

Tournament At-A-Glance

Dates

Seniors..... **July 25-26**

Men's..... **July 26-Aug. 3**

Women's..... **Aug. 9-17**

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now at www.cincytennis.com or by calling the tournament at 513-651-0303. Tickets also are available at ticketmaster.com or by calling 513-562-4949.

Who's Playing?

Men: As an ATP Masters event, the players are automatically entered into the W&SFG Masters, and in 2008 the field should include players such as **Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Roddick & James Blake.**

Women: The field will be announced in the late spring of 2008. In the past four years, these players, all of whom have spent time in the world's top ten, have played:

Serena Williams, Anna Chakvetadze, Jelena Jankovic, Ana Myskina, Patty Schnyder, Vera Zvonareva & Lindsay Davenport.

'08: Men's Kicks off in July



In a departure from the past several years, the men play first in Cincinnati in 2008, followed by the women.

The W&SFG Masters and the W&SFG Women's Open are swapping places this year. Due to the summer Olympics in China, the men's event will abdicate its traditional mid-August start for a July 26 kick-off, while the women's event will begin on August 9. "An earlier start for the men should help those fans who have had trouble attending the men's event because of its late summer start," said tournament director Bruce Flory. For a schedule of events, please see the attached ticket order form.

New: Sunday Doubles Start

The doubles main draw will get a jump on the singles draw this year at the W&SFG Masters. Sunday, July 27, will be a "Showcase of Doubles" featuring first-round main-draw doubles matches in addition to the final round of singles qualifying. "Sunday is now a much bigger day for the fan," said tournament director Bruce Flory. "Fans can watch exciting doubles action, the final round of singles qualifying and other players practicing." **This is the first time in tournament history that main-draw matches of any kind will be played prior to Monday.**

Single-Session Tix on Sale

Tickets to the 2008 W&SFG Masters & Women's Open are on sale and going fast. "Tickets are processed in the order they are received so fans should order their seats as early as possible," said tournament director Bruce Flory. Tickets range in price from \$10 to \$46 (depending on the session). Check out the details on the ticket order form attached to this newsletter.

What They've Been Doing Lately

Here's what some of the players you've seen in Cincinnati have been doing recently:

Men



Federer

Nadal

Djokovic

Blake

Roddick

Nalbandian

Murray

- **Roger Federer:** Defended his title at the U.S. Open and reached the final at the Masters Cup in Shanghai. Shocked in the semis at the '08 Australian Open by Djokovic.
- **Rafael Nadal:** Reached the final at AMS Paris and the quarters at AMS Madrid. Started '08 by reaching the semis at the Australian Open.
- **Novak Djokovic:** Reached the final at the '07 U.S. Open and the '08 Australian. He faced Federer both times, losing in New York, but winning in Melbourne.
- **James Blake:** Capitalized on his finals appearance here by reaching the round of 16 at the U.S. Open and the quarters at the '08 Australian Open.
- **Andy Roddick:** Reached the quarters at the U.S. Open and the semis at the Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai.
- **David Nalbandian:** Finished the year by winning back-to-back AMS titles: at Paris and Madrid.
- **Andy Murray:** Reached the quarters at AMS Paris. Recently split with coach Brad Gilbert.

Women



Zvonareva

Kirilenko

Wozniacki

Mattek

Bremond

Vesnina

Rodionova

- **Vera Zvonareva:** Returned from a five-month injury layoff at the U.S. Open last fall and reached the round of 32. Reached the final at Hobart and Doha this year.
- **Maria Kirilenko:** Reached the round of 32 at the '07 U.S. Open and reached two consecutive finals (Kolkata & Seoul). Had wins last year over Jelena Jankovic, Marion Bartoli and Daniela Hantuchova.
- **Caroline Wozniacki:** The 17-year-old hit a career high ranking of No. 45 in January after completing her first full year on the tour. This year, she's reached the round of 16 at the Australian Open and the quarters at Doha.
- **Bethanie Mattek:** Reached career-high rankings in both singles (No. 95) and doubles (No. 36) last year.
- **Severine Bremond:** Also reached career-high rankings in both singles (No. 34) and doubles (No. 85) last year.
- **Elena Vesnina:** Broke into the top 40 last year in singles. Reached the quarters at Hobart in January.
- **Ana Rodionova:** Made tour history by being disqualified from the '07 W&SFG Women's Open, but still finished the year in the top 100.

