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Captains! Please check....

Check that *all your players* are members of STPC. Use your Roster. **Better:** to allow for new members or late renewals, get the current list of members from our website. Click Membership.

September email roster

If you elected to get your membership roster by email, look for the September update, coming about September 15. This includes all members who have joined or renewed up to the date of publication. The email roster gives you three updates a year, so it's more current than the printed roster. Users like the handy search feature. The email roster is preferred by those who are comfortable with their computers.

Upcoming Events

October 15: Oakdale October Mixer

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November 12: Public Indoor Mixer

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January 15, 2012: Gopher Tennis Mixer

Details and signup on our website

This is a *free* event, but limited attendance

Tennis events

By Bob Busch

ICT Clay Tournament

Under blue skies and relatively cool temperatures, the week-long InnerCity Tennis benefit tournament achieved record levels of participation with 60 singles and 74 doubles players. It was the 10th consecutive year of play at Bearpath Country Club in Eden Prairie, and due to the size of the draw also included matches at Interlachen Country Club in Edina. Thanks to a great committee, the tournament was a financial success, estimated to gross over \$11,000, while reaching record levels of participation. Co-sponsors **United Health** and **Wagner Investment Services and Estate Planning** helped make it one of the best tournaments for ICT. The proceeds of the tournament were contributed to the InnerCity Tennis Foundation. Karron Busch, John Wilcox, Steve Reckers and several United Health staff members assisted tournament committee members Brian Brown, Fred Budde, Steve Caruso, Frank Ditter, Larry Greely, Gary Irish, Orrin Kirschbaum, Ken Olson, Mark Ottum, Duane Ryman and Bob Busch. Watch for this exciting men's clay tournament on the 2012 tournament schedule. Tournament championship scores are as follows:

Singles 80s—Robert Tengdin, Minneapolis, won in round robin play.

Singles 75s—Ralph Lieber, Bonita Springs, FL, won in round robin play

Singles 70s—Bill Robertson, Bloomington, defeated Tom Fridinger, White Bear Lake, 7-6, 7-6.

Singles 65s—David Nash, Bloomington, defeated Dave Spilseth, Wayzata, 6-2, 6-1.

Singles 60s—David Nash defeated Lee Nagel, Wahpeton, ND, 6-0, 6-0.

Singles 55s—Jack Olwell, Farmington, def John Shannon, Orono, withdrew, injury.

Singles 50s—Dan Boulay, Bloomington, defeated William Bailey, Eden Prairie, 6-0, 6-1.

Singles 45s—Curtis Wright, Eden Prairie,
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Letters to the editor

Editor's note: We welcome letters, and also Peeves. I invite readers to submit their own Peeves. It's OK to be peevish—*anonymity protected if you wish.*



No stretch? OUCH!

Editor's note: This is from Marty's email to me. I auditioned Marty for my Baseline 3.5+ group. We started with the dynamic stretches as given in the August newsletter (P. 7). He passed the audition, and we were looking forward to his playing as a regular. But a few days later, he suffered an Achilles tendon injury, and is out for several months.

David, I kick myself that I did not quickly build into my game the warm-up exercises you showed me. On the day of the injury, the pro moved us right into a fairly strenuous back-and-forward kind of drill. I think the combination of my not warming up, along with this type of drill, prompted the injury. I am not looking to place blame on anyone other than myself. However, I do think everyone might be well served by having at least five minutes of warm-up before any drill, particularly at our ages.

—Marty Marzolf

Call own serve out?

You're playing doubles. Your partner is serving, you are at the net. Partner serves, your net position allows you to see the bounce spot as good as

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Mission Statement

The primary purpose of the STPC is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and older for their mental, physical, and social well-being; and to support the growth of tennis.

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anyone and you see the bounce spot as “out” but your opponents didn’t notice and played it as “in”.

Case 1: your opponents hit it out of play on the return.

Case 2: Your opponents return it to you, and you hit it for an easy point.

In either case, should I declare that my partner’s serve was out?

—David Chatfield

Editor replies: *The Code* reads, “25. Service calls by serving team. Neither the server nor server’s partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt. There is one exception. If the receiver plays a first service that is a fault and does not put the return in play, the server or server’s partner may make the fault call. The server and the server’s partner shall call out any second serve that either clearly sees out.”

So if this was a second serve, you should promptly call the service fault. If a first serve, the Case 1 answer is you should declare the service fault, and go on to a second serve. For a first serve in Case 2, you win the point.

*Above all, what you **don’t do** is say “Let’s play a let.”*

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These two-liner want ads are available to all STPC members. Your ad is free for three issues. After that, there is a charge of \$5 per publication.

Expert Racket service. Fred Jurewicz 952-496-1018 (H); 612-250-3185. *10% STPC discount.*

Time for spring/summer project? Kitchen, bath, paint, lighting/electrical, plumbing, tile. High quality attention to detail. Home Improvement Specialist 612-710-7055, ericostergaard@yahoo.com.

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Players wanted

Reed-Sweatt, 3.0 MW, Tuesday, 10:30-noon

New players welcome. Dennis Moody 651-488-8124.

Fred Wells, 3.5-4.0 MW, Wednesday 10:00-noon

Regulars and subs needed. Captain Marty Plitnick 612-247-7412, mplitnick@comcast.net.

Reed-Sweatt, 2.5-3.0 MW, Tuesday 9:00

Regulars & subs for Tuesday 9:00-10:30. Captain Donna Borgerding, 612-721-7038.

Reed-Sweatt, 3.0 MW, Friday 10:30-12:30

Regulars and subs wanted. Captain Roy Rincon 612-724-4623.

Matchpoint, 3.0-3.5 W, Tue/Thu noon-1:30

Subs needed Tuesdays and Thursdays for women’s 3.0-3.5 groups. Both days, 12:00-1:30. Captain Pat Judge 651-452-1124.

PublicIndoorTennis.com, 2.5-3.0 MW, Thu

Players needed. We play Thursdays, 10:30-noon. Call Diane Lehman 651-488-6147.

