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Lobsters tennis back for sixth season

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Bostonians don't have to travel to England's Wimbledon or even Flushing Meadows in New York to see famous tennis players sweat it out on the courts.

On July sixth, the **Boston Lobsters** professional tennis team will kick off its sixth season.

Some high-profile names on the team's roster this year include James Blake, who played at **Harvard**, and top-ranked John Isner. Newcomer Coco Vandeweghe is also on the roster.

Visiting opponents this summer will include Anna Kournikova and Martina Hingis.

The Lobsters will host seven matches at the **Ferncroft Country Club**, which has maximum seating of about 1,800 people.

Last year's season closed out with about 7,500 attendees, but CEO Bahar Uttam hopes to hit 9,000 this year.

"We're better-known now and we have a following," said Uttam.

Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$60 for box seats.

This year's team sponsor's include Joan K. Norton Financial and Polar Beverages.

Uttam notes that the Lobsters' big selling point is that families are able to see a high-quality tennis matches, at lower prices than a **Red Sox** game.

"And it's not like Wimbledon, (where) you can't cheer and shout," said Uttam.