

BILLIE JEAN KING TO ATTEND 2008 USTA NATIONAL CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP



World TeamTennis founder Billie Jean King will present the championship awards at the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship.

The USTA Tennis On Campus program is pleased to announce that Billie Jean King, legendary tennis champion and advocate for social change and equality, will attend the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship presented by Tennis Warehouse in Cary, N.C., April 17-19. King will be on hand for Friday's and Saturday's play and will present the championship awards.

Over her long and illustrious tennis career, King won 39 Grand Slam titles, including 13 at the US Open. She was one of nine players who broke away from the tennis establishment in 1970 and accepted \$1 contracts to play women's tennis professionally. This led to the formation of the Women's Tennis Association. But perhaps she is best remembered for her 1973 "Battle of the Sexes" victory over Bobby Riggs, a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 triumph that created a lasting effect for society and the women's movement.

King has had an even more profound impact off the court. She founded the WTA (1973) and co-founded World TeamTennis (1974), a groundbreaking co-ed professional tennis league, and founded the World TeamTennis Recreational League. The World TeamTennis format is used in the USTA National Campus Championship.

The 2008 USTA National Campus Championship is the culmination of the USTA Tennis On Campus season. The Championship is administered as a partnership between the USTA, NIRSA, WTT and ITA in an effort to increase tennis participation on college campuses. As part of the Tennis On Campus season, all 17 USTA sections hold championships, with teams receiving automatic bids to the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship. This year, 64 co-ed teams from across the nation will compete in the 9th Annual National Campus Championship. More than 500 colleges and 25,000 student-athletes currently participate in the program. For additional information on the USTA National Campus Championship, visit <http://www.tennisoncampus.com>. For more information on Billie Jean King, visit <http://www.billiejeanking.com>.



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2007-2008 USTA CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION EVENT RESULTS

With each passing year, the USTA Campus Championship – Section events get bigger, better and more fun. Just seven years ago there were no such events held on any campus; now there is one held in each and every USTA section. Not only have the events grown in number, size and quality, they are continually linked to the USTA National Campus Championship. This year, 39 of the 64 teams competing in the USTA National Campus Championship will receive automatic bids through their USTA Campus Championship – Section events. Below you will find the winners of the USTA Campus Championship – Section events pictured and the runners-up listed. Congratulations to these teams, as well as to all that were able to participate in one of these awesome events!

USTA Caribbean

Winner: University of Puerto Rico—Mayaguez
Runner-up: University of Puerto Rico—Ponce

USTA Eastern

Winner: Syracuse University
Runner-up: Cornell University

USTA Florida

Winner: University of Florida
Runner-up: Daytona Beach College

USTA Intermountain

Winner: Brigham Young University
Runner-up: University of Colorado

USTA Mid-Atlantic

Winner: Georgetown University
Runner-up: Virginia Tech

USTA Middle States

Winner: Pennsylvania State University
Runner-up: Villanova University

USTA Midwest

Winner: University of Wisconsin—Madison
Runner-up: Northwestern University

USTA Missouri Valley

Winner: University of Oklahoma
Runner-up: St. Louis University

USTA New England

Winner: Brown University
Runner-up: Harvard University

USTA Northern

Winner: University of Minnesota
Runner-up: North Dakota State University

USTA Northern California

Winner: University of California—Berkeley
Runner-up: University of California—Davis

USTA Pacific Northwest

Winner: University of Victoria
Runner-up: University of British Columbia

USTA Southern

Winner: University of Georgia
Runner-up: Louisiana State University

USTA Southern California

Winner: University of California—Los Angeles
Runner-up: University of California—Irvine

USTA Southwest

Winner: University of New Mexico
Runner-up: Arizona State University

USTA Texas

Winner: Texas A&M University
Runner-up: University of Texas—Austin



USTA Caribbean



USTA Mid-Atlantic



USTA New England



USTA Southern



USTA Eastern



USTA Middle States



USTA Northern



USTA Southern California



USTA Florida



USTA Midwest



USTA Northern California



USTA Southwest



USTA Intermountain



USTA Missouri Valley



USTA Pacific Northwest



USTA Texas

2008 USTA NATIONAL CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

Best of luck to the following teams that will be competing for the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship:

Baylor University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Central Michigan University
Clemson University
Cornell University
Daytona Beach College
Drexel University
Elon University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Louisiana State University
Marquette University
Miami (Ohio) University
North Carolina State University

North Dakota State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Pennsylvania State University
Portland State University
Rutgers University
Southern Methodist University
St. Louis University
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Tech University
United States Naval Academy
University of California—Berkeley
University of California—Davis

University of California—Irvine
University of California
—Los Angeles
University of Colorado
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Nebraska—Lincoln
University of New Mexico
University of North Carolina
—Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina
—Greensboro
University of Oklahoma

University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puerto Rico—Mayaguez
University of Southern California
University of Texas—Arlington
University of Texas—Austin
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin—Madison
University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin
—Whitewater
University of Mary Washington
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Washington University (St. Louis)
Western Washington University

TENNIS WAREHOUSE DISCOUNT

Have a hole in your shoe? Did you just break a string? Has your shirt seen better days? No worries; Tennis Warehouse has you covered! Take advantage of your Tennis On Campus discount through the official online retailer of the USTA Tennis On Campus program and the presenting sponsor of the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship, Tennis Warehouse. All you have to do to outfit yourself, or your entire team, with the latest clothing and gear is call the Tennis Warehouse team department and identify your Tennis On Campus program. It's that easy! So ditch those old shoes, get a new set of strings and retire that ratty old shirt. It's time to let Tennis Warehouse and the USTA Tennis On Campus program hook you up!