Williston, 3.0-3.5 W, Fridays 2:00-2:30

Looking for new players and subs. Contact Ginger Stees, 952-476-2547.

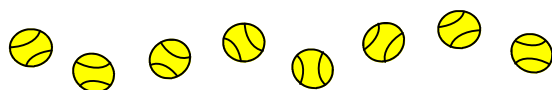
Want to play more?

By David Sommer

Not getting enough play time during fall/winter? As we’ve said before, the first thing to do is call captains of groups that you think would be a good fit for you and get on their sub lists. And especially call about anything that looks interesting in our **Players wanted** article (above).

Here’s another idea: **start your own group!** How to do it?

1. Find interested players. You may already know some others. Ask captains of existing groups for names of people whom you could call. And send me an item for the **Players wanted** article.
2. Look for available court time. You’ll notice that the Reed-Sweatt schedule lists quite a few available times. There is also open time at Baseline, and probably at other facilities as well.
3. The Facilities Coordinator (see Schedule) can help you work with the facility to get a commitment.
4. Be willing to start with just one court—all you need are four regulars plus some subs.



●● STPC lessons and drills—September through April—All levels ●●

Some court locations are subject to change during the season. No reservations necessary.

Location	Day	Time	Skill	Cost	Instructor, Phone, Email
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave S Minneapolis 612-825-6844	Mon	1:30-3:00 PM Start Sept. 12	All	\$7.00	Dilcia Pederson 612-824-6099 dilcia.pederson@innercitytennis.org
					Duncan Welty 952-933-8592 idwelty@q.com
	Thu	8:30-10:00AM Start Sept. 15	All	\$7.00	Duncan Welty 952-933-8592
					Paul Stormo 952-944-6286 pjstormo@aol.com
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center. 100 Federal Drive, Minneapolis	Tue	12:30-2:00 Start Sept. 13	All	\$7.00	Brandon Heath 612-252-8367 ext 2 brandon@fwtec.org
Williston Fitness & Sports 14509 Minnetonka Drive Minnetonka 952-939-8370	Wed	5:30-7:00PM Start Sept. 14	All	\$7.00	Duane Ryman 612-865-9517 dhrtennis40@hotmail.com
PublicIndoorTennis.Com 7833 Highway 65 N.E. Spring Lake Park, MN 55432	Fri	1:00-2:30 PM Start Sept. 16	All	\$7.00	Mark Mudra 952-833-1469 markmudra@aol.com

Free or low-cost lessons* are offered as part of your STPC membership. New members are encouraged to take advantage of them.

* Lessons are free during outdoor season; they cost \$7 when indoor (to pay for court time). You may continue taking lessons as long as you are a member of the club.

●● Private Club Drills Open to STPC Members ●●

Location	Day	Cost	Time	Information
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Ave S, Minneapolis	Tue Thu	\$9.00	9:00-10:00 AM	Call 612-825-6844 for reservation.
PublicIndoorTennis.com 7833 Hwy 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park	Mon	\$18	7:00-8:30 PM 2.5-3.0 NTRP	Call 763-231-3109 for reservation. There are two groups, each limited to six players.
			7:00-8:30 PM 3.0-3.5 NTRP	

Drills for September

Note: each month all our instructors will place greater attention on one subject. For September:

The volley

Most common problems

- Too long a swing
- Too much spin

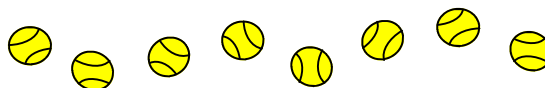
The fix

- Start and finish the shot on the same side of your body
- No arc in racquet path

- Keep strings vertical on back of the ball, not underneath ball

New drills available!

Note the drills offered at PublicIndoorTennis.com—both the Friday drill given by our own Mark Mudra, and the Monday “Private Club Drills” by Public Indoor’s tennis pros.



Wilkinson at Wimbledon

By Steve Wilkinson

Editor's note: This is condensed from Steve Wilkinson's log of his trip to Wimbledon this year to advise Eric Butorac, one of his former players at Gustavus and currently a top 10 doubles player. Many Senior Tennis players have attended Steve's Tennis and Life Camps. Steve is well-known for his incredible winning record as a tennis coach (best among all college coaches), and more important, his "three crowns" approach to tennis and life.



In February of 2011, after the Delray Beach International Tournament, **Eric Butorac** called me and proposed the following plan. "Will you come to Wimbledon this year and be my coach? I want you to scout opponents and offer tactical advice."

At first I deferred, thinking that there was no way that I could leave Tennis and Life Camps. I told Eric that I was happy to continue talking with him every week or two by phone. This was something I had done ever since he graduated from college in 2003. When I could view his matches on television, by tape, or in person, I would offer both tactical and mechanical suggestions.

More frequently my input centered on mental issues. For example, Eric used to worry about losing sets after being up a break. "It has happened six out of the last eight sets," he lamented. I advised him to stop keeping track of negative statistics. It creates a self-fulfilling prophecy. He did stop, and the problem soon disappeared. Only keep track of positive statistics. I reminded him of the high percentage of ATP pro tournament finals that he had won.

That was a statistic worth remembering!

As we hung up, I told Eric that I was flattered by his offer. I would continue to consider going, and would let him know soon. I was no longer director of Tennis and Life Camps. On January 1st, my wife Barb and I had donated the camps to Gustavus and passed the director position on to Neal Hagberg. Theoretically this would free us from being at every camp, but still there was so much for the new staff to learn.

When I mentioned Eric's offer to Barb, she grew excited. "Let's go to Wimbledon! We have two and a half weeks to train the office staff before we leave on June 19th." Our departure would put the pressure on them to learn quickly. On the other hand, there never was a worry about replacing me. An outstanding teaching staff headed by Dan McLaughlin was fully capable. Another reason I questioned the Wimbledon offer was my health.

