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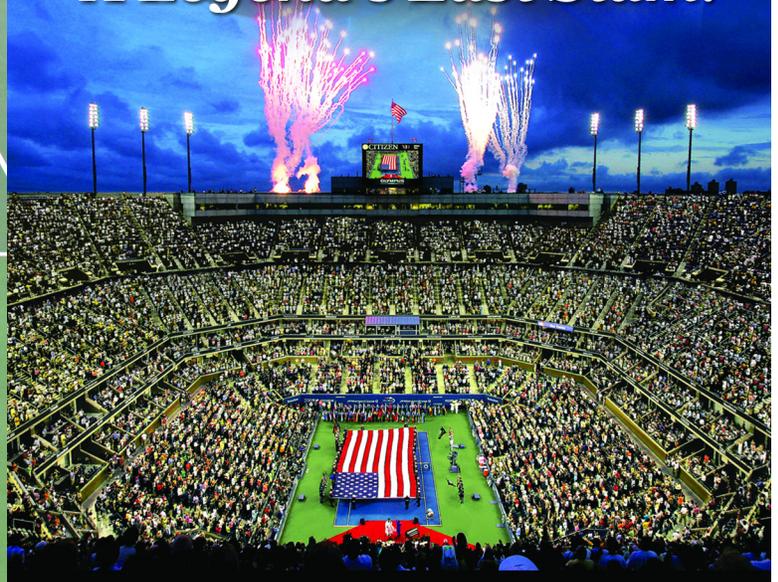


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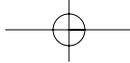
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A Legend's Last Slam!



A VIEWER'S GUIDE





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To See The
US Open
LIVE!*

Some year — why not next year — you must see the US Open up close and in person. Visit usopen.org for more details, and remember USTA members receive special offers to the US Open and other major tennis tournaments.

*Everyone has
a ball at the
US Open!*



A U S T A E V E N T

Each Grand Slam is uniquely challenging. The Australian Open is contested during the sizzling heat of the Down Under summer. The French Open is played on slow, gritty red clay. Wimbledon is so prestigious, so much pomp and circumstances — and so much pressure. But the US Open is generally considered the most competitive of the Slams. Truly the toughest test in tennis. For two weeks, the best players on the planet serve up the thrills as they battle, day and night, for the title “US Open champion.”

The list of Open champs dates back to 1881, but what was, in its early days, a men’s-only tournament held as an entertainment diversion for a select few has evolved into one of the greatest spectacles in all of sports — enjoyed by millions around the globe.

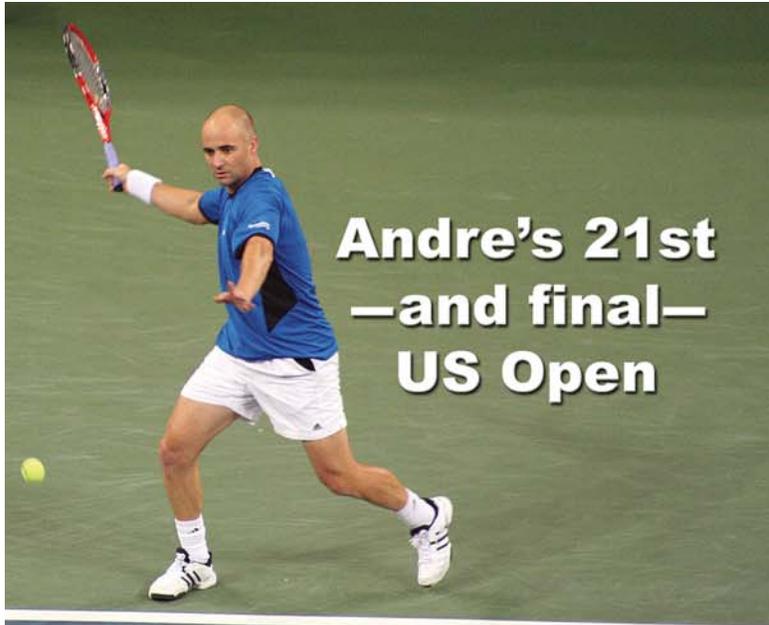
The United States Tennis Association continuously reinvents the US Open. The Open is where the historic innovations in tennis are being made, from offering men and women equal prize money, to staging the women’s final during prime time television and launching a division for wheelchair tennis players.

The Open will change the game again this year. Instant-replay will be used as the US Open becomes the first major tennis tournament to ever utilize technology to review officials’ calls. Players will be given two challenges per set. Once they question a line call, an official replay will be aired simultaneously on TV and in-stadium video boards, allowing players, officials, on-site fans and TV viewers to all see the instant results of a challenge. You can be the judge — in or out!

Each year the Open makes more history, through its innovations, but mostly because of its brilliant matches. The stars whose games shine the brightest at the US Open are among the all-time greats.



