

Tournaments At-a-Glance

2005 Dates

Women'sJul. 16-24

Seniors..... Aug. 12-13

Men's Aug. 13-21

Tickets

Tickets are on sale by calling 513-651-0303, by visiting cincytennis.com.

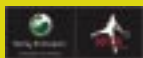
Who's Playing?

Men's Event: As an ATP Masters Series event, Cincinnati is mandatory for all players ranked high enough to enter, such as Andy Roddick & Roger Federer.

Women's Event: The field will be announced in May, 2005. Players who played in 2004 included Lindsay Davenport, Vera Zvonareva & Amy Frazier.

Hotels

For a great rate at a preferred tournament hotel, visit www.cincytennis.com or call 513-665-3830.



Break Widens For Events



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A break of three weeks will separate the women's tennis tournament from the men's tennis tournament in Cincinnati this year. The women play the Western & Southern Financial Group WOMEN'S OPEN from July 16-24, while the men play the Western & Southern Financial Group MASTERS from August 12-21.

"Having the two events separated will allow for a nice break in the action for fans, sponsors, media and volunteers," said Bruce Flory, tournament director. "There are pros and cons to every calendar scenario, and the final decision on the calendar rests with the two Tours."

Single-Session Tix on Sale

Single-session tickets to the 2005 Western & Southern Financial Group Masters & Women's Open are now on sale (as of February 1). "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 \$8 to \$40 and also are available via TicketMaster. Check out the details on the ticket order form attached to this newsletter.

Players: Famous & The Soon to Be

Here's what some of the Americans have been up to since playing Cincinnati last summer:

Men



Roddick



Agassi



Spadea



Dent



Fish



Ginepri



Blake

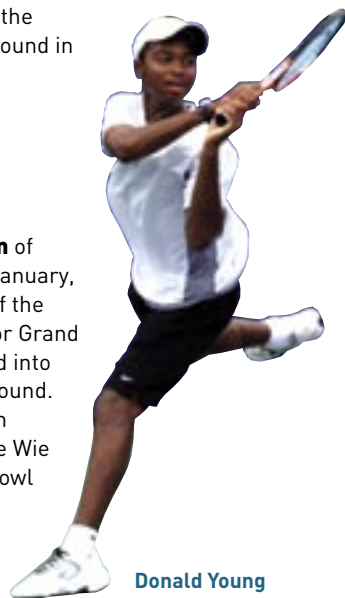
- **Andy Roddick:** Reached the semis at the Masters Cup in Houston, the quarters at the U.S. Open, and the round of 16 at the Olympics and AMS Paris. Started the year by reaching the semis at the Australian Open.
- **Andre Agassi:** Ended the year by reaching the quarters at the U.S. Open and the semis at the Masters event in Madrid. His year started with a quarterfinal run at the Australian Open.
- **Vince Spadea:** Played eight events to close out '04, highlighted by round of 16 finishes at the Masters events in Madrid and Paris.
- **Taylor Dent:** Reached the semis at the Olympics and the quarters at Masters event in Madrid. This year, he reached the finals at the Int'l Series event in Adelaide,

and the third round at the Australian Open, before falling to Agassi.

- **Mardy Fish:** Rebounded from an injury in Cincinnati to win the Olympic Silver Medal. Paired with James Blake to reach the Australian Open doubles quarters.
- **Robby Ginepri:** Reached the semis at the Int'l Series event in Washington the week after playing in Cincinnati.
- **James Blake:** He's ready for a comeback this year after fracturing his neck in Rome last May, suffering from blurred vision, and losing his father to cancer. In addition to their doubles run at the Australian Open, both Blake and Fish reached the second round in singles.

