

## Tournaments At-a-Glance

### 2007 Dates

Women's.....**Jul. 14-22**

Seniors.....**Aug. 10-11**

Men's.....**Aug. 11-19**

### Tickets

Tickets are on sale by contacting the tournament (513-651-0303, or [www.cincytennis.com](http://www.cincytennis.com)) or TicketMaster (513-562-4949 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)).

### Who's Playing?

**Men's Event:** As an ATP Masters Series event, players are automatically entered, so the field should include players such as Andy Roddick, Roger Federer & Rafael Nadal.

### Women's Event:

Among the players who've announced their intention to play are Serena Williams, former champs Patty Schnyder & Vera Zvonareva, and Anna Chakvetadze.

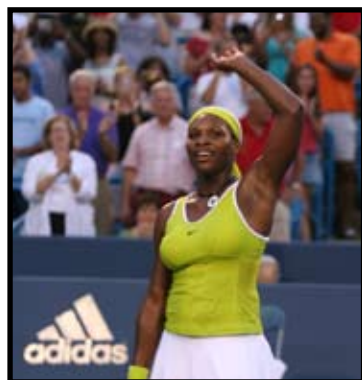


AN ATP MASTERS SERIES EVENT

## Serena Tops Early List

Former world No. 1 and eight-time Grand Slam singles winner **Serena Williams** tops a preliminary list of players intending to play the 2007 Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open. The list also includes five other players who've spent time in the top 20, two former champions and an up-and-comer.

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**Serena Williams**

## Single-Session Tix on Sale

Single-session tickets to the 2007 Western & Southern Financial Group Masters & Women's Open are now on sale and are already ahead of last year's sales at this point. "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 \$5 to \$44 and also are available via TicketMaster. Check out the details on the ticket order form attached to this newsletter.

## Jensens, Arias In Seniors

**Luke & Murphy Jensen**, the former French Open doubles champs who are perhaps better known for being highly entertaining on court, have signed on for the 17th annual Western & Southern Financial Group Seniors event. The field also will include **Jimmy Arias**, a former Top 5 pro who's turned TV commentator. Others in the field will include Hall of Famer **Guillermo Vilas**, former Top 10 player **Mikael Pernfors**, and former US Davis Cup captain **Tom Gullikson**. The final players and teams will be announced just before the event, which takes place during the evening sessions on August 10 & 11.

# What They've Done Since Summer

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

## Men



Federer



Nadal



Blake



Roddick



Gonzalez



Haas



Fish

- **Roger Federer:** Defended his title at the U.S. Open, won the Masters Cup in Shanghai. Started '07 by winning the Australian Open and reaching the final at AMS Monte Carlo.
- **Rafael Nadal:** Reached the quarters at the U.S. Open, AMS Madrid and the '07 Australian. Won AMS Monte Carlo.
- **James Blake:** Reached the quarters at the U.S. Open and then the final at the Masters Cup. Finished '06 at No. 4 in the world and the No. 1 American.
- **Andy Roddick:** Reached the final at the U.S. Open and the semis at the '07 Australian. Rose to No. 3 on the ATP Rankings in February.
- **Fernando Gonzalez:** Reached the final at AMS Madrid; Started '07 by reaching the final at the Australian Open.
- **Tommy Haas:** Reached the quarters at the U.S. Open, the semis at AMS Paris, and the semis at the '07 Australian.
- **Mardy Fish:** Reached the quarters at the '07 Australian and is back in the top 25 for the first time since he played Cincinnati in August, 2004.

## Women



Jankovic



Schnyder



Williams



Golovin



Zvonareva



Srebotnik



Myskina

- **Jelena Jankovic:** Reached the semis at the '06 U.S. Open and started '07 by winning the title at Auckland (her second career title) and reaching the final at Sydney. In January, she broke into the Top 10 for the first time in her career.
- **Patty Schnyder:** Reached the round of 16 at the '06 U.S. Open and the '07 Australian, and the quarters at Moscow. Had wins over Elena Dementieva and Zvonareva.
- **Serena Williams:** Won her eighth Slam title at the Australian Open, and then won Miami in March.
- **Tatiana Golovin:** Reached the quarters at the U.S. Open, and won her first career title in April (Amelia Island).
- **Vera Zvonareva:** In '07, she's reached the final at Auckland and the round of 16 at the Australian.
- **Katarina Srebotnik:** Reached the semis at the Tier I event in Zurich and finished '06 with a career-best year-end ranking of No. 23. Reached the third round at the Australian.
- **Ana Myskina:** Finished the year in the top 20 for the fifth consecutive year. Injury forced her out of the Australian Open.

# Women Thank You For Your Support

In the last issue of this newsletter, it was noted that the nearly 6,000 people who saw Serena Williams' first match was the largest crowd ever to see a women's professional tennis match in Cincinnati history.

Also in that newsletter, it was mentioned that the total attendance for the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open was up 13% over the previous year.

Turn outs like those are what helped convince the players and the tennis world that women's professional tennis can thrive in Cincinnati. And for that we are all very appreciative.

Serena even mentioned in her post-match interview that she had to remind herself the event was a Tier III. "I keep forgetting it's a Tier III. It feels like a bigger tournament. I definitely believe this is a good venue. It's not a Tier III venue at all."

Recently, we announced that our women's event will be elevated to the highest level on the Sony Ericsson WTA Tour in 2009.

And the kind of support displayed in 2006

went a long way to making that happen.

We know that great fields is the biggest reason why fans support the event, and last year's field was easily the best since women's tennis returned to Cincinnati in

## From the Chairman's Chair

By Paul M. Flory



2004. And tickets for this year's women's event are already ahead of where they were at this time last year.

Williams gave "star power" to a field that included quite a few great players.

Williams was joined by former French Open champ **Ana Myskina** and such recognizable stars as **Jelena Jankovic, Patty Schnyder, Vera Zvonareva, Sania Mirza & Tatiana Golovin.**

It is our goal to make the 2007 draw just as strong as 2006. And your support has already made that job a little easier.

# More Shade Planned For Grandstand

North end Grandstand box seat holders will be the beneficiaries of new awnings planned for the north side of Grandstand Court.

The new awning now extends nearly all the way to the front row of boxes on the north side. It will replace a shorter awning which was there previously.

Another awning will provide shade to the seats just outside the Broadcast Center on the upper levels of the South Building.



# They Said It...

"It was frustrating. You know, it was miserable. It sucked. It was terrible. Besides that, it was fine."

— **Andy Roddick** when asked about losing to **Roger Federer** in the semifinals at the Australian Open

"I'm definitely playing more than four tournaments this year. And I don't have any points to defend until Cincinnati."

— **Serena Williams** on her plans for the 2007 season

"This is definitely something that will stay for quite sometime. It's very hard to beat. I never came close to losing [the No. 1 ranking], except maybe when I played Roddick in the 2004 Wimbledon final. If he had won there, he would have had the momentum, and he would have gotten close in the Rankings. But I didn't lose."

— **Roger Federer** earlier this year after being ranked No. 1 for 161 weeks, breaking **Jimmy Connors'** 30-year-old record for most weeks at No. 1.

"Yes. It's semifinal of a big tournament. It's great, but I don't want to stop here. I want to go further."

— **Jelena Jankovic** at Charleston before her semifinal match with **Venus Williams**. Jankovic beat Williams and then won the title the following day.

"What can I say about ten Grand Slam against two? (But) he's very good in (other) places (as well). Last year he played three finals on clay: two Masters Series and one Grand Slam. And this year, he's starting well, no?"

— **Rafael Nadal** on **Roger Federer**, after Nadal beat Federer to win Monte Carlo, the first claycourt ATP Masters Series event of 2007

"I just got more confidence against top players. I got confidence after I won my first tournament in China. And then the next week I won a home tournament in Moscow. I beat three Top 10 players, and after that I just felt that I can play better and better."

— **Anna Chakvetadze** on her recent rapid improvement

"I reached four finals in the last five tournaments, so I'm at a good level. And I'm still improving."

— **Fernando Gonzalez** on his run to the Australian Open final

"It hasn't really sunk in yet. We left right after the tournament to come here. Yesterday I had to rest to get ready to play today. So it's going by really fast. But when I get back to France, I'll try to enjoy with my family and celebrate."

— **Tatiana Golovin** in Charleston on winning the singles title in Amelia Island the previous week



Roddick after losing to Federer in Melbourne



Jankovic after winning in Charleston



Gonzalez



Chakvetadze

# Be On Hand for These Special Events

## Kids Days! *Monday, July 16 & Monday, Aug. 13*

There are two Kids Days, one during the Women's Open (Monday, July 16), and one during the men's Masters (Monday, August 13). The fun starts at 9:15 a.m. and includes an entertaining clinic 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 17 & Tuesday, Aug. 14*

This special day includes a spirited clinic 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.



High School Day

## Macy's Ladies Day! *Tuesday, Aug. 14*

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 so call today!




Ladies Day


## British High Tea at the Net! *Tuesday, July 17*


Join Cincinnati Zoo's conservationist Cathryn Hilker and her cheetahs for British High Tea. Enjoy delectable cuisine, see these beautiful animals, and watch exciting tennis. Call 513-665-3823 for more info.


## 2007 Major Men's Tournaments

 **Australian Open** (Jan.)  
'07 S: R. Federer (his 10<sup>th</sup> GS)  
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (their 5<sup>th</sup> GS)


 **Hamburg** (May)  
'06 S: T. Robredo  
'06 D: Hanley/Ulyett


 **U.S. Open** (Aug.-Sep.)  
'06 S: R. Federer  
'06 D: Damm/Paes

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


 **Roland Garros** (May-Jun.)  
'06 S: R. Nadal  
'06 D: Bjorkman/Mirnyi


 **Madrid** (Oct.)  
'06 S: R. Federer  
'06 D: Bryan/Bryan

 **Miami** (Mar.)  
'07 S: N. Njokovic (1<sup>st</sup> MS)  
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (7<sup>th</sup> MS)


 **Wimbledon** (Jun.-Jul.)  
'06 S: R. Federer  
'06 D: Bryan/Bryan


 **Paris** (Oct.-Nov.)  
'06 S: N. Davydenko  
'06 D: Clement/Llodra

 **Monte Carlo** (Apr.)  
'07 S: R. Nadal (8<sup>th</sup> MS)  
'07 D: Bryan/Bryan (8<sup>th</sup> MS)

 **Toronto** (Aug.)  
'06 S: R. Federer  
'06 D: Bryan/Bryan (5<sup>th</sup> MS)

 **Tennis Masters Cup / Shanghai** (Nov.)  
'06 S: R. Federer  
'06 D: Bjorkman/Mirnyi

 **Rome** (May)  
'06 S: R. Nadal  
'06 D: Knowles/Nestor

 **Cincinnati** (Aug.)  
'06 S: A. Roddick  
'06 D: Bjorkman/Mirnyi

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.

# Who's Playing on Monday & Tuesday?

What can you expect on Monday and Tuesday when the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters returns to a 56-singles draw in August?

Great question.

With the return to 56-draws, only the top eight seeded players will not play singles on Monday, but the big stars of the men's game are not limited to the top eight players in the world.

If the draw were held with the rankings available at press time, marquee players playing on Monday could include **James Blake, Andy Murray, Tommy Haas, David Nalbandian, Marcos Baghdatis, Lleyton Hewitt, Marat Safin, Tim Henman, Carlos**

**Moya, and Mardy Fish.**

"There's also a very good chance that any of the top eight singles players who are also playing doubles will play their doubles match on Monday," said tournament director Bruce Flory. "For example, within the past two years, both **Rafael Nadal** and **Roger Federer** have played doubles matches on Monday."

It's also likely that some of the top eight players will likely be playing their first match (second round) on Tuesday.

"And we hope everyone remembers that Monday and Tuesday are still great days to see a lot of the players practice on site," Flory said.

