

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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This Black History Month, the A.C.E. (African-American and Caribbean) BRG Network is proud to celebrate seven up-and-coming African-American tennis stars. Throughout the month, there will be a display in the main lobby of the White Plains Office highlighting their accomplishments thus far in their thriving careers. We salute them and commend their successes of positively representing the sport of tennis.



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ROBIN ANDERSON

Robin Anderson, 22, of Matawan, N.J., graduated from UCLA in 2015 after earning All-America honors in both singles and doubles for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the seventh player in school history to accomplish that feat. She was named the ITA National Collegiate Player of the Year for 2014-15. Anderson was part of UCLA's NCAA-title winning team in 2014 and reached the NCAA doubles final in 2013. At the 2015 US Open, she won the American Collegiate Invitational, a tournament for the top U.S. college players. In her career, Anderson has won one USTA Pro Circuit singles title (\$10,000 Landisville, Pa., in 2011) and one doubles title (\$25,000 Redding, Calif., in 2013). As a junior player, she reached the singles quarterfinals at the 2010 junior US Open.

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VICTORIA DUVAL

Victoria Duval, 20, of Bradenton, Fla., played in her first tournament in August 2015 after a year away from the game after battling Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has made a full recovery. Duval peaked at No. 87 in the world in August 2014 after qualifying for and reaching the second round at Wimbledon just before the diagnosis. Since her comeback, Duval competed in qualifying for the 2015 US Open, advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event in Landisville, Pa., and competed in this year's Hopman Cup in Australia. Duval made international headlines at the 2013 US Open, where she qualified for the main draw and upset 2011 champion Samantha Stosur in the first round.

Following the US Open, Duval competed in ITF events in Canada, winning her first pro singles and doubles titles in Toronto. In 2012, Duval won the USTA Girls' 18s national title to earn a wild card into the US Open women's draw, where she played Kim Clijsters in the first round before Clijsters' retirement. Duval peaked at No. 18 in the world in the ITF World Junior Rankings in September 2011 after reaching the quarterfinals of the junior US Open and junior Wimbledon. She also reached the semifinals of the 2012 junior US Open. Duval grew up Haiti until she was 8. At a young age, Duval gave up ballet to pursue tennis, first at the Nick Bollettieri Academy in Bradenton, then at the Racquet Club of the South, a USTA Certified Regional Training Center in Atlanta.

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JARMERE JENKINS

Jarmere Jenkins, 25, of Coconut Creek, Fla., completed his college tennis career in 2013 at the University of Virginia, where he nearly won the NCAA “triple crown” as a senior. Jenkins led the Cavaliers to the NCAA team title — Virginia’s first ever — won the NCAA doubles championship with teammate Mac Styslinger and also reached the NCAA singles final. Jenkins was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s National Player of the Year for 2013 and ended the season as college tennis’ No. 1-ranked singles player. Also in 2013, he reached the final round of qualifying at the 2013 US Open and won his first career USTA Pro Circuit title at the \$10,000 Futures in Rochester, N.Y. In September 2014, Jenkins won the second USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$10,000 Futures in Costa Mesa, Calif. He then competed in Australia for the remainder of the year, where he won three ITF Circuit singles crowns and two doubles titles, to break into the Top 200 for the first time. In 2015, he competed on the USTA Pro Circuit and in ITF-level events, while also competing in qualifying for all four Grand Slams. Jenkins is one of nine children, several of whom are adopted from various backgrounds. His family was even featured once on “The Oprah Winfrey Show.” Several of Jenkins’ siblings have played tennis competitively, and two of his brothers, Jackie Jr. (Northwestern) and Jermaine (Clemson), played NCAA Division I college tennis.

