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If you're not already a member of GRSA, make sure you are soon, because you don't want to miss what's coming!

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"Break Point" from Netflix

So, did you watch the new documentary series "Break Point" from Netflix? I did, and I have to say I was pleasantly surprised. It is true that Netflix has broadcast many excellent programmes, series and films over the years and I usually enjoy watching the channel. However, on this occasion, I feared that I might be viewing some kind of tawdry reality show, aimed at shocking the audience with bad behaviour and antics, offering poor entertainment value and little calibre. But that wasn't the case at all. The serious quality, depth and empathy of the production left me genuinely pleased.



The 5 episodes that comprise the series take the viewer from the Australian Open at the beginning of 2022, (2 episodes), the Indian Wells Tournament, the Madrid Open, through to the French Open. The series stops there – why? Because a second series, "Part 2", is scheduled to be aired in June and will cover Wimbledon and the U.S Open.

Now, Netflix has found a good formula and is sticking to it! Each episode focuses on 2 or 3 players of the up and coming young generation in a particular tournament and the programme revolves around their journey through it. (Hence Nadal and Djokovic are barely featured). The main player often targeted is the "home" player, a national favourite who stands an outside chance of winning. So we see Nick Kyrgios (as well as Italian, Matteo Berrettini) in Australia, Taylor Fritz in Indian Wells, Paula Badosa in Madrid and Felix Auger-Aliassime in Paris among other featured players.

But, what of the actual tennis??!!

Well there is very little play shown – just the key moments with the player heading either towards victory or defeat. The matches aren't the point of the show – the players are. What we do see is behind-the-scenes footage of their preparation and training just before a match and cooling down afterwards. The spectator sees that readiness and fitness aren't just a question of playing tennis, tennis, tennis. These are top athletes and their training schedules are gruelling and tough – both physically and mentally demanding.

The audience then hears a player's own match commentary on the quality of their play as the highlights of the game are shown. As the viewer watches the action, the player talks about their state of mind, confidence levels and abilities, at that moment, on the court.

Off court, the series dwells at length and digs deep into revealing the motivation that drives a competitor relentlessly forward and the price that is often paid. The audience hears repeatedly how mental grit and determination are as important as physical ability. Tennis is shown to be an egotistic and solitary sport – success coming only when the player has 100% faith and belief in their own greatness.

Apart from the players and their teams, the episodes offer the viewer a glimpse into their family life. Nearly every player featured comes from a tennis playing background and all are universally supported by their families. We see videos and photos of talented young hopefuls striking a ball from the age of 18 months upwards and observe the hunger, commitment and sacrifice required as they strive for excellence. The back stories create a bond and draw-in the spectator. We come to see the player not only as a power-house titan but as a 3D human being overflowing with ambition, fear, anxiety, hope and drive.

It is interesting to get a little insight into the individual player's tennis world off the court but the series only scratches the surface – perhaps, to be called a documentary, it would have been better to spend more time with each player and allow the viewer to get to know that person in greater depth. That said though, this modern, holistic approach Netflix has adopted regarding tennis, is refreshing and innovative and could be exactly what is needed to promote an interest in the sport among the next generation of fans.

Time will tell!

Writer & tennis
enthusiast



**Mo
Thomson**

TENNIS AND TV

As we know, tennis is one of the most popular sports in the world, attracting millions of fans from all over the globe. One of the key components of tennis coverage is the commentators who provide insightful analysis, witty commentary and colourful stories about the players and matches. Over the years, several commentators have left their mark in the world of tennis and have become synonymous with the sport. Here are some of the best tennis commentators of all time.

John McEnroe - McEnroe is known for his iconic outbursts on the court, but he has also been a standout commentator. He provides insightful analysis, and his sense of humour adds to the overall viewing experience.

Pat Cash - Cash is an Australian former professional tennis player who has been a commentator for many years. His knowledge of the game and the players is unparalleled, and his passion for the sport is evident in his commentary.

Sue Barker - Barker is a former British tennis player and is widely regarded as one of the best female tennis commentators. She has a wealth of knowledge about the game and provides in-depth analysis of the matches. Her soothing and warm personality makes her a popular commentator among tennis fans.

Mary Carillo - Carillo is an American former professional tennis player who has been a commentator for several decades. Her knowledge of the game, her sense of humour and her passion for tennis make her one of the most popular commentators in the world.

Jim Courier - Courier is a former American tennis player and is now a highly respected commentator. He provides insightful analysis of the matches and is known for his straightforward and honest commentary.

The world of tennis has seen some of the most talented commentators over the years. From McEnroe's outbursts to Barker's soothing voice, these commentators have added an extra layer of excitement and analysis to tennis matches. Their contributions have made tennis even more enjoyable to watch and have cemented yet another place in the history of the sport.



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Men's Singles

In the first thrilling Grand Slam of the season some of the top players may have been absent or eliminated early on in the tournament but, there's no doubting that superb quality tennis was very much in evidence. On the opening day of the men's tournament, the question on everyone's lips was – would the twenty year supreme dominance of the remaining big 3 be about to come to an end? Indeed, initially, it looked as though that might well be so. With the surprise early exit of last year's winner and #1 seed, Rafael Nadal in round 2 – losing to Mackenzie McDonald – (but clearly suffering from a recurrent hip injury) – the 3 became 2. This was soon down to 1 when Andy Murray, 5 times runner up, went out fighting against Roberto Bautista Agut in round 3. This left the tournament with just “The 1” – a severely ham-stringed injured fourth seed, Novak Djokovic ranked #4, who was seen hobbling in the early rounds and whose progress through the tournament remained seriously in doubt. For the next generation of contenders, there would never be a better chance to make their mark.



