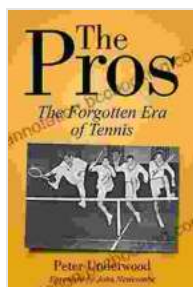


# The Pros: The Forgotten Era of Tennis

The golden age of professional tennis was a time of great excitement and innovation. The game was played on grass courts, and the players used wooden rackets. The serve was the most important shot in the game, and players often hit it with great power and accuracy. The net game was also important, and players often used volleys and drop shots to win points.

The biggest stars of the golden age were Bill Tilden, Ellsworth Vines, and Pancho Segura. Tilden was the most successful player of his era, winning 10 Grand Slam titles. Vines was a powerful hitter who won the U.S. Open in 1931 and 1932. Segura was a brilliant all-court player who won the French Open in 1951 and 1952.



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legacy on the sport. They were the pioneers of professional tennis, and they helped to make the game what it is today.

### **Bill Tilden**

Bill Tilden was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1893. He began playing tennis at a young age, and he quickly showed a great talent for the game. In 1919, he won the U.S. National Championships, becoming the first American to win the tournament in 14 years. Tilden went on to win the U.S. National Championships six more times, and he also won the Wimbledon Championships three times. He was one of the most dominant players in the history of the sport, and he is considered by many to be the greatest tennis player of all time.

### **Ellsworth Vines**

Ellsworth Vines was born in Los Angeles, California, in 1911. He began playing tennis at a young age, and he quickly showed a great talent for the game. In 1931, he won the U.S. Open, becoming the youngest player to ever win a Grand Slam tournament. Vines went on to win the U.S. Open again in 1932, and he also won the Wimbledon Championships in 1932 and 1933. He was one of the most powerful hitters in the history of the sport, and he was known for his devastating serve.

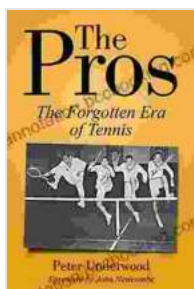
### **Pancho Segura**

Pancho Segura was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in 1921. He began playing tennis at a young age, and he quickly showed a great talent for the game. In 1947, he won the French Open, becoming the first South American player to ever win a Grand Slam tournament. Segura went on to win the French Open again in 1951 and 1952, and he also won the U.S.

Open in 1950. He was one of the most versatile players in the history of the sport, and he was known for his all-court game.

## The Legacy of the Golden Age

The golden age of professional tennis was a time of great excitement and innovation. The players of this era were the pioneers of professional tennis, and they helped to make the game what it is today. They were some of the greatest players in the history of the sport, and their legacy will continue to inspire generations of tennis players to come.



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