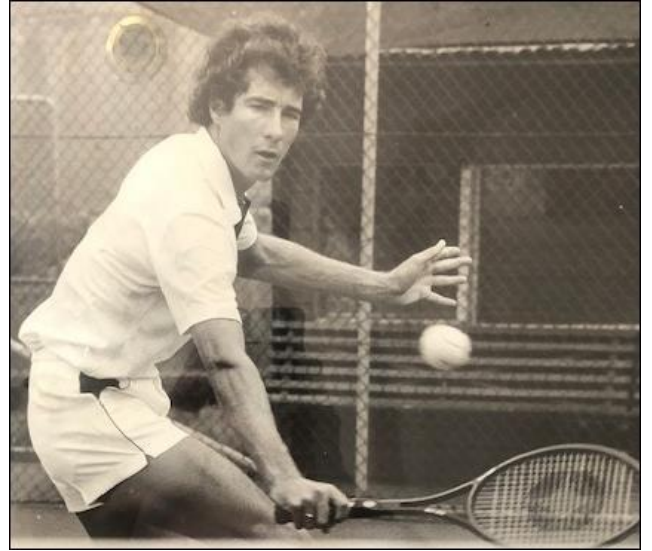


# CRAIG ANDERSON



## “TENNIS IS MY PASSION”

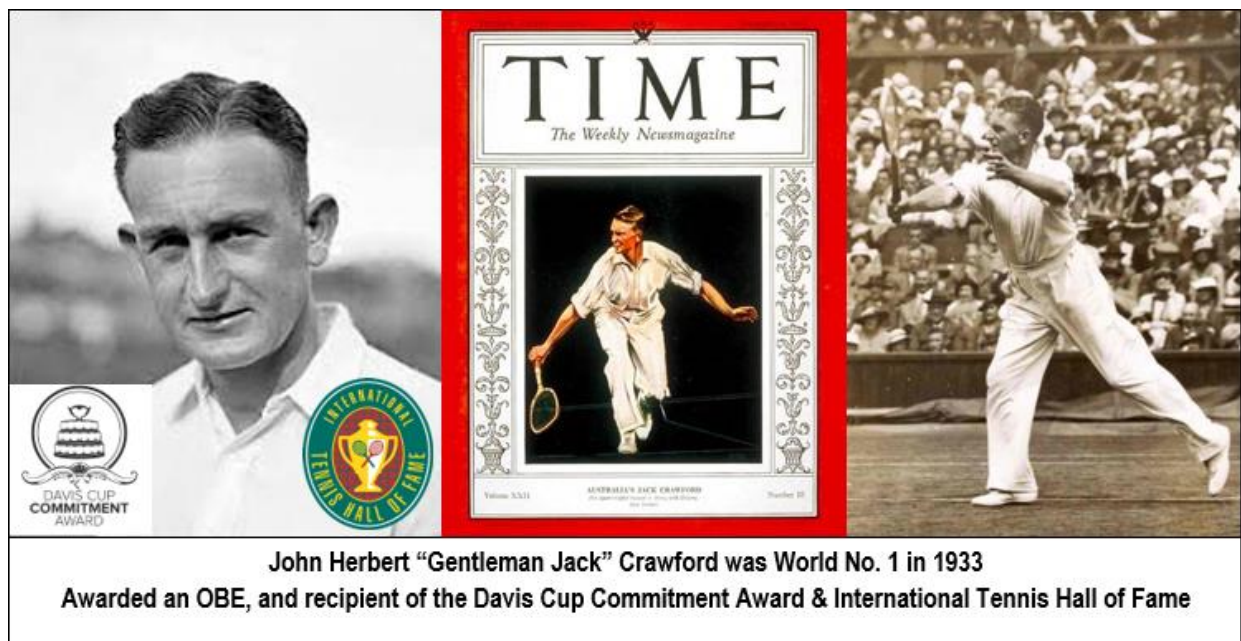
Craig grew up with tennis courts as his backyard at Clovelly in Sydney’s Eastern Suburbs, NSW.

He was destined to start playing tennis as soon as he could hold a racquet.



Craig’s Dad, Max, was an Australian ranked player and coach and had many friendships with other Australian ranked players, some of who were champions at a State, National and International level.

With Craig growing up with the talent and pedigree of tennis players that frequented the family tennis courts at Clovelly he was not only playing tennis most days of the week, he was heavily influenced by those champion players around him ... players like [John Herbert](#) “Gentleman Jack” Crawford, OBE and International Tennis Hall of Fame recipient and World number 1 in 1933. “Uncle Jack” was Craig’s first tennis hero who also went on to be Craig’s first mentor.