Young Making Strides

When American **Donald Young**, 15, defeated **Sun-Yong Kim** of Korea in the junior singles final of the Australian Open in January, he became the youngest boy to reach No. 1 in the history of the ITF World Junior Rankings, and the youngest to win a junior Grand Slam title. Fans may remember Young accepted a wild card into Cincinnati's qualifying event last year, but lost in the first round. A native of Chicago and resident of Atlanta, Young has been compared to other sports prodigies such as golfer Michelle Wie and soccer star Freddy Adu. Young also won the Orange Bowl in 2003, becoming the first African American to do so, and the first American since Jim Courier. He has also been the subject of pieces on ESPN, the Tennis Channel, and in *USA Today* and *ESPN The Magazine*.



Donald Young

Women



Davenport



Frazier



Washington



Craybas



Irvin



Granville



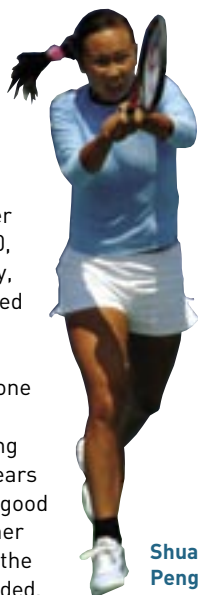
Lee-Waters

Here's what some of the Americans have been up to since playing Cincinnati last summer:

- **Lindsay Davenport:** Reached the semis at the U.S. Open, and finished the year as the world's No. 1 player for the third time in her career. Started this year by reaching the final at the Australian.
- **Amy Frazier:** Started '05 by reaching the semis at Auckland and the third round at the Australian.
- **Mashona Washington:** Ended '04 by reaching the quarters at New Haven (beating Maria Sharapova along the way) and the final at Tokyo. Finished the year with a career-high ranking of No. 50.
- **Jill Craybas:** Finished '04 with a winning singles record and a No. 61 ranking.
- **Marissa Irvin:** Ended '04 by reaching the final of an ITF Circuit event.
- **Laura Granville:** Took Maria Sharapova to three sets at the U.S. Open, and ended the year with a winning singles record.
- **Lindsay Lee-Waters:** Started '05 by reaching the semis at Canberra.

Peng & China Both Coming on Strong

With the Olympics in Beijing looming in 2008, the Chinese have stepped up their efforts to develop talent in many sports, but especially in tennis. One rising star is 19-year-old **Shuai Peng** (pronounced SCHWAY Peng). Peng, who was born in China but now lives in Boca Raton, Florida, started 2004 ranked 220, but ended the year in the top 100, helped in part by her efforts in Cincinnati. Fans may recall her as the player who battled through qualifying last August at the W&SFG Women's Open, and made it all the way to the quarterfinals before falling to world No. 9 and eventual finalist **Vera Zvonareva**. She's continued her winning ways this year, and by January 31 she'd broken into the top 50, settling at an astonishing No. 41. At the Sydney tournament in January, she defeated top-50 player **Mashona Washington** (6-4, 6-2), demolished French Open champ and world No. 3 **Ana Myskina** (6-1, 6-3), and took out No. 13 **Nadia Petrova** (6-4, 4-2 retired), before falling to eventual champion **Alicia Molik** in the semis. Her efforts in that tournament alone caused her ranking to rise 40 positions, and made an impression on her WTA Tour colleagues. "I think China's come a long way in producing players," said **Lindsay Davenport** during the Australian Open. "Five years ago, I don't remember any player from China. Now we have five or six good ones. It seems like tennis has caught on in that part of the world." Other Chinese players to watch include **Li Ting** and **Sun Tian Tian**, who won the Olympic doubles gold medal in Athens last summer, despite being unseeded.



Shuai Peng

They Said It

"Oh, I'm going to have them every day. I might have them every day the rest of my life."

- **Andre Agassi**, who was nursing a hip injury, when asked if he'd taken anti-inflammatories the day of his first-round match at the Australian Open.



Agassi

"Yeah. I look dumb now saying that at Wimbledon. But I'm ecstatic that I get another chance to try and win one."

- **Lindsay Davenport**, on recanting her retirement talk from 2004 just before playing in the Australian Open final, which she lost to **Serena Williams**.



Davenport

"I stole it from Andre when he was doing his press conference after our match."

