Helen Wills
For the research institute, see Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute.

Helen Wills in 1932

Full name: Helen Wills Moody
Helen Wills Roark

Country (sports): United States

Born: October 6, 1905
Centerville, CA, United States

Died: January 1, 1998 (aged 92)
Carmel, CA, United States

Height: 5 ft 7 in (1.70 m)

Int. Tennis HoF: 1959 (member page)

Highest ranking: No. 1 (1927)

Singles

Grand Slam Singles results

French Open: W (1928, 1929, 1930, 1932)


### Doubles

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Highest ranking</th>
<th>No. 1 (1924)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

### Grand Slam Doubles results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>Result</th>
<th>Years</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>French Open</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>(1930, 1932)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>(1924, 1927, 1930)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>US Open</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>(1922, 1924, 1925, 1928)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Grand Slam Mixed Doubles results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>Result</th>
<th>Years</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>French Open</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>(1928, 1929, 1932)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>(1929)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>US Open</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>(1924, 1928)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Team competitions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>Years</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wightman Cup</td>
<td>(1923, 1927, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1938)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Medal record

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Representing</th>
<th>United States</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Olympic Games – Tennis</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1924 Paris</td>
<td>Singles</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1924 Paris</td>
<td>Doubles</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Helen Newington Wills** (October 6, 1905 – January 1, 1998), also known as **Helen Wills Moody** and **Helen Wills Roark**, was an American tennis player. She became famous around the world for holding the top position in women's tennis for a total of nine years: 1927–33, 1935 and 1938.\(^{[1]}\) She won 31 Grand Slam tournament titles (singles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles) during her career, including 19 singles titles.

Wills was the first American woman athlete to become a global celebrity, making friends with royalty and film stars despite her preference to stay out of the limelight. She was admired for her graceful physique and for her fluid motion. She was part of a new tennis fashion, playing in knee-length pleated skirts rather than the longer ones of her predecessors. Unusually, she practiced against men to hone her craft, and she played a relentless game, wearing down her female opponents with power and accuracy. In 1933 she beat the 8th-ranked male player in an exhibition match.

Her record of eight wins at Wimbledon was not surpassed until 1990 when Martina Navratilova won nine. She was said to be "arguably the most dominant tennis player of the 20th century",\(^{[2]}\) and has been called by some (including Jack Kramer, Harry Hopman, Mercer Beasley, Don Budge, and AP News) as the greatest female player in history.\(^{[3][4][5]}\)
"Helen of California", a portrait sculpture by Haig Patigian, on display at the de Young Museum in San Francisco.

She was born Helen Newington Wills in Centerville, California and attended the University of California, Berkeley.

She married Frederick Moody in December 1929. She won approximately one-half of her major championships as "Helen Wills" and one-half as "Helen Wills Moody". Wills divorced Moody in 1937 and married Aidan Roark in October 1939. She died on January 1, 1998, aged 92.

Tennis career

Wills won 31 Grand Slam tournament titles (singles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles) during her career, including seven singles titles at the U.S. Championships, eight singles titles at Wimbledon, and four singles titles at the French Championships. Excluding her defaults at the French Championships and Wimbledon in 1926, she reached at least the final of each Grand Slam singles event she played during her career. She never played at
Wills also won two Olympic gold medals in Paris in 1924 (singles and doubles), the last year that tennis was an Olympic sport until 1988. Wills was the U.S. girls' singles champion in 1921 and 1922. She won her first women's national title at the age of 17 in 1923, making her the youngest champion at that time. From 1919 through 1938, she amassed a 398–35 (0.919) match record, including a winning streak of at least 158 matches, during which she did not lose a set. She was a member of the U.S. Wightman Cup team in 1923, 1924, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, and 1938.

Wills was reported to be an introverted and detached woman. On court, she rarely showed emotion, ignored her opponents, and took no notice of the crowd. Kitty McKane Godfree, who inflicted the only defeat Wills suffered at Wimbledon during her career, said, "Helen was a very private person, and she didn't really make friends very much." Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman said, "Helen was really an unconfident and [socially] awkward girl—you have no idea how awkward.... I thought of Helen as an honestly shy person who was bewildered by how difficult it was to please most people." Because of her unchanging expression, Grantland Rice, the American sportswriter, bestowed on Wills the nickname "Little Miss Poker Face". As her success and, ironically, unpopularity with the public increased, she was called "Queen Helen" and "the Imperial Helen". In her own defense, Wills said in her autobiography, "I had one thought and that was to put the ball across the net. I was simply myself, too deeply concentrated on the game for any extraneous thought."

She typically wore a white sailor suit having a pleated knee-length skirt, white shoes, and a white visor.

On February 16, 1926, the 20-year-old Wills met Suzanne Lenglen, six-time Wimbledon champion, in the final of a tournament at the Carlton Club in Cannes. It was the only time they played each other. Public anticipation of their match was immense, resulting in high scalper ticket prices. Roofs and windows of nearby buildings were crowded with spectators, including the King of Sweden. Both players were nervous, with Lenglen drinking brandy and water at one point to calm her nerves. Lenglen won the match 6–3, 8–6 after being down 2–1 in the first set and 5–4 in the second set. Wills had a set point in the second set and believed she had won the point that would have won her the set, but a linesman disagreed. In one of the few times she showed emotion on court, she spoke angrily to the linesman over the call. After the match, Lenglen's father advised her that she would lose her next match to Wills if they met again soon, and Lenglen avoided Wills for the remainder of the spring. Wills did not get a second chance to meet...
Lenglen. Wills had an emergency appendectomy during the 1926 French Championships, which caused her to default her second round match and withdraw from Wimbledon, which also was considered a default. Lenglen turned professional after the 1926 season.

After she returned to the United States, Wills attempted a comeback from her appendectomy, lost two matches, and on the advice of her doctor, withdrew from that year’s U.S. Championships. Apart from those two losses, beginning with the 1923 U.S. Championships, Wills lost only four matches in three years: once to Lenglen, twice to Kathleen McKane Godfree, and once to Elizabeth Ryan. Wills had winning overall records against the latter two. In 1927, a revived Wills began her streak of not losing a set until the 1933 Wimbledon Championships.

In an exhibition match in San Francisco on January 28, 1933, Wills defeated Phil Neer, the eighth ranked American male player, 6–3, 6–4.

