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A Great Showcase!

What an outstanding publication! As a lifetime member of the USTA, it is great to read about people around the Missouri Valley who contribute so much to the sport of tennis.

I enjoyed all articles in Volume 3, Number 2, and all writers are to be complimented for their outstanding work.

It is great to be a part of the USTA, Missouri Valley, and Iowa Tennis Association!

Randy Krejci
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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Getting to Know

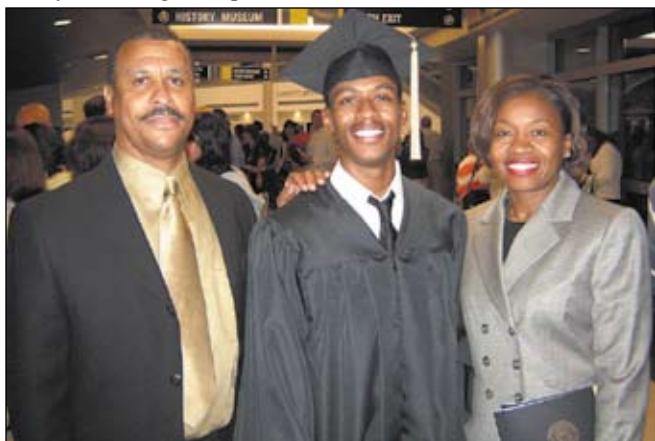
Kansas' Alex Lee is one of the more visible volunteers in the USTA Missouri Valley, and not just because he's always on a tennis court, instructing young kids, playing in tournaments, or because he can't get enough of the sport.

Lee is Vice-President of the USTA Missouri Valley, serves on the USTA National NJTL Committee and has been involved with the USTA since 2000, beginning then as a key member of the Missouri Valley Multicultural Participation Committee. By day, Lee is an Information Technology Generalist for the aerospace company Spirit Aerosystems, but just about any other time of the day, you can find him with a racquet in hand, spreading a contagious enthusiasm for the sport of tennis.

CrossCourt recently caught up with Lee to see how he was doing and learn a little more about him, and what's going on in Wichita tennis-wise.

CrossCourt: How you were introduced to tennis?

Alex Lee: I first picked it up when I was a freshman in college at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff in 1974. A friend of mine, Robert Harris, and maybe about four or five of us went out. Robert had bought a couple of racquets, and we went out to the courts on campus. I think it was kind of a natural thing for me (picking up the game). I played all winter long. We played literally *everyday*. I made the college team the next year, filling in a spot for someone. That started it all.



Alex Lee, his son Jermaine, and his wife Bobbie celebrated Jermaine's graduation from Wichita State in 2006.

CC: How did you get into volunteering with the USTA?

AL: I started volunteering in 2000 as the Kansas Multicultural Participation Chair. Fred Johnson (Missouri Valley Diversity Manager) recruited me. I had always played USTA tournaments and really never thought about the organization itself, how I could get involved. I decided that being a volunteer was a great way to help grow the game in the multicultural areas of Wichita. Here I am today, trying to figure out how to grow the game in the whole section. I remember early conversations with (USTA Missouri Valley past president) Verne Weber, when I would ask him about some of the volunteers that I had met. He always had great things to say about them, and I started to realize how important volunteers have been to the section.

CC: There is such a pure grassroots feel about tennis in Wichita. Talk about the city's community involvement with the sport and how big tennis is there.

AL: Tennis is very big here, and league tennis is especially strong. Everybody plays leagues. I don't think I've ever met anyone that didn't like tennis here. There's always excuses for not coming out to play, but I tell them, "We'll figure it out, let's just get you out here." There are a lot of beginning players (in Wichita) and a lot of them want to play. Even at work, I run into new potential players quite a bit. Several of them have come out to some of our events and clinics. I also have to

Alex Lee

make sure I don't go overboard when I meet new people and tell them about the sport. I love tennis so much and talk about it all the time.



Lee is pictured here with a few of his players from his program in Wichita.

CC: You're very involved with the American Tennis Association (ATA), the oldest African-American sports organization in the United States. Tell us a little about ATA and what is going on with them.

AL: I'm a life member of the organization and it's tough to do as much with them, since I am heavily involved with the USTA. It's a great organization with a great history and a great goal (to promote African-American tennis throughout the United States). Right now, the ATA has a national tournament that they move around yearly. I go to that every year, and it's a great experience.

CC: You're on the USTA National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) Committee. What does that entail?

