

## Introduction

All available tennis history books tackle tennis history unevenly in two main respects. They usually give very little information on the pre-1919 years and do not give enough weight to professional tennis before 1968. I decided to overcome these limitations in my book by devoting one page for each year starting from 1877. Each page contains a short summary of the major events in that particular year, with scores of classic matches given in detail; and year-end rankings in tabulated form that show the performance of the top players at the major events.

As the greatest novelty of this work I have provided year-end rankings for the whole course of tennis history. These include each year the Top 8 players (with their nationality and age indicated) and (separated by a dividing line) additional winners of the listed major events. Although from 1973 and 1975 there are official computer rankings by the ATP and WTA, respectively, their main purpose is to have an order of admittance to tournaments and facilitate seeding. Opinions differ as to the credibility of such computer lists for other purposes. The calculation methods often changed during their history, and they did not take into account important tournaments (like the year-ending championships till 1990) and team competitions (like Davis Cup till 2009). Prior to the use of the computer, rankings were a matter of judgement made by tennis journalists. I feel that even after the introduction of computer lists, the opinion of leading journalists represent a better guide to the future historian of how the players stood in relation to each other.

The first unofficial world rankings (1913 for men, 1921 for ladies) were compiled by Arthur Wallis Myers from London's *Daily Telegraph*. I used as many sources as possible, including contemporary magazine classifications and official national rankings. Usually these rankings did not take into account the last three months of the year (even when the Davis Cup challenge round was played in December). Sometimes I inserted players who were not ranked because they played too few tournaments due to injury or pregnancy. In world war years I left out spots for players who could have been ranked but were not able to play enough matches because of the war. In several years it was not possible to select the best player who had clear dominance over the others, in such cases two or three players are tied for the first place. In combining the amateur and professional players before 1968 I took into account the rankings of Ray Bowers and Robert Geist as well. Until 1972 professionals (from 1968 only the ones under contract with an organization) are indicated by the subscript <sub>p</sub>.

Even after 2000, when tennis journalists have given up compiling rankings, I have modified the official computer rankings, giving more weight to performances in major events and team competitions, taking into account ATP, WTA and ITF awards as well.

Frequent abbreviations in the table headings: Wimbledon (W), Irish Championships (I), US Championships (U), Australian Championships (A), Masters (Ma), season-ending championships (Ch), WCT final (Wct), World Hard Court Championships (Hc). Professional events before the Open era get a <sub>p</sub> subscript. In Davis Cup (DC), Fed Cup (FC), and Wightman Cup before 1963 (WC) the match record of singles matches won and lost by the player in his country's most important match is indicated. Colours indicate the court surface on which the event is played: green for grass, red for (outdoor or indoor) clay, blue for outdoor hard surfaces, black for indoor surfaces other than clay.

Abbreviations inside the tables: W: winner (challenge round: WC: winner as challenger, WD: winner as defender, LC: loser as challenger, LD: loser as defender), F: finalist, S: semi-finalist, Q: quarter-finalist. R means a round-robin stage, L the loser in a professional tour, while G stands for a match in a group. Walkovers are indicated in the tables by parentheses, retirements by the subscript <sub>r</sub>.

When a Top8 player first wins an important national title, his or her name is typed in bold, and a short description of the style of the player is included. Doubles champions are mentioned when top players win the doubles or a doubles team wins at least three titles in the same important tournament.

The British Lawn Tennis Association is founded in January and Wille Renshaw becomes the first president. Ernest Lewis defends his British Covered Court title. Hamilton reaches the challenge round of the Irish Championships by defeating first Lewis saving two match points, then Lawford, but Ernest Renshaw defends his title in five sets. Blanche Bingley Hillyard wins the ladies' title.

In Cheltenham Louisa Martin overcomes Bingley Hillyard. Hamilton captures the Northern England Championships in Liverpool, where Dod turns back Bingley Hillyard. The tournament, which alternates between Liverpool and Manchester, is allocated to hold the All England mixed doubles championship and Ernest Renshaw and Bingley Hillyard are the first winners.

