



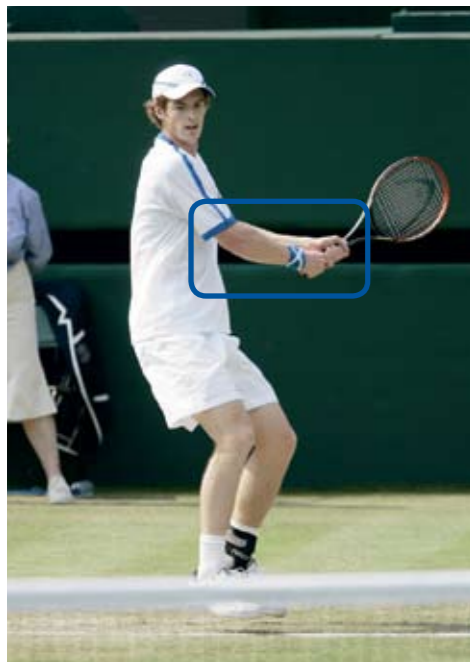
The Hot Scot's Hot Shot

Now in the world's top twenty and with his first career title on the board, there is no doubt that **Andy Murray** has taken the tennis world by storm.

And things should only get better for the 19-year-old, who boasts wins over big name players like Lleyton Hewitt, Andy Roddick and Ivan Ljubicic.

Simple, smooth and very effective, this **backhand** approach shows how the Scotsman can scare the world's best.

By Pat Cash



1 The key to a good start is to keep things relaxed and simple. Murray's smooth arms are in great position with room to move. Most importantly, they are not stiff during take back.



2 Murray's good posture and foot position help his arms rotate around his body. Note the short backswing, which contributes to successful execution.



3 In this frame, Murray lays his wrist back, which allows him to get underneath the ball.



4 As this is a cross court backhand the contact is slightly further in front of the body.



5 Murray's weight goes through, while his arms come up and his left hand rolls over.



6 As he follows through, the athletic Murray starts moving forward, looking for a weak reply.



Pat Cash, who won Wimbledon in 1987, contributing to a total of seven singles titles during his career, reached a career-high world No.4 ranking. The Melbourne-born champion will also be remembered as one of Australia's finest Davis Cup players. The classic hard-fighting serve and volleyer also reached the final of the Australian Open in 1987 and 1988, the first year at Melbourne Park. He currently runs the Pat Cash International Tennis Academy at Hope Island Resort on the Gold Coast. For more information, log on to www.patcash.net

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