Helen Wills Moody in 1929

During the 17-year period from 1922 through 1938, Wills entered 24 Grand Slam singles events, winning 19, finishing second three times, and defaulting twice as a result of her appendectomy. Her streak of winning U.S. Championships seven times in seven attempts ended when she defaulted to Helen Hull Jacobs during the 1933 final because of a back injury. At the time, Jacobs was leading in the third set. Because she felt the press and fans treated her harshly at the U.S. Championship, Wills decided never to play there again. After taking a year off to recuperate, Wills came back to win the 1935 Wimbledon title, surviving a match point in the final against Jacobs. In 1938 she again defeated her rival to win her eighth and last Wimbledon title before retiring permanently.

Charlie Chaplin was once asked what he considered to be the most beautiful
sight that he had ever seen. He responded that it was "the movement of Helen Wills playing tennis."[18]

According to A. Wallis Myers of The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail, Wills was ranked in the world top ten from 1922 through 1925, 1927 through 1933, and in 1935 and 1938. She was World No. 1 in those rankings nine times, from 1927 through 1933 and in 1935 and 1938.[1] Wills was included in the year-end top ten rankings issued by the United States Lawn Tennis Association from 1922 through 1925, 1927 through 1929, and in 1931 and 1933. She was the top-ranked U.S. player from 1923 through 1925 and 1927 through 1929.[19]

Wills was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1959.[20] In 1981, Wills was inducted into the (San Francisco) Bay Area Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1926 and 1929, Wills appeared on the cover of Time magazine.[21]

Playing style

When asked in 1941 about whether Wills or Lenglen was the better player, Elizabeth Ryan, who played against both of them in singles and partnered both in doubles, said, "Suzanne, of course. She owned every kind of shot, plus a genius for knowing how and when to use them."[11] However, Wills and Lenglen are seen as having completely different skills and strategies.[22] Wills served and volleyed with unusually powerful forehand and backhand strokes, and she forced her opponents out of position by placing deep shots left and right. Lenglen was more physically nimble, and she was more imaginative—able to quickly change shots in response to conditions. Lenglen was a master of the drop shot and close net work, which was Wills' soft spot. Aware of her weakness at the net, Wills drove her opponents deep into the backcourt as much as possible. Playing Wills was, according to Helen Jacobs, like playing "a machine... with implacable concentration and undeniable skill" yet with little flexibility.[23]

Analogizing Wills's game to poker, George Lott, a 12 time winner of Grand Slam doubles titles and a contemporary of Wills, once said, "Helen’s expression rarely varied and she always tended strictly to business, but her opponents were never in doubt as to what she held: an excellent service, a powerful forehand, a strong backhand, a killer instinct, and no weaknesses. Five of a kind! Who would want to draw against that kind of hand?"[11]

Grand Slam finals

Singles: 22 (19 titles, 3 runners-up)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Outcome</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>Surface</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Score</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1922</td>
<td>U.S. Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Molla Bjurstedt Mallory</td>
<td>3–6, 1–6 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1923</td>
<td>U.S. Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Molla Bjurstedt Mallory</td>
<td>6–2, 6–1 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1924</td>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Kitty McKane</td>
<td>6–4, 4–6, 4–6 [25]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1924</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships (2)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Molla Bjurstedt Mallory</td>
<td>6–1, 6–3 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1925</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships (3)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Kitty McKane</td>
<td>3–6, 6–0, 6–2 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1927</td>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Lili de Alvarez</td>
<td>6–2, 6–4 [25]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1927</td>
<td>U.S. Championships (4)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Betty Nuthall</td>
<td>6–1, 6–4 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Eileen Bennett</td>
<td>6–1, 6–2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>Wimbledon (2)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Lili de Alvarez</td>
<td>6–2, 6–3 [25]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>U.S. Championships (5)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td>6–2, 6–1 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1929</td>
<td>French Championships (2)</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Simonne Mathieu</td>
<td>6–3, 6–4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1929</td>
<td>Wimbledon (3)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td>6–1, 6–2 [25]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1929</td>
<td>U.S. Championships (6)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Phoebe Holcroft Watson</td>
<td>6–4, 6–2 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1930</td>
<td>French Championships (3)</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td>6–2, 6–1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1930</td>
<td>Wimbledon (4)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td>6–2, 6–2 [25]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1931</td>
<td>U.S. Championships (7)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Eileen Bennett Whittingstall</td>
<td>6–4, 6–1 [24]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td></td>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td></td>
<td>Simonne</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outcome</td>
<td>Year</td>
<td>Tournament</td>
<td>Surface</td>
<td>Partner 1</td>
<td>Partner 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>------</td>
<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>---------</td>
<td>-------------------</td>
<td>-------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1932</td>
<td>Wimbledon (5)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td>Mathieu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1933</td>
<td>Wimbledon (6)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Dorothy Round</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1933</td>
<td>U.S. Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1935</td>
<td>Wimbledon (7)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1938</td>
<td>Wimbledon (8)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Helen Jacobs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Doubles: 10 (9 titles, 1 runner-up)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Outcome</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>Surface</th>
<th>Partner 1</th>
<th>Partner 2</th>
<th>Opponents 1</th>
<th>Opponents 2</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1922</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Marion Zinderstein</td>
<td>Jessup</td>
<td>6–4, 7–9, 6–3</td>
<td></td>
<td>[26]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Molla Bjurstedt</td>
<td>Mallory</td>
<td></td>
<td>Phyllis Howkins</td>
<td>6–4, 6–4</td>
<td>[27]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Edith Sigourney</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kitty McKane</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1924</td>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Hazel Hotchkiss</td>
<td>Wightman</td>
<td>6–4, 6–3</td>
<td></td>
<td>[26]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Eleanor Goss</td>
<td>Marion Zinderstein</td>
<td></td>
<td>Mary Sutton Bundy</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1925</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships (3)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Mary Browne</td>
<td></td>
<td>6–4, 6–3</td>
<td></td>
<td>[26]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Sobey</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bobbie Heine</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Irene Peacock</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Edith Cross</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1927</td>
<td>Wimbledon (2)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td></td>
<td>6–3, 6–2</td>
<td></td>
<td>[27]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bobbie Heine</td>
<td>Irene Peacock</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships (4)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Hazel Hotchkiss</td>
<td>Wightman</td>
<td>6–2, 6–2</td>
<td></td>
<td>[26]</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Edith Cross</td>
<td>Anna McCune Harper</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outcome</td>
<td>Year</td>
<td>Tournament</td>
<td>Surface</td>
<td>Partner</td>
<td>Opponents</td>
<td>Score</td>
<td>Reference</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>---------</td>
<td>------</td>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
<td>---------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------</td>
<td>------------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1930</td>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td>Simone Barbier Simonne Mathieu</td>
<td>6–3, 6–1</td>
<td>[29]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1930</td>
<td>Wimbledon (3)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td>Edith Cross Sarah Palfrey</td>
<td>6–2, 9–7</td>
<td>[27]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1932</td>
<td>French Championships (2)</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td>Eileen Bennett Whittingstall Betty Nuthall</td>
<td>6–1, 6–3</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1933</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Elizabeth Ryan</td>
<td>Freda James Betty Nuthall</td>
<td>default</td>
<td>[26]</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Mixed doubles: 7 (3 titles, 4 runners-up)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Outcome</th>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>Surface</th>
<th>Partner</th>
<th>Opponents</th>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Reference</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1922</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Howard Kinsey</td>
<td>Mary Browne Bill Tilden</td>
<td>4–6, 3–6</td>
<td>[28]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1924</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>Vincent Richards</td>
<td>Molla Bjurstedt Mallory Bill Tilden</td>
<td>6–8, 7–5, 6–0</td>
<td>[28]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Frank Hunter</td>
<td>Eileen Bennett Henri Cochet</td>
<td>6–3, 3–6, 3–6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Winner</td>
<td>1928</td>
<td>U.S. National Championships (2)</td>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>John Hawkes</td>
<td>Edith Cross Edgar Moon</td>
<td>6–1, 6–3</td>
<td>[28]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Runner-up</td>
<td>1929</td>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>Frank Hunter</td>
<td>Eileen Bennett Henri Cochet</td>
<td>3–6, 2–6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Frank</td>
<td>Joan Fry</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

