**Bryan and Sock Clinch Second Slam In A Row, Win US Open**

***Bryan Becomes All-Time Men's Doubles Grand Slam Leader***

**Mike Bryan and Jack Sock clinched their second major championship in a row, defeating #7 seeds Lucasz Kubot of Poland and Marcelo Melo from Brazil, 6-3, 6-1 in just 74 minutes to win the US Open, giving Bryan his all-time men's doubles record 18th Grand Slam crown.**

**Bryan breaks a tie with John Newcombe for first all-time by triumphing at this level for the 18th time, also breaking a tie with his brother Bob Bryan, by earning a record sixth victory in Flushing Meadows.  At 40 years, 4 months, he also passed Indian Leander Paes as the oldest Grand Slam champion in men’s doubles during the Open Era.**

**"That doesn't really enter your mind when you're playing out there.  You're just thinking about your routine and getting great advice from your coaches," Bryan said.  "You just play as hard as you can for as long as you can.  If it adds up to some records, then it's very cool.  But I just do it because I love it, and these are very special moments, holding these trophies.  You never know if you're going to get them, so you really savor them.  It's a massive team effort."**

**Bryan and Sock are the first team to win Wimbledon and the US Open in the same year since 2003.  The last time a doubles team won consecutive major championships was when theBryan Bros. triumphed at four Slams in a row from the 2012 US Open through 2013 Wimbledon.**

**They will share $700,000 for their efforts during the fortnight, and will add 2,000 ATP Doubles Rankings points to their total.  That will propel them to the fourth spot in the ATP Doubles Race To London. Bryan/Bryan occupy the third spot due to their efforts before Bob Bryan got injured in the Madrid Final in May.  Until this US Open, the twins competed together here every year since 1995.**

**"I think Bob is maybe the frontrunner if he gets healthy," Bryan said, joking about picking between his brother and Sock once Bob comes back from hip surgery. "I think he is looking forward to coming back.  He's seeing our good results, and he sees how much I love being out here still at 40.  He's itching to play next season.  It's good to go out on your own terms instead of an injury, and he's super motivated.  He was actually the first guy to call us on the court to talk to both of us.  He's been really supportive.  He gets so nervous that he can't watch the matches but he watches the scores tick on the computer.”**

**"I think Bob's got first dibs," Bryan said.**

**"I think he's earned it," Sock replied.**

**"I might be the guy going out with injury next year, and it could be Jack and Bob," Bryan said, with smiles all around after their victory.**

**It was a fun atmosphere in Arthur Ashe Stadium, with all fans allowed in the lower tier to get as close as possible to the action.  And the Bryan/Sock camp enjoyed themselves, too, holding mini blackboards with lots of “I Love Mike” and the nickname 'BROCK' written for the team.**

**Bryan/Sock dominated on return in the match, consistently forcing their opponents to volley up during their service games as they approached the net with hard, low-flying returns.  Sock was especially effective from the baseline with his electric forehand, which he lasered through the middle of the court time after time.  Bryan, playing in the deuce court, was on fire with his return, helping his pairing win more than 50 per cent (34/67) of return points.  He also served and volleyed crisp and sharp.**

**"I think this was the best match we have played together, and we picked a good time to do it," Bryan said.  "Jack hit some monstrous forehands.  So, yeah, we just did everything great today.  We came out loose and firing and they all dropped."**

**That kept Kubot and Melo from truly establishing themselves at the net and putting their opponents on the back foot.  Bryan and Sock broke four times, while they were not broken.  The Americans dropped just three first-serve points and played clean tennis, making only eight unforced errors.  It was the completion of a dominant performance at the US Open, as Bryan/Sock lost just one set during the entire tournament.  *Excerpted and edited from the ATP WEB Site.***

**Fast Facts:**

**\*\*\*   Here is a short video *Highlight Package* with some spectacular points from the *US Open Doubles Final:***[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvkQEXDp5iE&feature=youtu.be**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JvkQEXDp5iE&feature=youtu.be)

**\*\*\* *Mike* and *Jack’s*road to the *US Open Doubles Championship*:  def. *Daniele Bracciali- Marco Cecchinato* *(Italy),* 6-1, 6-1; *Mackie McDonald* *(USA)-Yoshi Nishioki (Japan),* 6-1, 7-5; #16 seeded, *Dominic Inglot* *(England)-Franko Skugor (Croatia*), 6-2, 6-4; *Maximo Gonzalez (Argentina)-Nico Jarry (Chile),* 6-4, 7-6;  #5 seeded, *Juan Sebastian Cabal-Robert Farah (Columbia*), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; and #7 seeded, *Lucasz Kubot (Poland)-Marcelo Melo (Brazil),* 6-3, 6-1.**