*Craig would often sit on "Uncle Jack Crawford's" knee and listen to him recount his Grand slam victories*

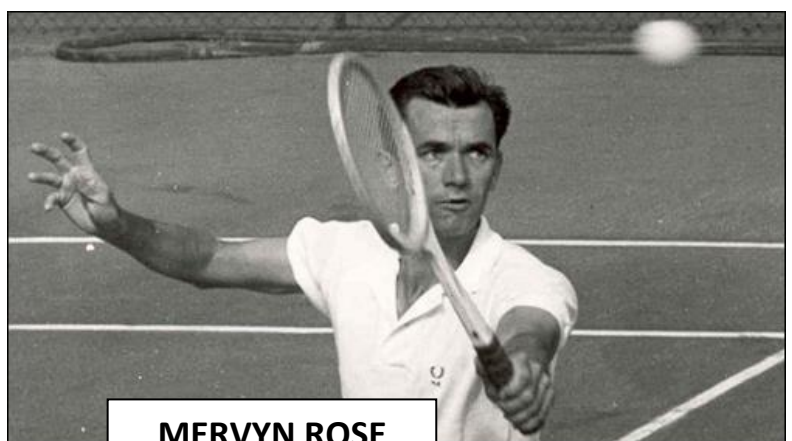
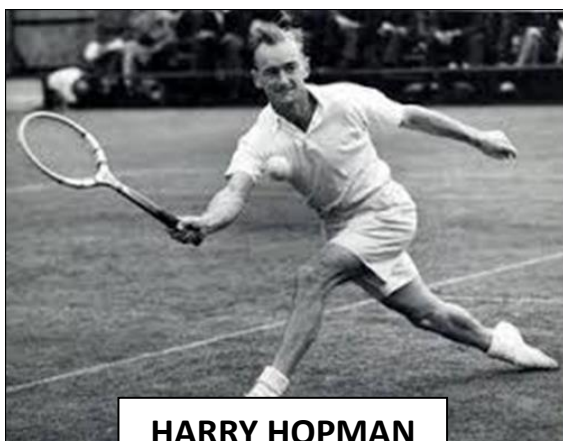
It's well known that Jack moved around the court with grace and precision. During competition, he played his grooved baseline game with a purpose. He played effortlessly, was technically fluent and his game was buoyed by accuracy and not always power.

When Jack came to practice, train, and play matches at Craig's family tennis courts Craig was able to watch and learn, then later practice some of the best tennis techniques from his very early young age.

Reinforced with his father coaching and the many opportunities that Craig had hitting with his father's friends Craig developed sound stroke techniques from continual practice and playing.

It was inevitable that although Craig would become a very accomplished player over the years that followed, he was also going to become a coach, which he began by assisting his Dad.

As the years rolled on Craig also benefited from the knowledge and the experience he gained by working with many trainers and coaches from around the world, the best being the brilliant and World Tennis Icons Harry Hopman and Mervyn Rose.







Initially though Craig focused on his playing career, which again, over time, took him around the world. He has won many championships and trophies and enjoyed “the lifestyle” it gave him and the many friends he has made through tennis.

Craig has also developed relationships with some of the elite sports and tennis clubs, product sponsors and tennis administrators around the world.

Whilst overseas Craig gained invaluable experience working at prominent tennis clubs in Spain, France and the USA and assisted and significantly improved the “bottom line” of those clubs.

When he returned to Australia, he did the same at various hotels, clubs and sporting complexes whilst also improving the ambience and PR within those organisations.

### **Coaching Highlights**

When Craig was asked about some of the highlights of his career to date, he smiles and talks about the people and personalities he has met and coached.

Many have been prominent sportspeople (not just tennis players but other sports World Champions, Olympians and Professional Sportspeople), business leaders and CEOs, but throughout the world he has loved coaching those people who love their tennis as well – those that want to improve their game, their fitness and general health.

Perhaps the most rewarding times Craig added have been when he has been able to identify junior talent and improve the obviously talented youngster’s tennis games and see how they improved under his guidance and coaching.

## Chronology

- 1960 - born into tennis family, Clovelly, NSW, Australia
- 1968 - started playing in adult tennis tournaments at age 8
- 1977 - apprenticeship with tennis pro, Ross Sheriff, at age 17 (Ross has coached more touring pros than anyone in the world)
- 1980 – work experience at Boca Raton, USA, coaching tennis
- 1982 - directed and coached tennis clubs in Noosa



**Henry Christian "Harry" Hopman**, CBE (12 August 1906 – 27 December 1985) was a world-acclaimed Australian tennis player and trainer. Hopman was the successful captain of 22 Australian Davis Cup teams from 1939 to 1967 with 16 unmatched cup wins. Hopman emigrated to the United States in 1969 and became highly successful training so many champions, including Vitas Gerulaitis and John McEnroe.