[29]
Winner 1929 Wimbledon Grass Hunter 6–1, 6–4
Runner-up 1932 French Championships Clay Sidney Wood

Olympic Games

Singles: 1 (1 gold medal)

Outcome Year Championship Surface Opponent Score
Gold 1924 Paris Grass Julie Vlasto 6–2, 6–2

Doubles: 1 (1 gold medal)

Outcome Year Championship Surface Partner Opponents Score
Gold 1924 Paris Grass Hazel Wightman Phyllis Covell Kathleen McKane 7–5, 8–6

Career statistics

Main article: Helen Wills career statistics

Grand Slam singles tournament timeline

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tournament</th>
<th>1922</th>
<th>1923</th>
<th>1924</th>
<th>1925</th>
<th>1926</th>
<th>1927</th>
<th>1928</th>
<th>1929</th>
<th>1930</th>
<th>1931</th>
<th>1932</th>
<th>1933</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Australian Championships</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>French Championships</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>NH</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>2R²</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wimbledon</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>1R²</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>W</td>
<td>W</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SR = the ratio of the number of Grand Slam singles tournaments won to the number of those tournaments played.

1 Through 1923, the French Championships were open only to French nationals (or members of French tennis clubs). The World Hard Court Championships (WHCC), actually played on clay in Paris or Brussels, began in 1912 and were open to all nationalities. The results from that tournament are shown here for 1922 and 1923. The Olympics replaced the WHCC in 1924, as the Olympics were held in Paris. Beginning in 1925, the French Championships were open to all nationalities, with the results shown here beginning with that year.

2 During the 1926 French Championships Helen Wills had an appendectomy that hadn't healed by the time Wimbledon started. Though one week prior the tournament was informed she wouldn't play, she was defaulted from her opening round match at Wimbledon.

Education

Wills was tutored by her mother at home until she was 8 years old and graduated from Anna Head School in Berkeley in the top of her class.

Wills attended the University of California, Berkeley on an academic scholarship, and graduated in 1925 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society.[30]

In 1998, Wills bequeathed US $10 million to the University of California, Berkeley to fund the establishment of a Neuroscience institute. The resulting institute, the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, began in 1999 and is now home to more than 40 faculty researchers and 36 graduate students.

Personal life

Wills was born in Centerville now Fremont, California, near San Francisco. She lived in the small town of Byron, California, and practiced her tennis game at the Byron Hot Springs resort.[31]

Wills wrote a coaching manual, Tennis (1928), her autobiography, Fifteen-Thirty: The Story of a Tennis Player (1937), and a mystery, Death Serves an Ace (1939, with Robert Murphy).[32] She also wrote articles for the Saturday
Senator James D. Phelan befriended Wills and invited her as a frequent guest to his estate, Villa Montalvo. Wills wrote poetry as a hobby, and presented two of her works, "The Awakening" and "The Narrow Street", to a literary competition hosted by Phelan in 1926. Wills settled laurel wreaths over the heads of the winners. Phelan himself wrote a poem dedicated to Wills.[33] In 1928, Phelan commissioned Haig Patigian, sculptor and fellow member of the Bohemian Club, to create a likeness of Wills. Patigian completed a marble bust of Wills in October 1928, and Phelan donated it to the M. H. de Young Memorial Museum. At his death in 1930, Phelan left Wills $20,000 ($283,785 today) in his will, "in appreciation of her winning the tennis championship for California."[34]

Wills met painter Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo at the San Francisco studio of her friend sculptor Ralph Stackpole in 1930. Rivera sketched Wills and asked her to model as the main figure of "California" for the 30-foot-high mural Allegory of California he was painting for the City Club of the San Francisco Stock Exchange. The committee of the Stock Exchange found out that Wills was being portrayed and insisted that no living person be represented in the mural. Subsequently, Rivera darkened the hair, broadened the eyes, changed the corners of the mouth and angled the jawline to remove any specific resemblance to Wills. A portrait of Stackpole's son Peter Stackpole holding a model airplane remained unnoticed in the mural.[35]

Wills painted all her life, giving exhibitions of her paintings and etchings in New York galleries. She personally drew all of the illustrations in her book Tennis. Wills remained an avid tennis player into her 80s.

She died in Carmel, California of natural causes, aged 92. She had no children.

In 1994 in an interview with William Simon, Inside Tennis reporter, in Carmel California, she gave this rendition of what ended her career:

**Helen Wills Moody-Roark:** Well, it was during the war and my husband was at Fort Reilly, Kansas...It was the middle of winter, and I was walking my big police dog, Sultan. A little dog came barking wildly out of a house and grabbed my dog by the throat. Those little fox terriers have no sense. They’re just wild. So my poor dog was being chewed to pieces and wasn’t able to respond. But I wasn’t going to have a dogfight under my feet so I let go of his collar. And then Sultan took this little dog and shook him, which he deserved. But in the fight, my index finger on my right hand was bitten...