At Wimbledon Willie Renshaw loses to Hamilton in the quarters on a wet court, ending his 14-match winning streak from 1881. Ernest Renshaw avenges this loss in the semis, then overcomes Lewis in an excellent match, and finally defending champion Lawford. The Renshaw brothers win their fourth doubles title. Lottie Dod defends her title against Blanche Bingley Hillyard.

Hamilton, the best Irish amateur beats George Kerr, the leading Irish professional 6-2 3-6 7-5 in an exhibition during the East of Ireland Championships in Howth. Dod and Langrishe win their third All England doubles title in Buxton, while in the singles Bingley Hillyard overcomes Langrishe. Dod once again has an undefeated season. Dick Sears had a neck muscle operation and announces his retirement just before the US Championships, where he was never beaten. Henry Slocum, a safe baseliner, becomes the new champion.

World Rankings			I	NoE	W	U	
1	Ernest Renshaw	BRI-G	27	WD	–	WC	–
2	Willoughby Hamilton	BRI-I	24	LC	WC	S	–
3	Willie Renshaw	BRI-G	27	–	–	Q	–
4	Ernest Lewis	BRI-G	21	S	–	F	–
5	Ernest Meers	BRI-G	40	Q	S	1	–
6	Herbert Lawford	BRI-G	37	F	–	LD	–
7	George Kerr <sub>p</sub>	BRI-I	30	–	–	–	–
8	Henry Slocum	USA	26	–	–	–	W

World Rankings			I	U	NoE	W	
1	Lottie Dod	BRI-G	17	–	–	WD	WD
2	Blanche Bingley Hillyard	BRI-G	25	W	–	LC	LC
3	Louisa Martin	BRI-I	23	–	–	S	–
4	May Langrishe	BRI-I	24	S	–	F	–
5	Margaret Bracewell	BRI-G	27	Q	–	S	–
6	Bertha Steedman	BRI-G	22	F	–	–	–
7	C. Bryan	BRI-G		S	–	–	–
8	Edith Coleridge Cole	BRI-G	26	–	–	–	–
	Bertha Townsend	USA	19	–	WC	–	–

Karel Kozeluh wins the French Pro Championships in Beaulieu. The Australian Tennis Federation invites a French team and the journey around the world by ship takes seven months. Jean Borotra collects the Australian title in Sydney, while **Daphne Akhurst** wins her third crown.

Lacoste wins the British Hard Court Championships in Bournemouth. The French Championships is played in the Roland Garros Stadium, newly built to defend the Davis Cup. Henri Cochet wins his second title against defending champion Lacoste, while Helen Wills beats Bennett.

Great Britain defeats the USA 4-3 in Wightman Cup at Wimbledon, although Wills wins both of her matches. Bill Tilden wins the London Championships in Queen's Club. At Wimbledon Lacoste defeats Tilden in the semis, and collects his second title against defending champion Cochet. de Alvarez overcomes Akhurst in the semis, but Wills defends her title 6-2 6-3 in a brilliant match.

Bill Tilden is suspended by the USLTA because of his writing newspaper articles about the Wimbledon Championships. So angry are the French over the loss of the star member of the cast for the Davis Cup challenge round - the first ever held on French soil - that the American ambassador intercedes for the sake of good relations between the countries, and Tilden is restored to the team. France retains the Davis Cup against the USA 4-1 at Roland Garros. In the opening match Tilden defeats Lacoste 1-6 6-4 6-4 2-6 6-3 in one of his greatest matches ever, but Cochet equalizes against Hennessey. Borotra and Cochet win the doubles against Hunter and Tilden, and Cochet clinches victory against a tired Tilden. Akhurst wins the German Championships in Hamburg. Wills defends her fifth US title and also wins the doubles with Hotchkiss Wightman. Tilden, barred by the USLTA, is absent from the US Championship just as defending champion Lacoste. Cochet wins the title against Hunter 4-6 6-4 3-6 7-5 6-3.

