

John Austin

Winning a Wimbledon trophy is a major accomplishment for any tennis player, but winning a major championship with a sibling is a rarity in the record books of any sport.

For John and Tracy Austin, the 1980 Wimbledon mixed doubles title put them in the record books as the first brother-sister team to win the prestigious Wimbledon championship. They also reached the Wimbledon mixed doubles final in 1981.

There is no question that Austin has tennis in his DNA. Born into a family of five siblings, four of whom competed at Wimbledon, Austin climbed the international rankings to a top 40 world ranking in six years competing on the ATP Tour. Among his wins were victories over #1-ranked John McEnroe, former French Open champion Yannick Noah, Andres Gomes, Wojtek Fibak, and twins Tim and Tom Gullikson. He was also selected three times as an alternate/practice partner for the US Davis Cup team.

Prior to entering the professional ranks, Austin was a member of the victorious 1976 UCLA NCAA championship team and a 1978 NCAA doubles champion. He reached the NCAA doubles final in 1977.

Austin's earliest memories are from the vantage point of the tennis courts at the historic Jack Kramer Club in Rolling Hills, CA where his mother worked in the tennis shop, and Austin received his tennis direction from renowned coach Robert Lansdorp.

Austin followed in his famous coach's footsteps becoming a teaching professional upon his retirement from the professional tour. Among the players Austin has worked with as a Touring Professional are Pete Sampras, Michael Chang, Jim Grabb, Chuck Adams, Robbie Weiss, Alexandra Stevenson, and Amy Frazier.

While pursuing his teaching career, Austin remained passionate about his own tennis, attaining two No. 1 USTA national rankings in the Men's 40 Singles in 1997 and Men's 35 Doubles in 2002.

Austin's wife, Karen, is a teacher. He has two sons, Christopher, 37, and Reed, 27

TOURING PROFESSIONAL

1978-1984

CAREER WINS

Defeated #1 John McEnroe, Yannick Noah, Andres Gomez, Wojtek Fibak, Tim and Tom Gullickson, Tim Wilkinson

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

2002 Ranked #1 in the US Mens 35 and over doubles

2002 USTA National Mens 35 and over Hard court doubles champion

1998 USTA National Men's 40 and Over Grass Court Singles Champion

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1997 USTA National Men's 40 and Over Indoor Singles Champion

1997 USTA National Men's 40 No. 1 Ranking

Member of the 1989 First Place "New Jersey Stars Professional Team Tennis"

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1978 NCAA Doubles Champion

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US Davis Cup team - selected 3 times/alternate/practice partner

7 Career titles won

6 Career finalist appearances

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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