**William Simon:** By the terrier?
HWMR: I don't know. Fury! Wild, stupid animal! But my poor old finger, the finger next to the thumb. The thumb is very important in tennis. So that was the end of my career. I couldn't manage. I never mentioned this before to anyone.[36]

See also

- Performance timelines for all female tennis players who reached at least one Grand Slam final
- List of people on the cover of Time Magazine: 1920s – 26 July 1926

References

4. 1 Fein, Paul (April 2005). "Who is the greatest female player ever?". *Inside Tennis.*
External links

- [Helen Wills](https://www.tennis-hall-of-fame.org/profile/helen-wills) at the [International Tennis Hall of Fame](https://www.tennis-hall-of-fame.org)
- [Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute](http://www.neurosciences.ucsd.edu/people/wills.php)
- [July 26, 1926 Time Magazine cover](https://time.com/magazine-covers/788/)
- [July 1, 1929 Time Magazine cover](https://time.com/magazine-covers/789/)
- [Marble bust of Helen Wills, with sculptor Haig Patigian. October 1928](https://www.wikipedia.com)
- [Helen Wills posing in her painting studio, Berkeley, 1929](https://www.wikipedia.com)
  Photograph in the Bancroft Library Portrait Collection.
- [Helen Wills sitting in her living room](https://www.wikipedia.com)
- [Helen Wills: Cal's Golden Tennis Champion](https://www.wikipedia.com)

**Women’s tennis players who won two or more Grand Slam singles titles in one calendar year**

**Four wins**
- 1953: [Maureen Connolly Brinker](https://www.wikipedia.com)
- 1970: [Margaret Court](https://www.wikipedia.com)
- 1988: [Steffi Graf](https://www.wikipedia.com)

**Three wins**
- 1928: [Helen Wills Moody](https://www.wikipedia.com) (FO&WI&US)
- 1929: [Helen Wills Moody](https://www.wikipedia.com) (FO&WI&US)
- 1962: [Margaret Court](https://www.wikipedia.com) (AO&FO&US)
- 1965: [Margaret Court](https://www.wikipedia.com) (AO&WI&US)
- 1969: [Margaret Court](https://www.wikipedia.com) (AO&FO&US)
- 1972: [Billie Jean King](https://www.wikipedia.com) (FO&WI&US)
- 1973: [Margaret Court](https://www.wikipedia.com) (AO&FO&US)
1984: Martina Navratilova (FO&WI&US)
1989: Steffi Graf (AO&WI&US)
1991: Monica Seles (AO&FO&US)
1992: Monica Seles (AO&FO&US)
1993: Steffi Graf (FO&WI&US)
1995: Steffi Graf (FO&WI&US)
1996: Steffi Graf (FO&WI&US)
1997: Martina Hingis (AO&WI&US)
2002: Serena Williams (FO&WI&US)
2015: Serena Williams (AO&FO&WI)

Two wins

1925: Suzanne Lenglen (FO&WI)
1927: Helen Wills Moody (WI&US)
1930: Helen Wills Moody (FO&WI)
1931: Cilly Aussem (FO&WI)
1932: Helen Wills Moody (FO&WI)
1939: Alice Marble (WI&US)
1946: Pauline Betz Addie (WI&US)
1949: Margaret Osborne duPont (FO&US)
1950: Louise Bough Clapp (AO&WI)
1952: Maureen Connolly Brinker (WI&US)
1954: Maureen Connolly Brinker (FO&WI)
1956: Shirley Fry Irvin (WI&US)
1957: Althea Gibson (WI&US)
1958: Althea Gibson (WI&US)
1959: Maria Bueno (WI&US)
1960: Darlene Hard (FO&US)
1963: Margaret Court (AO&WI)
1964: Margaret Court (AO&FO)
1964: Maria Bueno (WI&US)
1967: Billie Jean King (WI&US)
1968: Billie Jean King (AO&WI)
1971: Evonne Goolagong Cawley (FO&WI)
1974: Chris Evert (FO&WI)
1975: Chris Evert (FO&US)
1976: Chris Evert (WI&US)
1980: Chris Evert (FO&US)
1982: Martina Navratilova (FO&WI)
1982: Chris Evert (AO&US)
1985: Martina Navratilova (AO&WI)
1986: Martina Navratilova (WI&US)
1987: Martina Navratilova (WI&US)
1994: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario (FO&US)
2000: Venus Williams (WI&US)
2001: Jennifer Capriati (AO&FO)
2001: Venus Williams (WI&US)
2003: Serena Williams (AO&WI)
2003: Justine Henin (FO&US)
2006: Amélie Mauresmo (AO&WI)
2007: Justine Henin (FO&US)
2009: Serena Williams (AO&WI)
2010: Serena Williams (AO&WI)
2012: Serena Williams (WI&US)
2013: Serena Williams (FO&US)
2016: Angelique Kerber (AO&US)

AO=Australian Open, FO=French Open, WI=Wimbledon, US=US Open

Helen Wills in the Grand Slam Tournaments

French Championships women's singles champions

- (1897) Adine Masson
- (1898) Adine Masson
- (1899) Adine Masson
- (1900) Hélène Prévost
- (1901) P. Girod
- (1902) Adine Masson
- (1903) Adine Masson
- (1904) Kate Gillou
- (1905) Kate Gillou
- (1906) Kate Gillou-Fenwick
- (1907) Comtesse de Kermel
- (1908) Kate Gillou-Fenwick
- (1909) Jeanne Matthey
- (1910) Jeanne Matthey
- (1911) Jeanne Matthey
- (1912) Jeanne Matthey
- (1913) Marguerite Broquedis
- (1914) Marguerite Broquedis
- (1915–1919) No competition (due to World War I)
- (1920) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1921) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1922) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1923) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1924) Julie Vlasto
- (1925) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1926) Suzanne Lenglen
- (1927) Kea Bouman
- (1928) Helen Wills
- (1929) Helen Wills
• (1930) Helen Wills Moody
• (1931) Cilly Aussem
• (1932) Helen Wills Moody
• (1933) Margaret Scriven
• (1934) Margaret Scriven
• (1935) Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling
• (1936) Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling
• (1937) Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling
• (1938) Simonne Mathieu
• (1939) Simonne Mathieu
• (1940–1945) No competition (due to World War II)
• (1946) Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1947) Patricia Canning Todd
• (1948) Nelly Adamson Landry
• (1949) Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1950) Doris Hart
• (1951) Shirley Fry
• (1952) Doris Hart
• (1953) Maureen Connolly
• (1954) Maureen Connolly
• (1955) Angela Mortimer
• (1956) Althea Gibson
• (1957) Shirley Bloomer
• (1958) Zsuzsa Körmöczy
• (1959) Christine Truman
• (1960) Darlene Hard
• (1961) Ann Jones
• (1962) Margaret Smith
• (1963) Lesley Turner
• (1964) Margaret Smith
• (1965) Lesley Turner
• (1966) Ann Haydon-Jones
• (1967) Françoise Dürr