From August Vinnie Richards and the best European pro, Karel Kozeluh play a series of matches intended to determine the world's professional champion. Kozeluh wins the first match in Prague on clay. Then they sail for America to embark on an extended tour. The second US Pro Championships opens on the famous grass courts in Forest Hills and Richards beats Kozeluh on a wet court that hampers the baseline game of the Czech. When their series ends in December in New York, Kozeluh is ahead of Richards 15 matches to 5. Cochet wins the Pacific Southwest Championships in Los Angeles.

World Rankings			A	F	W	DC	U	U <sub>p</sub>	
1	Henri Cochet	FRA	27	–	W	F	2-0	W	–
2	Rene Lacoste	FRA	24	–	F	W	1-1	–	–
3	Bill Tilden	USA	35	–	–	S	1-1	–	–
4	Karel Kozeluh <sub>p</sub>	TCH	33	–	–	–	–	–	F
5	Vinnie Richards <sub>p</sub>	USA	25	–	–	–	–	–	W
6	Frank Hunter	USA	34	–	4	1	–	F	–
7	Jean Borotra	FRA	30	W	S	Q	–	3	–
8	George Lott	USA	22	–	–	3	–	S	–

World Rankings			A	F	WC	W	U	
1	Helen Wills	USA	23	–	W	2-0	W	W
2	Lili de Alvarez	ESP	23	–	–	–	F	–
3	Daphne Akhurst	AUS	25	W	Q	–	S	–
4	Eileen Bennett	GBR	21	–	F	1-1	Q	–
5	Phoebe Holcroft Watson	GBR	30	–	2	1-1	Q	–
6	Elizabeth Ryan	USA	36	–	–	–	S	–
7	Cilly Aussem	GER	19	–	3	–	Q	–
8	Kea Bouman	NED	25	–	S	–	3	–

Pancho Gonzales wins the pro tour opener in Brisbane in a thrilling five-set contest against Lew Hoad 5-7 8-6 6-2 4-6 9-7. But Hoad wins the next match and builds up an early lead. One of their best matches is played in Melbourne where Hoad triumphs 4-6 9-7 11-9 18-16. Hoad also wins the Melbourne pro round-robin finishing undefeated ahead of Sedgman and Gonzales. Ashley Cooper defends his Australian amateur title in Sydney beating Anderson. At the Australian Pro Championships in Sydney Frank Sedgman overcomes Gonzales and Trabert. Gonzales defeats Hoad in their Madison Square Garden opener. The Caribbean circuit becomes more and more popular among the amateurs. Beverly Baker Fleitz wins the Caribe Hilton International in San Juan over Gibson. Gonzales defends his US Pro title in Cleveland outlasting a leg-sore Hoad 3-6 4-6 14-12 6-1 6-4. Gonzales and Segura win their third doubles title. When the pro tour ends in June Gonzales is ahead of Hoad 51 matches to 36, despite trailing by 9 matches in the earlier stages, but then Hoad became troubled more and more with his back problems.

Merv Rose wins the French title. **Zsuzsa Kormoczy** (Körmöczy) beats defending champion Shirley Bloomer. She is a baseliner with a deep, heavily sliced backhand, using clever little drop shots.

Great Britain defeats the USA 4-3 in Wightman Cup at Wimbledon for the first time since 1930. The professional round-robin Tournament of Champions in Forest Hills is limited to best-of-three matches this year and Gonzales finishes ahead of Rosewall. At Wimbledon Cooper overcomes Fraser and Althea Gibson defends her title against Mortimer.

Pancho Segura wins the Masters round-robin in Los Angeles without conceding a match. Trabert reaches the final of the Slazenger Pro in Scarborough over Hoad, but loses to Ken Rosewall 6-0 6-2 6-8 2-6 7-5. **Ashley Cooper**, a volleyer, wins the US title beating defending champion Anderson 6-2 3-6 4-6 10-8 8-6, although Anderson serves for the match at 4-5 in the fifth. Althea Gibson defends her title over Hard, then announces she is retiring for one year to pursue a singing career.

