



EASTERN SECTION NEWS

JTT CHAMPIONSHIPS



Clockwise from top left:
trophy presentation, Gabrielle
Sullivan, Richmond Racquets
and Buffalo Blizzard.

TEAMS FROM NEW JERSEY TO WESTERN NEW YORK won the USTA Eastern Jr. Team Tennis Championships in Syracuse on June 13, capping off a weekend filled with exciting rallies, artistic shot-making and tons of team spirit.

In the 14 & Under Intermediate division, the Warren-Edison team (New Jersey) beat out five other teams to win the title and a spot in the National Championships in October. "I'm really psyched," said Warren-Edison player Chris Yang. "I've worked really hard with my dad and my whole family."

In the 18 & Under Intermediate division, the Blizzard (Western) and PTC Aces (New Jersey) won the same number of games.

But against each other, the Blizzard edged out the Aces, and won the championship.

"Everyone played their part," said Blizzard co-coach Dan Johnson. "It was just a team effort from top to bottom."

Of course, the teams were not just rewarded for their performance on the courts. They were also recognized for their creativity. At the player party Saturday night, the Richmond Racquets (Metro) were one of the winners in the team banner contest. Their banner illustrated diversity and local tennis history, and allowed the players to use their imaginations and teamwork.

"It was fun—gluing, cutting and socializing," said Richmond



Clockwise from top left: Net Bombers, Warren Edison, and West Side Tennis Club.

Racquets' player Meisha Woseley.

The weekend was not complete without the sportsmanship awards, given to players in each division on Sunday. Madison Bradley of the Mustangs (Western) was one of the winners. "I think it's amazing," said Madison's mother, Carleen. "She's very nice to the other players."

Congratulations to all of the teams and coaches for an amazing event.

12 & Under Intermediate

1st place – Richmond Racquets
2nd place – Sportime Slammers
Sportsmanship – Tommy Srisuro, Rockville Racquets

14 & Under Intermediate

1st place – Warren-Edison
2nd place – Mustangs
Sportsmanship – Madison Bradley, Mustangs

14 & Under Advanced

1st place – Net Bombers
2nd place – Dynamite
Sportsmanship – Russell Yan Santos, Dynamite

18 & Under Intermediate

1st place – Buffalo Blizzard
2nd place – PTC Aces
Sportsmanship – Leon Pan, Metro Red East

18 & Under Advanced

1st place – West Side 18s
2nd place – Zico
Sportsmanship – Gabrielle Sullivan, West Side 18s

Banner Contest

1st place – Maywood – Team Naresh
2nd place – Richmond Racquets
3rd place – RCTA Aces



Other teams that competed JAMF Strike Force, Rockville Racquet 1 14s, Tri-City Terminators, Team Westchester 14, Salmon CCC14, Got Tennis?, JAMF Drop Shots, Hurricanes, Rockville Racquet 1 18s, The Jr. NYBUZZ, Team Pollard

Do you want to start a Jr. Team Tennis League in your community?

Email: jtt@eastern.usta.com to learn how.



Mary Carillo to Speak At Eastern Adult Tennis Foundation Luncheon

MARY CARILLO, THE EMMY AWARD-WINNING SPORTSCASTER AND FORMER professional tennis player, will be the keynote speaker at the Eastern Adult Tennis Foundation's Fifth Annual Luncheon on Monday, Sept. 13.

Carillo, who was a professional tennis player from 1977 to 1980, was named president this year of USTA Serves—Foundation for Academics. Character. Excellence., the philanthropic and charitable entity of the USTA.

Last year, the EATF provided \$9,100 in grants to 11 organizations throughout New York and New Jersey. The grants benefited a wide range of players—from low-income seniors to people with traumatic brain injuries.

The Eastern Adult Tennis Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization created in 2004 to bring public attention and financial support to worthy grassroots tennis programs for adults and seniors.

To learn more about EATF and sign up for the luncheon, visit www.eastern.usta.com.



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Teams from Metro, Southern and New Jersey Regions Capture Mixed Doubles Section Championships

SIX TEAMS FROM EASTERN WILL BE HEADING TO Tucson, AZ, in November to compete in the USTA National Adult League Mixed Doubles Championships. The teams, which hail from the Metro, New Jersey and Southern regions, each captured titles at the USTA Eastern Mixed Doubles Section Championship, held June 4-6 in Schenectady, NY. Congratulations to all of the teams for a great weekend of tennis!