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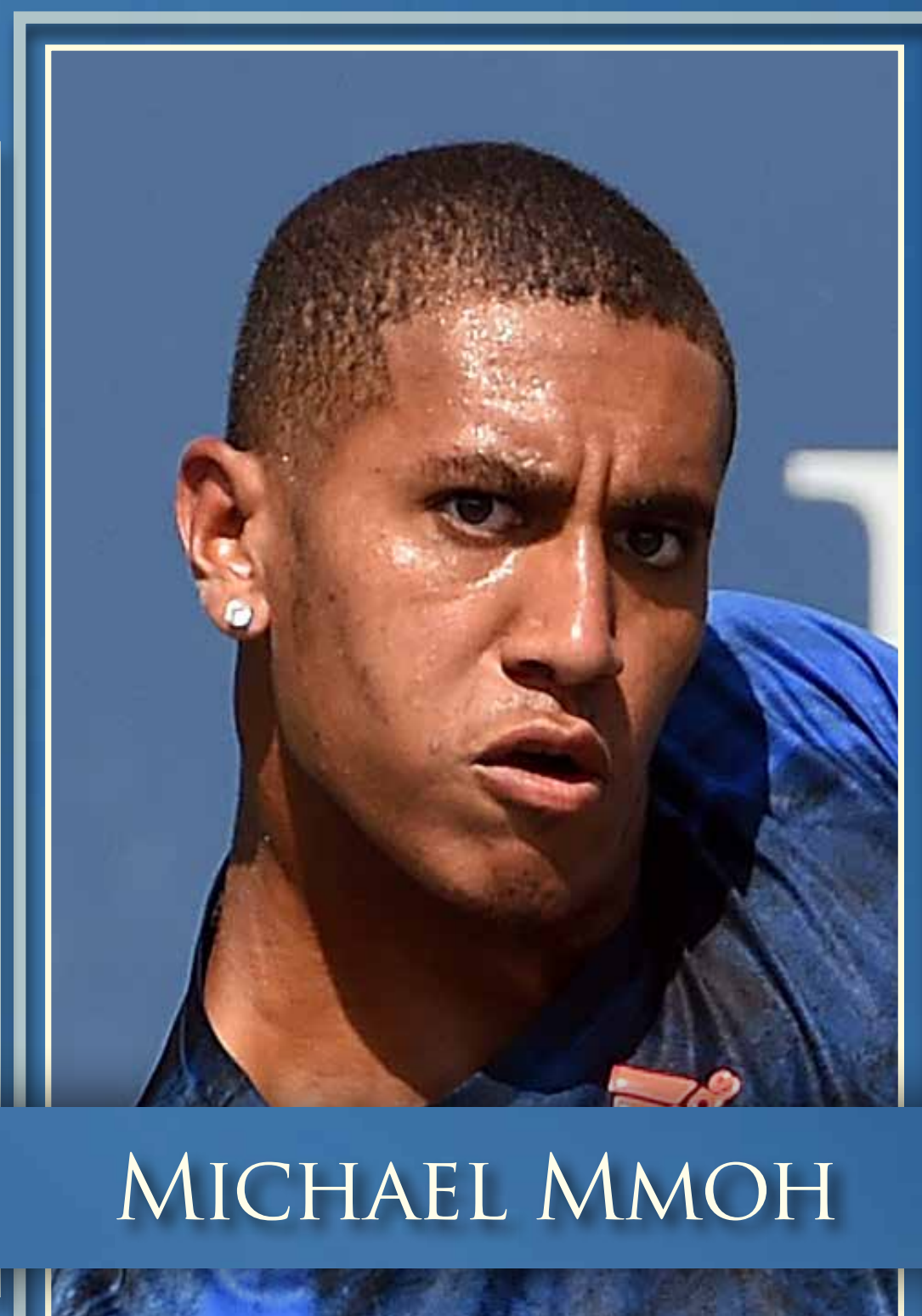


MADISON KEYS

Madison Keys, 20, of Boca Raton, Fla., advanced to her first career Grand Slam semifinal at the 2015 Australian Open, where she upset No. 4 seed Petra Kvitova and No. 18 seed Venus Williams, before losing to eventual champion Serena Williams. Later that year, she also reached the quarterfinals of the 2015 US Open. She also reached the final at the clay-court WTA event in Charleston, S.C., in 2015. Keys peaked at No. 16 in the world, resulting in her first Top 20 season in May 2015. Keys won her first WTA title in 2014 at the grass-court event in Eastbourne, Great Britain, becoming the youngest player to win a grass court title since 2009 since Caroline Wozniacki in 2009. In 2011, Keys also became the youngest player to win a main draw match at the US Open since Nicole Pietrangeli in 2005, and became the youngest player since Martina Hingis in 1994 to win a WTA match in 2009.