In the semis of the French Pro Championships at Roland Garros Rosewall beats Sedgman and Hoad overcomes Gonzales, then Rosewall wins the tournament over Hoad, while Hoad and Trabert win the doubles. Baker Fleitz collects the Pacific Southwest title in Los Angeles over Hard. In the semis of the London Indoor Pro at Wembley Sedgman defeats Gonzales while Trabert overcomes Rosewall 7-5 1-6 6-1 1-6 7-5. Sedgman wins the final against an exhausted Trabert, while Gonzales and Rosewall win the doubles. The USA surprisingly takes away the Davis Cup beating Australia 3-2 in Brisbane. The US team is lead by the Peruvian Alex Olmedo who is a student in the USA and is permissible since Peru does not have a DC team. In the opener he beats Anderson, wins the doubles with Richardson and defeats Cooper to decide the tie. Cooper and Anderson turn pro, following the example of Rose.

World Rankings		A	A <sub>p</sub>	U <sub>p</sub>	p <sub>tour</sub>	F	TC <sub>p</sub>	W	U	F <sub>p</sub>	We <sub>p</sub>	DC	
1	Pancho Gonzales <sub>p</sub>	USA	30	–	S	W	W	–	W	–	S	S	–
1	Frank Sedgman <sub>p</sub>	AUS	31	–	W	–	–	–	R	–	S	W	–
3	Ken Rosewall <sub>p</sub>	AUS	24	–	Q	–	–	–	R	–	W	S	–
4	Lew Hoad <sub>p</sub>	AUS	24	–	S	F	L	–	R	–	F	–	–
5	Tony Trabert <sub>p</sub>	USA	28	–	F	S	–	–	R	–	Q	F	–
6	Pancho Segura <sub>p</sub>	ECU	37	–	–	S	–	–	R	–	Q	Q	–
7	Ashley Cooper	AUS	22	W	–	–	–	S	–	W	W	–	1-1
8	Mal Anderson	AUS	23	F	–	–	–	–	–	Q <sub>r</sub>	F	–	1-1
	Merv Rose	AUS	28	S	–	–	–	W	–	S	–	–	–

World Rankings		A	F	WC	W	U		
1	Althea Gibson	USA	31	–	–	1-1	W	W
2	Pauline Betz Addie <sub>p</sub>	USA	39	–	–	–	–	–
3	Zsuzsa Kormoczy	HUN	34	–	W	–	S	–
4	Beverly Baker Fleitz	USA	28	–	–	–	–	S
5	Darlene Hard	USA	22	–	–	–	–	F
6	Angela Mortimer	GBR	26	W	–	–	F	–
7	Christine Truman	GBR	17	–	Q	2-0	4	Q
8	Shirley Bloomer	GBR	24	–	F	0-2	Q	–

## 1978

The WCT tour is merged into the Grand Prix circuit. Connors wins the US Pro Indoors in Philadelphia and the US Indoors in Memphis. The Virginia Slims circuit is played from January to March without Evert who is on vacation. Martina Navratilova defeats Goolagong Cawley at the Championships indoors in Oakland. Evert returns and wins the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head. Vitas Gerulaitis beats Dibbs at the WCT Final in Dallas.

Borg wins the Italian Open. Roland Garros celebrates its golden anniversary honouring 32 past champions. Bjorn Borg crushes defending champion Vilas for his third title. The leading women are still absent playing World Team Tennis.

In Eastbourne on grass Navratilova overcomes Chris Evert 6-4 4-6 9-7 saving a match point. Borg wins his third Wimbledon title in a row outclassing Connors. Bob Hewitt and Frew McMillan from South Africa collect their third doubles title. **Martina Navratilova** defeats Goolagong Cawley in the semis and Evert 2-6 6-4 7-5 after trailing 2-4 in the third. She is a tornado-like volleyer with powerful left-handed serves.