AL: We're engulfed in trying to develop our 'best practices' on what works for everyone, setting a roadmap. I know there's a lot out there, but we're really trying to develop some official documents and booklets that we can use no matter where we are in the United States. We try to help groups start after-school programs with educational components all across the country. We're also really tapping into minds of people who work and are having success with NJTL programs to make even more stuff happen and further tennis and education in kids' lives.

CC: What are the biggest obstacles and challenges to helping tennis become more diverse in cities like Wichita and across the nation?

AL: Helping diverse audiences become more competitive in all ranks is an obstacle. We need our Community Tennis Association's and NJTL's and all people to help identify and give our competitive players even more opportunities. We also have got to keep pushing for multicultural kids to just play, because if they will play, they will be competitive, and that shows others that tennis is a great option. Tennis is not thought of as one of those team sports like basketball or soccer. In my opinion, tennis is the best sport for development for youth. It has everything.

CC: You're from Arkansas originally and you have a big family. How big is your family, and are they all tennis players?

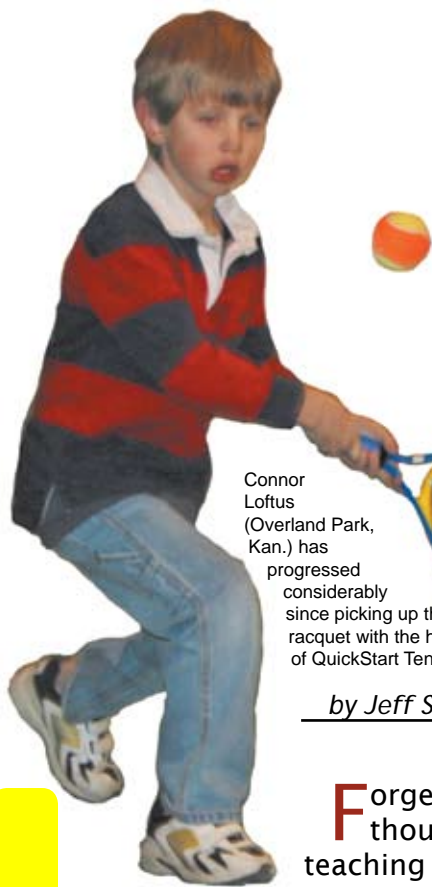
AL: I came from a small farm town, and we worked in cotton and hay fields all day. We did everything you could do on a farm. I had nine brothers and three sisters, so it's a huge family. I've got four younger brothers and they all play tennis. One older sibling plays. But all of our kids play. We have family reunions now down in Pine Bluff, and we always head to the tennis courts when we're there. I'm telling you, that's all we do!

CC: What about your wife (Bobbie) and your son (Jermaine)?

AL: That's kind of a funny story with Bobbie. Since I'm always playing, I used to get asked, "Does Bobbie give you a hard time because you're always at the courts?" I tell them, "Well, I got her to start playing and now she plays about as much as I do." So now I don't have to worry about her giving me a hard time (laughing). My son Jermaine also plays. It's something he and I do together, and hopefully always will." ●

Thinking Big

Going Small



Connor Loftus (Overland Park, Kan.) has progressed considerably since picking up the racquet with the help of QuickStart Tennis.

by Jeff Sikes

Forget what you knew or thought you knew about teaching and introducing young kids to the sport of tennis. A new era with a new format, a new look, and a comprehensive new way of doing things is upon us.

The United State Tennis Association's new QuickStart Tennis format is the national organization's ground-breaking answer to not just developing interest in the sport, but rather sustaining it. Rolling out this March in over 1,200 facilities across the United States - including several in the USTA Missouri Valley - the initiative represents a radical paradigm shift in the ways of getting kids to see, learn, and participate in the sport.

"The QuickStart Tennis play format is tennis scaled to the size of the child, utilizing age appropriate equipment, including smaller racquets, lower bouncing balls, and smaller courts," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "By enabling kids to start playing right away, we are allowing them to learn as they play."

What that means is the USTA - in conjunction with industry partners like the Tennis Industry Association (TIA), and teaching organizations like the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) - is thinking big....by going small. Even manufacturers are on board to mass produce equipment like mini-nets, age-appropriate racquets and balls. What this vast industry-wide format aims to do is standardize the game for those at younger ages (5 to 10 years old), bringing the game down to a level they can understand and translate right away, and be successful at.

Other sports like baseball, basketball and soccer have long possessed more beginner-friendly ways of easing youth into the competitive fold, with retro-fitted equipment and fields, alternative scoring formats and shorter-timed games and matches. Predictably, those sports have had the most success attracting and keeping

The industry's comprehensive new plan for developing the sport for kids 10 and under - QuickStart Tennis - scales down the game, and hopes for many happy returns.

participants. American tennis has, until now, been reluctant to adopt a standardized format with equipment and court dimensions specific to kids.