Who's Playing on Monday & Tuesday?

How was the schedule affected last year when the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters returned to a 56 singles draw?

Great question.

In a 56-draw, the top eight seeded players do not play a first-round match, but the big stars of the men's game are not limited to the top eight players in the world.

Last year on Monday, fans saw matches with former world No. 1s **Carlos Moya** and **Marat Safin**, perennial top-10 player **David Nalbandian**, young American sensation **John Isner**, and former Cincinnati finalist **Tim Henman**, among others.

On Tuesday, fans saw eventual finalist **James Blake**, two-time Cincinnati finalist

Lleyton Hewitt, as well as **Marcos Baghdatis**, **Andy Murray**, **Tommy Haas**, American favorites **Sam Querrey**, **Robby Ginepri** and **Mardy Fish**, and **Novak Djokovic** (in a doubles match), among others.

"Not only did we have great matches on Monday and Tuesday, but all of the top eight seeds, who also were the top eight players in the world (**Roger Federer**, **Rafael Nadal**, **Djokovic**, **Andy Roddick**, **Nikolay Davydenko**, **Fernando Gonzalez**, **Tommy Robredo** and **Richard Gasquet**), practiced on site on one of those two days," said tournament director Bruce Flory. "And watching practice has become a favorite activity for our fans."

Reap Advantages of Series Seats

Series seats are on sale now for both the men's and women's tournaments in 2008. Why buy series seats? Here are a number of reasons:

- > You won't miss a sold-out session.
- > You'll save money versus buying single-session tickets.
- > Men's series tickets get you into the highly popular Draw Ceremony.
- > You'll have the same seat for each session.
- > You'll never worry about missing your favorite player.
- > The parking pass alone makes series seats a great deal.

See the attached order form for pricing and to order your seats today!

Did You Know?

- > Baylor University sophomore **Denes Lukacs**, a native of Hungary, won the Kentucky Collegiate Invitational tournament in October, and in doing so earned a wild card into qualifying for the 2008 W&SFG Masters. "I am really happy that I could get the wildcard," Lukacs said. "I am excited to play with the best players in the world."
- > **George Ratterman**, who played in the Cincinnati tennis tournament in 1944 and was a quarterback at Notre Dame and for the Cleveland Browns, passed away in November. A native of Cincinnati, Ratterman was one of only a handful of people ever to letter in four different

sports at Notre Dame, earning his in football, basketball, baseball and tennis. Ratterman was the quarterback for the Browns in 1954, when, under the direction of Browns' head coach Paul Brown, he wore the famous "electricified helmet" into a game against the Detroit Lions. It was the first helmet rigged with a radio so instructions could be called in from the sideline. The suspicious Lions twice ripped the helmet off Ratterman's head and attempted to break the device. Today, communication equipment within an NFL quarterback's helmet is common, and is signified by a green dot on the back of the player's helmet.

Charitable Giving Hits \$7.7 Million

For the 34th straight year, proceeds from the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters & Women's Open have been donated to charity, pushing tournament giving to local charities since 1974 to more than \$7.7 million.

Using proceeds from 2007, tournament chairman Paul M. Flory presented Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center with a record donation of \$391,978, meaning Children's has now received more than \$7 million from the event since 1974.

Flory also presented the Charles M. Barrett Cancer Center with a donation of \$57,481 from proceeds of the 2007 W&SFG Women's Open, and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission with \$37,000 from proceeds of the 2007 Seniors tournament.

Together, the three charities received a record \$486,459, bringing the tournament's total giving since 1974 to \$7,762,037.

The CRC donation will benefit the Cincinnati chapter of the National Junior Tennis League, a program established to teach tennis to youngsters who normally could not afford to learn. The gift brings the total amount donated to the CRC in 15 years to more than half a million dollars (\$509,633).

"In addition to shining an international spotlight on Southwestern Ohio, the tournament provides valuable support to two very worthwhile charities," said Flory. "Our sponsors, fans, volunteers and staff are what make this possible."