**\*\*\*  Here is an entertaining and poignant *Post Match Interview* with *Mike ‘n Jack*:**[**https://www.usopen.org/en\_US/news/interviews/2018-09-07/2018-09-07\_interview\_mike\_bryan\_and\_jack\_sock\_finals.html?chip=4**](https://www.usopen.org/en_US/news/interviews/2018-09-07/2018-09-07_interview_mike_bryan_and_jack_sock_finals.html?chip=4)

**\*\*\*  *Mike* is very appreciative to his long time coach *Davo MacPherson*, of *Washington DC,* who was assisted by *Dave Marshall* from *Delaware,* former world #1 doubles player *Mark Knowles* of *Dallas,* and *Mark Bey* of *Chicago.  Indrek Tutsit* is *Mike’s trainer* and does a wonderful job of keeping him healthy and out on the court.  *Mike’s girlfriend Nadia Murgasova,*brought out lots of her friends from *New York* and they were great rooters throughout the two weeks and they sported special hats.**

**\*\*\* *All-Time Grand Slam Men's Doubles Title Leaders*: #1 *Mike Bryan* with 18 Major Titles; #2 *John Newcombe* with 17; Tied for #3 *Bob Bryan, Roy Emerson,* and *Todd Woodbridge* with 16.**

**\*\*\*  *Mike*is currently the #1 ranked doubles player in the world and he has a record of 43-14 with four titles.  *Bob,* even though he has been off the tour for three months, is still ranked #6, and he has a record of 26-7.  *He* and *Mike*had a hot streak this past Spring, winning two *Titles,* reaching three *Finals,* and one *Semi* and had returned to #1 as a team.  They are still ranked at #3, even with Bob being off the tour for three months with his hip injury.**

**\*\*\*  *Mike* and*Jack* will now journey to *Croatia* on Sunday to play for the *US Davis Cup Team* in the *Semis* next weekend.  After 15 years on the *USA Davis Cup Team* *Mike* and *Bob* had retired this year, but when *Captain Courier* and the other players on the team came calling and said they needed him to play, he said “I’ll be there.”**

**\*\*\*  *Bob’s surgery* performed by famed hip surgeon *Dr. Edwin Su* in *New York* in early August went very well and he is now in now pain and walking without a limp and he works out hard with a trainer each day in *Miami.*A new steel ball and joint were inserted in his hip and *Bob* hopes to be one of the first professional athletes to return to his sport after this high tech procedure.  *Bob* has so greatly appreciated all the support he has received from the *players on the tour* and *fans* in the *US*and across the world.  *Bob* called *Mike ‘n Jack* to congratulate them while they were still sitting in their seats on court immediately after the match.**

**\*\*\*  The *Bryan Bros. Band* performed at the *USTA’s* *Raise a Racquet Event* at the beautiful *Meredith Building* on the Wednesday Night before the *US Open* began.  This beautiful and sold out event was headed up by*Karen Ford* and *Dan Faber*.  *Mike* and *Bob* and their *Bryan Brothers Foundation* donated a $15,000 check to the *USTA Foundation* for its work with deserving kids and kids programs.  Flying out to play the gig with the band were *George Holdcroft* from *Hollywood* on vocals, piano and sax; *Dan Deshara* from *San Francisco* on vocals and guitar; and *Mike Haid* from *Atlanta* on drums and vocals.**

**\*\*\*  Here is a short video clip of the band playing at the *Raise a Racquet Party*:**[**https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbfbbistg9jftb4/Bryan%20Bros%20NYC%2008.22.18.mp4?dl=0**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/mbfbbistg9jftb4/Bryan%20Bros%20NYC%2008.22.18.mp4?dl=0)

**\*\*\* *Izod* once again provided matching shirts for the band for the *Raise a Racquet Gala.*  *Mike* and *Bob* love wearing their sharp *Izod clothes* in all their matches.**

**\*\*\*  *Bob* and *Mike* will have another fun three day swing through *Texas* in a couple of weeks.  They will be making *appearances*and doing *clinics* and *pro ams* and *exhibitions* (*Bob*will not be playing the*Exo’s*).  Other players on this *Texas Triple Play* include *Mike ‘n Bob’s* long time pals *Ryan Harrison, Mardy Fish* and *Robby Ginepri.  Tim Stallard*always does a great job with these wonderful events that are so good for *tennis* and the *charitable beneficiaries.***

**\*\*\*  On Thursday, Sept. 20, they will be at the new and beautiful at the *Bush Tennis Center* in *Midland*for the*West Texas Tennis Classic* benefiting the *Bush ACE Outreach Program.*Tickets are available at**[**www.bushtenniscenter.org**](http://www.bushtenniscenter.org/)