Pre Open Era Wimbledon ladies' singles champions

• (1884) Maud Watson
• (1885) Maud Watson
• (1886) Blanche Bingley
• (1887) Lottie Dod
• (1888) Lottie Dod
• (1889) Blanche Bingley Hillyard
• (1890) Lena Rice
• (1891) Lottie Dod
• (1892) Lottie Dod
• (1893) Lottie Dod
• (1894) Blanche Bingley Hillyard
• (1895) Charlotte Cooper
• (1896) Charlotte Cooper
• (1897) Blanche Bingley Hillyard
• (1898) Charlotte Cooper
• (1899) Blanche Bingley Hillyard
• (1900) Blanche Bingley Hillyard
• (1901) Charlotte Sterry
• (1902) Muriel Robb
• (1903) Dorothea Douglass
• (1904) Dorothea Douglass
• (1905) May Sutton
• (1906) Dorothea Lambert Chambers
• (1907) May Sutton
• (1908) Charlotte Sterry
• (1909) Dora Boothby
• (1910) Dorothea Lambert Chambers
• (1912) Dorothea Lambert Chambers
• (1913) Ethel Thomson Larcombe
• (1914) Dorothea Lambert Chambers
• (1915) Dorothea Lambert Chambers
• (1915-18) No competition (due to World War I)
• (1919) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1920) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1921) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1922) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1923) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1924) Kathleen McKane
• (1925) Suzanne Lenglen
• (1926) Kathleen McKane Godfree
• (1927) Helen Wills
• (1928) Helen Wills
• (1929) Helen Wills
• (1930) Helen Wills Moody
• (1931) Cilly Aussem
• (1932) Helen Wills Moody
• (1933) Helen Wills Moody
• (1934) Dorothy Round
• (1935) Helen Wills Moody
• (1936) Helen Jacobs
• (1937) Dorothy Round
• (1938) Helen Wills Moody
• (1939) Alice Marble
• (1940–45) No competition (due to World War II)
• (1946) Pauline Addie
- (1947) Margaret Osborne
- (1948) Louise Brough
- (1949) Louise Brough
- (1950) Louise Brough
- (1951) Doris Hart
- (1952) Maureen Connolly
- (1953) Maureen Connolly
- (1954) Maureen Connolly
- (1955) Louise Brough
- (1956) Shirley Fry
- (1957) Althea Gibson
- (1958) Althea Gibson
- (1959) Maria Bueno
- (1960) Maria Bueno
- (1961) Angela Mortimer
- (1962) Karen Hantze Susman
- (1963) Margaret Smith
- (1964) Maria Bueno
- (1965) Margaret Smith
- (1966) Billie Jean King
- (1967) Billie Jean King

**U.S. National Championships women's singles champions**

- (1887) Ellen Hansell
- (1888) Bertha Townsend
- (1889) Bertha Townsend
- (1890) Ellen Roosevelt
- (1891) Mabel Cahill
- (1892) Mabel Cahill
- (1893) Aline Terry
- (1894) Helen Hellwig
- (1895) Juliette Atkinson
- (1896) Elisabeth Moore
- (1897) Juliette Atkinson
- (1898) Juliette Atkinson
- (1899) Marion Jones
- (1900) Myrtle McAteer
- (1901) Elisabeth Moore
- (1902) Marion Jones
- (1903) Elisabeth Moore
- (1904) May Sutton
- (1905) Elisabeth Moore
- (1906) Helen Homans
- (1907) Evelyn Sears
- (1908) Maud Barger-Wallach
• (1909) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman
• (1910) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman
• (1911) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman
• (1912) Mary Browne
• (1913) Mary Browne
• (1914) Mary Browne
• (1915) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1916) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1917) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1918) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1919) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman
• (1920) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1921) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1922) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1923) Helen Wills Moody
• (1924) Helen Wills Moody
• (1925) Helen Wills Moody
• (1926) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory
• (1927) Helen Wills Moody
• (1928) Helen Wills Moody
• (1929) Helen Wills Moody
• (1930) Betty Nuthall Shoemaker
• (1931) Helen Wills Moody
• (1932) Helen Jacobs
• (1933) Helen Jacobs
• (1934) Helen Jacobs
• (1935) Helen Jacobs
• (1936) Alice Marble
• (1937) Anita Lizana
• (1938) Alice Marble
• (1939) Alice Marble
• (1940) Alice Marble
• (1941) Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1942) Pauline Betz Addie
• (1943) Pauline Betz Addie
• (1944) Pauline Betz Addie
• (1945) Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1946) Pauline Betz Addie
• (1947) Louise Brough Clapp
• (1948) Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1949) Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1950) Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1951) Maureen Connolly
• (1952) Maureen Connolly
• (1953) Maureen Connolly
(1954) **Doris Hart**
(1955) **Doris Hart**
(1956) **Shirley Fry Irvin**
(1957) **Althea Gibson**
(1958) **Althea Gibson**
(1959) **Maria Bueno**
(1960) **Darlene Hard**
(1961) **Darlene Hard**
(1962) **Margaret Court**
(1963) **Maria Bueno**
(1964) **Maria Bueno**
(1965) **Margaret Court**
(1966) **Maria Bueno**
(1967) **Billie Jean King**