Connors collects the US Clay title in Indianapolis. The US Open is played in a new National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, New York on acrylic asphalt (DecoTurf) surface, amid the cacophony of planes roaring overhead and spectators moving about during play. Connors annihilates Borg to win his third title. Lutz and Smith collect their third doubles crown. 16-year-old Pam Shriver surprisingly overcomes Navratilova in the semis but Evert defends her fourth title in a row. Moffitt King and Navratilova win the doubles.

Borg wins the Seiko Super Tennis indoor tournament in Tokyo. Chris Evert beats Navratilova at the Colgate Series Championship in Palm Springs, while Moffitt King and Navratilova win the doubles. In Federation Cup the USA with Evert defeats Australia 2-1 in Melbourne on grass. The USA with rising star John McEnroe wins the Davis Cup beating Great Britain in Rancho Mirage on hard courts. Guillermo Vilas collects the Australian title from a weak field. The women's field is very weak, poor prize money means that even the best Australian women are playing elsewhere. The Colgate Grand Prix Masters in January in New York loses much of its luster because Borg and Vilas decline their participation and Connors has to retire during the group stage. John McEnroe beats Ashe 6-7(5) 6-3 7-5 after saving 2 match points at 4-5 in the third set. Peter Fleming and McEnroe win the doubles. Evert and Borg are the first ITF World Champions, chosen by two separate panels of former players.

World Rankings			Wct	F	W	U	DC	A	Ma
1	Bjorn Borg	SWE	22	(S)	W	W	F	2-0	-
1	Jimmy Connors	USA	26	-	-	F	W	-	Gr
3	Vitas Gerulaitis	USA	24	W	-	S	S	-	-
4	John McEnroe	USA	19	-	-	1	S	2-0	W
5	Eddie Dibbs	USA	27	F	Q	-	3	-	S
6	Guillermo Vilas	ARG	26	-	F	3	4	1-1	W
7	Raul Ramirez	MEX	25	1	Q	Q	Q	-	G
8	Brian Gottfried	USA	26	1	3	Q	Q	1-1	S

World Rankings			Ch	F	W	U	Ch	FC	A
1	Martina Navratilova	TCH	22	W	-	W	S	F	-
1	Chris Evert	USA	24	-	-	F	W	W	1-0
3	Evonne Goolagong Cawley	AUS	27	F	-	S	-	-	-
4	Virginia Wade	GBR	33	G	-	S	3	S	0-1
5	Billie Jean Moffitt King	USA	35	(G)	-	Q	-	-	-
6	Wendy Turnbull	AUS	26	G	-	4	S	G	0-1
7	Virginia Ruzici	ROM	23	-	W	Q	Q	S	0-1 <sub>r</sub>
8	Tracy Austin	USA	16	-	-	4	Q	-	0-1
	Chris O'Neil	AUS	22	-	1	1	2	-	W

The Rebound Ace surface at the Australian Open is replaced by a cushioned acrylic one (Plexicushion, very similar to DecoTurf used at the US Open). **Novak Djokovic**, an all-rounder with steady power and placement, overcomes defending champion Federer and Tsonga. Maria Sharapova defeats Ivanovic. Sharapova continues to play in great form as she wins in Doha. Djokovic and Ivanovic triumph at the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells. Davydenko overcomes Nadal to win the Sony Ericsson Open in Miami, where Serena Williams defeats Jankovic. She also wins the Family Circle Cup in Charleston.

Nadal defeats Federer in Monte Carlo. Djokovic wins the Italian Open, while Safina collects the German title. Nadal once again defeats Federer at the German Open in Hamburg, while Jankovic wins the Italian title. Justine Henin announces her immediate retirement from tennis, although she is still ranked No.1 at that time. Nadal outclasses Federer to defend his fourth French title in a row. **Ana Ivanovic**, with light-footed mobility and effortless-seeming power, overcomes Jankovic and Safina.