USTA Eastern Mixed Doubles Championship Teams

5.0 Westfield Indoor Tennis (Westfield, NJ)

Captain: Edward E. Poole

Players: Mary Cutler, Charles F. Bluestone, Lili Chu, Joanna Budries, Sung Chin, Igor Shames, Denise M. Jacobs, Richard Williams, Sarah Robinson

6.0 Clifton Racquet Club (Clifton, NJ)

Captains: Polly Wong, Chuanrong Sun

Players: Polly Wong, Chuanrong Sun, Yingfang Tsai, Sadato



Sugihara, Tzongshen Tsai, Chris Y. Wu, Yunjian Wang, Min Yang, Bin He, Christy Xh Brunner-Ruan, Arlene Hyde, Tou-san Chang

7.0 Chestnut Ridge Racquet Club (Mount Kisco, NY)

Captain: Grace Law, Randall Law

Players: Grace Law, Jay T. Weinstein, Marland Scott, Matthew Ricketts, Margaret Kienzle, Ogbonna Chilaka, Danielle S. Carr, Judith A Norton, Fernando Llovet, Zine E. Mazouzi, Ilona Marsh, Andreea Oncioiu, Frank C. Biele, Cesar Gonzalez, Frances J. Milliken, Akil Salter, Wanda Rettagliata, Eric Davis, Leslie G. Mills, Aparna Shetty, Alyson Vanross

8.0 Metro

Captains: Ronald E. Johnson, Eileen P. Melniker

Players: Ronald E. Johnson, Joseph Miano, Andrea Fang, Katie Fairbanks, Bonnie J. Strati, Eileen P. Melniker, Brandon Su, Chris A. Colesanti, Elina Kapostina, Philippe Nguyen-Tan, Yen Bao So, Atul Singh, Mel Lectura, Barry Sonustun, Esther Forrester, Jason B. Harris, Sandra K. Legieza, Paige Arthur, Kayoko Naka, Nicholas Pei, Waihong Ho, Ryan Arguelles

9.0 Metro

Captain: Eileen P. Melniker

Players: Eileen P. Melniker, Hugo C. Rubio, Roslyn Chua-Mcalonie, Clinton Beaumont deVries, Chris A. Colesanti, Andrea Fang, Caroline Koralik, Diane Ventura, Gabriel Joson Raneses, Staporn Suwan, Carolyn Pastel, Jason B. Harris, Keith Mattes,



8.0 Champs, 7.0 Champs, 6.0 Champs

Marvin D. Jeffrey, Rebecca Hing, Barry Sonustun, David Shaf-tel, Caitlin E. Thompson, Larry L. Shiera

10.0 Rye Racquet Club (Rye, NY)

Captain: Carrie L. Rabuse

Players: Carolyn Cruz, Eric Cruz, Elizabeth W. Baldwin, Carrie L. Rabuse, Kathrin B. Blanch, Felix Katsuhide Yamasato, Chris L. Magner, David Limonta, Aila W. Main, Brian O'Connor, Lauren H. Mandell, Neeladitya Roy, Klara Miklikova, Jeffrey Appel, Ian M. Longua, Alex V. Dias

Looking to start a USTA Adult League in your community? Email: adultleagues@eastern.usta.com to make it happen.



USTA Eastern and NY Sportimes: Free Racquets for Kids

TO START PLAYING TENNIS, ALL YOU NEED IS A racquet and a ball. That's why this year, USTA Eastern and the New York Sportimes of World TeamTennis have decided to make it that much easier.

For coming to see John McEnroe and the Sportimes play at Randall's Island in New York City, the first 2,000 kids, 12 and under, received a free racquet, compliments of the Sportimes and USTA Eastern. The NY Buzz of Albany, NY, also gave out free racquets to kids who watched their matches.

John Dato, General Manager of the NY Sportimes, said giving out racquets was a great way to attract more kids to the sport. The WTT Pro League, which celebrated its 35th season in July 2010, is a showcase for three generations of tennis standouts, including legends, current tour players and future champions.



"It just fits with our whole format of being a family-friendly league," Dato says. It also made sense to USTA Eastern, whose mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis.

