



Advanta WTT Pro League . . . AT A GLANCE

- Dates:** The 34th season of the Advanta WTT Pro League runs July 2-26, concluding with the Advanta WTT Finals in Washington, D.C., on Sunday July 26.
- What:** 10 co-ed teams comprised of professional tennis players and a coach. The Advanta WTT Pro League showcases three generations of tennis standouts – from the legends of the game to the current tour pros to the up-and-coming stars of tomorrow.
- Where:** Boston Lobsters Boston, Mass.
Kansas City Explorers Kansas City, Mo.
Newport Beach Breakers Newport Beach, Calif.
New York Buzz Albany, N.Y.
New York Sportimes..... New York, N.Y. (Randall’s Island)
Philadelphia Freedoms Philadelphia, Pa.
Sacramento Capitals Roseville, Calif.
St. Louis Aces St. Louis, Mo.
Springfield Lasers Springfield, Mo.
Washington Kastles..... Washington, D.C.
- Defending Champions:** The New York Buzz captured their first WTT Championship at the 2008 Advanta WTT Finals in Roseville, Calif., with a 23-17 victory over the Kansas City Explorers.
- Players:** Marquee players for 2009 include Andre Agassi (Philadelphia Freedoms), Michael Chang (Sacramento Capitals), Bob and Mike Bryan (Kansas City Explorers), Kim Clijsters (St. Louis Aces), Anna Kournikova (St. Louis Aces), John McEnroe (NY Sportimes), Martina Navratilova (Boston Lobsters), Maria Sharapova (Newport Beach Breakers), Serena Williams (Washington Kastles) and Venus Williams (Philadelphia Freedoms).
- Format:** Each team is comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Roster players compete throughout the entire season. Most teams also feature marquee players who play a limited schedule throughout the 3-week season.
- Team matches consist of five events, with one set each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. The first team to reach five games wins each set. A nine-point tiebreaker is played if a set reaches four all. One point is awarded for each game won. If necessary, Overtime and a Supertiebreaker are played to determine the outright winner of the match. Fans can follow live scoring on WTT.com.
- Innovations:** WTT has always been at the forefront of innovation, bringing new and exciting aspects to the game since the League’s inception. These include multi-colored courts, instant replay (first to use Hawk-Eye in official tennis competition), no-ad scoring, co-ed teams, play all lets, Overtime and Supertiebreakers, names on back of players’ shirts, going “green”, and on-court coaching, among others.
- Sponsors:** Advanta is the title sponsor of the Advanta WTT Pro League and the official business credit card of WTT. Official sponsors of the Advanta WTT Pro League also include FirmGreen Energy, GEICO, Turfer Athletic and Wilson Racquet Sports.
- History:** Billie Jean King and Larry King created the unique gender-balanced team concept in the early 70s. The Advanta WTT Pro League first hit the courts in 1974 for a five-year run. After a short hiatus, the League returned in 1981 and has been a highlight of the annual U.S. tennis calendar since.
- Website:** www.WTT.com



What's New in 2009?

- **SHOWCASING AMERICA'S FUTURE:** The defending WTT Champion New York Buzz will field World TeamTennis' youngest team ever with a lineup of four up-and-coming American junior prospects, a WTT first. The new-look New York Buzz will be Alex Domijan, 17; Evan King, 17; Christina McHale, 16; and Sloane Stephens, 16. King and McHale recently won the Easter Bowl, a top junior event. Stephens won the ITF Italian Open Grade A junior tournament on May 24.
- **NEW VENUES:** Two teams with new venues – the defending WTT Champion New York Buzz will be playing at Univ. at Albany in Albany; and the New York Sportimes moving to new \$15 million Sportime Stadium on Randall's Island. With the move, the Sportimes are the first WTT franchise to play in New York City since 1978.
 - **More on the Sportimes new venue:** All New York Sportimes home matches will be played at SPORTIME at Randall's Island, a new state-of-the art tennis facility, including an intimate outdoor stadium built for the team. The team has dedicated itself to the continuing renaissance of Randall's Island by teaming with the Randall's Island Sports Foundation and the New York City Parks Department so that proceeds from the operation of the team will benefit RISF and the tens of thousands of children it serves every year.
- **AGASSI:** Andre Agassi returns to the League for the first time since 2004. Andre played for the Sacramento Capitals from 2002 to 2004. He will play for the Philadelphia Freedoms this season.
- **DEBUTS:** Michael Chang (Sacramento) and Kim Clijsters (St. Louis) will be playing World TeamTennis for the first time in 2009. This will mark the return of Kim Clijsters to professional tennis since her retirement in 2007.
- **MARQUEES:** With more than professional tour singles and doubles titles among them, including 129 Grand Slam championships and six Olympic Gold Medals, the marquee player field for the 2009 Advanta WTT Pro League is one of the strongest all-star lineup in WTT history.
 - Andre Agassi (Philadelphia Freedoms)
 - Michael Chang (Sacramento Capitals)
 - Bob and Mike Bryan (Kansas City Explorers)
 - Kim Clijsters (St. Louis Aces)
 - Anna Kournikova (St. Louis Aces)
 - John McEnroe (NY Sportimes)
 - Martina Navratilova (Boston Lobsters)
 - Maria Sharapova (Newport Beach Breakers)
 - Serena Williams (Washington Kastles)
 - Venus Williams (Philadelphia Freedoms)
- **USTA:** Earlier this year, the United States Tennis Association became a minority owner of World TeamTennis. One of the main goals for the USTA is to promote the USTA's Jr. Team Tennis Program through the Advanta World TeamTennis Pro League teams and players. The WTT team format can be a building block to grow the game, especially with youth.
- **MORE INFO:** WTT.com



