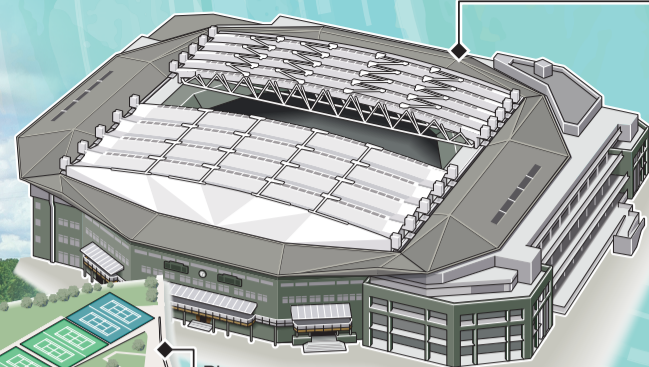


Wimbledon: The All England Club



21st Century Renovation

Centre Court:
Completion of retractable roof in 2009 allows play to continue in case of rain



GROUND LAYOUT

No. 1 Court: Capacity: 12,000.
Retractable roof installed 2019

Wimbledon Museum

Centre Court
15,000

No.2 Court
4,000



A quintessentially British tradition, the Wimbledon Championships are the world's oldest and most prestigious tennis tournament – synonymous with pristine lawn courts, royal patronage, dazzling white attire and, of course, beloved strawberries and cream

GRASS COURT MASTERS: **Novak Djokovic** (right) returned to pinnacle of men's tennis with stellar victory at Roland Garros, and now aims for eighth Wimbledon title to equal **Roger Federer's** record

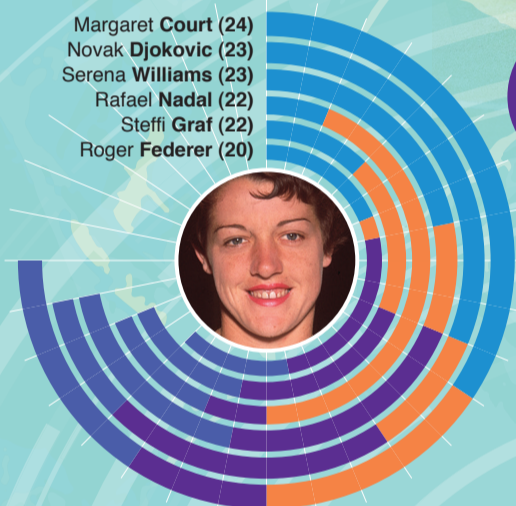
Wins at Wimbledon (Open Era, men):

Roger Federer	SUI	Matches W/L: 105/14
Novak Djokovic	SRB	86/10
Jimmy Connors	USA	84/18
Boris Becker	GER	71/12
Pete Sampras	USA	63/7

GRAND SLAM GURU: Djokovic can equal **Margaret Court's** (inset, below) all-time record – for men or women – with 24th major singles title on Centre Court

Most Grand Slam singles titles (All-time, men/women):

Australian Open	Roland Garros
Wimbledon	U.S. Open



QUEENS OF CENTRE COURT: Sisters **Venus** and **Serena Williams** dominate early 2000s – winning 12 titles between them and playing each other in four finals

Wins at Wimbledon (Open Era, women):

Martina Navratilova	USA	Matches W/L: 120/14
Serena Williams	USA	98/14
Chris Evert	USA	96/15
Venus Williams	USA	90/18
Steffi Graf	GER	74/7

Serena Williams

Holds record for longest span between first and last titles at Wimbledon – 14 years

Venus Rosewater Dish
First presented to champion of challenge round in 1886



Timeline of a British Institution

1868: All England Croquet Club is founded

1877
Inaugural championships at **Worple Road** attract field of 22 men. **Spencer Gore** (GBR, right) is first winner



1884: Ladies' singles and men's doubles introduced. **Maud Watson** (GBR) is first female champion



1900s
May Sutton (USA, 1905) and **Norman Brookes** (AUS, 1907) are first foreign winners

1922
Defending Ladies' champion **Suzanne Lenglen** (FRA, right) and **Gerald Patterson** (AUS) claim first titles on new Centre Court at **Church Road** grounds



1924-29: France's "Four Musketeers" – **René Lacoste**, **Jean Borotra**, **Henri Cochet** and **Jacques Brugnon** – dominate court

1934-36
Fred Perry (GBR, left) wins three consecutive singles titles



1937: First television coverage by BBC

1940: Centre Court is bombed during World War II – damage not repaired until 1947

1950s: Teenager **Maureen Connolly** (USA) wins three successive trophies. **Althea Gibson** (USA) becomes first black champion

1968: Open Era begins as professional players return. **Rod Laver** (AUS) and **Billie Jean King** take titles

1975
Arthur Ashe (USA, right) becomes first black player to win men's singles



1976-80
Hearthrob **Bjorn Borg** wins five consecutive titles. **Virginia Wade** (GBR) triumphs in 1977, Queen's Silver Jubilee year

1980s
Fan favourites **John McEnroe**, **Boris Becker** and **Martina Navratilova** are centre stage

1990s
Pete Sampras and **Steffi Graf** (left) dominate proceedings



2003: **Roger Federer** wins first of eight trophies

2008: **Rafael Nadal** (ESP) beats **Federer** in arguably greatest Wimbledon final

2009: Retractable roof used for first time

2012
Centre Court hosts **Olympic Games**, with **Andy Murray** (GBR) and **Serena Williams** winning singles gold medals



2013
Crowd erupts as **Murray** (left) becomes first British Wimbledon men's champion for 77 years



2019: **Novak Djokovic** beats **Federer** in longest Wimbledon final – 4 hours, 57 minutes

2022: Championships mark centenary of Centre Court, with play on **Middle Sunday** for first time



Roll call of champions

MOST CHAMPIONSHIPS (OPEN ERA)

1978, 79, 82-87, 90	Martina Navratilova	USA	9	8	Roger Federer	SUI	2003-07, 09, 12, 17
1988, 89, 91-93, 95, 96	Steffi Graf	GER	7	7	Novak Djokovic	SRB	2011, 14, 15, 2018-22*
2002, 03, 09, 10, 12, 15, 16	Serena Williams	USA	7	7	Pete Sampras	USA	1993-95, 1997-2000
2000, 01, 05, 07, 08	Venus Williams	USA	5	5	Bjorn Borg	SWE	1976-80
1968, 72, 73, 75	Billie Jean King	USA	4	3	John McEnroe	USA	1981, 83, 84
1974, 76, 81	Chris Evert	USA	3	3	Boris Becker	GER	1985, 86, 89

Gentlemen's Singles Trophy
First presented in 1887

Roger Federer