Men's Doubles Final

Hijikata/Kubler b Nys/Zielinski

Men's Wheelchair Singles Final

Hewett b Oda

Men's Wheelchair Doubles Final

Hewett/Reid b Scheffers/Spaargaren



Representing more than 35 countries and numbering 128 male player- hopefuls at the beginning of the tournament, finals day always comes around all too soon, and for Stefanos Tsitsipas ranked #3, this was his golden opportunity. At the height of his career, his formidable opponent not totally match fit, and Tsitsipas' insatiable hunger to secure his first Grand Slam – immense. Could he do it?



No one needed to imagine his anguish and bitter disappoint – they were clearly visible on his face at the award ceremony. Gracious in defeat and in praise for the victor, it must have been excruciating to know how close he had come (The post match statistics showed how even the battle had been throughout). One thing is certain, however- his performance in the Australian Open 2023 will just be the beginning of this star's meteoric rise to dominate the future world tennis scene.

“He’s the greatest that has ever held a tennis racket” Stefanos Tsitsipas

Despite injury, Djokovic dropped only a single set in 7 matches on his relentless march to victory - never letting up, never giving his opponent a moment to catch his breath, never giving in to injury and - crucially - never doubting himself. The man who won his first title here in 2008 was as devastating, powerful and hungry for victory in 2023 as he was 15 years ago. Indeed, maybe more so. After his unceremonious deportation last year, Novak’s determination to assert his supremacy had a double sting - to conquer Australia and regain the # 1 world ranking.

With relentless grit, ruthless mentality and determination, we saw Novak defeat a magnificent opponent 11 years his junior, to secure his 10th Australian Grand Slam title, bringing his tally to 22 Grand Slams. What an incredible achievement!

Now approaching his 36th birthday, there can be no doubt that Djokovic’s level of play continues to be outstanding and his hunger to break new records, undiminished. The jacket detail with “22” said it all - as if you were in any doubt!. He still has some years left to play top level tennis and more Slams to win. For the players that come after, his entry into the record books will be an almost impossible act to follow.



Women's Singles

What a tournament for women's tennis and what a result! With home girl Ashley Barty having retired after her Australian Open triumph in 2022 and top names Naomi Osaka, Venus Williams, Simona Halep and Angelique Kerber missing from the line up, it looked like the Women's Singles could at last see the emergence of fresh new talent. With the likes of Iga Swiatek #1 put out, Ons Jabeur out in round 2, and both Medvedev and Sakkari in round 3 – the tournament was left wide open.

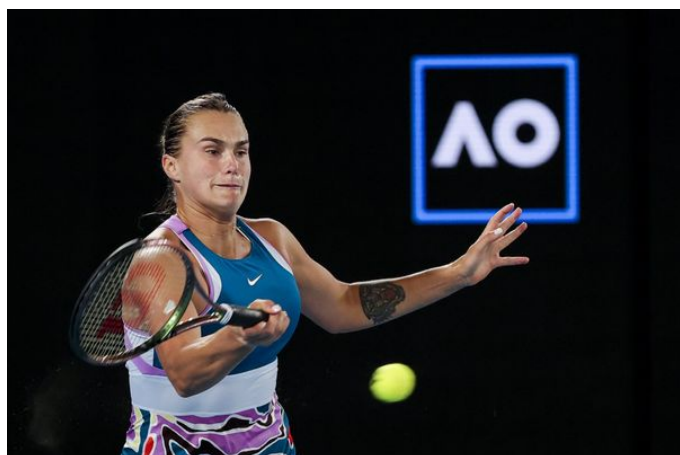
The final saw 2 titans battling for their lives. Reigning Wimbledon champion, Elena Rybakina (Kaz) # 22 pitted against Aryna Sabalenka (Ind) #5, one of the best players yet to win a title. Both women had come through to the final in straight sets.



From the very first moment, the high quality aggression, dynamism and finesse had the packed house enthralled. Both these women are big hitters with Rybakina's serves reaching a staggering 195 kmh on the day and Sabalenka's 187 kmh. Rybakina used her devastating 1st serves as her big weapon whereas, it seemed, Sabalenka preferred to mix up the serves and vary the play. This was the heaviest hitting match of the tournament where both superlative athletes played their best tennis to their fullest.

But there can only be one winner- and from a set down - Sabalenka won the match of her life to get her 1st Grand Slam win under the belt, a result which should push her from #5 to #2.

[For the first time in any tournament award speech \(in amongst the others mentioned\), Aryna Sabalenka thanked the stringers!](#)



Women's Doubles Final

Krejčíková/Siniakova b Aoyama/Shibahara

Women's Wheelchair Singles Final

De Groot b Kamiji

Women's Wheelchair Doubles Final

De Groot/Van Koot b Kamiji/Zhu

Mixed Doubles Final

Stefani/Matos b Mirza/ Bopanna

Quad Wheelchair Singles Final

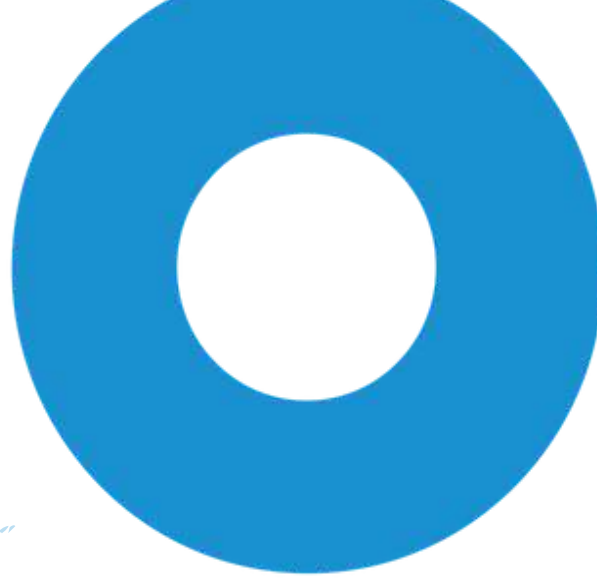
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Quad Wheelchair Doubles Final

Schroder/Vink b Ramphadi/Silva



Hijikata/Kubler



Hewett/Reid



Alfie Hewett



Krejcikova/Siniakova



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Vink



Schroder/Vink

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The tournament was open to both amateur and professional players from Australia and around the world. A total of 32 players entered the tournament, including the famous Australian tennis player Norman Brookes. Brookes would go on to win the singles championship, becoming the first Australian Open champion in history.