Rafael Nadal breaks Federer's 40 match winning streak at Wimbledon after 4 hours and 48 minutes in the longest final in the tournament's history. Both of them display intelligent power tennis, spectacular defenses and breathtaking use of the court's angles. In the tie-break of the fourth set Federer survives two match points before losing the match 6-4 6-4 6-7(5) 6-7(8) 9-7. Venus Williams defends her fifth title against her sister Serena, and together they win the doubles.

Nadal wins the Canadian Open in Toronto, while next week Safina collects the women's title in Montreal. Andy Murray defeats Djokovic in Cincinnati. Nadal wins the Olympic gold medal in Beijing on hard courts against Fernando Gonzalez, while Elena Dementieva overcomes Safina 3-6 7-5 6-3. At the US Open Federer defeats Djokovic in the semis, and Murray beats Nadal. Federer defends his fifth US title in a row against the Scot. Serena Williams overcomes Jankovic for her third title.

Russia with Zvonareva wins the Fed Cup defeating Spain on clay in Madrid. Murray wins the Madrid indoors over Simon, while two weeks later Tsonga triumphs in Paris. Venus Williams defeats Jankovic and Zvonareva at the Sony Ericsson Championships in Doha on hard courts. Novak Djokovic overcomes Davydenko at the Masters Cup in Shanghai. Spain wins the Davis Cup against Argentina indoors in Mar del Plata.

World Rankings			A	F	W	U	Ma	DC	
1	Rafael Nadal	ESP	22	S	W	W	S	-	-
2	Roger Federer	SUI	27	S	F	F	W	G	1-0
3	Novak Djokovic	SRB	21	W	S	2	S	W	0-1 <sub>r</sub>
4	Andy Murray	GBR	21	1	3	Q	F	S	-
5	Jo-Wilfried Tsonga	FRA	23	F	-	-	3	G	-
6	Nikolay Davydenko	RUS	27	4	3	1	4	F	1-1
7	Juan Martin del Potro	ARG	20	2 <sub>r</sub>	2	2	Q	G	0-1
8	Gilles Simon	FRA	24	3	1	3	3	S	-

World Rankings			A	F	W	U	FC	Ch	
1	Serena Williams	USA	27	Q	3	F	W	-	(G)
1	Jelena Jankovic	SRB	23	S	S	4	F	1-0	S
3	Venus Williams	USA	28	Q	3	W	Q	-	W
4	Dinara Safina	RUS	22	1	F	3	S	-	G
5	Ana Ivanovic	SRB	21	F	W	3	2	1-0	G
6	Maria Sharapova	RUS	21	W	4	2	-	-	-
7	Elena Dementieva	RUS	27	4	Q	S	S	-	S
8	Vera Zvonareva	RUS	24	1 <sub>r</sub>	4	2	2	1-0	F

## Player descriptions

1877	Spencer Gore
1878	Frank Hadow
1879	John Hartley
1880	Willie Renshaw
1883	May Langrishe, Ernest Renshaw
1884	Herbert Lawford, Maud Watson
1886	Blanche Bingley
1887	Lottie Dod, Dick Sears
1889	Willoughby Hamilton, Louisa Martin
1890	Ernest Lewis, Lena Rice
1891	Wilfred Baddeley
1893	Joshua Pim
1895	Charlotte Cooper
1896	Harold Mahony, Bob Wrenn
1897	Wilberforce Eaves, Reggie Doherty
1899	Mal Whitman
1900	Rose Payten
1901	Muriel Robb, Arthur Gore, Bill Larned
1902	Laurie Doherty
1903	Dorothea Douglass
1904	May Sutton, Holcombe Ward
1905	Sidney Smith, Beals Wright
1906	Bill Clothier
1907	Norman Brookes
1909	Hazel Hotchkiss, Dora Boothby, Tony Wilding
1912	Mary Browne, Ethel Thomson Larcombe, Maurice McLoughlin, Jim Cecil Parke
1914	Dick Williams
1915	Bill Johnston, Molla Bjurstedt
1917	Lindley Murray
1919	Andre Gobert, Gerald Patterson, Suzanne Lenglen
1920	Bill Tilden
1923	Helen Wills
1924	Jean Borotra, Kitty McKane, Vinnie Richards
1925	Rene Lacoste
1926	Henri Cochet
1928	Daphne Akhurst
1929	Karel Kozeluh
1930	Johnny Doeg
1931	Cilly Aussem, Ellsworth Vines
1932	Helen Jacobs
1933	Jack Crawford, Margaret Scriven, Hans Nusslein, Fred Perry
1934	Gottfried von Cramm, Dorothy Round
1935	Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling, Wilmer Allison
1936	Alice Marble
1937	Don Budge, Anita Lizana
1939	Simone Passemard Mathieu, Bobby Riggs
1940	Don McNeill
1941	Sarah Palfrey Cooke
1942	Pauline Betz
1946	Margaret Osborne, Jack Kramer