Keys is coached by former pro Jesse Levine.

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MICHAEL MMOH

Michael Mmoh, 18, of Bradenton, Fla., is regarded as one of the brightest young American prospects, drawing comparisons to Gael Monfils for his athleticism and power. Mmoh peaked at No. 2 in the junior rankings in 2015 after reaching the singles semifinals at the junior French Open and the quarterfinals at the junior US Open that year; he also competed in the junior Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2015, reaching the doubles semifinals at both tournaments. Mmoh finished the 2014 junior season by going 19-2 in international-level play, winning two ITF junior titles. He also won the prestigious Metropolia Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships doubles title with fellow American Stefan Kozlov. Also in 2014, Mmoh went 5-0 in singles to help lead the U.S. to the Junior Davis Cup title. In 2014, Mmoh won his first career USTA Pro Circuit singles title at the \$15,000 Futures in Brownsville, Texas. He added two additional USTA Pro Circuit titles in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Godfrey, Ill., and the \$15,000 Futures in Houston. Mmoh trains with Nick Bollettieri's program at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. He is the son of former ATP professional and Nigerian Olympian Tony Mmoh and was born in Saudi Arabia.

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FRANCES TIAFOE

Frances Tiafoe, 18, of College Park, Md., won the Har-Tru USTA Pro Circuit Wild Card Challenge to earn a spot in the 2015 French Open, which marked his Grand Slam debut, and he also competed as a wild card at the 2015 US Open by winning the USTA Boys' 18s National Championships. Tiafoe won his first USTA Pro Circuit singles title in 2015 at the \$15,000 Futures in Bakersfield, Calif. Tiafoe, turned pro in early 2015, and reached three additional USTA Pro Circuit singles finals in 2015 (in Tallahassee, Fla., in May, in Calabasas, Calif., in March and in Weston, Fla., last January). In addition, Tiafoe served as a practice partner for the U.S. Davis Cup team against Great Britain in Scotland in March 2015. As a junior, he peaked at No. 2 in the ITF World Junior Rankings in 2014 and reached the boys' singles semifinals at the 2014 US Open. He also won the prestigious Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships in December 2013 in Plantation, Fla., becoming the youngest boys' champion in the 67-year history of the event. Tiafoe is a product of the Junior Tennis Champions Center in College Park, Md., a USTA Certified Regional Training Center, where his father, an immigrant from Sierra Leone, worked as a custodian. He has also trained at the USTA National Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.

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SACHIA VICKERY

Sachia Vickery, 20, of Miramar, Fla., peaked at a career-high No. 108 in the world in July 2015 after qualifying for Wimbledon. She also received a wild card into the 2015 US Open. Also in 2015, Vickery advanced to the quarterfinals of the WTA's Wimbledon tune-up event in Nottingham, Great Britain and won the first two career USTA Pro Circuit singles titles of her career at the \$25,000 Florida events in Plantation and Sunrise. Vickery has competed in the US Open, Wimbledon, and the Australian Open main draws in her young career. She earned a main-draw wild card into the 2014 Australian Open by winning the USTA's Australian Open Wild Card Playoff. Vickery also reached the quarterfinals at the Emirates Airline US Open Series event in Stanford, Calif., in 2014—her first WTA quarterfinal. In 2013, she won the USTA National Girls' 18s singles and doubles titles, earning wild cards into the main draws of the singles and doubles events at the 2013 US Open. While at the Open, Vickery won her first-round match in her Grand Slam debut, defeating Mirjana Lucic-Baroni in straight sets. As a junior, Vickery ascended to No. 6 in the ITF World Junior Rankings, reaching the doubles semifinals of junior Wimbledon in 2012 and competing in all four junior Grand Slams. She trains with coach Adrian Zeman at the ZMG Tennis at Deer Creek facility in Deerfield Beach, Fla., and was a longtime trainee of the USTA Player Development program at the USTA Training Center Headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla.