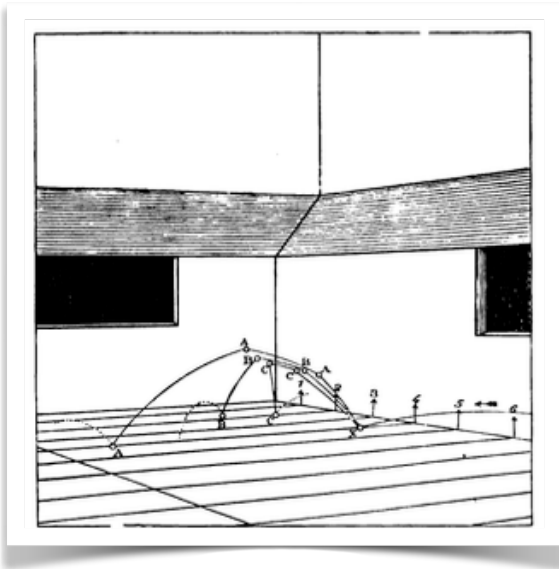
The rules of tennis have remained virtually unchanged for centuries. Play is across a net at the centre of the court, with players able to use any of the walls or penthouses to propel the ball into their opponent’s side of the court. Players score points by hitting winning openings in the court, or by forcing errors from their opponent. The serve is always hit from the Service End and must touch the Penthouse on its way into the opponent’s Service Box. The court configuration gives the server a significant advantage. The receiver will therefore 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. The receiver can also set a chase by hitting the ball into one of the Galleries on their opponents' side of the court. With a Chase set, the receiver will reclaim 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.

THE GAME TODAY

Court tennis in America is a vibrant game. The United States Court Tennis Association manages a rich list of fixtures: there are singles and doubles tournaments on most weekends of the year, including events for juniors, women, professionals and team inter-club matches. We use the global handicap system (called Real Tennis Online), a method that ensures close, competitive matches.

Court tennis has a dynamic, passionate global community. About five thousand people regularly play around the world in about 50 courts. We send junior teams abroad to play in England and Australia; many individuals and teams go overseas or come here to play in tournaments and tour courts. We also gather annually for world championships which date back to 1819.



- A mix of **tennis, squash,** and **chess**
- A blend of **time-honored traditions** and **modern athleticism**
- A challenge of **endless possibilities** in the pursuit of **excellence**

THANK YOU

We would like to acknowledge the generous contributions of the following patrons who make the success of this event possible.

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List as of March 31, 2023



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