

TIME OUT

Drysdale drives ESPN's Volvo coverage

By Michael Scogin

ESPN begins its coverage of the men's 1992 Volvo International tennis tournament from New Haven, Conn., on Monday, Aug. 17. Live early-round matches continue through Friday, Aug. 21, with same-day coverage of the semi-final and final matches on Saturday, Aug. 22, and Sunday, Aug. 23, respectively.

The Volvo is now in its 20th year, but 1992 marks just the second time the tournament has been held at the new Connecticut Tennis Center.

Cliff Drysdale, former championship player and ESPN's primary tennis commentator since 1980, expects many of the world's top players to be on hand, including 1992 Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi.

"The Volvo has always attracted a good field of players. Agassi really made a name for himself at the Volvo and it has been like a home tournament for him."

Agassi will be the main attraction at New Haven, and Drysdale likes his chances to win.

"It was a big breakthrough for him to win Wimbledon, and it has really changed things for him. He's coming off another big win at the Canadian Open and is very much on a roll."

"Everybody was all over Agassi for not winning a Grand Slam title, which I didn't think was really fair. He had, after all, been to three Grand Slam finals, which is a pretty good achievement in itself."

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