**\*\*\*  On Friday, Sept. 21, they will be at the picturesque *Westwood Country Club*and *Horseshoe Bay* *Resort* for the *Westwood Pro Tennis Classic* benefiting *CASA of Travis County*---this event is SOLD OUT.  The *Bryan Bros. Band* will also be performing, featuring the famed *County Crows drummer* and *vocalist Jim Bogios,*along with*Dan DeShara*and *George Holdcroft.***

**\*\*\*  On Saturday, Sept. 22, they will appear at the vibrant *Fair Oaks Ranch Country Club* for the *San Antonio Pro Tennis Classic* benefitting the *Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior & Family Support Center*---this event is SOLD OUT.  The *Bryan Bros. Band* will be performing with band regulars, plus drummer and singer *Jimmy Wolff* from *Ventura.***

**\*\*\*  *Mike*and *Bob* will journey to the magical island of *Maui* to do a *High Powered* *Doubles Tennis Camp* with their idol, mentor and friend and *Davis Cup Captain* and *Olympic Coach*, *Tom Gullikson.*It will take placeat the famed*Royal Lahaina Resort,*Sept. 26-30**, **and with their pal *Cathy Nicoloff*  behind the event, it is sure to be a blast and a winner.  Here is more info:**[**https://www.royallahaina.com/ResourceFiles/pdf/hi-powered-doubles-tennis-camp.pdf**](https://www.royallahaina.com/ResourceFiles/pdf/hi-powered-doubles-tennis-camp.pdf)

**\*\*\*  *Bob* and *Mike* are fired up about their *2nd Annual Fore Love, tennis and golf event* with the legendary *Jack Nicklaus.*  Last year’s event was a smash with lots of golf and tennis stars involved, including *Serena Andy Murray, Kevin Anderson Jim Courier, James Blake, Tommy Haas, , Mark Knowles,*and *Genie Bouchard.*This year’s event will again be held at*Jack’s house*on his three perfect grass courts and his nearby golf club, on December 1-3.  Besides all the tour tennis and golf stars, it is limited to 20 “ams” and their guest.  Here is a great and short video of the event with info to sign up at the end:**[**https://youtu.be/rAcigRsgGbQ**](https://youtu.be/rAcigRsgGbQ)**For further info or to sign up:**[**https://www.dropbox.com/s/t315wkq5tzm2uhb/ForeLoveOnfo.PDF?dl=0**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/t315wkq5tzm2uhb/ForeLoveOnfo.PDF?dl=0)

**\*\*\*  *Coach Bryan* has had a busy Summer doing emcee work and tennis clinics and talks at the *Little Mo Tournament* in *Newport Beach,* the *MAK Games* in *Beverly Hills,* *BB&T Atlanta Open,* the *Citi Open* in *Washington DC,* and at *Western and Southern* *Open* at *Cincinnati.*He missed the*US Open*for the first time in the last 22 years to be at home to help *Kathy*heal from post eye surgery complications.  The vision in her left eye is returning little by little and the pain has lessened and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their expressions of support.**

**\*\*\*  *Coach B* will once again head up the *Legends Camp* with his pal *Murphy Jensen*in the*British Virgin Islands*the week of Nov. 26.  He will also again emcee *Sir Richard Branson’s Necker Cup* which will include *Serena*and *Caroline Wozniacki* and a host of other tennis stars, plus the legendary *End of the World Party* on the last night with *Kenny Chesney.*For more info and to attend the camp contact*Premier Live*at (800) 376-0975.  And special thanks to *Rem Reynolds*and *Trevor Short* for putting on this two spectacular and world class events.**

**\*\*\*  We send our most heartfelt sympathy to the family of *Brian Forbes.*  He was a dear, dear friend of *Coach Bryan, Kathy, Mike* and *Bob.*  A very successful attorney in *San Diego,* he was a rugby star at *Cal* and an avid *tennis player*and the funniest man ever, with a heart of gold.  *Coach Bryan* will be speaking at his *Memorial Service* on Monday.  He was so supportive of*Mike*and *Bob* and their tennis and we always stayed with *Brian* and his wonderful family when they would play in*La Jolla*or*San Diego*and he attended many a*College Match*or*Davis Cup Match*and*tour event.*He was one of a kind and we treasure his memory and how he made us laugh and enjoy life.**

**An Apology:**

**We so greatly appreciate your *texts, e mails, letters* and *calls* of congratulations and we read each and every one and it means so much to us.  We are, sad to say, unable, because of our travel schedule, to respond and thank each one of you like we should and like you deserve.  We do our best and thank you for understanding.**