

# Play Like the Pros at Wimbledon with These New Tennis Rackets

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Round one of the beloved Wimbledon tennis tournament kicked off today, with Chinese-born number two seed Na Li and our very own American Venus Williams already taking Ws (can't wait to see Serena play tomorrow!). And just in time for the classic U.K. event, new rackets have hit the market. We decided to serve up a few points of our own on the court this weekend to check out the latest racket technologies in the game. Consensus on our favorites below: love all! Here's why.

**HEAD Graphene Extreme MP** As a part of the latest line of rackets with graphene in them, the HEAD Graphene Extreme MP (\$190, pictured left) allows you to have a more powerful shot using less effort—seriously! At first we thought the strings were just strung super tight (the racket was brand new) but having the graphene—a very lightweight yet strong material—right above the grip and below the head makes handling and putting spin on the ball a whole lot easier, especially if you have weak wrists. If the slice is your go-to shot, give the MP a swing. You'll be amazed at how little power you need to put behind your stroke to still get a winner down the line.

**Babolat Play Pure Drive** If you're looking to really analyze your tennis game—your serve, forehand and backhand for starters—the Babolat Play Pure Drive (\$399, pictured center) is just what you need. Charge up the connected racket with the provided mini USB chord. Then, download the Play app on your phone, iPad, or computer. Power on the racket and as you play, sensors in its handle store information about your game such as type and number of

strokes, spin level, ball impact location, total and effective play time, power, consistency, and rallies, just to name a few. And the technology doesn't make it much heavier at all! During a water break or post-court time, wirelessly sync the racket to your connected device and view all the feedback from the day's game. Not only is this technology great for individuals, it's perfect for coaches, too! Learn your strengths on the court and also what strokes you may not have implemented into your game yet. Plus, you can compare your stats against friends, or even pros like Rafa!

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**Wilson Pro Staff 100LS with Spin Effect Technology** You can hear the difference in this [Wilson Pro Staff 100LS](#) (\$250, pictured right) racket! The spin effect technology helps you as a player produce more spin in your strokes without changing your swing. How? The head of the racket has fewer cross strings (horizontal) than main strings (vertical) which increases the snapback rate of the strings after hitting the ball. A quicker snapback means more RPMs, or spin, added to your shot. That, plus additional carbon fiber reinforcements create almost a double or echo-ed ball-hitting-the-racket sound though. It took us a few minutes to get used to! But if you're able to get past the noisy distraction, this racket can only up your game.

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