- **Taylor Dent**, on the Ellen DeGeneres Show in January. Dent had just presented Ellen with an oversized check for \$50,000 for her Tsunami Relief Fund. The money was a donation from Penn Racquet Sports, and Kevin Kempin, Vice President of Penn Racquet Sports Worldwide joined Dent on the show for the broadcast. Dent had recently lost to **Andre Agassi** in the third round of the Australian Open.

"Two Grand Slams... it's already something. One Grand Slam, you can win by mistake, you know, like I did [at the US Open] in 2000. It was a mistake, actually."

- **Marat Safin**, joking about his 2000 U.S. Open win after defeating Lleyton Hewitt in the final of the Australian Open in January.



Dent

"It was a very special moment out there playing against one of the greatest players ever. It was difficult to prepare the last few days with all the media attention and the circumstances surrounding it. I was nervous at the start, but as the match went on, I found my rhythm and actually ended up playing one of my best matches ever... I still think she could come back and be a top player, if she kept on playing and got her rhythm back."

- **Marlene Weingartner**, who defeated former world No. 1 **Martina Hingis** in Thailand in late January. It was Hingis' first match in more than two years. Weingartner paired with **Jill Craybas** to win the doubles title in Cincinnati last year.

"Everything's going very smoothly except for the fact that I just lost to a guy who has more gray hair than my father."

- **Jim Courier** on losing to fellow Hall of Famer **John McEnroe** during an exhibition to raise money for tsunami relief held in Houston, Texas, on January 31. **Andy Roddick** headlined the event, and defeated **Tommy Haas** in the evening's feature match. The event was held to benefit the **George H.W. Bush - Bill Clinton Fund for Tsunami Relief**. At the end of the evening, Bush, the 41st President of the United States and a Houston resident, accepted a check for \$518,000 from the night's proceeds.



Safin congratulates Lleyton Hewitt after their quarterfinal match in Cincinnati last year.

Looking Back 20 Years

As the "Volume 20" on the front page indicates, this is the twentieth year this tournament newsletter has been in production. Volume 1, Number 1 appeared in February, 1986, and there was plenty of news to announce then: Contributions to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center had just topped the \$1 million mark, and lights had just been added to the Grandstand Court, making night play on two courts possible for the first time.

Other news included a report on the telecommunications committee's pleasure with a new "state-of-the-art pager" that received "typewritten messages" on a "liquid crystal display" and vibrated to "get the carrier's attention," and a notice that one of the ballkids, **Brad Wolverton**, had been selected as one of that committee's best.

Since that first edition, the tournament has produced 64 more newsletters, announcing committed players, tournament additions to the facility (which now boasts three stadiums and lights on four courts), and charitable contributions of more than \$6 million.

But what ever happened to that ballkid, Brad Wolverton? He's now a writer for *Tennis Magazine*, and he's covered the Cincinnati tournament for that publication.



ATP President Matt Doyle, Dr. William Schubert of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and tournament chairman Paul Flory appeared on the front page of the first edition of this newsletter.

2005 Major Men's Tournaments



Australian Open

Champ: M. Safin (his 2nd GS)



Hamburg

(May 9-15)



U.S. Open

(Aug. 29-Sep. 11)



Indian Wells

(Mar. 11-20)



Roland Garros

(May 23-Jun. 5)



Madrid

(Oct. 17-23)



Miami

(Mar. 23-Apr. 3)



Wimbledon

(Jun. 20-Jul. 3)



Paris

(Oct. 31-Nov. 6)



Monte Carlo

(Apr. 11-17)



Montréal

(Aug. 8-14)



Tennis Masters Cup / Shanghai 2005

(Nov. 12-20)



Rome

(May 2-8)



Cincinnati

(Aug. 15-21)

A player's 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.

Courier & Noah Lead Hall Inductees

Jim Courier, Yannick Noah, Jana Novotna and **Butch Buchholz** have been selected for enshrinement into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I. And just like 58 other Hall of Famers before them, all four have ties to Cincinnati's storied international tennis tournament.

