



JOHN BLOM

Class of 1988

John Blom has officiated as a tennis umpire in four Olympic Games and worked at Wimbledon 15 times, umpiring on the centre court, the French Open more than 10 times, the US Open 15 times and at over 20 Australian Opens. He umpired the women's singles final in 2001 between Jennifer Capriati and Martina Hingis in Melbourne and the 2015 contest between Angelique Kerber and Serena Williams. In 2013 he umpired the men's singles final in Melbourne between Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray, while in 2016, he umpired the Davis Cup semi-final in Croatia between Croatia and France.

In total (to date) he has umpired in 43 different countries around the world. He is certified internationally as a Gold Badge chair umpire, the only one in Australia and one of just 27 in the world.

Graduating in 1988, John played 1st Grade Tennis in 1986 and 1987, and 1st Grade Cricket in 1987 and 1988, and was part of the 1988 Alan Davidson Shield (State) premiers.