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## Billie Jean King makes appearance in St. Louis

**(July 11, 2007)** --- Tennis icon Billie Jean King and co-founder of World TeamTennis is coming to St. Louis for the July 12 match against the Kansas City Explorers.

The Aces announced earlier today that Andy Roddick, who was scheduled to play for the St. Louis Aces July 12, is not coming to St. Louis due to an injury. King agreed to come at the last minute to do meet and greets and sign autographs for kids 16 and under after the match.

“We are thrilled that King has decided to step in and show her support for the St. Louis Aces,” said Aces GM Dani Apted. “While we couldn’t get someone with a 150 mile per hour serve, we did get someone who is showing responsibility and sharing her enthusiasm for tennis with our fans. We are honored by her visit.”

King won 39 Grand Slam singles, doubles and mixed doubles tennis titles, including a record 20 titles at Wimbledon. She is most remembered for her Battle of the Sexes match when she defeated Bobby Riggs in 1973 – a historical moment for its effect on society and its contributions to the women’s movement.



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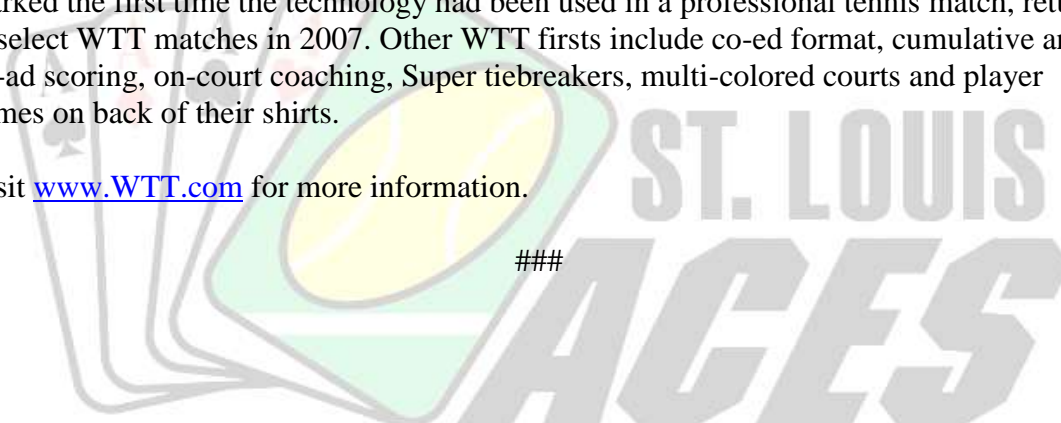
King co-founded World TeamTennis in 1974 and was honored in 2006 when the National Tennis Center renamed the facility the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in recognition of her contributions to tennis, sports and society.

## League Background

The World TeamTennis Pro League presented by Advanta enters its 32nd season of play in 2007. Billie Jean King and Larry King created the unique gender-equity team concept in the early 70s. The format used for a WTT Pro League match features teams comprised of two men, two women and a coach. Each match consists of five sets, with one set each of men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles.

World TeamTennis is well known for introducing innovative elements to tennis. Instant replay, which debuted at WTT matches in 2005 as the WTT Coaches Challenge and marked the first time the technology had been used in a professional tennis match, returns to select WTT matches in 2007. Other WTT firsts include co-ed format, cumulative and no-ad scoring, on-court coaching, Super tiebreakers, multi-colored courts and player names on back of their shirts.

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