

National Pickleball League Announces Team Rosters for the 2025 Season

12 teams finalize rosters comprised of at least 7 women and men each for the Champion Pros (aged 50+) pro pickleball league's 3rd season beginning on May 16

NAPLES, NY, UNITED STATES, April 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The National Pickleball League (NPL) today announced the official team rosters for the 2025 season of the Champions Pro (age 50+) professional pickleball league, following the completion of the NPL Draft.

Each of the 12 team rosters features top Champions Pros in the sport, including Hall of Famers Jennifer Dawson and Scott Moore; former top tennis professionals Jaime Oncins and Piet Aldrich; Heisman Trophy winner and former NFL quarterback Danny Wuerffel; and top-ranked league co-founders Beth Bellamy and Rick Witsken.

The 2025 season will include 12 teams representing cities across the country. Each team carries a roster of at least 14 players — with an approximate split between women and men — with more than 200 Champions Pros total competing in the league this season.

For the first time, the regular-season schedule will feature event weekends in two different NPL markets simultaneously. The season kicks off May 16–18 with matches in Columbus, OH, and Los Angeles, CA. Additional events will take place in Boca Raton, FL, and Denver, CO (June); Kansas City, MO, and Houston, TX (July); Austin, TX (August); and Indianapolis, IN, and Princeton, NJ (September). The season will culminate in Seattle, WA, in October where the 2025 NPL Champions will be crowned.



NPL Logo



Danny Wuerffel of the Denver Iconics competing in a National Pickleball League event in 2024.

Below are the official team rosters for the 2025 NPL Pickleball season:

Austin Ignite

Men:

Craig Bobo

Chip James

Scott Moore

Joseph Paraiso

Alex Simon

Dan Traxler

Scott Trevethan

Women:

Marina Anderson

Kitri Boser

Jennifer Douglas

Meredith Geiger-Walton

Jean Halahan

Aila Main

Karin Ptaszek-Kochis

Marina Anderson

Boca Surge

Men:

Brian Levine

Greg Levine

Alan Mendelson

Mircea Morariu

Peter Prodanov

Bryan Shapiro

Mark Wilder

Women:

Tracey Flynn

Maura Keenan

Suzanne Leblang

Ginny Purdy

Audra Spielberger

Taylor Taylor

Karen Urban

Coachella Valley Scorpions

Men:



Jennifer Dawson of the Kansas City Stingers at a National Pickleball League event in 2024.

Scott Burr
Keith Jain
David Katz
John Riedy
Cord Robbins
Marcin Rozpedski
Drew Slacum
Women:
Sabrina Guillebeaux
Natalie Hill
Kim Jagd
Wendy
Kara Williams
Brandi Zaslansky
Stacy Zelenski

Columbus Hotshots
Men:

Jim Bronson
Stephen Emmons
John Hedberg
Kris Heddings
Jeff McKnight
Adam Painter
Donnie Russell

Women:

Nathalie Bagby
Renee Chang
Katherine Gillis
Kimberlee Nelson
Beth Olivier
Lara Thornton
Natalija Todorovic-Shaw

Denver Iconics

Men:

Mario Boschi
Scott Fliegelman
Rich Lively
Jason Moler
Bill Muno
Chad Shane
Danny Wuerffel

Women:

Shelly Blanchard

Molly Carter

Cheryl Cartmel

Gina Cilento

Ann Corson

Janey McKenna

Rachel Oxenden

Houston Hammers

Men:

Lance Cowart

Michael Chen

Kim Forsythe

Tomer Graziani

Bernard LeBlanc

Andrew Painter

Tao Thongvanh

Kerry Yu

Women:

Amy Blumrosen

Missy Grant

Mary Beth Henthorne

Elle Novoseletsky

Jane Paulson

Aye Unnoppet

Helen Wilhelm

Indy Drivers

Men:

Greg Bennett

Chad Flynn

David Freed

David Furman

Ryan Keirns

Rich Lopez

Scott Tingley

Women:

Mary Ann Benack

Tamara Steele

Christie Domoracki

Heather Iffert

Jenny Marcos

Lila Le Rawlings
Jian Zhong

Kansas City Stingers

Men:

Philip Edwards

Kyle Gardner

David George

Daniel Gold

Scott Johnston

David Komie

Hugh Laroque

Daryl Wyatt

Women:

Leslie Bernard

Jennifer Dawson

Jennifer Gallwas

Amy Honea

Kim Kesner

Kelly Ojeda

Cristie Sharpsteen

Naples JBB United

Men:

Todd Giles

Chris Groer

Adam Kahn

Jaime Oncins

Mario Porcelli

John Sperling

Matt Troyer

Women:

Mary Helen Atkins

Kristi Dorman

Jennifer Griffin

Chris Karges

Melissa LeBlanc

Cindi Marr

Karla Mulanax

OKC Punishers

Men:

Blake Arrant

Shay Coker
Patrick Cote
Steve Dawson
John Hostetler
Mark Milner
Laurent Yung

Women:

Beth Bellamy
Mary Kelly Dakin
Candice Nelms
Anna Shirley
Amie Taylor
Tokiko Yamasato
Chris Young

Princeton Bruisers

Men:

Vinay Bahuguna
Jose Derisi
Ron Fritze
Saed Ibsais
Eric Kutzin
Paul Salmela
Chris Wilton

Women:

Connie Burnett
Sheri Courter
Cathy Grace
Jenny Merrill
Spencer Moorman
Natasha Nuerge
Robin Stenger

Seattle Tsunami Pickleball

Men:

Brian Baker
Martin Clark
Lee Harper
Eric Le
Chris (Mills) Miller
Troy Osborn
Tom Tueller

Rick Witsken
Women:
Yannet Brister
Maggie Fields
Julie Heitman
Ashley Koo
Cara Beth Lee
Natasha Linton
Andrea Olson

About National Pickleball League®

The National Pickleball League was founded in 2022 by Champions Pro players Rick Witsken, Beth Bellamy, and Michael Chen. NPL Pickleball is a nationwide team competition for Champions Division (age 50+) professional pickleball players and made up of twelve teams in metropolitan locations in Indianapolis, Austin, Boca Raton, Naples, Denver, Oklahoma City, Houston, Seattle, Kansas City, Columbus, Coachella Valley and Princeton. National Pickleball League is owned by National Pickleball League, LLC. The NPL is dedicated to expanding the reach of pickleball, fostering community engagement, physical and mental health, and elevating the sport to new heights. For more information, please visit www.NPLpickleball.com/ or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X, or LinkedIn.

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