Courier, 34, won 23 singles titles in his 13-year career, including four Grand Slams and five Masters Series titles. He was ranked No. 1 in the world for 58 weeks, and helped the U.S. win the Davis Cup in 1992. In Cincinnati, he went 16-12 in singles play, reaching the semifinals in 1991 and the quarterfinals in 1990 and 1995.

Noah, 44, also won 23 singles titles, including the French Open and Masters Series Hamburg in 1983, and Masters Series Rome in 1985. Once ranked as high



Courier

as No. 3 in the world, he played Davis Cup and captained both the Davis Cup and the Fed Cup teams for France. During his 12-year career, he made four appearances in Cincinnati, reaching the round of 16 in 1985.

Buchholz, 64, a native of St. Louis, also played the Cincinnati Seniors event in 1996.

He may be best known as a former Executive Director of ATP and the founder of the Miami Masters Series event.

The Czech Republic's Novotna, 36, won 24 singles titles including Wimbledon in 1998. She competed in Cincinnati's Seniors event from 2001 to 2003, reaching the Seniors finals in 2002 with Tom Gullikson.

The four newest Hall of Famers will be inducted at a ceremony in July.



Noah drew a crowd for his first-round match against Tim Gullikson in 1981, but fell in in three sets.

Travel Packages Start at \$183

For as little as \$183 per person (with double occupancy), you can spend three days and two nights at the men's Masters, and stay in a nearby hotel. (Hotel taxes are extra.) Call 513-665-3830 or send an email to hotels@cincytennis.com for more info and details.

You Can Play Where the Pros Play

Want to play on the same courts the stars play and enjoy a clinic with the Pros of the Seniors competition? It's possible by participating in the Tennis Invitational Pro-Am held in conjunction with the W&SFG Masters. The pro-am will be held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center on Thursday, August 11. It's open to men and women of all skill levels and will include great food, great tennis, silent auctions, and great fun. For more information or to sign up call Thomas Federl at 513-665-3822.

Reap Advantages of Full Series Seats

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

- > You'll have tickets to every session, even those which sell-out.
- > Men's series tickets get you into the highly popular Draw Ceremony, where fans watch the draw being made while enjoying a complimentary buffet dinner.
- > Full Series seats come with a parking pass, allowing you to park closer to the facility.
- > When you buy a Terrace Series package for the men's Masters, the cost savings amounts to eight free sessions. For the Women's Open, it amounts to five free sessions.
- > You'll have preference for seat upgrades.
- > You'll have the same seat for each session.
- > If you can't be at every session, tickets make great gifts for friends and neighbors
- > You'll never worry about missing your favorite player.

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



Owen Davidson and Luke Jensen discuss first-round match-ups during the popular Draw Ceremony.

Be On Hand for These Special Events

Mingle At the Masters!

Saturday, August 13 (the night of Seniors finals)

You may not be able to play like a world-class tennis player, but you can be entertained in a world-class fashion at "Mingle At The Masters." The event will feature wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music and guest DJs throughout the night. There will be door prizes and other surprises, including appearances by some of the world's top tennis players.

Kids Days!

Monday, July 18 & Monday, August 15

There are two Kids Days, one during the Women's Open (July 18), and one during the men's Masters (August 15). Tickets for kids 14-and-under are half-price, and the fun also includes an entertaining clinic with players, autographs, and more than a dozen matches. It's your chance to see world-class tennis while spending the day with your family and/or your tennis team members.

Ladies Day!

Tuesday, August 16 (during men's Masters)

Preview new fall fashions, from sportswear to career wear, while visiting with friends and teammates at a festive buffet brunch. Then enjoy an afternoon of world-class tennis. The day begins at 9:15 a.m.

High School Day!

Tuesday, August 16 (during men's Masters)

This special day includes a spirited clinic hosted by Wayne Bryan, coach and father of the Bryan twins, as well as appearances by ATP touring pros. Lunch from Skyline Chili also is included for those who register in advance. 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.

For more info on all these events, call 513-665-3826.

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