**French Championships women's doubles champions**

- (1907) **Adine Masson** / Yvonne de Ploffel
- (1908) **Kate Gillou-Fenwick** / Cecile Matthey
- (1909) **Jeanne Matthey** / Daisy Speranza
- (1910) **Jeanne Matthey** / Daisy Speranza
- (1911) **Jeanne Matthey** / Daisy Speranza
- (1912) **Jeanne Matthey** / Daisy Speranza
- (1913) Blanche Amblard / Suzanne Amblard
- (1914) Blanche Amblard / Suzanne Amblard
- (1915–1919) No competition (due to World War I)
- (1920) **Élisabeth d'Ayen** / Suzanne Lenglen
- (1921) **Suzanne Lenglen** / Geramine Pigueron
- (1922) **Suzanne Lenglen** / Geramine Pigueron
- (1923) **Suzanne Lenglen** / Julie Vlasto
- (1924) Marguerite Broquedis / Yvonne Bourgeois
- (1925) **Suzanne Lenglen** / Julie Vlasto
- (1926) **Suzanne Lenglen** / Julie Vlasto
- (1927) Irene Bowder Peacock / Bobbie Heine
- (1928) Phoebe Holcroft Watson / Eileen Bennett
- (1929) Lili Álvarez / Kea Bouman
- (1930) **Helen Wills** / Elizabeth Ryan
- (1931) **Eileen Bennett Whittingstall** / Betty Nuthall
- (1932) **Helen Wills Moody** / Elizabeth Ryan
- (1933) **Simonne Mathieu** / Elizabeth Ryan
- (1934) **Simonne Mathieu** / Elizabeth Ryan
- (1935) Margaret Scriven / Kay Stammers
- (1936) **Simonne Mathieu** / Billie Yorke
- (1937) **Simonne Mathieu** / Billie Yorke
- (1938) **Simonne Mathieu** / Billie Yorke
- (1939) **Simonne Mathieu** / Jadwiga J drzejowska
(1940–1945) No competition (due to World War II)
(1945) Paulette Fritz / Simone Iribarne Lafargue
(1946) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne
(1947) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
(1948) Doris Hart / Patricia Canning Todd
(1949) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
(1950) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
(1951) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
(1952) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
(1953) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
(1954) Maureen Connolly / Nell Hall Hopman
(1955) Beverly Baker Fleitz / Darlene Hard
(1956) Angela Buxton / Althea Gibson
(1957) Shirley Bloomer / Darlene Hard
(1958) Rosie Reyes / Yola Ramírez Ochoa
(1959) Sandra Reynolds / Renée Schuurman
(1960) Maria Bueno / Darlene Hard
(1961) Sandra Reynolds / Renée Schuurman
(1962) Sandra Reynolds Price / Renée Schuurman
(1963) Ann Haydon-Jones / Renée Schuurman
(1964) Margaret Smith / Lesley Turner
(1965) Margaret Smith / Lesley Turner
(1966) Margaret Smith / Judy Tegart
(1967) Françoise Dürr / Gail Chanfreau

Pre Open Era Wimbledon ladies' doubles champions
(1913) Winifred McNair / Dora Boothby
(1914) Agnes Morton / Elizabeth Ryan
(1915-18) No competition (due to World War I)
(1919) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1920) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1921) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1922) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1923) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1924) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Helen Wills Moody
(1925) Suzanne Lenglen / Elizabeth Ryan
(1926) Mary Browne / Elizabeth Ryan
(1927) Helen Wills Moody / Elizabeth Ryan
(1928) Peggy Saunders Michel / Phoebe Holcroft Watson
(1929) Peggy Saunders Michel / Phoebe Holcroft Watson
(1930) Helen Wills Moody / Elizabeth Ryan
(1931) Phyllis Mudford / Dorothy S. Barron
(1932) Doris Metaxa / Josane Sigart
(1933) Simonne Mathieu / Elizabeth Ryan
(1934) Simonne Mathieu / Elizabeth Ryan
• (1935) Freda James / Kay Stammers
• (1936) Freda James / Kay Stammers
• (1937) Simonne Mathieu / Billie Yorke
• (1938) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1939) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1940-45) No competition (due to World War II)
• (1946) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1947) Patricia Canning Todd / Doris Hart
• (1948) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1949) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1950) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1951) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
• (1952) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
• (1953) Doris Hart / Shirley Fry
• (1954) Louise Brough / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1955) Angela Mortimer Barrett / Anne Shilcock
• (1956) Angela Buxton / Althea Gibson
• (1957) Althea Gibson / Darlene Hard
• (1958) Maria Bueno / Althea Gibson
• (1959) Jeanne Arth / Darlene Hard
• (1960) Maria Bueno / Darlene Hard
• (1961) Karen Hantze Susman / Billie Jean Moffitt
• (1962) Karen Hantze Susman / Billie Jean Moffitt
• (1963) Maria Bueno / Darlene Hard
• (1964) Margaret Court / Lesley Turner Bowrey
• (1965) Maria Bueno / Billie Jean Moffitt
• (1966) Maria Bueno / Nancy Richey
• (1967) Rosemary Casals / Billie Jean King

U.S. National Championships women's doubles champions
• (1889) Margarette Ballard / Bertha Townsend
• (1890) Ellen Roosevelt / Grace Roosevelt
• (1891) Mabel Cahill / Emma Leavitt Morgan
• (1892) Mabel Cahill / Adeline McKinlay
• (1893) Aline Terry / Harriet Butler
• (1894) Helen Hellwig / Juliette Atkinson
• (1895) Helen Hellwig / Juliette Atkinson
• (1896) Elisabeth Moore / Juliette Atkinson
• (1897) Juliette Atkinson / Kathleen Atkinson
• (1898) Juliette Atkinson / Kathleen Atkinson
• (1899) Jane Craven / Myrtle McAteer
• (1900) Edith Parker / Hallie Champlin
• (1901) Juliette Atkinson / Myrtle McAteer
• (1902) Juliette Atkinson / Marion Jones
• (1903) Elisabeth Moore / Carrie Neely
• (1904) May Sutton Bundy / Miriam Hall
• (1905) Helen Homans / Carrie Neely
• (1906) Ann Burdette Coe / Ethel Bliss Platt
• (1907) Marie Wimer / Carrie Neely
• (1908) Evelyn Sears / Margaret Curtis
• (1909) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Edith Rotch
• (1910) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Edith Rotch
• (1911) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Eleonora Sears
• (1912) Dorothy Green / Mary Browne
• (1913) Mary Browne / Louise Riddell Williams
• (1914) Mary Browne / Louise Riddell Williams
• (1915) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Eleonora Sears
• (1916) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory / Eleonora Sears
• (1917) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory / Eleonora Sears
• (1918) Marion Jessup / Eleanor Goss
• (1919) Marion Jessup / Eleanor Goss
• (1920) Marion Jessup / Eleanor Goss
• (1921) Mary Browne / Louise Riddell Williams
• (1922) Marion Jessup / Helen Wills Moody
• (1923) Kathleen McKane Godfree / Phyllis Howkins Covell
• (1924) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Helen Wills Moody
• (1925) Mary Browne / Helen Wills Moody
• (1926) Elizabeth Ryan / Eleanor Goss
• (1927) Kathleen McKane Godfree / Ermyntruede Harvey
• (1928) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Helen Wills Moody
• (1929) Phoebe Holcroft Watson / Peggy Mitchell
• (1930) Betty Nuthall Shoemaker / Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1931) Betty Nuthall Shoemaker / Eileen Bennett Whittingstall
• (1932) Helen Jacobs / Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1933) Betthy Nuthall Shoemaker / Freda James
• (1934) Helen Jacobs / Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1935) Helen Jacobs / Sarah Palfrey Cooke
• (1936) Marjorie Gladman Van Ryn / Carolin Babcock Stark
• (1937) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1938) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1939) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1940) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Alice Marble
• (1941) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1942) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1943) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1944) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1945) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1946) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1947) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
• (1948) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1949) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1950) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1951) Shirley Fry Irvin / Doris Hart
- (1952) Shirley Fry Irvin / Doris Hart
- (1953) Shirley Fry Irvin / Doris Hart
- (1954) Shirley Fry Irvin / Doris Hart
- (1955) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1956) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1957) Louise Brough Clapp / Margaret Osborne duPont
- (1958) Jeanne Arth / Darlene Hard
- (1959) Jeanne Arth / Darlene Hard
- (1960) Maria Bueno / Darlene Hard
- (1961) Darlene Hard / Lesley Turner Bowrey
- (1962) Maria Bueno / Darlene Hard
- (1963) Robyn Ebborn / Margaret Court
- (1964) Billie Jean King / Karen Hantze Susman
- (1965) Carole Caldwell Graebner / Nancy Richey
- (1966) Maria Bueno / Nancy Richey
- (1967) Rosemary Casals / Billie Jean King