Despite its humble beginnings, the Australian Open quickly grew in popularity and prestige. By the 1920s, the tournament had become one of the four Grand Slam tournaments, alongside the French Open, Wimbledon, and the U.S. Open. The tournament was played on grass courts until 1987, when it moved to its current location at Melbourne Park and switched to hard courts.

Over the years, the Australian Open has seen some of the greatest players in tennis history compete on its courts. From Rod Laver to Margaret Court, to Steffi Graf, Monica Seles, and Serena Williams, to the more recent dominant 3, Nadal, Federer and Djokovic, the tournament has hosted some of the most thrilling and memorable matches in tennis history.

Today, the Australian Open is one of the largest and most prestigious tennis tournaments in the world, attracting thousands of fans from around the globe and millions more watching on television. As the first Grand Slam tournament of the year, it sets the tone for the rest of the tennis season and is a must-watch for fans of the sport.

So, the first Australian Open marked the start of a new era in tennis, setting the stage for the tournament's growth and success in the years to come. Over a century later, the Australian Open remains one of the most anticipated and exciting events in the world of tennis, and its legacy continues to inspire fans and players alike.

In the Room

With Richard Parnell

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Daniil Medvedev

- 1** The Australian Open is the youngest of the Grand Slams, there are four Grand Slam in total starting with Wimbledon that was established in 1877, the US Open born in 1881 and the French Open which was introduced in 1891, the Australian Open started in 1905 making it the most recent, it's still 118 years old!
- 2** When the Australian Open was first held, the very first game was held on a cricket field at the Warehouseman's Cricket Ground. Today, the facility is known as the Albert Reserve Tennis Centre.
- 3** Ken Rosewall is a prominent name in the tennis world, with several Grand Slam singles titles, nine slams in doubles, and a career double grand slam. But he is also the youngest player to win the Australian Open at 18 years old in 1953 and did hold the title of the oldest at 35 in 1972 but that has now been beaten by Novak who is also 35, he takes the title as his birthday is in May when Ken's is in November, and by the way, Ken will be 89 this year.
- 4** The Australian Open has had its fair share of hiccups over its existence. One of which happened in 1977. Before, the games were from December to January. Following the games from December 1976 to January 1977, the organisers wanted the second tournament for that year to be held in December 1977. The drawback was that not a lot of players competed.

But if the tournament happened twice in 1977, it was not held at all in 1986. During the 80s, the games were held from the last week of November to the first week of December. That was the setup till 1985. After that year, the games have since been held in the middle of January, starting in 1987. And that was why there was no Australian Open in 1986.



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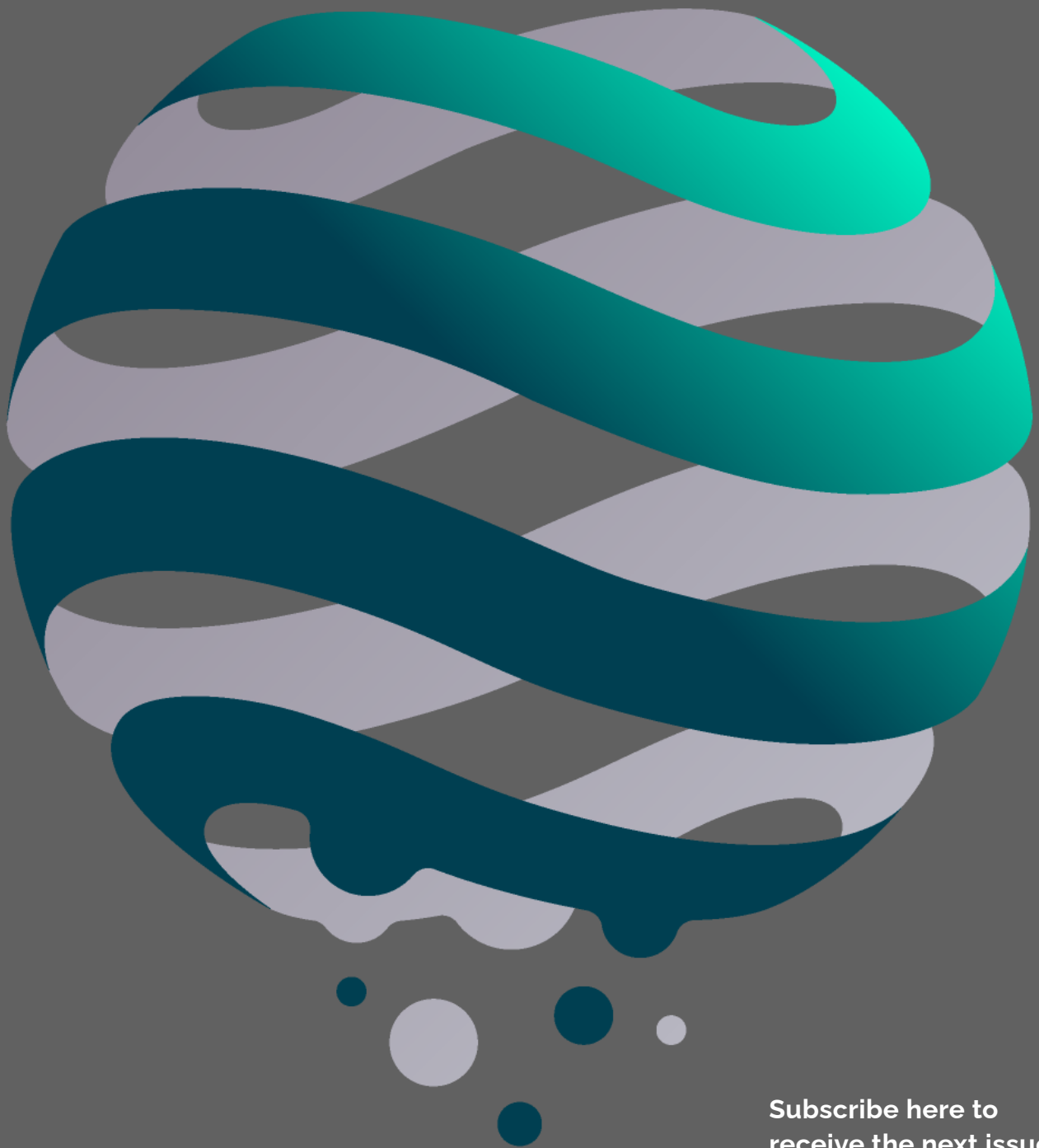
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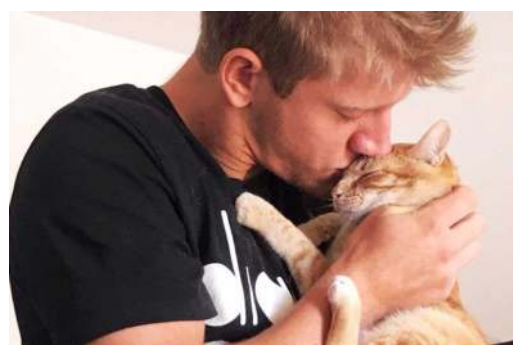
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by Alejandro Davidovich Fokina