Gifts from the tournament to Cincinnati Children's began in 1974 when a check for \$15,000 was presented. Since 1987, funds have benefited the "Long-Term Survivor Clinic," which helps patients with the physical, emotional, and psychological elements associated with pediatric cancer by providing comprehensive follow-up care for cancer patients. Its team includes a pediatric oncologist, adult hematologist, psychologist and a nurse practitioner who track more than 700 survivors.



Mary Hennessey and her 11-year-old son Tim spoke about Tim's treatment at the Five-Plus Clinic at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.



Dr. William Barrett accepted a donation which will aid patient care and research at the Charles M. Barrett Cancer Center.



Denise Driehaus accepted a donation which will help the Cincinnati Recreation Commission teach tennis to inner-city children who otherwise would not be able to afford to learn.

Be On Hand for These Special Events

Kids Days! *Monday, July 28 & Monday, Aug. 11*

The fun starts at 9:15 a.m. and includes an entertaining exhibition with tournament stars, autographs, and more than a dozen matches. It's your chance to see exciting matches while spending a great day with your family. Call 513-665-3826 for more info.



Kids Day

High School Day! *Tuesday, July 29 & Tuesday, Aug. 12*

This special day includes a spirited exhibition as well as appearances by the touring pros. It's a great time for you and your team. The Day Session matches include many of the world's top players on five different courts. Call 513-665-3826 for more info.



Night at the Net

Ladies Day! *Tuesday, July 29*

Preview new fall fashions, from sportswear to career wear, while visiting with friends, co-workers and teammates at a festive buffet brunch and fashion show. Then enjoy an afternoon of world-class tennis. The day begins at 9:15 a.m. Call 513-665-3823 for more info. **This event often sells out quickly so call today!**





Ladies Day

Night at the Net! *Wednesday, July 30*


Join old friends and make new ones at a special reception for college alumni groups and individuals. The price includes hearty hors d'oeuvres and a ticket to the matches. Call 513-665-3823 for more info!

2008 Major Men's Tournaments


 **Australian Open** (Jan.)
'08 S: N. Djokovic (his 1st GS)
'08 D: Erlich/Ram (their 1st GS)


 **Indian Wells** (March)
'07 S: R. Nadal (7th MS)
'07 D: Damm/Paes (1st MS)


 **Miami** (March)
'07 S: N. Djokovic (1st MS)
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (6th MS)


 **Monte Carlo** (April)
'07 S: R. Nadal (8th MS)
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (7th MS)


 **Rome** (May)
'07 S: R. Nadal (9th MS)
'07 D: Santoro/Zimonjic (1st MS)

 **Hamburg** (May)
'07 S: R. Federer (13th MS)
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (8th MS)


 **Roland Garros** (May-Jun.)
'07 S: R. Nadal (his 3rd GS)
'07 D: Knowles/Nestor (3rd GS)


 **Wimbledon** (Jun.-Jul.)
'07 S: R. Federer (11th GS)
'07 D: Clement/Llodra (1st GS)


 **Montreal** (Aug.)
'07 S: N. Djokovic (2nd MS)
'07 D: Bhupathi/Vizner (1st MS)

 **Cincinnati** (Aug.)
'07 S: R. Federer (14th MS)
'07 D: Erlich/Ram (1st MS)

 **U.S. Open** (Aug.-Sept.)
'07 S: R. Federer (12th GS)
'07 D: Aspin/Knowle (1st GS)

 **Madrid** (Oct.)
'07 S: D. Nalbandian (1st MS)
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (9th MS)

 **Paris** (Oct.-Nov.)
'07 S: D. Nalbandian (2nd MS)
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (10th MS)

 **Tennis Masters Cup / Shanghai** (Nov.)
'07 S: R. Federer (4th Cup)
'07 D: Knowles/Nestor (1st Cup)

A player's singles ranking is based on points received from all four Grand Slams (GS), all nine ATP Masters Series (MS) events and his best five results from Int'l Series events.

They Said It...

"When we were in the lunch line in Cincinnati, they turned us back-to-back and measured. I was just a little bit shorter."

– 6'9" **John Isner** on how he measures up to 6'10" **Ivo Karlovic**

"No, not here. Just in Europe."

– **Agnieszka Radwanska** of Poland when asked if she was driving on the wrong side of the road while in Australia for the Australian Open

"Um. We both owned Alaska at one point."

– **Dmitry Tursunov** on the similarities between Russia and the United States during the Davis Cup final between the two countries

"I don't really think about defending points; I think about gaining new ones."