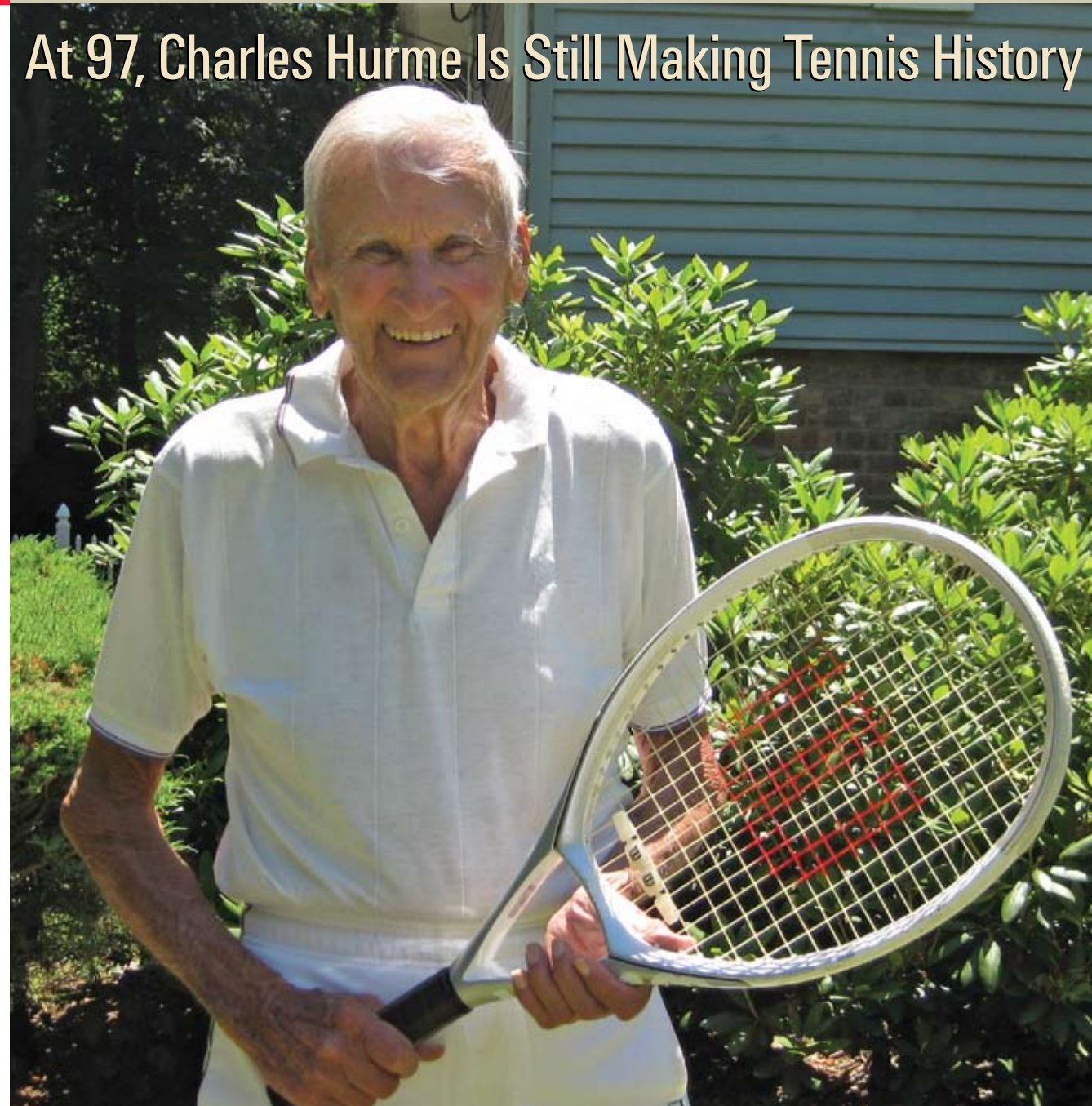
"By putting racquets in the hands of children, we hope to give them a chance to enjoy the sport that we love," says Michelle Blake Wilson, Managing Director of Marketing and Communications for USTA Eastern.

For more information about World TeamTennis, visit www.nysportimes.com, www.nybuzzwtt.com, and www.eastern.usta.com.





At 97, Charles Hurme Is Still Making Tennis History



WHEN CHARLES HURME OF HUNTINGTON STATION, NY, STARTED playing tennis, the players wore trousers or long skirts, the major stars were nicknamed “Bunny” and “Big Bill,” and wooden racquets with little heads were all the rage.

The game has changed much since then, but one thing has remained the same: 97-year-old Hurme’s love for tennis.

“It’s challenging,” says Hurme, who still plays three to four times a week. “And you meet a lot of nice people.”

Hurme grew up in Brooklyn and began playing tennis at age 20, because it was a sport he thought he could win. For most of his life, he played recreationally, with friends in playgrounds. But when he retired from his job as an electrical engineer, he joined a friend on a trip to Cape Coral, FL, to compete in a Super Seniors tournament.

Before long, he was winning. In 2002, he won the USTA National 90s Hard Court Championships. In 2005, he won a doubles title in the USTA

Men’s 80,85,90 Indoor Championships. And this year, he was named Tennis Player of the Year by USTA Eastern-Long Island at the region’s 20th Annual Awards dinner.

Hurme credits his longevity, in part, to genetics—his mother, at the age of 98, was pushing around residents of her nursing home. But he also stretches, swims, golfs and plays tennis on a regular basis. He also keeps his mind active, and in 2006 took home a bridge trophy from the Huntington Senior Center.

He says his greatest achievement was winning the 90s title in 2002. But he also considers his victory in 2008 an outstanding achievement. He beat out three other men in the first-ever sanctioned 95s tournament in California.