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Andre's 21st —and final— US Open

Big Apple Send-off for an All-Time Great

The end is near. During the 2006 US Open, Andre Agassi will take the final bows of a career that has spanned more than two decades and included eight Grand Slam titles, including two at the Open (1994 and 1999). Whether you're a true tennis lover or a casual fan who only takes notice during the majors, you must appreciate all Agassi has accomplished.

Agassi, a brash teen best known for his long hair and loud persona when he first appeared at the US Open 20 years ago, is one of just five men to win each of the four majors — the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open — at least once. He is the only man to achieve the “career slam” playing on four different surfaces.

Now appearing in his 21st US Open and record 61st Grand Slam, Agassi is leaving the game still at the top in terms of admiration among the fans and his peers.

“Andre is a master strategist, maybe the best of all-time.” — **Jan-Michael Gambill**

“He’s won everything on court, but off court is where he’s done so much more. He has an aura and charisma that transcends the sport, and what makes him so special is that he’s so normal.” — **Andy Roddick**

“He’s had a terrific career. I was lucky enough to play against him. Maybe we’ll play more, maybe here, maybe down in America.” — **Roger Feder**

“He’s a legend.” — **Rafal Nadal**

Agassi will keep busy off the court. He is considered one of the most philanthropic athletes ever, founding the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation, which has raised more than \$60 million to help disadvantaged children.

Seeing Double

Bryan Brothers on a Historic Roll

Shhh... We're letting you in on one of the best kept secrets in sports. Two American athletes are on the verge of doing something extraordinary. The Bryan Brothers, twins Mike and Bob, enter the US Open not only the defending doubles champs, but also on a quest to reach their eighth straight Grand Slam final. EIGHT Grand Slam finals in a row — the stuff of legends!

Doubles might start getting its due, if the twins (identical in almost every way, except Mike plays right-handed and Bob's a lefty), keep this up. Fresh off a win at Wimbledon to complete the rare career Grand Slam, the dynamic duo is the world's No. 1-ranked doubles team. Along with aces, the Bryan Brothers serve up lots of fun on the court, celebrating a big point won with their brotherly-love mid-air chest bumps. **So, be sure to follow the doubles results closely as the Bryans seek to become the first men's doubles team in 10 years**

to repeat at the US Open. CBS will air the men's doubles final Friday, Sept. 8.





Other Players To Watch

Men

Roger Federer: Any discussion about the US Open championship must start with the Swiss sensation. The world's No. 1 player has captured the last two US Open titles, and he's coming off a fourth straight Wimbledon win. Should he again prevail at the Open, he'll become the first man ever to claim the top two prizes in tennis — the US Open and Wimbledon — back-to-back for three straight years. The 25-year-old should just now be entering his prime, with eight Grand Slam titles already to his credit, and he's on a record run of having reached five consecutive Grand Slam finals. No man has won three straight US Opens since John McEnroe, 1979-81.

Rafal Nadal: The two-time French Open champ has quickly emerged as the one man able to challenge — and defeat — Federer. The 20-year-old Spaniard has a 6-2 mark against Federer, and earlier this summer, he demonstrated he's more than a great clay-courter by advancing to finals on the grass of Wimbledon, where Federer topped him in a four-setter. Nadal vs. Federer has rapidly emerged as one of the best rivalries in all of sports. Nadal shares the record for most professional titles won by a teen (16) with the legendary Bjorn Borg — 16.

James Blake: With a triumph over Andy Roddick in the RCA Championships final July 23, Blake has established himself as America's top player. Now ranked No. 5 in the world, he is seeking to



Rafal Nadal

improve on last year's effort at the US Open as he advanced to the quarterfinals and lost an epic five-setter to Andre Agassi.

Andy Roddick: The 2003 US Open champ has shown signs that he might be getting his game on track after shaky performances since falling to Federer in the 2005 Wimbledon final. He broke back into the top 10 after he showing at the RCA Championships.

Women

Amelie Mauresmo: The world No. 1 from France has already had a fantastic 2006, with triumphs at the Australian Open and Wimbledon. Her best showing at the US Open thus far? The 2002 semifinals.

Justine Henin-Hardenne: The 2003 US Open champ has advanced to the finals of the first three Slams this year, winning the French Open for a third time.



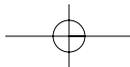
Kim Clijsters

Kim Clijsters: She had a break through tournament at the 2005 US Open, as she won her first Grand Slam championship. She made the semifinals of the three Slams earlier this year, falling to Mauresmo at the Australian Open and to Henin-Hardenne at both the French Open and Wimbledon.

Maria Sharapova: Since winning Wimbledon in 2004, the Russian has advanced to the semis in five of eight Grand Slams, including last year's US Open and this year's Wimbledon.

