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USPA NEWS - US Open showcases during two weeks World-Class Athletes on the grandest of scales and on the game's biggest stage. In 1968, Arthur ASHES wins the first ever US Open Men's Singles Crown. Because of his amateur status, Arthur ASHES, lieutenant in the US army, wasn't eligible to receive his prize...

ASHES is the first American to win the US men's singles title since 1955 and the first African-American to win a men's singles title at a grand Slam championship. 1971, a 16 year-old Chris Evert makes her US Open debut by reaching the semifinals. In 1973, another achievement in tennis history is recorded at the US Open, as men and women players recieve equal prize money at the US Open. 1974 marks the first of five US Open titles for Jimmy Connors, who would again win in 1976, 1978, 1982 and 1983.

Night tennis makes its debut in Grand Slam tennis at the 1975 US Open, the first of three Opens played on clay courts. In 1976, in the 200th year of American independence, two Americans claim singles titles (Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert). In 1977, in the last US Open played at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hill, US Open crowds get their first look at Tracy Austin and John McEnroe. It is the first US Open title for Navratilova, her last would come 29 years later. In 1978, the US Open moves to the hard courts of the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Bjorn Borg and Bob Hewitt play the first mach ever on the Stadium Court on Tuesday night, August 29.

1979, Tracy Austin becomes the youngest US Open champion at the age of 16 years. 1981, At the 100th anniversary of the US Championships, Americans claim both singles titles and the men's and women's double titles. 1988, Steffi Graf wins her first US Open title to complete the first Grand Slam in tennis since Margaret Court in 1970. In 1990, at the age of 19 years, Pete Sampras becomes the youngest US Open men's singles champion, defeating Andre Agassi. 1994, Andre Agassi knocks off a record five seeded players en route to becoming the first unseeded player in the Open era to win the US Open men's singles championship.... and it goes on an on (from US Open)

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