– **Jelena Jankovic** on her philosophy about her ranking

"Same as all the others: it was a loss. I really went in thinking I had a good chance to win, same as every other time I went out there. But he came up with some of his best at the right times, and that was the difference."

– **James Blake** at the Australian Open after posting an eighth loss to **Roger Federer**.

"I saw she was a little bit tired. There's two big screens on the court. Sometimes I watch those. And (I saw) a 'big face of Anna'. I thought 'Oh, she seems really tired'. And when you see someone is dying on the other side you feel more energy."

– **Maria Kirilenko** of Russia on upsetting countrywoman **Anna Chakvetadze** in the third round of the Australian Open

"It's a tough time of the year for all tennis players to play the Olympics and fit it in their schedule, and, yeah, sometimes peak at the Olympics because the way we're situated. We play two Masters Series, play the Olympics, then go back for the US Open. That's probably one of the reasons you saw so many upsets in Athens."

– **Lleyton Hewitt** on his upcoming summer schedule

"I've looked at all the papers, and it's quite a buzz seeing my photo on the front page. It's quite surreal but, fantastic and exciting. I spoke to my (grandmother), and she was like 'Oh, I don't like this.' She's not really used to anything like this before. We're just a family from Perth."

– Australian **Casey Dellacqua** on beating **Patty Schnyder** and **Amelie Mauresmo** at the Australian Open



Isner



Radwanska



Kirilenko



Dellacqua

Chang Elected to Tennis Hall of Fame

“Cincinnati Kid” Joined by Gene Scott, Mark McCormack

Michael Chang and **Gene Scott** have been selected for enshrinement into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I. Chang won 34 singles titles in his career, including two in Cincinnati in 1993 & 1994. Scott was a singles quarterfinalist in Cincinnati in 1959 and a doubles quarterfinalist here in 1960.

International Management Group (IMG) founder and author **Mark McCormack** also will enter the Hall of Fame with Chang and Scott.

Chang’s 34 singles titles include one Grand Slam (the 1989 French Open) and seven ATP Masters Series titles (Indian Wells in 1992, ’96 & ’97; Cincinnati in ’93 & ’94; Canada in ’90; and Miami in ’92).

When Chang won the 1989 French Open, he was the first American male to win that title since Cincinnati Tony Trabert did it in 1955.

Ranked as high as No. 2 in the world in 1996, Chang also reached the singles final at the 1995 French Open and the 1996 U.S. Open and Australian Open.

Chang was 41-14 in Cincinnati in 16 consecutive appearances between 1988 and 2003, the most appearances by any player in the Open Era. He reached four consecutive singles finals (’93-’96), six semifinals, and 10 quarterfinals. His 12 Round of 16 appearances is an Open Era tournament record, and in 1988 he became the youngest player to reach the quarterfinals here (16 years, five months).

He is second to Stefan Edberg in total match wins (41) and matches played (55) in Cincinnati. He was 2-2 in singles finals, with the two losses coming in 1995 and 1996 to certain future Hall of Famer Andre Agassi.

In the 13 biggest events in tennis (the Grand Slams and the ATP Masters Series), Chang’s best winning percentage (.745) came in Cincinnati, followed by Indian Wells (.737) and the French Open (.731). His success on Center Court in Mason made



him a crowd favorite and earned him the unofficial nickname “The Cincinnati Kid.”

Just before his last appearance here, Chang said, “When I’m on the plane going to Cincinnati, as soon as it touches down, I think ‘Hey. We’re in Cincinnati.’ And I always start feeling good. I just really enjoy the people here. They really bring a great atmosphere to the matches and even in the town itself. When I go around to different places, everyone knows what is going on with the tournament. They definitely welcome me with open arms.”

Scott was ranked as high as No. 4 in the United States during his playing career, and was a member of the U.S. Davis Cup team. He founded *Tennis Week* magazine in 1974 and operated it until his death in 2006.

In 1960, McCormack founded IMG, one of the largest sports marketing agencies in the world, to represent tennis players and other sports stars. He was the author of several books including *What They Don’t Teach You at Harvard Business School*. He died in 2003.

Chang, Scott and McCormack will be inducted at a ceremony in July in Newport, Rhode Island.

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