1947 Nancy Wynne Bolton, Pat Canning Todd, Louise Brough  
1949 Doris Hart, Ted Schroeder  
1950 Pancho Segura, Pancho Gonzales  
1951 Shirley Fry, Maureen Connolly  
1952 Frank Sedgman  
1953 Tony Trabert  
1954 Jaroslav Drobny  
1955 Ken Rosewall, Angela Mortimer  
1956 Althea Gibson, Lew Hoad  
1957 Shirley Bloomer  
1958 Ashley Cooper, Zsuzsa Kormoczy  
1959 Christine Truman, Maria Bueno, Mal Anderson  
1960 Neale Fraser, Darlene Hard  
1961 Margaret Smith, Ann Haydon  
1962 Rod Laver, Karen Hantze Susman  
1963 Lesley Turner  
1964 Roy Emerson  
1966 Billie Jean Moffitt King  
1967 Nancy Richey, Francoise Durr, John Newcombe  
1968 Arthur Ashe, Virginia Wade  
1971 Jan Kodes, Evonne Goolagong, Stan Smith  
1972 Andres Gimeno, Ilie Nastase  
1974 Bjorn Borg, Chris Evert, Jimmy Connors  
1975 Manuel Orantes  
1976 Adriano Panatta  
1977 Guillermo Vilas, Vitas Gerulaitis  
1978 Martina Navratilova  
1979 John McEnroe, Tracy Austin  
1980 Hana Mandlikova  
1982 Mats Wilander  
1983 Yannick Noah  
1984 Ivan Lendl  
1985 Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg  
1987 Steffi Graf, Pat Cash  
1989 Michael Chang, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario  
1990 Andres Gomez, Monica Seles, Pete Sampras, Gabriela Sabatini  
1991 Jim Courier, Michael Stich  
1992 Andre Agassi  
1993 Sergi Bruguera  
1994 Conchita Martinez  
1995 Mary Pierce, Thomas Muster  
1996 Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Richard Krajicek  
1997 Martina Hingis, Gustavo Kuerten, Iva Majoli, Patrick Rafter  
1998 Petr Korda, Carlos Moya, Jana Novotna, Lindsay Davenport  
1999 Serena Williams  
2000 Venus Williams, Marat Safin  
2001 Jennifer Capriati, Goran Ivanisevic, Lleyton Hewitt  
2002 Albert Costa  
2003 Juan Carlos Ferrero, Justine Henin Hardenne, Roger Federer, Andy Roddick  
2004 Anastasia Myskina, Maria Sharapova, Svetlana Kuznetsova  
2005 Rafael Nadal, Kim Clijsters  
2006 Amelie Mauresmo

2008	Novak Djokovic, Ana Ivanovic
2009	Juan Martin del Potro
2010	Francesca Schiavone
2011	Na Li, Petra Kvitova, Samantha Stosur
2012	Victoria Azarenka, Andy Murray