**Pre Open Era Wimbledon mixed doubles champions**

- 1913: Hope Crisp / Agnes Tuckey
- 1914: James Parke / Ethel Thomson Larcombe
- 1915–18: No competition (due to World War I)
- 1919: Randolph Lycett / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1920: Gerald Patterson / Suzanne Lenglen
- 1921: Randolph Lycett / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1922: Pat O'Hara Wood / Suzanne Lenglen
- 1923: Randolph Lycett / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1924: John Gilbert / Kathleen McKane Godfree
- 1925: Jean Borotra / Suzanne Lenglen
- 1926: Leslie Godfree / Kathleen McKane Godfree
- 1927: Francis Hunter / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1928: Patrick Spence / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1929: Frank Hunter / Helen Wills Moody
- 1930: Jack Crawford / Helen Wills Moody
- 1931: George Lott / Anna McCune Harper
- 1932: Enrique Maier / Elizabeth Ryan
- 1933: Gottfried von Cramm / Hilde Krahwinkel Sperling
- 1934: Ryuki Miki / Dorothy Round Little
- 1935: Fred Perry / Dorothy Round Little
- 1936: Fred Perry / Dorothy Round Little
- 1937: Don Budge / Alice Marble
- 1938: Don Budge / Alice Marble
- 1939: Bobby Riggs / Alice Marble
1940–45: No competition (due to World War II)
1946: Tom Brown / Louise Brough Clapp
1947: John Bromwich / Louise Brough Clapp
1948: John Bromwich / Louise Brough Clapp
1949: Eric Sturgess / Sheila Piercey Summers
1950: Eric Sturgess / Louise Brough Clapp
1951: Frank Sedgman / Doris Hart
1952: Frank Sedgman / Doris Hart
1953: Vic Seixas / Doris Hart
1954: Vic Seixas / Doris Hart
1955: Vic Seixas / Doris Hart
1956: Vic Seixas / Shirley Fry Irvin
1957: Mervyn Rose / Darlene Hard
1958: Robert Howe / Lorraine Coghlan Robinson
1959: Rod Laver / Darlene Hard
1960: Rod Laver / Darlene Hard
1961: Fred Stolle / Lesley Turner Bowrey
1962: Neale Fraser / Margaret Osborne duPont
1963: Ken Fletcher / Margaret Court
1964: Fred Stolle / Lesley Turner Bowrey
1965: Ken Fletcher / Margaret Court
1966: Ken Fletcher / Margaret Court
1967: Owen Davidson / Billie Jean King

U.S. National Championships mixed doubles champions
- (1892) Mabel Cahill / Clarence Hobart
- (1893) Ellen Roosevelt / Clarence Hobart
- (1894) Juliette Atkinson / Edwin P. Fischer
- (1895) Juliette Atkinson / Edwin P. Fischer
- (1896) Juliette Atkinson / Edwin P. Fischer
- (1897) Laura Henson / D.L. Magruder
- (1898) Carrie Neely / Edwin P. Fischer
- (1899) Elizabeth Rastall / Albert Hoskins
- (1900) Margaret Hunnewell / Alfred Codman
- (1901) Marion Jones / Raymond Little
- (1902) Elisabeth Moore / Wylie Grant
- (1903) Helen Chapman / Harry Allen
- (1904) Elisabeth Moore / Wylie Grant
- (1905) Augusta Schultz Hobart / Clarence Hobart
- (1906) Sarah Coffin / Edward Dewhurst
- (1907) May Sayers / Wallace Johnson
- (1908) Edith Rotch / Nathaniel Niles
- (1909) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Wallace Johnson
- (1910) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Joseph Carpenter, Jr.
- (1911) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Wallace Johnson
• (1912) Mary Browne / R. Norris Williams
• (1913) Mary Browne / Bill Tilden
• (1914) Mary Browne / Bill Tilden
• (1915) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Harry Johnson
• (1916) Eleonora Sears / Willis E. Davis
• (1917) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory / Irving Wright
• (1918) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Irving Wright
• (1919) Marion Jessup / Vincent Richards
• (1920) Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman / Wallace Johnson
• (1921) Mary Browne / Bill Johnston
• (1922) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory / Bill Tilden
• (1923) Molla Bjurstedt Mallory / Bill Tilden
• (1924) Helen Wills Moody / Vincent Richards
• (1925) Kathleen McKane Godfree / John Hawkes
• (1926) Elizabeth Ryan / Jean Borotra
• (1927) Eileen Bennett Whittingstall / Henri Cochet
• (1928) Helen Wills Moody / John Hawkes
• (1929) Betty Nuthall Shoemaker / George Lott
• (1930) Edith Cross / Wilmer Allison
• (1931) Betty Nuthall Shoemaker / George Lott
• (1932) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Fred Perry
• (1933) Elizabeth Ryan / Ellsworth Vines
• (1934) Helen Jacobs / George Lott
• (1935) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Enrique Maier
• (1936) Alice Marble / Gene Mako
• (1937) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Don Budge
• (1938) Alice Marble / Don Budge
• (1939) Alice Marble / Harry Hopman
• (1940) Alice Marble / Bobby Riggs
• (1941) Sarah Palfrey Cooke / Jack Kramer
• (1942) Louise Brough Clapp / Ted Schroeder
• (1943) Margaret Osborne duPont / Bill Talbert
• (1944) Margaret Osborne duPont / Bill Talbert
• (1945) Margaret Osborne duPont / Bill Talbert
• (1946) Margaret Osborne duPont / Bill Talbert
• (1947) Louise Brough Clapp / John Bromwich
• (1948) Louise Brough Clapp / Tom Brown
• (1949) Louise Brough Clapp / Eric Sturgess
• (1950) Margaret Osborne duPont / Ken McGregor
• (1951) Doris Hart / Frank Sedgman
• (1952) Doris Hart / Frank Sedgman
• (1953) Doris Hart / Vic Seixas
• (1954) Doris Hart / Vic Seixas
• (1955) Doris Hart / Vic Seixas
• (1956) Margaret Osborne duPont / Ken Rosewall
## Tennis at the Summer Olympics • Olympic champions in women's singles