2008 USTA/NIRSA TENNIS ACE AWARDS

The results are in for the 2008 USTA/NIRSA Tennis Ace Awards. This year's recipients were honored at the 2008 NIRSA Annual Conference & Recreational Sports Exposition in Austin, Texas, April 2-5. This outstanding group of individuals and institutions provided leadership in promoting, organizing and/or supporting recreational tennis participation on campus. Congratulations to everyone for growing the sport of tennis!

STUDENT TENNIS ACE AWARD

National Winner:

Andy Rebhun, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Runner-up:

Marney Babbitt, Trinity University

PROFESSIONAL TENNIS ACE AWARD

National Winner:

Tim Sebesta, Lone Star College—CyFair

Runner-up:

Dave Eckes, Jefferson College and Central Virginia Community College

INSTITUTIONAL TENNIS ACE AWARD

National Winner:

Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Runner-up:

United States Naval Academy



(left to right): Justin Street, USTA; Bill Rivera, USTA Board of Directors, Director at Large; Lucy Garvin, USTA Board of Directors, First Vice President; Lori Sabatose, Clarion University of Pennsylvania; Marney Babbitt, Trinity University; Tim Sebesta, Lone Star College – Cy Fair; Dave Eckes, Jefferson College and Central Virginia Community College; Kent Blumenthal, NIRSA; and Valerie McCutchan, NIRSA.



WORLD TEAMTENNIS TIP

THIS WORLD TEAMTENNIS TIP WAS PROVIDED BY WTT CO-FOUNDER BILLIE JEAN KING

Coach's Influence in WTT Format



Effective coaching is all about preparation and consistency. It is so important to pay attention to the little things to reduce additional stress on your team. By the little things, I mean everything from knowing the

exact location of the match and how long it will take to get there to making sure you have towels, water, Gatorade and anything else your team might need on site. It is also important to ensure that your players are comfortable with and understand the WTT rules and format before they get to the match.

As far as team rules, I really have never had more than one rule: Everyone must be on time. From there, it is different for every player, and as a coach, you have to know your players. By the time you arrive at the USTA National Campus Championship, you should know them very well. You have to be alert because they all have their own routine and their own way of doing things, and it is your job to help them navigate the day so they contribute more to the team.

Players also will react differently to coaching during a match. Some people, like Martina Navratilova, need high energy and they want you as involved and committed to the match as they are. Others, like Pete Sampras, need less energy from the coach. For those players, it is important that you are calmer and not say as much. It is important to keep reading the body language of your players. That will tell you more

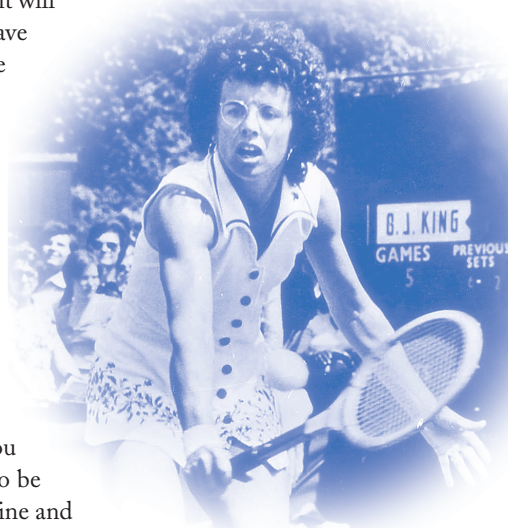
about where they are in the moment than anything they say to you.

The tighter a match gets, the more you have to be able to adapt quickly. There are two things to focus on in these situations. First, you want to make sure you win the first point of every game as often as possible and not get in a hole because of the no-ad scoring format in WTT. Also, the players not playing in the match are still crucial to the outcome. Their support and encouragement to their teammates on the court can make the difference. Remember that while only a few players may be on court, you are coaching the entire team.

These are a few of the little things that coaches have to remind their players. Over the years, I have always found it is better to have these conversations before you get on site. Your players need time to process everything—and certain players will need more time to process, while others are quick studies. Getting your team prepared properly keeps everyone calm and ready to roll. It's when you haven't done a good job preparing your team that the players are rushed and the entire experience could start to unravel.

Remember, champions adjust, and it is critical you make sure your team enjoys the moment!

I'll see you at the 2008 USTA National Campus Championship.



DRILL OF THE MONTH: "OVERHEAD SCRAMBLE"



The following drill has been provided by Steve Wilkinson, head men's tennis coach at Gustavus Adolphus College. Wilkinson was the recipient of the 2007 USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award and was named ITA National Coach of the Year in 2003.



Steve Wilkinson

In the Overhead Scramble drill, two players start on the baseline on one side of the net and two players start on the service line on the other side. The drill is done using half of the court, so each pair lined up across from each other will work together. The baseliners start the drill by hitting a high and deep defensive lob—not a topspin offensive lob—to the person directly ahead of them. The net player should retreat to hit the lob. The baseliner then hits a dipping ball at the net player's feet. The net player is not allowed to let the ball bounce. The drill continues with this pattern, which emphasizes retreating in the court to hit defensive lobs and then recovering quickly to the net. Intensity can be maintained by feeding in extra balls after each miss—either by the players or a coach. The net players continue until exhausted and then switch positions with the baseliners.