- 1984 - work experience with Harry Hopman who had a great influence on Craig's training style (at Bardon, Florida & with Warren Woodcock at Boca Raton, Florida)
- 1984 to 1995 - played and worked with the several of the top ten players in the world



**Rennae Stubbs** is Australian retired tennis player, current coach and commentator. She worked at the Seven Network between 2011 and 2018 as an analyst for women's matches. She was also an Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder. She has won four Grand Slam doubles titles and two Grand Slam mixed doubles

- 1990 – worked with Rennae Stubbs



**Jamie Morgan** became an Australian professional tennis player in 1990 after completing his tennis scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport in 1986. Jamie finished a runner-up three times in ATP level singles events. He also reached the fourth round of the 1993 U.S. Open, his best performance at a Grand Slam event. He achieved a career-high singles ranking of **World No. 52** in 1993.

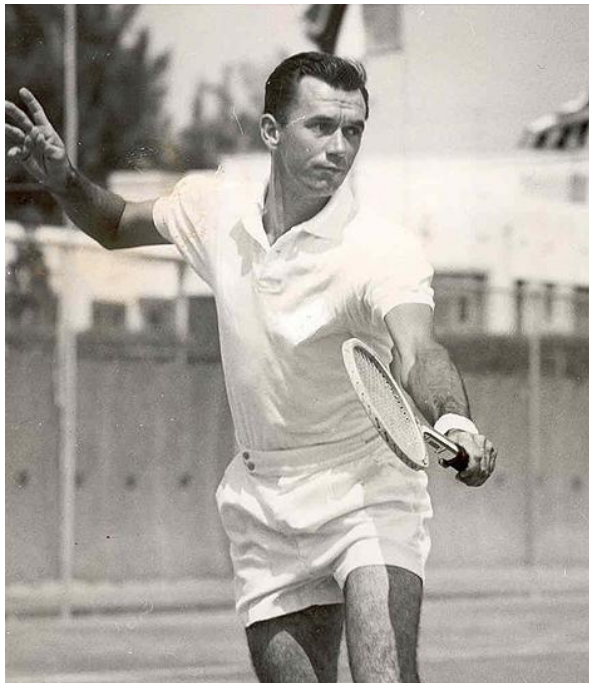
- 1991 – worked with Jaime Morgan



**Aránzazu Isabel María "Arantxa" Sánchez Vicario** is a Spanish tennis player who won 14 Grand Slam titles - four in singles, six in women's doubles, and four in mixed doubles. In 1994, she was crowned the ITF World Champion for the year.

As a 17-year-old, she became the youngest winner (at that time) of the women's singles title at the 1989 French Open, defeating World No. 1 Steffi Graf in the final. Over the course of her career, Sánchez Vicario won 29 singles titles and 69 doubles titles before retiring in November 2002.

- 1992 - worked at the French Open and Wimbledon with his friend & mentor Mervyn Rose (Australian Tennis Coach Icon) when he was coaching Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario



**Mervyn Gordon Rose AM** (23 January 1930 – 23 July 2017) was an Australian tennis player who won 7 Grand Slam titles (singles, doubles and mixed doubles). Rose turned professional in 1959 and was ranked inside the world's Top 10 throughout much of his tennis career and represented Australia in the Davis Cup from 1951 to 1957. He was ranked World No. 3 in 1958. Rose won the Australian singles title in 1954 and in 1958, he became the French singles champion. He coached numerous players, including Billie Jean King, Margaret Court, Ernie Ewart, Michael Fancutt, Brett Prentice, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, Eleni Daniilidou, Nadia Petrova, Magdalena Grzybowska and Caroline Schnieder. Rose was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000, inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame in 2002. He was an outstanding coach and mentor to both amateur and professional players.

(Craig considers this his *"Masters Degree"* working with Mervyn Rose in coaching & training Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario who 2 years later became World No.1)

- 1995 - represented Australia in the Italia Cup in South Africa, age 35 (ITF WORLD RANKING of 24)
- 1997 to 1999 - director of Eastern Suburbs Tennis Club Pty Limited
- 1999 to 2004 - board member of Eastern Suburbs Tennis Association Limited and delegate to NSW tennis board
- 2000 - coached at White City with Noel Callaghan
- 2005 - coached and trained many top juniors full time on the Gold Coast

- 2009-2010 - Craig introduced a program for international students about the workings of a tennis complex with training and coaching
- Currently - training and coaching private students and tournament players

**Footnote:**

Craig has been seriously training champion & competitive tennis enthusiasts since 1980 at tennis clubs, sports clubs, hotels, private residences and villas all over the World.

**If you would like to be coached by Craig, then please phone him on 0411 721 486**