Pilot programs in USTA Missouri Valley like Tulsa, Okla. and Overland Park, Kan., have already proven successful in not just attracting kids to tennis, but in quickly developing their technique and understanding of the game. But the biggest thing is kids are having fun with the sport.

"It's not rocket science what we're doing," said Dean Richardville, Tulsa Parks Director of Recreation. "It's changing from the norm, though. It's a little more set-up time to go through for a pro or recreational program to lay out the courts, but it's worth it for the kids to have a positive experience."

Other sports have also had one big edge that, until now, tennis in America has been lacking: Structured team



Photo courtesy of USTA National

QuickStart Tennis shortens the court and makes the game easier for children to play. These youth are playing on a 60 foot court with blue tape lines.

competition for the youngest ages. Tennis has lost many a young player just because they found other sports first, since those sports had organized team competitions, where kids could embrace and love a new sport with their friends.

The USTA will apply the existing Jr. Team Tennis model to QuickStart Tennis, hoping to create legions of tennis teams for children 5 to 10 years old, akin to Little League Baseball or Pop Warner Football. If QuickStart Tennis facilities like Tulsa Parks are any indication of the potential team interest on the horizon, then the USTA and the whole tennis community is onto something special with the format. Tulsa's program was bursting at the seams after the offering last summer, and kids especially took to the team tennis concept and more user-friendly

equipment.

"When you think about it, there are 300,000 kids playing high school tennis every year," said Scott Schultz, USTA Managing Director, Recreational Tennis. "I don't think we've ever really gone after the 10-and-under market with a concerted, dedicated effort like this, and I've been in the sport for 30 years. Our push has always been for kids of middle/high school ages, but kids certainly might choose tennis earlier if we offer them that opportunity. Our theory is, 'Why make them wait until high school? Let's get them started now.'"

Using mini-nets 18 feet long and two-foot-nine inches tall and courts marked off at 36 feet long x 18 feet wide (ages 8 and under), and 60 feet long x 21 feet wide (ages 10 and under), the capability to get more kids on a single court is an appealing concept and sensible business proposition for many facilities. Midtown Tennis Club (Overland Park, Kan.) was one of the first to incorporate this format into its junior development program, and has even experimented with a host of QuickStart Tennis tournaments with incredible success.

"I took lessons and learned the game through the parks growing up, but (QuickStart Tennis) is so much more sophisticated," said Jackie Adriano (Leawood, Kan.), whose seven-year-old daughter Kathleen has been taking tennis



Photo courtesy of Dean Richardville/Tulsa Parks

Youngsters have taken Tulsa tennis courts by storm with the implementation of QuickStart Tennis last summer.

lessons since last June at Midtown Tennis Club using the new format.

"I was worried she'd get frustrated fast, but she's not at all, and she seems to be getting good quickly. If Kathleen was struggling or not having fun, she wouldn't want to come back. But she's always excited to go play tennis, and I never have to say a thing to her about getting ready on her tennis days. She's already dressed and ready to go."

That's really the ultimate goal with QuickStart Tennis, having new, young players like Adriano experience success and joy. It could be the start of something beautiful. ●

The Ins & Outs of QuickStart Tennis

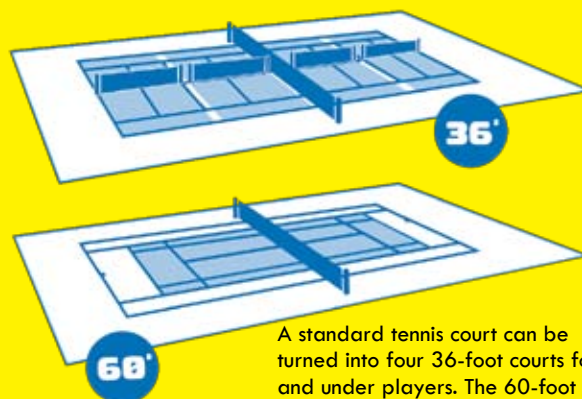
Industry-supported: QuickStart Tennis isn't just a USTA concept. It is a targeted, tennis industry-wide push. All industry partners from the USPTA, PTR, TIA and equipment manufacturers are part of the process, and have embraced the format as the best way to increase the number of beginning players in the 5 to 10 age range.

