"Spectacular Singles" was the theme of Day Three of the U.S. Open Court Tennis Championships. Spectators were treated to set of thrilling matches, as tournament play progressed to the Second Round of the Singles competition.

The matinee match featured Rich Smith (*National Tennis Club - Newport*) and Barney Tanfield (*Racquet & Tennis Club - New York*). This grueling four-setter was defined by heavy ball striking and long, extended points. Despite some heroic shots and an extremely strong third-set performance from Barney, it was Rich's consistent, steady play that ultimately carried him to victory.

The second match of the day pitted the nimble Josh Bainton (*Newport*) against the reigning Rackets World Champion, James Stout (*Racquet & Tennis Club - New York*). Josh exhibited an unbelievable retrieving game throughout the match. However, in the end, James' quick hands and masterful cut shots proved the deciding factor.

Match three provided spectators with their first look at former US Open winner, and current World #3, Steve Virgona (*Racquet Club of Chicago*). For his entry game of the tournament, Steve matched against the formidable Adrian Kemp (*Racquet & Tennis Club - New York*). Although, Adrian demonstrated a quickness around the court and a deft service return, Steve's surgeon-like precision proved unbeatable.

The fourth match of the day pitted the speedy Ben Matthews (*Leamington Tennis Court - UK*) against the speedier John Lumley (*Racquet Club of Philadelphia*). Ben and John matched shot for shot in this four set crowd-pleaser. Although young John was the darling of the dedans, it was Ben's success in defending the service side that led him to a fine victory, and a ticket to the third round.

The concluding "cocktail" game matched the World's #1 amateur, Kiernan Booth (Australia), against Mike Gooding (Scotland). Mike, who is, perhaps, the greatest doubles player to have played the game, provided the enthusiastic crowd with a clinic on shot making. However, it was Kiernan's brilliant volleys and speed that assured him victory.

All-in-all, a fantastic day for Court Tennis.