



World TeamTennis releases 2008 schedule, adds Kournikova to lineup

NEW YORK, N.Y. (March 3, 2008) - The World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta today released the 2008 schedule and announced the addition of fan favorite Anna Kournikova to the League's lineup of top tennis stars. The 2008 WTT schedule includes 77 matches in 11 markets beginning July 3 and running through July 23. Five teams will advance to the WTT Championship Weekend, July 24-27 in Roseville, Calif.

Kournikova was picked up by the St. Louis Aces in a trade with the defending champions, the Sacramento Capitals. Kournikova joins previously announced marquee players including Lindsay Davenport (Newport Beach Breakers), Serena Williams (Washington Kastles), Andy Roddick (St. Louis Aces), Venus Williams (Philadelphia Freedoms), Martina Navratilova (Boston Lobsters) and Bob and Mike Bryan (Kansas City Explorers).

After playing for Sacramento for the past three years, Kournikova begins her sixth WTT season with a new team. The former world no. 1 doubles star will play three matches for the St. Louis Aces, beginning Friday, July 18, in St. Louis. Kournikova will also make visits to the New York Buzz in Schenectady, N.Y., on July 22, and close out the season on July 23 in Washington, D.C. Kournikova won 16 doubles titles during her pro career, including two Grand Slams, and was ranked as high as no. 8 in singles.

The Aces acquired the rights to Kournikova by trading their first round pick in the WTT Roster Draft on April 1 to Sacramento. St. Louis also received the Capitals second round roster draft selection.

The League's newest franchise will make their debut in the nation's capital when Serena Williams plays for the Washington Kastles in their first home match on Tuesday, July 8. Williams will also play for the Kastles when they travel to take on the New York Buzz (July 9), New York Sportimes (July 10) and Newport Beach Breakers (July 13).

Lindsay Davenport, who was selected by the Newport Beach Breakers as the top pick in the WTT Marquee Player Draft earlier this month, plays on Thursday, July 10, when the Breakers host the Springfield Lasers. Davenport travels to Sacramento on Saturday, July 12, to take on her former team.

Andy Roddick returns to the St. Louis Aces roster for the first time since 2005 on Saturday, July 12 when the Aces host the Kansas City Explorers.

Venus Williams will play three matches for the Philadelphia Freedoms, starting July 8 in Wilmington, Del. She makes her 2008 home debut on July 9 then travels to Boston for a July 10 match against the Lobsters.

Martina Navratilova returns for a record 19th season to play home matches for the Boston Lobsters on July 16 and July 19. Navratilova travels with the team to the West Coast for a road match against the Newport Beach Breakers on July 21.

America's top doubles team of Bob and Mike Bryan will play four matches for the Kansas City Explorers – July 16 in Philadelphia; July 17 in Wilmington, Del.; July 19 in Kansas City and July 20 in St. Louis.

Team lineups will be completed on April 1 when WTT holds their annual player draft in Miami.

For more information on the World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta, visit www.WTT.com.

About WTT:

The 2008 season will be the 33rd year of World TeamTennis action. WTT is well known for introducing innovative elements to tennis including instant replay, co-ed format, cumulative and no-ad scoring, on-court coaching, Supertiebreakers, multi-colored courts and player names on back of their shirts.

The unique gender-balanced team concept for WTT was created in the early 70s by League co-founders Billie Jean King and Larry King. Eleven teams throughout the U.S. compete in the WTT Pro League presented by Advanta during July.

Advanta is the presenting sponsor of the WTT Pro League and the official business credit card of World TeamTennis. Official WTT Pro League sponsors for the 2008 season are Bälle dê Mâtch, FirmGreen Energy, Gatorade, GEICO and Wilson Racquet Sports.

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Team / Venue | Match Start Time

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Kansas City Explorers..... Barney Allis Plaza – Kansas City, Mo. | Mon-Sat 7:35 Sun 6 PM CDT

Newport Beach Breakers Newport Beach Country Club – Newport Beach, Calif. | 7 pm PDT

Sacramento Capitals..... Allstate Stadium at Westfield Galleria – Roseville, Calif. | 7:30 pm PDT

St. Louis Aces Dwight Davis Tennis Center – St. Louis, Mo. | 7:15 pm CDT

Springfield Lasers..... Cooper Tennis Complex – Springfield, Mo. | 7:05 pm CDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston Lobsters venue TBD | TBD

Delaware Smash..... DuPont Country Club – Wilmington, Del. | 7:05 pm EDT

New York Buzz CDPHP Stadium in Central Park – Schenectady, N.Y. – 7 pm EDT – except 7/9 & 7/22 @ 7:30 pm EDT

