



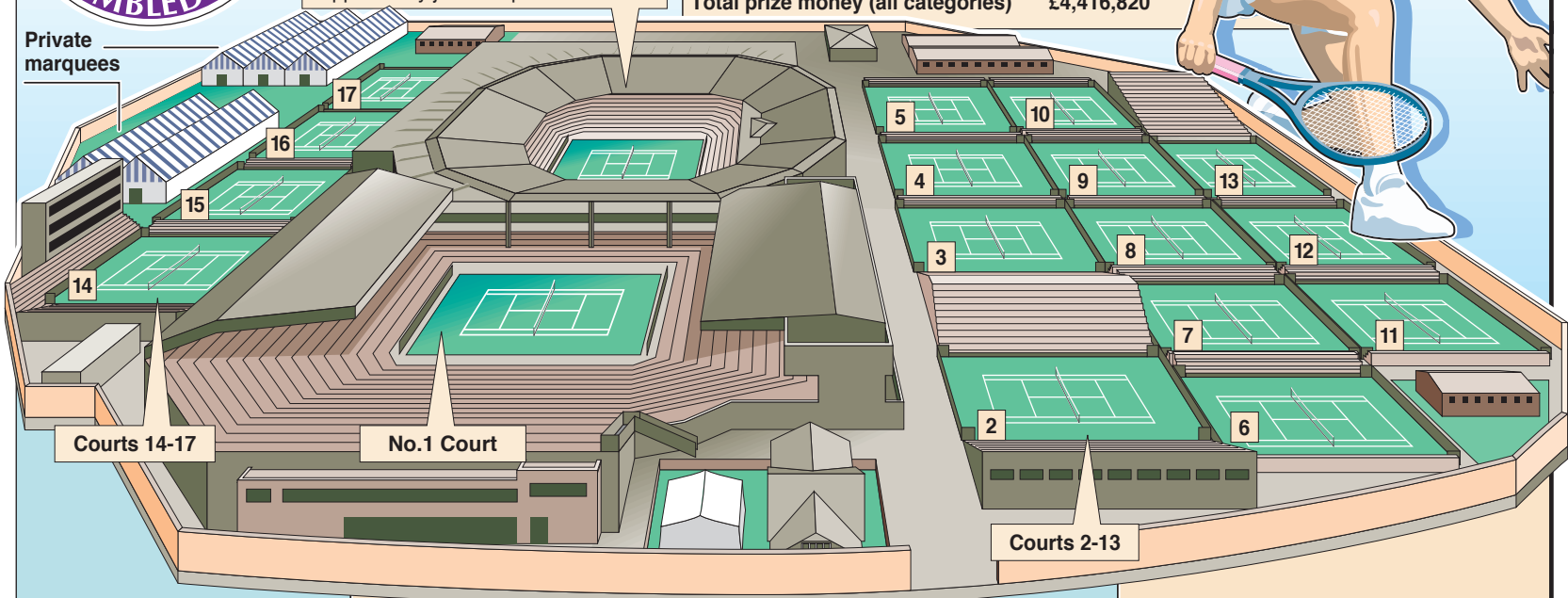
The Lawn Tennis Championships, Wimbledon

Centre Court: Since the court opened in 1922 roof pillars have imposed restricted viewing on 3,600 seats. The 26 original pillars are now gone – replaced by a new roof supported by just four pillars

With the Wimbledon rain as traditional as the strawberries, and at times as great a talking point as the tennis, Steffi Graf and Michael Stich – seeded 2nd and 3rd respectively – will be hoping for good weather as they defend their individual titles

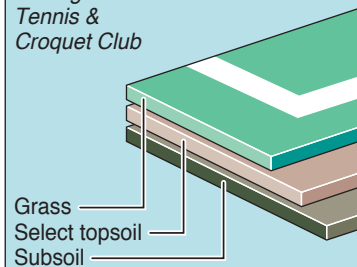
1992 Prize money

Gentlemen's singles	£1,449,960
Gentlemen's total (all categories)	£2,131,490
Ladies' singles	£1,203,060
Ladies' total (all categories)	£1,760,070
Total prize money (all categories)	£4,416,820



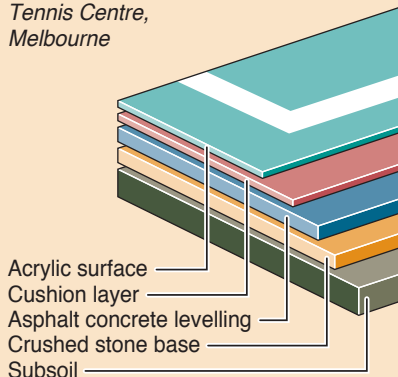
Comparing the Grand Slam surfaces

Wimbledon:
All England
Tennis &
Croquet Club



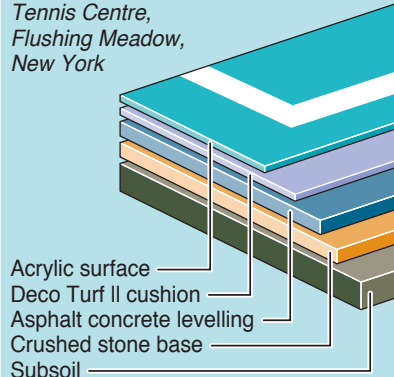
Very fast surface. Low bounce but ball skids and slides. Bounce becomes unpredictable as surface deteriorates during tournament

Australian Open:
Australian National
Tennis Centre,
Melbourne



Predictable and consistent high bounce of ball gives players more time to react. Surface gets sticky as it heats up and increases danger of twisted ankles

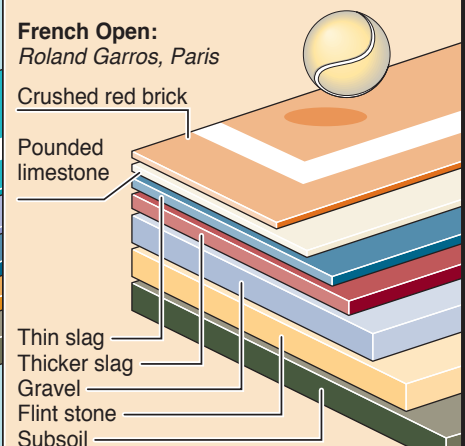
U.S. Open:
USTA National
Tennis Centre,
Flushing Meadow,
New York



Medium speed surface, faster than Australia, with true, consistent bounce. Speed of court makes accuracy as important as power

French Open:
Roland Garros, Paris

Crushed red brick
Pounded limestone



Extended baseline rallies are common on this slow, high bounce surface. Stamina and flexibility needed to avoid possible pulled or torn muscles