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If you'd like to help this amazing cause then follow the instructions on their website, you really will be helping animals all across Spain.

Dimas Mendez

When people asked me where my next event is, I would say Uzbekistan and immediately people would either laugh or ask where it is. This is my 3rd year traveling with Davis Cup Team USA and destinations like this makes it even better because I get to go to places I never imagined I'd visit. I personally know about Uzbekistan thanks to friends from there, they introduced me to their food and one of my favourite dishes comes from there, Plov. Try it with a little Uzbek Kompot.



Team USA has played against Uzbekistan 3 times within the past 8 years. 2015 here in Tashkent, 2020 Honolulu and 2023 we are back to Tashkent but team members have mentioned how different it seems from 2015 to now.

Uzbekistan has changed in the past 8 years greatly, and everyone is loving their time here during this tie. Food is great, people are welcoming, friendly and even though Tashkent is covered in snow, it's still warmer than NYC at the moment of writing this.

Denis Istoming is one of the few "Playing Team Captains" at Davis Cup and he has played an incredible 34 ties. Other team members for Team Uzbekistan are Sergey Fomin, Khumoyun Sultanov and Sanjar Faysiev who showed a great level even though they are ranked outside the ATP Top 200.





Team USA will be represented by Australian Open semifinalist Tommy Paul, Mckenzie McDonald, who beat Nadal in AO round two, Rajeev Ram and Austin Krajicek for doubles, who are currently ATP Double Top 10. Denis Kudla is here too, he is taking Jensen Brooksby's spot after a last minute injury. Captain David Nainkin is taking over the roll for this tie after Mardy Fish and Team Coach Dean Goldfine, who is currently coaching Ben Shelton on tour, are also part of the team.

Shout out to Dr. James Gladstone, Massage Therapist Keith Murray, and Physio Wolfgang Oswald who is traveling with Tylor Fritz full time and Paul Kinney. I learn so much from these people and some of them have been on the team for more than 10 years.

Score board finished at 4-0 with Team USA getting the victory and qualifying for the round robin happening in September.

Personally, I had a great time, got to meet amazing people and even got to meet Team Uzbekistan stringer, Aman, who is a coach at the venue we played and their local stringer. He was very interested to learn the way I string, took some videos and was even amazed with the tools I was using so I taught him how to tie a Parnell Knot and gave him all my tools.

In the future, I will definitely come back to Uzbekistan to explore the city and enjoy meeting their good people.



Stringer Solutions

TOP
TIP

Use specific tie off grommets or knot?

In Stringer Solutions, we have often spoken about the fact that during the stringing process there are certain actions that are personal choices, where one isn't better than the other, just different, the choice concerning tie off locations is technically one of these.

Does it make a difference? If a brand is giving you grommets that are already enlarged and often signaled as a specific knot tie off location, should a stringer automatically stick to those or can a stringer be adventurous and create his own tie off grommets?

Firstly, let's look at the best way to enlarge a grommet to prepare it to be used as a tie off location. You will need an awl, a lubricant and a scrap piece of string. Place the scrap of string in the chosen grommet, make sure some lubricant is on the awl and then gently push the awl into the grommet until the grommet is widened enough to take a second string. By placing a piece of scrap string in the grommet before inserting the awl, the grommet will not be stretched length wise but rather stretched width wise.

A tournament stringer will normally try to tie off the mains on mains and the crosses on crosses. Why do they do this? Because if the mains are natural gut or soft multifilament and the crosses are a stiffer monofilament then premature breakage could be caused by tying off a stiff string on a soft anchor string.

By tying the gut on gut and mono on mono, this risk is nullified & if you use the designated tie off grommets, this is often not possible to achieve. For this reason, most tournament stringers will create a new tie off location that is as close to the tie off string as possible to minimize the tension loss.

Does opening up another grommet place extra stress on the frame or could it be considered detrimental to the integrity of the frame and cause guarantee issues? No, the widening of a grommet would not weaken the frame's structure.

To be clear, **GRSA** recommends using the racket's designated tie off locations, however, changing knot placement is not a problem and should be treated as such.

Is this something that I regularly do? Yes, but that is a personal choice of mine to help with aesthetics.

