

**Tracy Austin**  
**Hall of Fame Tennis Player and Broadcaster**

Tracy Austin received her first tennis lesson at age two and appeared on the cover of *World Tennis* at four years of age. Her career was just beginning as Austin went on to win 25 national titles as a junior. In 1978, Austin launched her professional career and won the first tournament she entered as a pro in Filderstadt, Germany. Austin was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1992, becoming the youngest individual to receive the honor.

Triumphs over Chris Evert in the 1979 and Martina Navratilova in 1981 produced two U.S. Open crowns for Austin. In 1978, Austin broke Navratilova's 37-match winning streak and in the 1979 Italian Open she broke Evert's 125-match clay court winning streak.

Her incredibly consistent record earned her celebrity status and worldwide recognition. In 1980, she became the youngest person to become #1 in the world at age 17, and went on to represent the USA on the winning Fed Cup and Wightman Cup teams. When forced to the sidelines in the mid-1980s by chronic injuries, she parlayed her on-court experience into a successful broadcasting career.

Austin debuted as a tennis analyst for NBC's coverage of Wimbledon 1983. She went on to serve as tennis correspondent for *Good Morning America*, providing insights and interviews for the Wimbledon and U.S. Open Championships in 1986-1988.

She has since appeared regularly as a television tennis commentator. In 1992, she covered Olympic tennis in Barcelona for NBC, and in 1994 and 1996 she was NBC's commentator for the French and Wimbledon Championships.

Working with USA Network, Austin covered the U.S. Open from 1991-1999 and the French Open 1995-99. She also provided commentary for the Seven Network at the 2006-2010 Australian Opens and began working for Tennis Channel in 2010, joining their US Open team. Austin also worked for CBC Sports during their coverage of the 2009 Rogers Cup, as well as FOX Sports.

As playing editor for *Tennis Magazine*, Austin has authored several instructional columns. She also authored a well-reviewed book, *Beyond Center Court: My Story*, which was published in 1992.

Austin has contributed much time to charitable organizations. This includes developing her own Pro-Celebrity Tournament to benefit the South Bay Children's Health Center, an event which has been run annually since 1978.

In her free time Austin enjoys reading and gardening. She is married to Scott and has three sons: Dylan, Brandon and Sean.