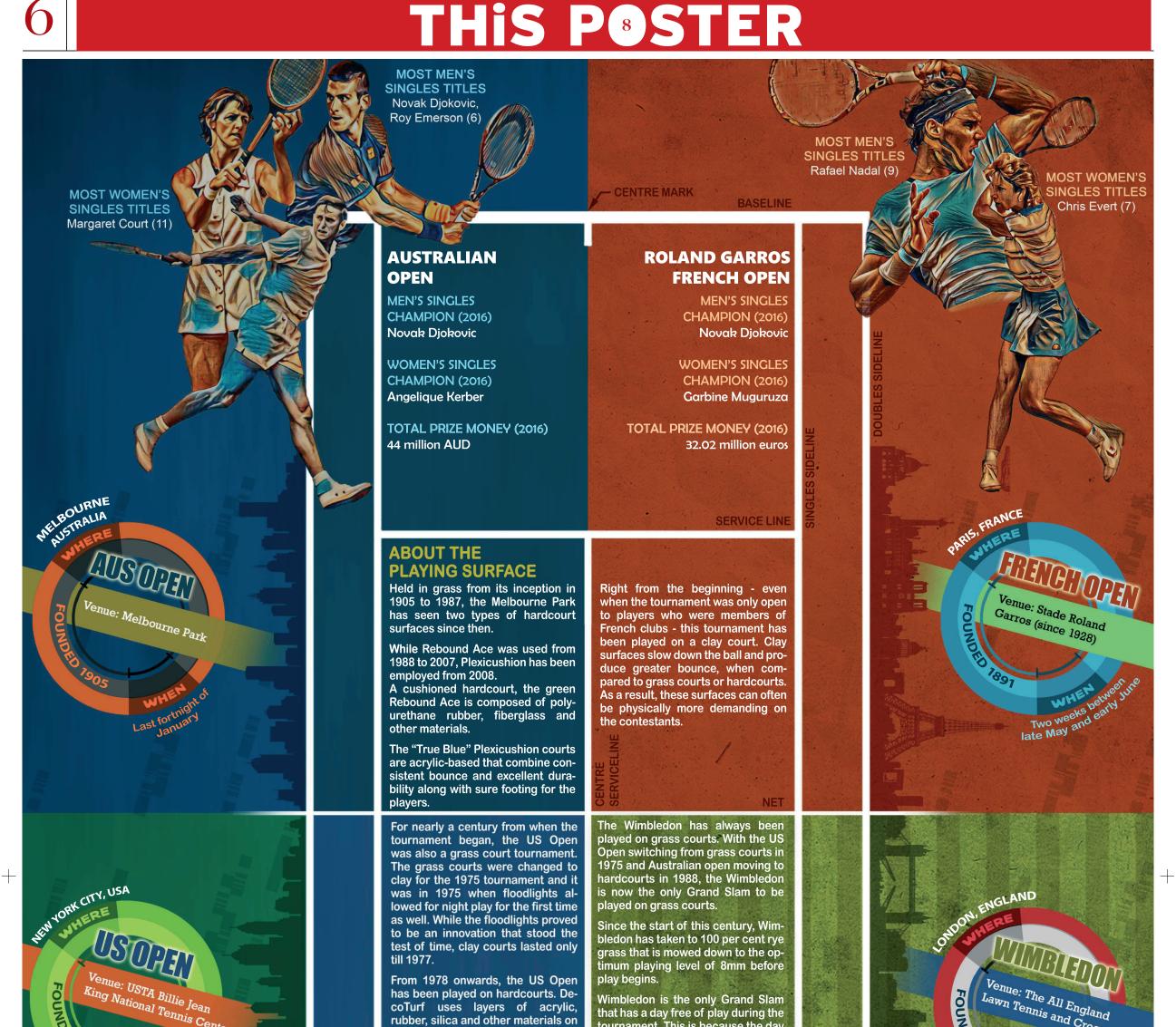
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Venue: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center FOUNDED 188weeks - run

MOST MEN'S SINGLES TITLES Bill Larned, Bill Tilden, Richard Sears (7) (left to right)

From 1978 onwards, the US Open has been played on hardcourts. DecoTurf uses layers of acrylic, rubber, silica and other materials on top of the base that is constructed with asphalt or concrete. It is known for consistent speed of play and ball bounce, and now sports blue inner courts and green outer courts.

timum playing level of 8mm before play begins.

Wimbledon is the only Grand Slam that has a day free of play during the tournament. This is because the day off - the Middle Sunday - gives the ground staff a chance to tend to the grass and get them ready for the second week.

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION (2016) Stanislas Wawrinka

WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION (2016) Angelique Kerber

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY (2016) 46.3 million USD

US **OPEN**

MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION (2016) Andy Murray

WOMEN'S SINGLES CHAMPION (2016) Serena Williams

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY (2016) 28.1 million GBP

WIMBLEDON THE CHAMPIONSHIPS MOST MEN'S SINGLES TITLES Roger Federer, William Renshaw, Pete Sampras (7) (left to right)

late June

Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

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MOST WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLES Martina Navratilova (9)

MOST WOMEN'S SINGLES TITLES Molla Bjurstedt Mallory (8)

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Open, French Open, Wimbledon and US Open. It's not just us viewers who place these four tournaments in a different pedestal, but the players playing the sport also prioritise these over the others.

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When you think of tennis, As we get caught into the frenzy surrounding you think of the four this year's first Grand Slam event, let's pause Grand Slam events held and have a look at what makes these events every year - Australian click. From playing surface to prize money,

founding year to most recent winners, we highlight some of the salient facts that create the aura around these events. And if that isn't enough, we dig into the tennis troves to tell you who has won these tournaments maximum number of times as we strip down the tennis court, end to end. So what are you waiting for? The game is on and it is love all!

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