Venus & Serenia Williams: You can never caught out the Williams sisters, as Venus demonstrated with her improbable run to the 2005 Wimbledon title. Both Williams have been hampered by injuries much of 2006, although Serenia showed signs she might bounce back quick from the sore knee that sidelined her after the Australian Open. In her first tournament in six months, Serenia served her way to the semis at the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open in Cincinnati, July 17-23. The sisters have each won the US Open twice, meeting one another in both the 2001 and 2002 finals.

Lindsay Davenport: Injuries have also keep Davenport off the court much of 2006. Nonetheless, she still holds down a ranking among the world's top 10. She's a two-time US Open finalist, winning the championship in 1998, and she has played in 15 straight US Opens dating back to 1991.



SUNDAY, AUG. 27

CBS 11:30 - 1 p.m. Arthur Ashe Kids Day
CBS 1-1:30 p.m. Preview Show

MONDAY, AUG. 28

USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Early Round Play
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Early Round Play
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

TUESDAY, AUG. 29

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Early Round Play
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Early Round Play
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's Early Rd. / Women's 2nd Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's Early Rd. / Women's 2nd Rd.
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's / Women's 2nd Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's / Women's 2nd Rd.
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's 2nd Rd. / Women's 3rd Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's 2nd Rd. / Women's 3rd Rd.
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

CBS 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's / Women's 3rd Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's / Women's 3rd Rd.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

CBS 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's 3rd Rd. / Women's 4th Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's 3rd Rd. / Women's 4th Rd.

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

CBS 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's / Women's 4th Rd.
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's / Women's 4th Rd.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's 4th Rd. / Women's Quarters
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's 4th Rd. / Women's Quarters
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights



**All The Drama
 At Your Fingertips**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's / Women's Quarterfinals
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's / Women's Quarterfinals
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

USA 1 - 3 a.m. (Tape) Match of the Day
USA 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Men's Quarters / Mixed Dbls. Final
USA 6 - 11 p.m. Men's Quarters / Women's Doubles Semifinals
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

CBS 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's Doubles Final / Women's Semifinals
CBS 11:37 p.m. Highlights

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

CBS 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Men's Semifinals
CBS 7 - 9 p.m. Women's Final

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

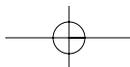
USA Noon - 1:30 p.m. Women's Doubles Final
CBS 3 - 6 p.m. Men's Final

All times **CENTRAL**. Check local listings, for some times may vary for CBS affiliates.



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Facts & Figures

With his victory at the 1968 US Open, Arthur Ashe became the first African-American to win a men's singles title at any Grand Slam championship. Today, the stadium in which the Open titles are decided is named to honored Ashe.

Pete Sampras still holds the distinction of being the youngest man to ever win the US Open – at 19 years and 28 days in 1990.

Tracy Austin is the youngest women's champ. She was all of 16 years and 271 days old when she topped Chris Evert 6-4, 6-3 in 1979, ending Evert's record run of four straight Open championships.

The Open era of tennis began in 1968. Prior to that year only amateur players were able to enter the Grand Slams — the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US championships. Since the open era began, two men have each won the US Open five times — Jimmy Connors (1974, 1976, 1978, 1982 and 1983) and Pete Sampras (1990, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 2002).

During the Open era, Chris Evert is the queen of the US Open with six titles (1975-78, 1980 and 1982). She reached the finals nine times.



For winning both the 2005 US Open and US Open series, Kim Clijsters collected the largest single-day purse in the history of women in sports: \$2.2 million.

In 1968, the total prize money awarded during the Open was \$100,000.

Interested in getting the best seat in the house? The USTA Officials Department oversees the certification of all officials from the grassroots level to professional events, including the US Open.

Students from New York-area schools work as ball boys and girls at the Open. They are not individually recruited.

In 2005, US Open became the first Grand Slam tournament to offer a division for wheelchair players.



Jimmy Connors is the only tennis player to win the US Open on three different surfaces — grass, clay and hardcourt.

The USTA National Tennis Center, home of the Open since 1978, is the largest public tennis facility in the world. The USTA operates the Center for the City of New York. The crown jewel of the Center is Arthur Ashe Stadium, which opened in 1997. The stadium features 22,547 individual seats, 90 luxury suites, five restaurants and a two-level players' lounge. All told, the Center includes 33 outdoor courts — excluding Arthur Ashe and Louis Armstrong stadiums, as well as the Grandstand courts — and nine indoor courts.

The USTA National Tennis Center was constructed on the former site of a World's Fair.

The US Open was the first major tennis tournament to feature in-stadium video boards.

The field of entrants at this year's US Open involves more than 600 players, competing in divisions ranging from juniors to seniors — and, as of 2005, wheelchair tennis.

The field of singles players at the Open this year includes players, on both the men's and women's side, from more than 30 different countries.