Starting in August of 2010 my kidney cancer was not responding to chemotherapy. It had been metastasizing, creating the need for two cryoablation surgeries—one in December and another at the beginning of March. Where were things going to be in June? The life expectancy for people with kidney cancer in my situation is nine months. I had already lived nearly three years

since my right kidney was removed and the metastasis had begun. Also, I have prostate cancer, which has gone untreated for two years because of my kidney cancer issues. Should I say "yes" to Wimbledon when so many health uncertainties loomed?

However, my mind was made up when Barb wanted to go. This would be the perfect way for Tennis and Life Camps to transition to the future! Barb and I will continue to assist TLC, but its future will not depend on us. Going to Wimbledon symbolized this new freedom. What about the cancer issues? I will continue to plan boldly, not worrying about the challenges. Our plans already include Eric's wedding in September at the **Tennis Hall of Fame** in Newport, Rhode Island.

So in early March we sent word to Eric, who was playing at the Indian Wells tournament near Palm Springs. "Yes, we are coming, and we have already reserved our non-refundable plane tickets! Thank you for honoring us with this wonderful invitation!"

Wimbledon, here we come!

Finally the big day arrived! Barb and I were headed to Wimbledon, encouraged by the well-wishers from our first three camps. We traveled with Tim and Jan Butorac, Eric's parents, and stayed with them in a private home near the Wimbledon grounds. Each day we walked to the courts, and then back to our house via Wimbledon Village or Wimbledon town, where we had dinner at different quaint restaurants. The Giraffe was our favorite, serving an interesting assortment of vegetarian choices.

The grounds at Wimbledon were larger than I expected, with numerous gates of entry. But only Gate 14 allowed admittance for coaches and players' guests. We felt very privileged as gate keepers scanned our badges and let us straight in, while others waited patiently in line—some since the night before, when they queued up for a ground pass. Once in the grounds we were scanned again and again as we moved into special areas reserved

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for players, coaches, and their guests. It was common to have Roger Federer, Andy Murray, or other top players sitting at the table next to us in a restaurant area. However, we did not introduce ourselves, take pictures of them, or act enamored by their presence. It was important that they had their personal space, free from the adoring hoards that pestered them for autographs and pictures wherever they went in areas open to the public.

With my coach's badge I could go virtually anywhere, except for Center Court. If Eric had played there—a privilege generally reserved for singles players and doubles finalists—I would have received a ticket.

As a coach I could accompany Eric everywhere. In the locker room the screen could be adjusted so that we could watch any court we chose. But the best aspect of the coach's badge was watching Eric interact with other players and coaches. This was a treat! It became clear to me why he was so popular, and why he was selected by them to represent their interests on the ATP Player Council.

Also, I liked going with Eric to the practice courts, where no spectators were allowed, and to the workout room, where Eric would use the exercise equipment, the weights, and the stretching mats. I utilized this time well, riding the bike for a half hour, followed by pushups, crunches, and yoga stretching. This combined with four miles of walking each day offered a great exercise regimen for me. The timing could not have been better! It came after six months, three operations, and extended times in recovery where even a little exercise seemed taxing.

As rain pushed back the schedule during the first week, I wondered why the Wimbledon planners did not take advantage of the morning weather. Matches on Center Court started at 1 p.m., and the ones on the other courts at noon. Would that change? Not a chance. Why not? Because this is the way it has always been done.

Tradition is a powerful force at Wimbledon. No matches are played on the middle Sunday, while other tournaments use Sunday as a featured day. All the players dress in white, while other tournaments permit colored clothing. The officials wear long sleeves and distinguished sports jackets. Many of the British spectators come dressed formally. Strict protocol is enforced. By contrast, at the Australian Open, many spectators dress in outlandish garb, use body paint, and do loud, choreographed cheers that end just before one of the players serves. That would never be allowed at Wimbledon.

What the “gift of Wimbledon” means to us

The gift of Wimbledon that Eric gave us symbolizes many things for Barb and me. First, it marks our passage into retirement, which continues to be a difficult concept, as we spent hours and hours helping at TLC after returning. However, we work with the knowledge that TLC can operate well without us. The new director, Neal Hagberg, and his assistant, Dan McLaughlin, are doing a great job. We find it difficult to separate ourselves because TLC is like family to us.

The gift of Wimbledon gave us a “once in a lifetime” trip to the tennis Mecca. Wimbledon is recognized as **the** tennis event, older and more special than the other three Grand Slams. Major Walter Wingfield invented lawn tennis in February of 1874. Wimbledon Club officials modernized the game with changes in court shape and rules in 1877, just in time for the first Wimbledon tournament.

Wimbledon is still played on grass. Participants only wear white, in keeping with tradition. Proper etiquette and sportsmanship seem to matter more here than elsewhere on the tennis circuit. My emphasis on sportsmanship and trusting one's opponent resonates with Wimbledon priorities. My players have called me “old school.” There is nothing more “old school” than Wimbledon, so the trip here was a pilgrimage to my tennis roots.

The gift of Wimbledon was a gift of hope. It is important to look with optimism to the future, even when dark storm clouds block the light. Metastasizing kidney cancer and two operations to eliminate tumors, even after Eric asked us to go, could have caused us to doubt. But we did not! We purchased non-refundable tickets without cancellation insurance because we knew that we would go. Our faith was rewarded. My energy and general health at Wimbledon was better than anytime in the previous six months.

Finally, the gift of Wimbledon was a manifestation of Eric's character. It was a beautiful way for him to say thanks. Expression of gratitude is an important habit that we have taught to both TLC and Gustavus players. Eric's invitation said more than words could express. Eric has climbed higher in the pro tennis ranks than any previous student of mine. His accomplishments are truly outstanding, yet he proceeds with humility and thankfulness. For this we are most grateful.

Updates from Wimbledon

June 22, 2011. Today we are waiting for the rain to stop. Eric is the third match on Court 10, and it is

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supposed to clear around 3 p.m. So perhaps Eric will play around 8 p.m.