New York Sportimes Sportime Stadium at Harbor Island Park – Mamaroneck, N.Y. | 7:30 pm EDT – except 7/3 @ 1 pm

Philadelphia Freedoms..... venue TBD | 7:30 pm EDT

Washington Kastles venue TBD | 7 pm Mon-Fri // 5 pm Sat-Sun EDT

2008 SCHEDULE – World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta

Thursday, July 3

Boston Lobsters @ New York Sportimes
New York Buzz @ Delaware Smash
St. Louis Aces @ Springfield Lasers
Newport Beach Breakers @ Sacramento Capitals

Friday, July 4

Washington Kastles @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Delaware Smash @ St. Louis Aces
Kansas City Explorers @ Sacramento Capitals

Saturday, July 5

Washington Kastles @ Delaware Smash
Philadelphia Freedoms @ Springfield Lasers
New York Buzz @ St. Louis Aces
Kansas City Explorers @ Newport Beach Breakers

Sunday, July 6

Boston Lobsters @ New York Buzz
Springfield Lasers @ Kansas City Explorers

Monday, July 7

Delaware Smash @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Sportimes
Newport Beach Breakers @ Springfield Lasers
Sacramento Capitals @ St. Louis Aces

Tuesday, July 8

New York Buzz @ New York Sportimes
Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*) @ Delaware Smash
Boston Lobsters @ Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*)
Sacramento Capitals @ Springfield Lasers
Newport Beach Breakers @ St. Louis Aces

Wednesday, July 9

Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*)
Sacramento Capitals @ Kansas City Explorers

Thursday, July 10

Philadelphia Freedoms (*Venus Williams*) @ Boston Lobsters
Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ New York Sportimes
Springfield Lasers @ Newport Beach Breakers (*Lindsay Davenport*)

Friday, July 11

New York Sportimes @ Delaware Smash
New York Buzz @ Washington Kastles
St. Louis Aces @ Kansas City Explorers
Springfield Lasers @ Sacramento Capitals

Saturday, July 12

New York Buzz @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Sportimes
Kansas City Explorers @ St. Louis Aces (*Andy Roddick*)
Newport Beach Breakers (*Lindsay Davenport*) @ Sacramento Capitals

Sunday, July 13

New York Sportimes @ Boston Lobsters
Philadelphia Freedoms @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Springfield Lasers
Washington Kastles (*Serena Williams*) @ Newport Beach Breakers

Monday, July 14

New York Sportimes @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Boston Lobsters @ Kansas City Explorers
Sacramento Capitals @ Newport Beach Breakers

Tuesday, July 15

Springfield Lasers @ Delaware Smash
New York Sportimes @ Washington Kastles
New York Buzz @ Kansas City Explorers
St. Louis Aces @ Sacramento Capitals

Wednesday, July 16

Springfield Lasers @ Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*)
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ Philadelphia Freedoms
St. Louis Aces @ Newport Beach Breakers

Thursday, July 17

Springfield Lasers @ New York Sportimes
Boston Lobsters @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ Delaware Smash
Sacramento Capitals @ Washington Kastles

Friday, July 18

Washington Kastles @ Boston Lobsters
Sacramento Capitals @ New York Buzz
Newport Beach Breakers @ New York Sportimes
Springfield Lasers @ St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*)

Saturday, July 19

Newport Beach Breakers @ Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*)
New York Buzz @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Sacramento Capitals @ Delaware Smash
St. Louis Aces @ Springfield Lasers
Washington Kastles @ Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*)

Sunday, July 20

New York Sportimes @ New York Buzz
Philadelphia Freedoms @ Washington Kastles
Kansas City Explorers (*Bob & Mike Bryan*) @ St. Louis Aces

Monday, July 21

Delaware Smash @ Philadelphia Freedoms
Boston Lobsters (*Martina Navratilova*) @ Newport Beach Breakers

Tuesday, July 22

St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*) @ New York Buzz
Delaware Smash @ Washington Kastles
Kansas City Explorers @ Springfield Lasers
New York Sportimes @ Newport Beach Breakers
Boston Lobsters @ Sacramento Capitals

Wednesday, July 23

Delaware Smash @ New York Buzz
St. Louis Aces (*Anna Kournikova*) @ Washington Kastles
Newport Beach Breakers @ Kansas City Explorers
New York Sportimes @ Sacramento Capitals

JULY 24-27, 2008

WTT CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

Allstate Stadium at Westfield Galleria in Roseville, Calif.