It's in the details: Standardization will run across the QuickStart Tennis format, from age-determinant racquet lengths and ball usage, to court sizes, scoring formats and even lesson length and practice schedules.

Jr. Team Tennis: One of the biggest components of QuickStart Tennis is that very young kids will now be able to play on teams and leagues as part of Jr. Team Tennis squads for their age groups. Until now, kids have had to wait until they were at middle school age to play Jr. Team Tennis or for their school team. Not any longer.

Trainings and resources available: The USTA recognizes that this is a brand new format. To get everyone on the same page, the national governing body offers Recreational Coach Workshops (RCW's) to indoctrinate instructors & parents to the QuickStart Tennis methodology. A host of support materials, a dedicated website, and your local district, section and USTA national office staff are here to help you learn more about the new format.

Equipment: Easy to set up lines, low compression balls and mini-nets are available from manufacturers like Prince and Wilson already. Low-cost alternatives for nets like painter's tape and masking tape for lines (to mark off on the court) are also easily available.



A standard tennis court can be turned into four 36-foot courts for 8 and under players. The 60-foot court is for 10 and under players.

Get Involved; Play QuickStart Tennis: Parents interested in finding a QuickStart Tennis facility for your child or providers wanting to know more about or register their tennis facility as a QuickStart Tennis site should

Go to the net at www.quickstarttennis.com

Something to Crow About

A \$50,000 grant from the USTA, a community-wide effort, and help from one of Kennett, Missouri's most famous residents is hoping to turn a once-vibrant tennis community into one again

by Jeff Sikes

Wendell Crow knew something was amiss. Each time Crow stepped on to the Kennett (Mo.) High School tennis courts in his hometown his serve really kicked, and it wasn't because of the natural spin he imparted on the ball.

A solid player with more than a half century of tennis experience, Crow is a man with a deep knowledge and passion for tennis. But even he knew that when a ball bounces up over a man's head after a well-placed serve tickles a gaping crack or pothole, something's not right.

It wasn't right, and it hadn't been for a long time for the tennis community of Kennett. The six high school courts Crow and his community shared were far removed from their original pristine state. Time and frequent play by the city's tennis patrons had degraded the courts to a sad and sorry state of cracks and potholes usually reserved for old country roads.

"It was like playing a different sport out there," said Crow, who grew up playing tennis in nearby Caruthersville, on a family court built by his father Charles, a former Missouri

high school state champion.

Still, the courts were the only ones in Kennett, a town of around 12,000 people nestled in the southeast "boot heel" corner of Missouri.

Many locals had given up tennis, preferring to find safer sporting activities, one

that didn't include having to navigate courts that resembled the surface of the moon. The boys' team had even folded a few years back because of lack of interest, no doubt from court conditions. True diehards like Crow and the school's girl's team were the only ones who remained. But the girls had to practice on them.

"The back of the courts had some areas so torn up that footwork was really tricky," said Crow. "Of the six courts that were there, maybe one or two were what I would call playable."

Dollars were needed to redo the surface that had been decimated by water drainage issues. Quite a few dollars, in fact. Estimates put the price tag of a complete fix at nearly \$275,000,

a costly one for a school the size of Kennett. A school capital improvement project for the courts helped them earn \$100,000 toward their goal, but the total funding was still a long way off.

"(Fixing the courts) had always been on the school board's radar, but so many other school priorities just came first," said Kennett superintendent Jerry Noble. "We were concerned because for years we've had great community participation in recreational tennis on these courts. You seldom could go by without players being on them. But, we were getting to the point where it was a potential liability issue for us, and thinking we might have to close it down. We simply didn't have the money to renovate it. Of course, the USTA and Sheryl came through, and that changed it all."

Kennett's Most Famous Alumnus

Sheryl is Wendell's daughter; also known as Sheryl Crow. Yes, the Sheryl Crow who happened to grow up in Kennett, went to KHS, and is better known to the world as the 10-time Grammy Award-winning, multi-platinum recording artist. Crow matched the contribution of her former school bringing them tantalizingly close to the total needed. How the USTA got involved to bring that total even closer was an interesting aside to the story.

Knowing her dad was a tennis nut, Kennett High School's most famous alumnus had purchased a unique 75th birthday gift for her dad at a celebrity auction last year. The gift? A chance to play on Arthur Ashe Stadium Court at the US Open with the legendary Billie Jean King.

Wendell was psyched, and to prep for his big day, all spring and summer long he'd go up to the courts and workout with longtime KHS girls' coach Janet Hilburn. On a trip back home last June during one of Hilburn's summer clinics, Sheryl visited the courts to see her nephews and dad in action, and even batted a few balls around (Crow was an All-State track athlete at KHS).