I had fun yesterday working with Eric on handling the hard balls that get blasted at him. It is important to never turn away. Face the opponent and put the racket in a backhand block position to protect the vulnerable spots.

Also it was obvious how important it was for Eric and Jules to be going frequently to the middle T on the serve. They played a very good set against Max Mirnyi and Daniel Nestor (seeded #2) for practice.

June 23, 2011. Eric is the fourth match tomorrow, so it will be late here. Eric probably will start around 6 or 7 p.m.

We watched Bethanie Mattek-Sands play today. Tim Butorac taught her until she was 9 years old. She turned pro when she was 15, and now she is the top-ranked American woman except for the Williams sisters. (After Wimbledon the Williams sisters dropped below Bethanie in the rankings.) Bethanie continually hit the ball up the line when she was out of position. As a consequence she made so many errors on this lower percentage shot. Almost every time she used under spin her opponent made mistakes. But Bethanie continued to blast the ball hard on almost every shot, and her opponent loved the pace. Bethanie lost 7-5 in the third, but with smarter play she could have won so easily.

June 24, 2011. We are now into Friday, and still Eric has not played. Yesterday he was scheduled to play 4th on Court #6. However, the first match made the schedule late. Number four seeds Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi and Rohan Bopanna lost 21-19 in the final set! After a couple of rain delays there was no time for a fourth match, so Eric's match got pushed back to today. He is the second match on Court #5. Eric feels rested and ready to go and the weather appears to be good today. We are ready to leave for the grounds.

Yesterday we ran into **Stan Smith**, former US #1 player, for a short conversation, and then **Bruce Burns** from Australia. What a neat coincidence! We happened to be entering the same gate at the same time! My wife Barb and I had stayed with Bruce and his wife Barbara in their Sydney home. Afterwards we played together in the Australian senior national tournament in Hobart, Tasmania. Later, we even won a USTA 55 and over grass court doubles title together in Philadelphia. Ironically, Bruce also has cancer and a very limited life expectancy. So we had an intense—perhaps final—conversation before he rushed off to watch Hewitt play in center court. I am sure Bruce was disappointed when

Hewitt lost to Soderling after being up two sets to love.

June 25, 2011. **Eric Butorac** and **Jules Rojer** are through the Wimbledon first round with a win over Filip Polasek and Igor Zelenay from Slovakia. What an exciting match! Eric started it off with a huge, forehand service return winner up the line on the first point of the match. Jules followed with a backhand winner up the other line, and they were on the way to breaking serve. From that point forward the serves for both teams dominated, ending with a 6-4 first set victory for Eric and Jules.



L to R: Rojer, Butorac

The second set continued with brilliant serves and no break opportunities until 4-5, when Eric went down 15-40 on his serve. He saved the first break point, but lost the second and the set 6-4.

The third set started with both sides holding serve, but then Eric and Jules hit several great returns, broke serve, and went up 3-1. Both sides held serve for the rest of the set, with no break point opportunities for either side, resulting in another 6-4 set and a well-earned 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over a tough, big-hitting team.

Later in the day the rains came again, setting in motion a ritual that we have observed every day of this tournament. As the first drops of rain fall, well-trained crews take down the nets, remove the umpire chairs, and have the courts covered with tarps, all within two minutes. Now picture this happening on 30 to 40 courts simultaneously. Then blowers are put under the tarps, causing them to rise off the grass and to shed the rain to the drains on the sides of the courts. The quickness and efficiency of this whole procedure is amazing!

Today Eric and **Olga Govortsova** from Belarus play **Bob Bryan** (world #1) and **Samantha Stosur** from Australia in the first round of the mixed doubles. I do not see a tougher team in the draw, but for some reason they are not seeded. But anything can happen, as Eric and his partner proved at the French Open this year when they beat the #2 seed in the first round.

The next round of men's doubles comes on Monday.

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No matches will be played on Sunday, which is a time-honored tradition at Wimbledon. Eric and Jules opponents will be Ashley Fisher and Stephen Huss, two experienced Australian doubles specialists.

June 26, 2011. The sun came out today at Wimbledon! For the first time there were no rain delays, no crews covering courts with tarps in their amazing two-minute drills. The sun left us hot, wondering if we should pull out the sunscreen and shed the jackets that have provided welcome warmth for the past five days.

Equally hot was the way that Eric Butorac and his partner Olga Govortsova played today. Their match with Bob Bryan and Samantha Stosur was not assigned a court at the beginning of the day. When other matches on stadium court #2 finished early, they got the nod. Eric and Olga stepped confidently onto the big stage. The ESPN3 commentators marveled at the way that Eric and Olga played. Their service returns were rock solid, and Eric put on a serving clinic. He went after his serve aggressively, hit his targets confidently, and at one point won a game in less than a minute with four first-serve winners. The final score was 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Even our cheering section received some attention from the ESPN camera. As we sat in the stadium in the section reserved for Eric's supporters, Jan Butorac received a text from a friend back in Rochester, letting her know that they were watching her. From that point forward we knew we better sit up straight and not pick our noses!

June 27, 2011. Monday was a day of contrasts here at Wimbledon. In the mixed doubles, Eric Butorac and his partner Olga Govortsova from Belarus steam rolled the 13th seeded team of Frantisek Cermak and Lucie Hradecka from Czechoslovakia. This was a good team. Lucie won the French Open women's doubles title a couple of weeks ago. But they were no match for a smiling and confident Butorac/Govortsova pair that seldom missed a service return and continually had their opponents in trouble on their serves. Meanwhile Butorac/Govortsova dominated on their serves and took the match 6-2, 6-1.

The men's doubles match earlier in the day between **Eric Butorac/Jules Rojer** and **Stephen Huss/Ashley Fisher** was another story. Things started badly in the first game when Eric's serve was broken by outstanding returns and a well-timed lob on break point. Unfortunately things continued that way for all three sets, ending in a straight set 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 loss. No matter where Eric took his returns—up the line or

crosscourt—the net man was there, making excellent volleys. They always seemed to know where Eric was going to hit. Meanwhile Jules struggled getting a high percentage of his returns in play. Consequently Eric and Jules had break point opportunities only twice in three sets, and neither time did they capitalize.

