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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**January 5, 2015****Tulsa Junior Tennis Players Have Strong Showing at National Tournament***Two Players Won National Titles in Respective Divisions*

Phoenix, Ariz. – Two Tulsa tennis players finished their 2014 season well, winning their respective divisions and earning a coveted USTA Gold Ball at the USTA National Winter Championships in Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 27, 2014 to Jan. 2, 2015.

William Genesen won the Boys' 18s division, dropping just two sets in seven matches on his way to the title. Genesen defeated Alafia Ayeni of San Diego, Calif., 6-4, 6-1 in the final. Genesen also defeated top-seeded Jacob Hansen of Houston, Texas, 6-2, 6-1 in the quarterfinals. The USTA National Winter Championships was the sixth tournament Genesen won in 2014.

Morgan Coppoc won the Girls' 16s division at the USTA National Winter Championships, dropping just three sets in seven matches. Coppoc defeated the fourth-seeded Chiara Lommer of Buffalo Grove, Ill., 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 to win the tournament. Coppoc finished her 2014 season winning six USTA tournaments.

Zeke Clark, also of Tulsa, earned third place in the Boys' 18s division, defeating Andrew Heller of Weston, Fla., 7-5, 6-0.

All three players train at Tucker Tennis Academy in Tulsa.

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