Remember – The difference is in the small details

Any personal tips to help your fellow stringers? Let us know and get them published in the Stringer Solutions part of the GRSA ATW Magazine.



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The very first Austrian workshop by **GRSA International** was held on the 11th/12th of February 2023, with participants **Lukas Spreitzer, Bernd Ochsenberger, Philipp Senacrlend de Grancy, Alexander Beisteiner, Thomas Hollensteiner, Andi Antonitsch, Suljeman Sijercic, Deborah Cohen & Kerim Sijercic** attending this Level 1 workshop. A time to learn about best practice, techniques, as well as learning about the basics of professional stringing. Apart from stringing and helping each participant to improve their skills on the machine, we had an intense exchange of knowledge which is fantastic for everyone as it bring all ideas and opinions into a public form for all to learn from.

Early afternoon on Sunday, we had the chance and took the opportunity to talk in front of interested parents and representatives of the Steiermark Tennis Federation about the importance of stringing and the choice of the right equipment and material for the performance of their tennis players.

A lot of individual and interesting conversations ended late on Sunday afternoon having shared some of our knowledge with our Austrian friends.

A big thank you to **HEAD Germany & HEAD Austria** for supporting this event with additional machines a special thanks to Kerim Sijercic who made this workshop a success by helping to organise nearly everything beforehand and hosting us in such a fantastic congress facility.

CONGRATULATIONS to all participants to achieve the level of "GRSA INTERNATIONAL APPROVED STRINGER"



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MOTIVATION QUOTE

A true master of his trade isn't one that possesses all of the knowledge, it's the one who is still willing to learn, to help, that shares the knowledge expecting nothing in return, simply looking to ensure the longevity of the craft.

Daniel Efford
GRSA International - Operations Manager

GRSA EDUCATION



There are lots of things happening within the GRSA world, new features, incentives, courses and more on the way with some extremely interesting events.

But first on the list was the launch of **GRSA United States**. This has been some time in the making but we finally made it, the team is set and we're ready to get things rolling with workshops and more, with managers near you!



USA manager Mike Stephens hosted a very special gathering of some truly talented and knowledgeable professionals in Chattanooga. Headed by GRSA President Richard Parnell, this meeting was the birth of the **GRSA United States** team and was the kickstarter to some great things to come all over the US.

Welcome to the **GRSA** team, Dustin Tankersley, Mitch Case and Stockton Morris, and USA, get ready to rumble!

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EXO3 Pattern, Nick talks Prince

prince
Squash

So far we have looked at the Prince Triple threat Pattern, the Prince O3 Pattern and, in the last issue, the Prince O3 Speedport Pattern. This month we'll continue with Prince, with the EXO3 Pattern.

All of the Prince Squash Stringing Patterns that we've looked at so far involve a powering at the throat, this is no exception, but there are only two more Prince Patterns to go and only the next one has a powering at the throat.

The Prince EXO3 Powering Pattern is almost the same as the Prince O3 Speedport Pattern featured in the last issue. The reason that I have included it alongside the other Prince Patterns is because the rackets have a different technology completely.

That is the EXO3 technology, which is a type of exo-skeleton within the bumper and grommets. It is a floating suspension system in conjunction with speedports that results in most of the string not being in direct contact with the frame of the racket. (Apart from normal grommets inserted into most rackets). I've currently got four in my workshop to be done; all different models, but sharing the same pattern, I can think of a few more.



Nick's Nugget

With an even number of crosses, easy weave at the head, to finish with a required, hard-weave at the last cross at the throat.

(2 Piece)

Mains:-

LH1 (Speedport LH1-right side) to below ring, above ring to LH2 (Speedport LH1-left side), RH1 (Speedport RH1 left side) to above ring, below ring to RH 2 (Speedport RH1 right side), RH2 (Speedport RH1 right side) to RH3 (Speedport RH2 left side), RH3 (Speedport RH2 left side) to above ring, below ring to RH4 (Speedport RH2 right side), LH2 (Speedport LH1 left side) to LH3 (Speedport LH2 right side), LH3 (Speedport LH2 right side) to below ring, above ring to LH4 (Speedport LH2 left side), LH4 (Speedport LH2 left side) to LH6, LH6 to below ring, above ring to LH7 (Shared hole), RH4 (Speedport RH2 left side) to RH6, RH6 above ring, below ring to RH7 (Shared hole), RH7 (Shared hole) to RH9, RH9 above ring, below ring to RH12 (Shared hole), Tie off at RH9, LH7 (Shared hole) to LH9, LH9 to below ring, above ring to LH12 (Shared hole), Tie off at LH9.

Crosses:-

(BEWARE the crosses start on the opposite side to the O3 Speedport Pattern)
Start at RH5(tie off is RH6) (soft weave to ensure a hard weave at the bottom cross). Then weave all crosses (16 in Total) ensuring that you finish with a hard-weave at the bottom, then tie off at RT2.

There should be alternating mains at the powering and a hard-weave at the bottom cross and no crossovers!

If the Speedports don't line up correctly, you didn't start on the correct side, as instructed above.

Next month the Powerbite pattern.



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The Exciting Sport Still Taking the World by Storm

You might have heard of Padel, but If not, it's time to sit up and take notice. This fast-paced sport is quickly becoming one of the most popular business makers in the world, more countries are warming to it and it's easy to see why.

Padel is a sport that combines elements of tennis, squash, and badminton, and is played on a court that is one-third the size of a standard tennis court. The game is played with a paddle and a ball, and the rules are similar to those of tennis. However, the smaller court size means that players must react quickly to the ball and move around the court with agility.

One of the key advantages of padel is its accessibility. Unlike tennis, which requires a large open space and specialized equipment, padel can be played on smaller, more compact courts, making it ideal for urban areas and indoor spaces. Additionally, because the game is less physically demanding than tennis, it is suitable for players of all ages and abilities.



Another reason for the growing popularity of padel is its social aspect. Unlike many other sports, padel is often played in doubles, which means that players can enjoy the game in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with friends or family. This has led to a growing number of clubs and leagues being established, giving players even more opportunities to get involved and compete.

In recent years, padel has gained recognition as a competitive sport, with a growing number of professional players and tournaments being held around the world. The sport's high-energy, fast-paced gameplay has earned it a reputation as an exciting and entertaining spectator sport, and its popularity shows no sign of slowing down.

Padel is a sport that offers something for everyone. It's a great opportunity to add value to your club and attract other players. Being a seasoned athlete or just looking for a fun way to stay active, padel is a great choice, give it a try, see what all the fuss is about, you won't regret it.



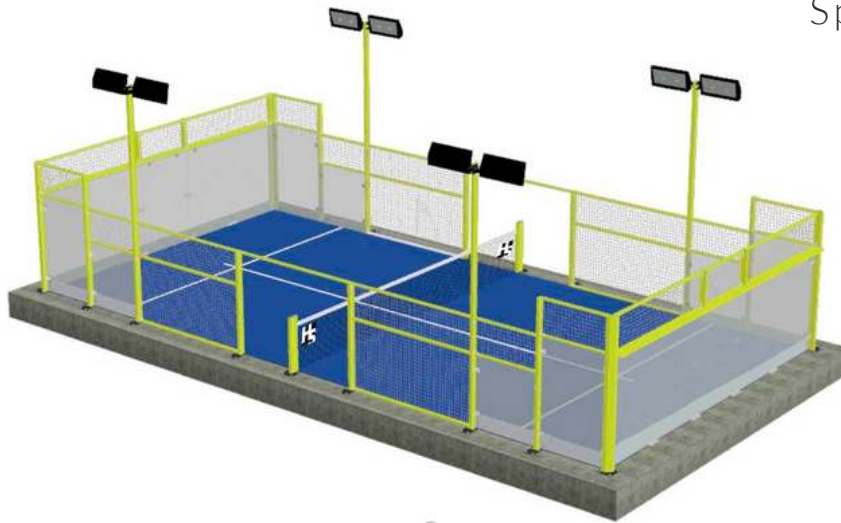
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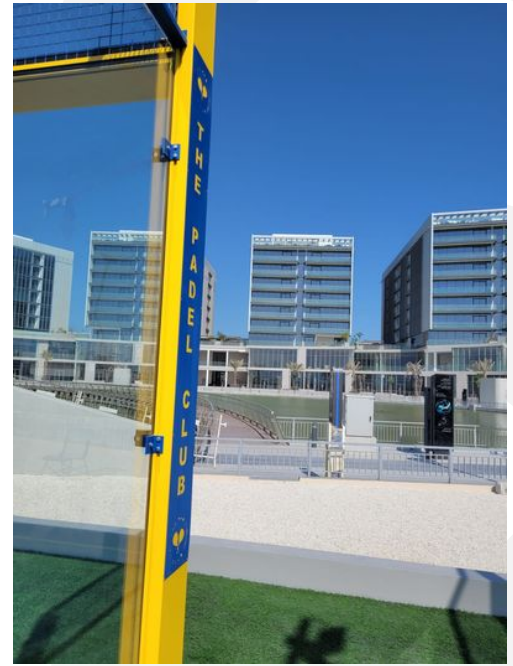


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Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 150x45x1.7 (8 units), 106x232x3 (4 units), 90x45x1.7 (8 units)

Top horizontal beam on 281x91 glass bottoms (2 units)
Welded mesh 50x50x4mm

Lighting rods integrated into the structure

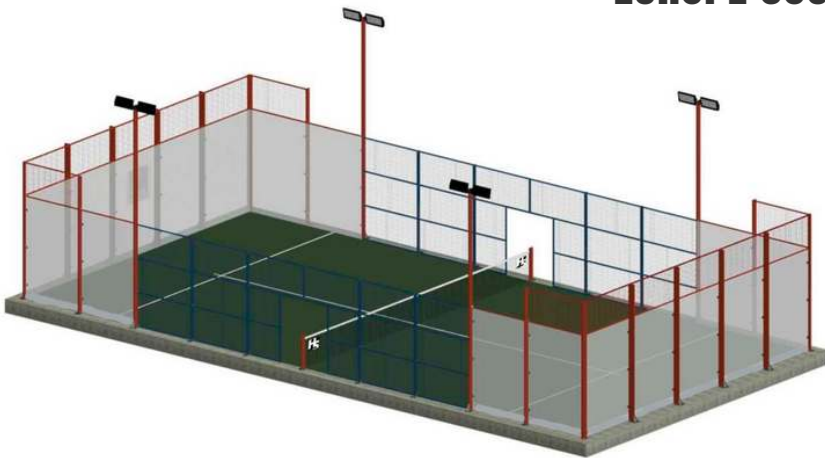


EUROPE COURT

Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 1920x45x2 (8 units), 150x45x1.7 (8 units), 115x115x1.7 (4 units), 150x45x1.7 (8 units)

Galvanized steel mounting plates for the securing of the structure and glass, measurements of 300x250x12(8 units), 250x200x12 (8 units), 200x200x12 (4 units) 200x200x12 (8 units)

Structure designed and constructed in accordance with local technical code of building standards



COLISEUM COURT

Anchor plates in galvanized steel for the fastening of the structure and glass, measurements of 450x250x25 (4 units), 200x200x12 (8 units)

Structural system of aluminum profiles, dimensions of the pillars 221x117x3 (4 units) and 150x45x1.7 (8 units)

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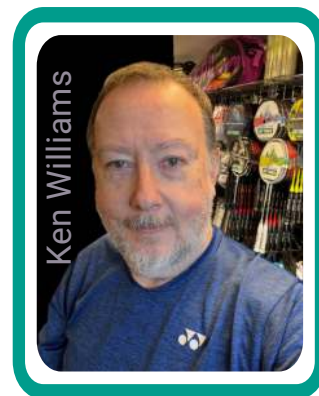
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Malaysia

January 2023 marked the full resumption of the World Badminton Tour since the pandemic with 31 events planned throughout 2023. Competition started out in Asia with 4 events; the Malaysia Open, Indian Open, Indonesia Masters and Thailand Masters.