By contrast Huss/Fisher broke serve in every game where they had a break point opportunity. Stephen Huss, playing in the ad court, hit returns like they were shot out of a cannon. He never missed when he had a break opportunity, and on several occasions the returns were untouchable winners. It was certainly clear why he has a Wimbledon doubles title in his resume. To prevent these returns Butorac/Rojer needed to stretch him out. Butorac needed to use his lefty slice wide in the ad court, combined with a hard ball to the middle T. Instead both Butorac and Rojer gave him the same serves too many times, and ones that did not stretch him out.

This was a tough match psychologically for Butorac and Rojer. This was a match they expected to win. They had defeated Huss and Fisher twice before this year—in Memphis and DelRay Beach. You have probably heard the expression, "They played well, like they had nothing to lose." Well, today Butorac/Rojer played more tightly, like they did have something to lose.

Butorac/Rojer had an offensive game plan that had worked before and they were reluctant to change. As the match progressed it became more and more apparent to me that they should change. When Jules was not returning well, Eric needed to move back into a two-back formation. But he didn't. They needed to mix in more lobs, particularly on the side where their two right-handed opponents would be forced to look up directly into the bright midday sun. Neither of their overheads is particularly powerful. But Butorac/Rojer didn't use the lob to counteract their incredible anticipation and effective volleying. In situations like this, I wish that we could have been using collegiate rules, where coaching is permitted. But for ATP professionals, coaching is not permitted during matches. We had a good discussion afterwards, and I think valuable lessons for the future were taken away from this experience.

The contrast between the way Eric played today in men's doubles and mixed doubles could not have been greater. On Tuesday, Eric and Olga play Mahesh Bhupathi from India and Elena Vesnina from Russia. They are seeded number four and are a very good team,

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but certainly not better than the Bryan/Stosur team that Eric and Olga defeated in the first round. As I have said before, anything can happen. The match is scheduled for late, hopefully before the forecasted rain arrives.

A former Minnesotan, Mardy Fish advanced to the fourth round in singles with a straight set win over Tomas Berdych, the 2010 Wimbledon singles finalist. Mardy looked very impressive and confident. He will need to be against his next opponent, Rafael Nadal.

For me it has been fun reconnecting with Mardy's father Tom, a former teaching pro in Minneapolis. Back in the 70's and early 80's he played in the Gustavus fund-raising tennis events. Tom told me that he considers himself an unofficial Gustie. Also he expressed great interest in Tennis and Life Camps and our emphasis on focusing on the things within our control—positive attitude, full effort, and good sportsmanship [the Three Crowns]. He paid me the highest compliment by saying that he was going to steal some of our ideas for his program in Florida.

Then I told him that we had donated TLC to Gustavus, that we had become non-profit, and that we were seeking contributions to help inner-city kids who could not afford camp. In fact, this week we are giving full scholarships to 28 inner-city kids, primarily from Minneapolis and St. Paul. Tom responded by describing the foundation that Mardy and he have established to help some 2,000 kids in the Vero Beach, Florida area where Tom works as tennis pro. How neat!

June 28, 2011. The rain came again today, washing out Eric and Olga's third round match against Mahesh Bhupathi and Elena Vesnina. It is now scheduled for Wednesday—the third match on Court #12, but there is more rain in the forecast.

The top-seeded Bryan brothers started their men's doubles match with Paul Hanley (Australia) and Simon Aspelin (Sweden) at noon today and got the first set finished before the rain came. They got back on the court around 5 p.m. and played until after 7 p.m., when the rain came again. Now the score is locked at 3-3 in the fifth set. If the Bryan brothers should lose, all four of the top seeds will have lost before the quarterfinals. That is in stark contrast to the men's singles, where all four of the top seeds have quarterfinal matches on Wednesday.

The contrast between singles and doubles prize money is interesting. A singles player gets about seven times the amount as a doubles team or 14 times as much as an individual doubles player. You don't need to feel

sorry for Eric. As a top doubles player he is now making a good living—in stark contrast to his first four years on the tour—but it is quite different from a singles player in the top twenty.

With the world economy struggling, you might think that the men's pro tour would be facing reduced prize money. Quite the opposite! The men's tournaments and the Grand Slams are recording record profits and so the men players will be getting even more money next year.

At all of the Grand Slams the men and women split the prize money equally, which ends up being very advantageous for the women. In most other tournaments during the year, the men and women play in separate tournaments. The women's tournaments are struggling, sponsors are harder to find, and prize money is likely to decrease. The women would like more combined tournaments with the men, but the men are reluctant. When new deals for combined tournaments are struck, 70% of the prize money goes to the men and 30% to the women. Why would the women agree to this? Because they earn more money this way than going it alone.

Consumer demand is what pushes the prize money. Why do adults want to watch singles more than doubles when 70 to 80% of all tennis played by adults is doubles? Why do they want to watch men more than women when the women are playing at a high level that nearly matches the men in both speed and power?

Here at Wimbledon it is very obvious that the tournament is doing well. Thousands of people line up each day and wait in line for hours with the hope that they will get a ground pass to see matches that on some unlucky days are completely rained out. The lines actually begin the day before. On Sunday afternoon, an off day when no matches are played at Wimbledon, we saw hundreds, perhaps a thousand, tents all in line. People were camped out, willing to spend a full day waiting to be certain that they would have Wimbledon tickets. It's crazy, but I guess the Brits feel that only the people who have stamina and are willing to sacrifice long hours in line deserve to walk the hallowed grounds of Wimbledon.

June 29, 2011. Today the weather was beautiful at Wimbledon—sunny, no rain, and comfortable temperature in the 70's. As usual the grounds were packed, particularly Henman's Hill, which offers a large-screen view of action on Center Court. Anyone with a ground pass is offered the next best thing to

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defeated Brian Brown, St. Louis Park, 6-3, 6-2.