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WORLD TEAMTENNIS

- **COMPETITIVE TENNIS:** While World TeamTennis is fun for the fans and players, it's also very competitive tennis. The players take the matches seriously – it's exciting, quality tennis. The format features cumulative scoring so every game counts.
- **FAN INTERACTION:** WTT is a unique experience for players and the crowd. The fans are very close to the action. The atmosphere gives the players an opportunity to meet a lot of the fans and give back to people who have supported WTT for years.
- **THREE GENERATIONS:** WTT showcases three generations of tennis players – legends, current players and up-and-comers.
- **INTERNATIONAL TENNIS SHOWCASE:** In 2009, more than 50 players from 17 countries will play in the Advanta WTT Pro League.
- **SINGLES & DOUBLES:** WTT matches feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles which allows fans to see some players in a new environment.
- **INNOVATIONS:** World TeamTennis always tries new things that make the sport more fan-friendly – *playing let serves, substitutions, instant replay, on-court coaching, music between points, names on back of players shirts, letting fans keep balls that are hit into the stands, multi-colored courts* – it's a little different but it brings the fans closer to the game.
- **WTT GOING GREEN:** In 2007, WTT became one of the first sports leagues (if not the first) to go "green" in two team markets. All 10 teams have gone green.



2009 Advanta WTT Pro League full rosters (including marquee and roster players)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

BOSTON LOBSTERS:

James Auckland
Stephanie Foretz
Jan-Michael Gambill
Raquel Kops-Jones
Martina Navratilova
Coach: Bud Schultz

NEW YORK BUZZ:

Alex Domijan
Evan King
Christina McHale
Sloane Stephens
Coach: Roger Smith

NEW YORK SPORTIMES:

Christina Fusano
Ashley Harkleroad
Robert Kendrick
John McEnroe
Jesse Witten
Coach: Chuck Adams

PHILADELPHIA FREEDOMS:

Andre Agassi
Nathan Healey
Madison Keys
Travis Parrott
Lisa Raymond
Venus Williams
Coach: Craig Kardon

WASHINGTON KASTLES:

Angela Haynes
Scott Oudsema
Leander Paes
Coco Vandeweghe
Serena Williams
Coach: Murphy Jensen

WESTERN CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY EXPLORERS:

Bob Bryan
Mike Bryan
Kveta Peschke
Mike Russell
Milagros Sequera
Dusan Vemic
Coach: Brent Haygarth

NEWPORT BEACH BREAKERS:

Ramon Delgado
Julie Ditty
Kaes Van't Hof
Marie-Eve Pelletier
Maria Sharapova
Coach: Trevor Kronemann

SACRAMENTO CAPITALS:

Michael Chang
Mark Knowles
Olga Puchkova
Rennae Stubbs
Sam Warburg
Coach: Wayne Bryan

SPRINGFIELD LASERS:

Martin Damm
Liesel Huber
Vania King
Raven Klaasen
Chani Scheepers,
Coach: John-Laffnie de Jager

ST. LOUIS ACES:

Kim Clijsters
Liga Dekmeijere
Olga Govortsova
Mislav Huzak
Anna Kournikova
Tripp Phillips
Sam Querrey
Coach: Roger Follmer