## Sampras Elected to Int'l Hall of Fame Former Tournament Photographer Also To Be Enshrined

**Pete Sampras** has been selected for enshrinement into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I. Sampras won 64 singles titles in his career, including three (1992, 1997 & 1999) at the tournament now known as the W&SFG Masters.

**Russ Adams**, the official photographer for the Cincinnati tournament for 20 years, will join Sampras as an enshrinee.

WTA star **Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario** and former player **Sven Davidson** also will enter the Hall of Fame with Sampras and Adams.

Sampras' 64 singles titles include a record 14 Grand Slams as well as 11 ATP Masters Series (AMS) titles. Sampras made 14 appearances in Cincinnati between 1988

and 2002, amassing a 38-11 (.776) singles record. In the Open Era, he was seeded No. 1 in Cincinnati more times (five) than any other player, and was the only player in the Open Era to win two titles in Cincinnati without dropping a set either time ('97 & '99).

Adams has been a tennis photographer for 50 years, and was the official tournament photographer in Cincinnati for 20 years (1981 to 2000 inclusive). He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for photography in 1955, and his images have graced more than 250 magazine covers.

Sampras, Adams, Sanchez-Vicario and Davidson will be inducted at a ceremony in July in Newport, Rhode Island.



1992



1997



1999



Circa 1983

Pete Sampras in the three years he won titles in Cincinnati.

Russ Adams

# Women's Field Starts Strong

Former world No. 1 and eight-time Grand Slam singles winner **Serena Williams** tops the preliminary



list of players intending to play the 2007 Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open.

The list also includes five other players who've spent time in the top 20, two former champions and an up-and-comer.

Three current top 20 players are on the list, including 2005 W&SFG Women's Open champion **Patty Schnyder**, 2006 Cincinnati champion **Vera Zvonareva**, and 20-year-old Russian **Anna Chakvetadze**, who's already won a title this year and reached the semifinals in March at the Tier I event in Miami.

Williams reached the W&SFG Women's Open semifinals in 2006 in her first tournament appearance after a six-month absence from the WTA Tour.

Her first-round match against former French Open champ Ana Myskina drew nearly 6,000 fans, the largest crowd ever to see a women's professional tennis match in Cincinnati history.

"I had a great experience in Cincinnati last summer, and I'm really looking forward to returning in hopes of winning the title," Williams said. "The facility there is great and the fans are very enthusiastic, so I'm looking forward to coming back."

"Serena returning is a real endorsement for women's professional tennis in Cincinnati, and we're sure our fans will be very excited to see her," said tournament director Bruce Flory. "She played unbelievable tennis in winning the Australian Open in January and Miami in March, we are excited that she's included Cincinnati in her schedule this summer."

Tournament officials expect the field to be even stronger as the event draws nearer with the addition of other top players.

"In addition to Serena returning, having two former champions coming back is just fantastic, and shows the players enjoy playing here," said Flory. "This is shaping up to be a very strong field and our fans will be the big winners."

Also on the list is Russian **Maria Kirilenko**, who has been ranked as high as No. 20 in singles on the WTA Tour.

**Katarina Srebotnik**, a surprise finalist at the W&SFG Women's Open in 2006, also is on the list. In August of last year, Srebotnik was ranked in the Top 20 for the first time in her career.

The complete list of players expected to play the 32-draw tournament will be announced in early June.

Here are the players announced to date, their home country, their record, winning percentage and best result at the W&SFG Women's Open, and their best results in '07:

Player	From	Rec.	Pct.	Best Here	Best Results This Year
S. Williams	USA	3-1	.750	SF in '06	Won Australian Open & Miami
A. Chakvetadze	RUS	0-0	.000	1st Appr.	Wins over Schnyder, Petrova & Golovin
P. Schnyder	SUI	8-1	.888	W in '05	Reached round of 16 at Australian
V. Zvonareva	RUS	9-2	.818	W in '06	Def. Sharapova; SF at Charleston
K. Srebotnik	SLO	4-1	.800	F in '06	Def. No. 4 Svetlana Kuznetsova in Jan.
M. Kirilenko	RUS	0-1	.000	1st rnd '04	Won doubles title at Doha in March