The Petronas Malaysia Open heralded women's singles star An Se Young of Korea continue her climb up the world rankings finishing runner up to world number one, Akane Yamaguchi. An then went onto win the next two events in India and Indonesia climbing to her highest ever world ranking of two in the process. Denmark's Viktor Axelsen completed his title defence in Malaysia by defeating fast rising Japanese star Kodai Naraoka with another impressive victory. New world number ones in mens doubles Farjan Alfian and Muhammed Rian Ardianto of Indonesia took the title in Malaysia with China winning the women's and mixed doubles with excellent performances from their world ranked number one pairs.

India

Moving onto the Sunrise India Open there was an upset in men's singles with Viktor Axelsen, who has been head and shoulders above all his opposition in recent times surprisingly only finishing runner up to rising star Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand, the former three times world junior champion. In mens doubles China's young pairing of Liang and Wang built on their performance in Malaysia where they finished runners up by storming to victory in India. China are once again producing some strong men's doubles pairings after a few years in the doldrums with 3 strong pairs now in contention at the latter stages of tournaments. In women's doubles Japan's top pair of Matsuyama and Shida beat China's top pair to take the title and Yutu Watanabe and Arisa Higashino mopped up the mixed doubles after defeating world number ones Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Quiong in a nail-biting semi-final before defeating the second ranked China pair of Wang Yi Lyu and Huang Dong Ping

Indonesia

There were some notable withdrawals from the Daihatsu Indonesia Masters staged at Istora Senayan Jakarta, but this hardly diminished the world class talent on display. The tournament also saw the resurgence of Carolina Marin and Shi Yuqi, both on the comeback trail after long lay-offs due to injury and bans respectively. Marin narrowly lost to An Se Young in the women's singles but her improving form bodes well for the rest of the year as she regains match fitness.



Shi Yuqi returned to play at the end of 2022, somewhat surprisingly winning one of his first tournaments after a long absence; the Denmark Open. He reached the semi-final in Jakarta with his usual style of powerhouse play coupled with sublime skills. Shi is starting to put together deep runs in tournaments and showing the sort of form that will make him a contender for more titles. But the biggest cheer of the finals came for the partisan Istora crowd when young Indonesia men's double pairing of Leo Rolly Carnando and Daniel Marthin brought home the doubles title to a raucous reception beating China's third ranked men's pair of He Ji Ting and Zhou Hao Dong.



Shi Yuqi

Thailand

The final tournament of the Asia leg took place in Bangkok, the traditional home of The Princess Sirivannavari Thailand Masters. Home favourites and rising up the rankings are the Aimsaard sisters Benyapa and Nuntakarn, who took the women's doubles title. Hot on the heels of their last win, Indonesia's Carnando and Marthin backed up their last win with the Thailand title. China took two titles; the women's singles with Zhang Yi Man defeating her compatriot Han Yue, and also the mixed doubles with Huang Dong Ping resuming her off-on partnership with Feng Yan Zhe. But perhaps the standout match of the finals was the mens singles with young left-handed smashing machine Lin Chun Yi beating journeyman Ng Ka Long Angus in 3 sets, this on the back of a stunning win against Shi Yuqi in the semi-finals. Has badminton found another Loh Kean Yew? Only time will tell.

The next leg of tournaments sees the tour move to Europe with five events spread over a month-long period. Beginning with the German Open, followed by the All England Open, Swiss Open and Madrid Masters. The final world tour event of the European leg being the Orlean's Masters in early April.

Badminton Shorts

Nextage

Yonex launched a fresh style of racket for badminton in January aimed at the intermediate player. The Nextage is part of the Astrox range and comes in a matt finish, unlike most of their other frames which are a gloss finish. The head heavy racket attempts to bridge the gap between performance frames and intermediate frame at a competitive price point. The stringing pattern includes more single-pass grommet holes enabling a stringing pattern for a highly responsive string bed, and easier stringing experience for stringers.



Precision 8.0

Yonex are launching a new 'business class' stringing machine in 2023 called the Precision 8.0. This model will sit in between their flagship model Precision 9.0, but above the Precision 5.0. It will be manufactured in Japan and designed for stringers who are looking for an accurate, fast and efficient machine which is string and racket friendly and also suitable for transporting to and from venues.



FINDING THE RIGHT STRING

One of the most frequent questions posed to stringers is “what string should I use”? This question may seem innocuous, but it requires the stringer to exercise their grey cells.

If a man-mountain is asking you this question, and you have deduced that he is clearly capable of wiping the cork off the end of the shuttlecock, then its no good suggesting he uses a thin gauge string as he's going to break it quite quickly. And then he'll be back knocking on your door complaining. For a hard-hitting player you would typically be suggesting a more durable string option.

There are a number of excellent string brands for badminton and the best are from Yonex, Victor, Li Ning, Ashaway and Gosen.

Some of the strings favoured by pro players are often the strings used by us mere mortals. The most popular include Yonex strings such as Aerobite, BG80, BG65 Titanium, BG66 Ultimax or Force, and more recently their Exbolt variants.

From Victor their VBS range is excellent with numerous variants and gauges. From Li Ning their flagship 'No 1' string is durable and holds its tension extremely well.

Ashaway has a very good range of strings ranging from a hybrid option to super-thin gauges as low as 0.62mm up to the super-durable Rally 21 at 0.70mm. With a cross-section of durability and control featuring their ZyWeave technology and revolutionary polymers to maximise repulsion and strength, Ashaway have a strong offering for badminton.

Helping a customer select the right string is sometimes a bit of trial and error - akin to triaging a patient (but far less serious). Ultimately if you get it wrong first time, you may well get another chance to go again.



HINTS & HACKS

Deciding what Tension

If you are stringing a racket that has had its strings removed before you have got your hands on it, how do you know what tension to use? More importantly you really will want to know what the actual tension range of the frame is so you don't break it. Manufacturers stipulate a maximum tension range and if you go beyond this you are potentially voiding any warranty on the racket if it was to suffer a breakage. Most quality brands will have this information printed on the frame somewhere and it is just a case of looking for it. If there is no guide on the frame, play it safe and keep the tension under 25 lbs.

Pre-Weaving Mains

When I am in a rush with a pile of rackets and a deadline, I often find myself pre-weaving the first 5 or 6 mains on each side of the frame. Passing the string through un-tensioned and then going back and tensioning 2 strings at a time on each side. This seems to me to be a little quicker than threading them individually and then tensioning. I know some stringers frown on this practice although it is a favoured approach in Asia. As long as the string is handled carefully, this method can be very efficient when speed is needed.

Speedy removal of broken strings

When taking the strings out of the frame ready to restring, if you snip every other string on the crosses and the mains and then grab the string-bed and twist and pull firmly, you can pretty much remove 90% of the strings in one go. The only issue to be aware of is checking you haven't lost a few grommets - which can occasionally happen - but if you have, just replace them. This is a useful approach when you have high volumes of rackets and need to cut the strings out quickly.

STRINGER INTERVIEWS

In future editions we would like to feature other badminton stringers input on stringing for badminton. It will take the form of a series of questions covering things such as who you string for, your most popular strings, your stringing machine and what you like about it for badminton, plus questions of that ilk. If you would like to contribute, please email us at GRSA-international and we will be in touch to explain further.



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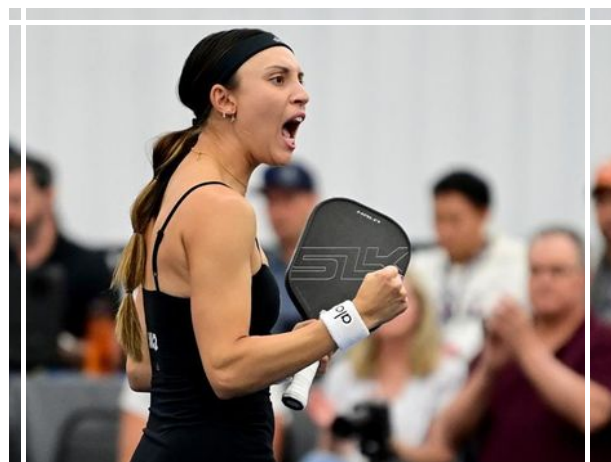
The biggest day of the year so far for the sport happened on Sunday the 12th of February with a special comeback that left fans in awe! Yep, it was Championship Sunday at the APP Daytona Beach Open and the comeback came from the entertaining Hunter Johnson in the men's singles against his number one rival and equally as entertaining brother: Yates Johnson.



Was anything else missed over that particular weekend? Well, yes, it was at the tournament in Holly Hill, Florida. Home state-resident Parris Todd, came within inches of a triple crown, but alas, she fell shy of it in the mixed doubles. Sponsored by Selkirk, this seasoned pro eventually walked away with a gold in singles and women's doubles and a silver in mixed.

Her Sunday started with a nine-point win over former Georgian tennis player Salome Devidze in her first game of singles. Then, she dominated the second game, winning 11-4. Todd said in her post-match interview that her triple crown bid is not over, referencing the late Kobe Bryant. Women's doubles with Simone Jardim saw her continue the Mamba mentality to defeat Megan Fudge and Susannah Barr 9-11, 11-2, 11-3.

After completing the double dip against Bobbi Oshiro and Brendon Long in mixed doubles, Parris couldn't win the tiebreaker to 15 to win the triple crown. They missed all sorts of easy shots in the first game, getting off to an incredibly rocky start. But once they calmed their nerves and settled in, they were stellar. With the win both Oshiro and Long picked up their first pro APP mixed doubles gold medals.



The medals were pretty spread out on the men's side of things. Hunter Johnson completed an epic double whammy against his brother, this meant he won the best two of out three and the tiebreaker to 15 to win the gold. The brothers then teamed up in men's doubles in an attempt to give the eventual gold medalist Kyle Yates and Andrei Dăescu a run for their money. They too won the best two of three, but couldn't overcome the tiebreaker.



With this silver finish, the twins are one step closer to cracking the code of the mens doubles success. Both players pretty much walked onto the pickleball court and were dominant in singles, it's just taken them a bit longer to work out the puzzle of men's doubles. They are definitely getting there though. In the first APP tournament this year they took bronze, and now they have a silver, gold is not far away at all, keep an eye on them, they're coming!

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Organizer: Pickleball Global

EVENT - TOURNAMENT

Starting: March 14, 2023 to March 18, 2023

City: Phuket, Thailand

Home Club: Thanyapura Sports & Health Resort

Registration Deadline: February 28, 2023 (OPEN)

Tier Level: 4

ITALIAN OPEN PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Organizer: ITALIAN PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

EVENT - TOURNAMENT

Starting: August 30, 2023 to September 03, 2023

City: 65028 Tocco Da Casauria PE, Italia

Home Club: Pickleball Tocco

Registration Deadline: August 20, 2023 (OPEN)

Tier Level: 3

BELGIAN PICKLEBALL OPEN

Organizer: Pickleball Belgium

EVENT - TOURNAMENT

Starting: July 21, 2023 to July 23, 2023

City: 1200 Sint-Lambrechts-Woluwe,
België

Home Club: Hall Sportif Mounier

Registration Deadline: July 01, 2023
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