“There’s a lot of guys that won the 90 Nationals, but no one ever won the 95s except me,” says Hurme.

“So I established world history.”

Miller Tennis Center Launches New Approach to Play, Participation and USTA!

AS TENNIS CLUBS ACROSS THE COUNTRY LOOK FOR WAYS TO RETAIN MEMBERS, increase play opportunities and expand their reach, the Miller Tennis Center in Buffalo, NY, has introduced an innovative way to do just that: provide new programs with complimentary USTA membership.

Todd Miller, owner of Miller Tennis Center and a Professional Tennis Registry Master Professional, has created three new programs: the Buffalo Tennis Series (BTS), Buffalo Area League Tennis Association (BALTA), and Buffalo Area Learning Lab (BALL). In a bold move with the support of USTA Eastern, Miller Tennis Center will offer all members and program participants USTA membership. This will make Miller Tennis Center the first club in the Buffalo area with 100 percent USTA membership.

“At the Miller Tennis Center, we are always looking to attract new players to the sport,” Miller says. “I think this new offer will help us reach that goal, by allowing the participants to enjoy all the benefits of a USTA Eastern membership.”

“USTA membership is a great way for a club to increase the value of its membership while offering its members the added benefit of giving back to their local tennis community,” says Michelle Blake Wilson, Managing Director of Marketing and Communications for USTA Eastern. “Many people don’t realize that over 40 percent of their USTA membership is reinvested in their local communities, to promote and develop the growth of tennis.

“USTA Eastern is really excited about this opportunity,” adds Blake Wilson. “Miller Tennis Center is taking an aggressive step in trying to expand the reach of tennis in the Buffalo community.”

The Miller Tennis Center USTA-based programs include:

Leagues: BALTA (Buffalo Area League Tennis Association)—Individual adult league play, September through May, at the Miller Tennis Center. Participants receive official USTA/BALTA shirts.

Instruction: BALL (Buffalo Area Learning Lab)—Junior and adult instructional programs at the Miller Tennis Center. All registrants enrolled from Sept. 13 to Dec. 19 receive the free USTA membership, compliments of the Miller Tennis Center.

Tournaments: USTA BTS (Buffalo Tennis Series)—A year-round tournament series, consisting of 39 weekends at Miller Tennis Center and a 10-day MUNY tournament at Delaware Park. In total, there are 436 events for all ages and ability levels, with all 39 MTC weekend tournaments sanctioned by USTA Eastern.

Miller is also planning to host a “Buffalo Tennis Night,” an annual evening of celebration that will bring the entire tennis community together to honor the area’s best—past and present.

To learn more or sign up for programs, call the Miller Tennis Center at (716) 632-8600. We congratulate and thank Miller Tennis Center!



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KCC Teams Win Flights at National Championships

THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS AT KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY College in Brooklyn, NY, had another successful year at the National Junior College Athletic Association Championships. The women's team won the Nos. 1 and 2 singles flights and the No. 1 doubles flight at the championships, which were held in Tucson, AZ, May 2-6. The men's team also won the No. 1 singles flight at the championships, held May 10-14 in Plano, Texas.

The victories come a year after the KCC women's tennis team won the national championship. The Wave scored 33 team points at the 2009 Championships, well ahead of second place Broome Community College and third place DuPage Community College, who totaled 20.5 and 19.5 team points, respectively.

Last year, Kingsborough's women's team won four different singles flights and two doubles flights at the championships. The men's team also won the No. 1 singles and doubles flights at its championship in 2009.



2010	
WOMEN	Singles - Flight Winners: Erina Kikuchi, Epraski Yushkova Doubles - Flight Winners: Erina Kikuchi/Epraski Yushkova
MEN	Singles - Flight Winner: Aydar Suleymanov
2009	
WOMEN	Singles - Flight Winners: Erina Kikuchi, Nina Mayevski, Epraski Yushkova, Taylor Manson Doubles - Flight Winners: Kikuchi/Mayevski, Yushkova/Herschella Reid
MEN	Singles - Flight Winner: Sardorjan Mamadjanov Doubles - Flight Winner: Sardorjan Mamadjanov/Maksim Vergazov

It's Your Game! It's Your Eastern!

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 13-15** USTA Eastern Adult League Section Championship (2.5-3.5-4.5 men and women)
- Aug. 20-22** USTA Eastern Adult League Section Championship (3.0-4.0-5.0 men and women)
- Aug. 21-22** USTA Eastern Junior Team Tennis Summer Section Championship
- Sept. 24-26** USTA Eastern Senior League Section Championship
- Oct. 1-3** USTA Eastern Super Senior and Senior Mixed League Section Championship
- Nov. 7** USTA Eastern College Showcase & High School Senior Tournament
- Jan. 28-29** 2011 USTA Eastern Annual Meeting and Volunteer Development Workshop

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