Singles 40s—Douglas Matuska, St. Paul, won in round robin play.

Doubles 80s—Henry Norton, Eden Prairie, and Warren Swanson, Richfield, won in round robin play.

Doubles 75s—Ralph Lieber and Mark Paper, Wayzata, won in round robin play.

Doubles 70s—Bob Busch, Edina, and Tom Fridinger defeated Ed Hoffman, St. Paul, and Bill Robertson 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles 65s—Merle Bryan, South St. Paul, and Rodney Smith, Minneapolis, won in round robin play.

Doubles 60s—Tim Burke, Minneapolis, and David Mathews, Eden Prairie, defeated Tom Boice, Wayzata and Dick Nelson, Hopkins, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles 55s—Fred Budde, Eagan, and Randy Crowell, Minneapolis, defeated Tom Boice and John Shannon, Orono, 6-3, 1-1, retired, injury.

Doubles 45s—William Prest and Curtis Wright of Eden Prairie won in round robin play.

Public Parks Tournament

The annual National Public Parks Tournament was held at the University of Minnesota Baseline Tennis Center from July 28 to August 1. Most senior matches were held inside the air conditioned Baseline Tennis Center during the warm and humid tournament week. Minnesota senior participants found some tough national competition but the following won National Public Parks championships:

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being in Center Court—a privilege reserved for British royalty and the fortunate ones who find a way to come up with a Center Court ticket.

As the Federer-Tsonga match drew to a close, there was not a spot anywhere. Thousands and thousands of people stared in disbelief and admiration as Jo-Wilfried Tsonga pulled off an amazing upset. Down two sets to zero he stormed back to win three sets in a row over Roger Federer, perhaps the greatest grass court champion of all times. The score was 3-6, 6-7(3), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Tsonga was consistently hitting 139 MPH howitzers, and there was nothing that Roger could do to stop the onslaught. Grass is a surface that rewards power and aggressive net play. History was created. Federer had never before lost in a Grand Slam event after being up two sets to zero. Can Tsonga go all the

Singles 60s—Dick Nelson, Hopkins.

Singles 65s—Dave Spilseth, Wayzata.

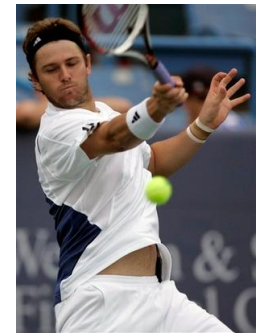
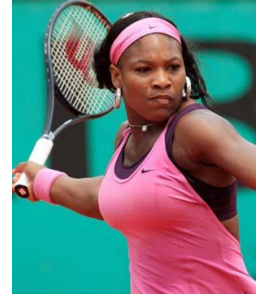
Doubles 55s—Fred Budde, Eagan, and Randy Crowell, Minneapolis.

Doubles 65—Merle Bryan, South St. Paul, and Rodney Smith, Minneapolis.

Doubles 70s—Bob Busch, Edina, and Tom Fridinger, White Bear Lake.

Rogers Cup

Just as we start to write about the lack of US talent at the top of professional tennis, **Serena Williams** and Edina native **Mardy Fish** were in the finals of the Rogers Cup singles play in Montreal and Toronto in mid-August. Serena, playing her fourth tournament after being out for almost 12 months, defeated Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-2 in the singles final. This tournament should provide confidence as she prepares for the US Open in New York.



Novak Djokovic, ranked #1 in the world, won his 9th tournament in 2011 by defeating **Mardy Fish** 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Djokovic recorded his 53rd win with only 1 loss this year. Fish was the only player to win a set against Novak during the tournament. **Bob and Mike Bryan** of the US lost the doubles final to **Nenad Zimonjic** of Serbia and **Michael Llodra** of France 6-4, 6-7, 10-5.

way? If he continues to play the way he did in the last three sets, the answer is a resounding yes. Still, it is hard not to pick Nadal here at Wimbledon this year. Our Minnesota hope Mardy Fish continued to play great tennis, which took him further than any other American singles player, but it was not enough to threaten the brilliance of Nadal's play. The score was 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

What are my predictions for the semifinals? Tsonga will beat Novak Djokovic,* interrupting his quest to become #1, and Nadal will beat Murray, as he feels the pressure of living up to British hopes for a Wimbledon champion.

* In a postscript I must admit that I underestimated Djokovic's ability on grass. He had been struggling in earlier rounds on his least favorite surface. However,

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Oakdale October Mixer

Mixed doubles. Rotating partners. 48 players only! You do not need to bring a partner.

Time: Saturday October 15, 6:00-9:00 PM. Play one 90 minute session (either 6:00-7:30 or 7:30-9:00).

Place: LifeTime Fitness Oakdale—see directions below.

Cost: \$13/person. Guests welcome.

Light snack food and beverages. Bring your own water bottle.

Limited to first 48 who sign up.

You will be notified as to the time you are scheduled to play. If any questions, please call Ann Barten 612-724-0712 or 612-751-7252 or Mary Ann McGuire 612-929-2038 .

The Oakdale facility is also offering the following amenities for the tennis players: an exercise room with a treadmill, showers and towels, and a big screen TV.

Directions: LifeTime Fitness Oakdale is at 1201 Ford Rd, Hopkins, MN 55305. This is just west of Hwy 169 and just south of I394.

From the east: Go west on I394. Take exit 3 for General Mills Blvd. Turn right at General Mills Blvd. Turn right at Wayzata Blvd. Turn left at Ford Rd.

From the west: Go east on I394. Take exit 3 to merge onto US-169 S. Exit onto W 16th St. Turn right at Ford Rd.

Oakdale October Mixer Reservation Form

Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____

Skill Level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0

Send check, payable to STPC, and this form by **October 10** to:

Ann Barten 5333 Nokomis Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55417

All players must sign the Release Form below:

RELEASE FORM

I agree that any participation by me in the activities of, or sponsored by, the Senior Tennis Players Club, Inc. (STPC), a nonprofit organization, including, but without limitation, activities such as tennis lessons, clinics, drills, rating sessions, camps, trips, playing in or attending tennis games, tournaments, groups or social events, shall be at my sole risk; and I hereby release and hold harmless STPC and its officers, directors, members, employees, agents, tennis pros, tennis clubs, courts and facilities used or licensed by STPC, and all independent contractors with STPC (all being "Associated Others") for all claims of damage, whether due to injuries to person or property; to any direction, conduct, scheduling or claimed discrimination, nonfeasance or malfeasance, or otherwise, arising out of, or occurring in connection with, any such activities or conduct of STPC or such Associated Others.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Fall/winter schedule 2011-2012

Up-to-date schedule is always on our website: www.seniortennismn.com

Want to find a place to play? Here's what you do:

- Locate one or more locations, times, and skill level that you'd like.
- Call the captains responsible and ask if they have any regular or sub positions available.
- If this doesn't accomplish what you want, call Facility Coordinators for places you'd like to play. They may be able to help you get a new group together. If no Facility Coordinator shown, call the Area Director.

Captains! We've eliminated most co-captains, per Board resolution. This was done by dropping the second name listed. If you'd rather have that "second" person listed as captain, please let Thue Rasmussen (St. Paul area), or Rod Johnson (Minneapolis area) know.

●● ST. PAUL AREA ●●						
Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates						
For corrections for St. Paul and suburbs call the Area Director: Thue Rasmussen at 651-917-0075 or E-mail him at thueor32@comcast.net						
Location	Day	Time	Ct s	Skill	Captains	Phone
St. Paul Indoor Tennis Club 600 Desoto, St. Paul Facility Coordinator ??	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 MW	Peter Plagemann	651-633-0466
	Wed	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Brian Kretsch	651-341-8860
	Fri	7:00-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Annette Adam	651-455-9319
Wooddale Recreation Center 2122 Wooddale Dr, Woodbury Facility Coordinator: Darlene Moynagh 651-436-8927	Mon	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Connie Alt	651-450-4580
	Tue	9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Woody Gillette	651-436-2614
	Wed	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Ken Simmons	651-436-8857
	Fri	8:00-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	John Booher	651-578-6794
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Play is usually September-April. Check with Captains for Start/end Dates						
Corrections for Minneapolis and suburbs call the Area Director: Rod Johnson 763-588-2107 or E-mail him at r-john@umn.edu						
Location	Day	Time	Ct s	Skill	Captains	Phone
Baseline Club 1815 4th St SE, Minneapolis 612-625-1433 Facility coordinator: Thue Rasmussen 651-917-0075	Mon	10:00-Noon	3	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
	Tue	8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Bob Williams	763-754-0747
	Wed	10:00-Noon	1	3.5 M	Art Fudenberg	763-784-9716
		10:30-Noon	2	3.0 MW	Louise Halverson	612-722-7132
	Thu	10:00-Noon	3	3.5+ MW	David Sommer	612-276-1313
		10:00-11:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Brenda Zimmerman	651-645-1662

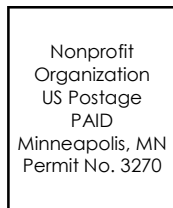
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Daytona Club 14740 Lawndale Lane Daytona. Facility Coordinator: Donna Mueller 763-421-8436	Tue	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	Donna Mueller	763-421-8436	
	Thu	9:30-11:30 AM	4	2.5-3.5 MW	John Malerich	763-537-5595	
Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center 100 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling 612-252-8367 Facility Coordinator Joan Thomas 651-249-6992	Mon	7:00-8:30 AM	5	3.5-4.0 M	Rick Van Doeren	952-897-3888	
		8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5 W	Mary Rogers	952-027-8168	
		8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5 W	Marion Knox	651-454-5501	
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	651-454-3699	
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699	
		10:00-Noon	3	3.5 + MW	Dave Fridgen	651-521-4063	
		10:00-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Loren Barber	651-770-6887	
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	1		Robert Burow	651-457-3735	
		8:00-9:30 AM	2	2.5-3.0 MW	Carrie Howes	651-406-9583	
		8:00-9:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	John Hilleren	952-831-1907	
	Wed	8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5 M	Hossein Nahvi	651-344-3300	
		9:30-11:00 AM	2	3.0 + MW	Skip Pederson	952-831-0684	
		10:00-12:00 AM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Marty Plitnick	612-247-7412	
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lou Dyrhaug	651-690-2094	
	Thu	8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.0 MW	Ariel Dickerman	651-292-1933	
		8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.5 MW	Dave Fridgen	651-454-3699	
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Sandra Loewenstein	651-454-3699	
		12:30-2:00 PM	1	4.0 M	Dennis Barrett	651-457-1801	
	Fri	7:30-9:00 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	John Hilleren	952-831-1907	
		8:00-9:30 AM	1	3.5 M	Blake Davis	651-450-7071	
		9:00-11:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Loren Barber	651-770-6887	
		9:00-11:00 AM	2		Caryl Minnetti	952-884-5136	
		10:00-11:30	1	3.5-4.0 W	Mary Lund	952-929-8075	
		10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Gordy Manaige	651-429-4046	
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	4.0 M	Dennis Berthiaume	651-686-7710	
	Lifetime Fitness Oakdale 1201 Ford Road, Minnetonka Facility Coordinator: Glenn Fuller 763-588-0464	Wed	7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Bob Carr	952-944-2662
		Fri	7:00-8:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 M	Glen Fuller	763-588-0464
	Match Point Tennis Center 9913 214th Street W, Lakeville. Facility coordinator: Bruce Abrahamson 952-461-2617	Tue	8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617
Noon-1:30			2	3.0-3.5 W	Pat Judge	651-452-1124	
Thu		8:00-9:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617	
		Noon-1:30	3	3.0-3.5 W	Pat Judge	651-452-1124	
Fri		8:30-10:30 AM	2-3	3.0-3.5 M	Bruce Abrahamson	952-461-2617	

PublicIndoorTennis.com 7833 Highway 65 N.E., Spring Lake Park, MN 55432. 763-231-3109. Facility Coordinator: Diane Lehman 651-488-6147	Mon	10:30-Noon	3	3.0 MW	Jan Swanberg	651-633-7178
	Thu	8:30-10:30 AM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Mike Schleeter	651-274-2011
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Diane Lehman	651-488-6147
Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center 4005 Nicollet Avenue S Minneapolis 612-825-6844 Facility Coordinator: Marv Schneider 952-975-1895	Mon	7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0 MW	Herb Bacal	612-750-8318
		8:30-10:00 AM	1-2	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		8:30-10:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Joan Petroff	952-893-9149
		10:00-11:30 AM	3	3.0 MW	Fred Easter	612-869-4560
		11:00-12:30 PM	2	2.5 MW	David Kopf	612-340-0287
		11:30-1:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 M	Ken Landro	763-544-9757
					Thue Rasmussen	651-917-0075
		12:30-2:00 PM	1-2	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
	3:00-4:30 PM	1-2	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC			
	Tue	7:00-9:00 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Herman Swanson	612-861-4313
		9:00-10:30 AM	2	2.5 MW	Donna Borgerding	612-721-7038
		9:00-10:30 AM	2	3.0 M	Patrick Meekin	612-874-8319
		9:30-11:00 AM	1	3.0-3.5 M	Ken Rich	612-377-4682
		10:30-Noon	3	2.5-3.0 MW	Dennis Moody	651-488-8124
		11:30-1:30 PM	1	3.5 M	Bill Sampson	763-566-4085
		1:30-3:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895
		1:30-3:00 PM	2	3.5 W	Jean Murdock	952-941-5362
		1:30-3:00 PM	1-3	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
		2:00-3:30 PM	1	2.5-3.0 MW	Mike Bosanko	952-881-0258
		3:00-4:30 PM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
	Wed	9:30-11:00 AM	3	3.0-4.0 W	Joanne Schmid	952-474-6022
		9:30-11:30 AM	3	3.0-3.5 MW	Ronnae Wagner	612-516-4182
		10:30-Noon	2	2.5-3.0 W	Shirley Pratt	651-291-1493
		10:30-Noon	1	3.5 M	Bob O'Brien	952-920-1571
		11:30-1:30 PM	2	3.5-4.0 MW	Jo Rolling	651-777-3773
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		3:00-4:30 PM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC		
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Ann Barten					612-724-0712	
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				Bill Kruckeberg	952-926-3397	
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2:30-4:00 PM	1-4	Available permanent court time – call RSFTC				

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					Marcia Hokanson	952-929-1152	
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		10:30-12:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Roy & Amy Rincon	612-724-4623	
		12:30-2:30 PM	6	3.5-4.0 MW	Joell Anderson	952-881-5510	
					Gerry Ludwig	763-522-9376	
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		10:30-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Frank Locke	952-937-9394	
		2:30-4:00 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Linda Kraft	952-934-1992	
	Tue	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Tom Shillock	952-475-2199	
		11:30-1:00 PM	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Patrick Hurley	952-470-2110	
	Wed	7:30-9:00 AM	2	2.5-3.0 W	Lois Kukuk	952-495-8067	
		8:00-9:00 AM	1	3.0 W	Eudice Gallop	952-595-8357	
		10:30-Noon	2	3.0-3.5 MW	Harold Krantz	952-937-9394	
	Thu	8:00-9:30 AM	2	3.0-3.5 M	Dennis Henriksen	952-475-2795	
		11:30-1:00	2	2.5-3.5 W	Jeannie Rose	763-537-2455	
		1:00-2:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Jenny Caldwell	763-473-6015	
	Fri	2:00-3:30 PM	2	3.0 MW	Arnie Nelson	763-473-2089	
		2:00-3:30 PM	1	3.0-3.5 W	Ginger Stees	952-476-2547	
	Sat	3:00-5:00 PM	3	3.0-4.0 MW	Marv Schneider	952-975-1895	
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now he has defeated Nadal five times in a row—twice on hard, twice on clay, and once on grass. There is no question as to who is number one!

However, the most gripping match for us was the mixed doubles match between Erik Butorac & Olga Govortsova and Mahesh Bhupathi & Elena Vesnina, the fourth seeded team. In the first set Olga had her serve broken twice, each time on hard passing shots up the line as Eric was trying to cut off balls that he anticipated would be headed crosscourt to his partner.

The second set could have gone either way. Erik and Olga broke serve first. Surprisingly it was Bhupathi's serve. Rarely in mixed doubles does the man get broken, so the momentum was with Erik and Olga as they went up 4-2. However, the score was evened when Olga got broken again, setting the stage for a tie-breaker at 6-6. The score in the breaker was 9-7, though there were many opportunities for either side to win the set. If Erik/Olga had won the second set, there is no doubt in my mind that they would have prevailed in the third set. Their play seemed to improve as the match progressed.

As we leave Wimbledon, we are left with great admiration for what I believe is a golden age of tennis.

The level of play and the fitness of the players have never been better. More importantly, the level of sportsmanship has never been higher. Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, humble winners and gracious losers, never making excuses, and giving credit to their opponents, have set the tone. I have been amazed that a young Nadal, who has beaten Federer two out of three times, still defers to Federer as the greatest player.

We Minnesotans can be proud that our Eric Butorac epitomizes this same high level of sportsmanship, both on and off the court. Always smiling and encouraging his partner, no matter what the situation, it is clear why partners enjoy playing with him. In fact it was Olga who called Eric and asked him to play with her at Wimbledon. Off the court Erik is the model of congeniality. Everyone knows and likes him. No wonder the players have selected him to be one of their eight representatives, serving on the ATP council that includes Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer. In Eric we have a model for what tennis and life is all about. Barb and I could not be more grateful that he treated us to a once-in-a-lifetime experience. With that we say goodbye to Wimbledon.