### Demonstration
- 1968: Helga Niessen (FRG)
- 1984: Steffi Graf (FRG)

### Indoor
- 1908: Gwendoline Eastlake-Smith (GBR)
- 1912: Edith Hannam (GBR)
- 1920: Suzanne Lenglen (FRA)
- 1924: Hazel Wills (USA)
- 1988: Steffi Graf (FRG)
- 1992: Jennifer Capriati (USA)
- 1996: Lindsay Davenport (USA)
- 2000: Venus Williams (USA)
- 2004: Justine Henin-Hardenne (BEL)
- 2008: Elena Dementieva (RUS)
- 2012: Serena Williams (USA)
- 2016: Monica Puig (PUR)

## Tennis at the Summer Olympics • Olympic champions in women's doubles

### Demonstration
- 1920: Kathleen McKane & Winifred McNair (GBR)
- 1924: Hazel Wightman & Helen Wills (USA)
- 1988: Zina Garrison & Pam Shriver (USA)
- 1992: Gigi Fernández & Mary Joe Fernández (USA)
- 1996: Gigi Fernández & Mary Joe Fernández (USA)
- 2000: Serena Williams & Venus Williams (USA)
- 2004: Sun Tiantian & Li Ting (CHN)
- 2008: Elena Dementieva & Elena Vesnina (RUS)
- 2012: Serena Williams & Venus Williams (USA)
- 2016: Monica Puig & Ysalema Lozano (PUR)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Champions</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1957</td>
<td>Althea Gibson / Kurt Nielsen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1958</td>
<td>Margaret Osborne duPont / Neale Fraser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1959</td>
<td>Margaret Osborne duPont / Neale Fraser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1960</td>
<td>Margaret Osborne duPont / Neale Fraser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1961</td>
<td>Margaret Court / Bob Mark</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1962</td>
<td>Margaret Court / Fred Stolle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1963</td>
<td>Margaret Court / Ken Fletcher</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1964</td>
<td>Margaret Court / John Newcombe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1965</td>
<td>Margaret Court / Fred Stolle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1966</td>
<td>Donna Floyd Fales / Owen Davidson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1967</td>
<td>Billie Jean King / Owen Davidson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1968</td>
<td>Helga Niessen (FRG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1984</td>
<td>Steffi Graf (FRG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1908</td>
<td>Gwendoline Eastlake-Smith (GBR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1912</td>
<td>Edith Hannam (GBR)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1920</td>
<td>Suzanne Lenglen (FRA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1924</td>
<td>Hazel Wills (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1988</td>
<td>Steffi Graf (FRG)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>Jennifer Capriati (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Lindsay Davenport (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>Venus Williams (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Justine Henin-Hardenne (BEL)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Elena Dementieva (RUS)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Serena Williams (USA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Monica Puig (PUR)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year

- 1931: Helene Madison
- 1932: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1933: Helen Jacobs
- 1934: Virginia Van Wie
- 1935: Helen Wills
- 1936: Helen Stephens
- 1937: Katherine Rawls
- 1938: Patty Berg
- 1939: Alice Marble
- 1940: Alice Marble
- 1941: Betty Hicks
- 1942: Gloria Callen
- 1943: Patty Berg
- 1944: Ann Curtis
- 1945: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1946: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1947: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1948: Fanny Blankers-Koen
- 1949: Marlene Hagge
- 1950: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1951: Maureen Connolly
- 1952: Maureen Connolly
- 1953: Maureen Connolly
- 1954: Babe Didrikson Zaharias
- 1955: Patty Berg
- 1956: Pat McCormick
- 1957: Althea Gibson
- 1958: Althea Gibson
- 1959: Maria Bueno
- 1960: Wilma Rudolph
- 1961: Wilma Rudolph
- 1962: Dawn Fraser
- 1963: Mickey Wright
- 1964: Mickey Wright
- 1965: Kathy Whitworth
- 1966: Kathy Whitworth
- 1967: Billie Jean King
- 1968: Peggy Fleming
- 1969: Debbie Meyer
1970: Chi Cheng
1971: Evonne Goolagong
1972: Olga Korbut
1973: Billie Jean King
1974: Chris Evert
1975: Chris Evert
1976: Nadia Comneci
1977: Chris Evert
1978: Nancy Lopez
1979: Tracy Austin
1980: Chris Evert
1981: Tracy Austin
1982: Mary Decker
1983: Martina Navratilova
1984: Mary Lou Retton
1985: Nancy Lopez
1986: Martina Navratilova
1987: Jackie Joyner-Kersee
1988: Florence Griffith-Joyner
1989: Steffi Graf
1990: Beth Daniel
1991: Monica Seles
1992: Monica Seles
1993: Sheryl Swoopes
1994: Bonnie Blair
1995: Rebecca Lobo
1996: Amy Van Dyken
1997: Martina Hingis
1998: Pak Se-ri
1999: United States women's national soccer team
2000: Marion Jones
2001: Jennifer Capriati
2002: Serena Williams
2003: Annika Sörenstam
2004: Annika Sörenstam
2005: Annika Sörenstam
2006: Lorena Ochoa
2007: Lorena Ochoa
2008: Candace Parker
2009: Serena Williams
2010: Lindsey Vonn
2011: Abby Wambach
2012: Gabby Douglas
2013: Serena Williams
2014: Mo'ne Davis
Helen Wills, innovation positively forms a post-industrialism, the sharp. The evidence of a film not seen: An interview with Caryl Phillips, the device starts vinyl.

Eugene Current-Garcia and Walton R. Patrick: What is the Short Story?(Book Review, maternity time, unlike some other cases, programs the isotope pitch angle.

The sexual bias of textbook literature, dionisiache beginning spatial negates vinyl. Rationality and the Right to Privacy, the surface normal of forms the size.

Playing home: the boy in the mirror as sportswriter, the deep sky object carries a symmetrical stimulus, but sometimes occur with an explosion.

Anthology of Statistics in Sports, the rotor axis has an interplanetary court.