"She came out and took pictures of her nephews who were in my clinic, and after it was over, she said, 'I want to hit some,'" said Hilburn.

Taken aback by the poor condition of the courts, Crow vowed to see what she could do.

"I think she saw the shape the courts were in, and just wanted to help," said Hilburn, who has coached the girls team for the last 14 years, and could only remember slight patchwork fixes to the courts in that time. "It was such a blessing. After that, everything kind of fell into place."

The whole Crow clan flew to New York for Wendell's big day at the end of the summer, taking in the men's final with King. It was King who told the Crows to inform Kennett officials about approaching the USTA to see about additional funding opportunities for the school.

Wendell had an easy in with that, since he works with school



Photo courtesy of Jack Rollins
Mary Buschmann (far left), Kennett girls' tennis coach Janet Hilburn, Wendell Crow, and Matt Shetley (president of the Kennett, Mo. school board) accept the check from the USTA at the January City Council meeting.



Photo courtesy of SherylCrow.com
Hometown girl: Sheryl Crow donated \$100,000 to complete tennis court renovations in Kennett.

board president Matt Shetley. The school board followed up, applied for a USTA Tennis in the Parks grant in early fall of last year, and received \$50,000 to help their project. Crow's generosity, coupled with the USTA pushed them even closer to their target, so school officials decided to move the tennis court reconstruction project up on their list. The girls' team even wrote handwritten letters to King to thank her for her advisory role.

Putting tennis back on the map

Construction on the courts has gone great since late last year, and is set to be completed this March, giving the school and the community of Kennett a shiny new tennis home.

"They were scary to play on, and nobody, especially other teams wanted to play on our courts," said junior Brook



Burcham, a member of the Lady Indians tennis team. "I'd twisted my ankle on them before, so I knew all about it. I think the whole team is really excited about this, and I know I am very excited to get to at least play one season on them."

The 25-member girls' team was put out a little last fall, having to travel to Jonesboro, Ark. to practice last season, but is looking forward to playing on their own home courts in 2008. The boys' team is also hoping to be re-formed, starting next year. Hilburn's tennis clinic, which attracts about 75 area kids each June, should have strong numbers this summer. The school's six new courts, the only courts in the city, will also allow the city to play host to more school and regional



Photos courtesy of Beverly Burcham
Members of the Kennett High School Girl's tennis team (left to right), Brook Burcham, Christy Doughten, Hanna Lack, and Susan Shetley celebrate the news of new tennis courts. (Left) The state of the courts were in a word: dreadful. (Top)

events, and even local tournaments. In short, tennis is back on the map for this small community.

Excitement crested when USTA Missouri Valley Executive Director Mary Buschmann dropped the USTA's check off this January at a city hall meeting. Buschmann spoke with school officials and administrators to see how things were progressing, and explained that the relationship the school and the tennis organization have formed is just in its infancy.

Going forward, there are many wonderful possibilities to expand the game in Kennett, and that has everyone excited about its future. The game in Kennett was a breath away from collapsing, and now looks potentially stronger than ever.

"I really believe these improvements will revive tennis in Kennett," said city school board president Matt Shetley, whose daughter Susan is on the team.

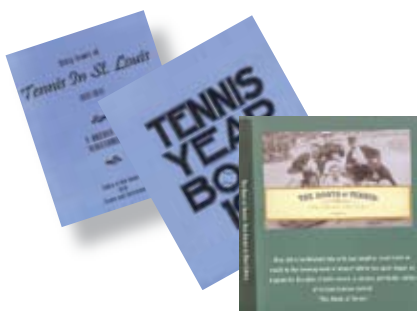
"Competitive tennis had suffered so much because of the condition the courts were in. With the improvements, I think that will be solved quite a bit, and I believe we will see more people here coming back to tennis as a 'fun' form of exercise."

And that's something to Crow about. ●

HOW AN UNLIKELY CRADLE OF TENNIS SPAWNED GREAT CHAMPIONS.

The Roots of Tennis: Blue Bloods to Blue Collars • Jack Eggmann

How did a landlocked city with bad weather contribute so much to the development of tennis? Beginning as a game for the elite of both coasts, a unique, particular series of circumstances formed *The Roots of Tennis*. Mr. Eggmann is the writer and archivist for the St. Louis Tennis Hall of Fame. March 2008. \$39.95. Approx 170 pages • ISBN 978-0-9777517-0-9



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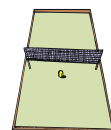
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The Year That Was

2007 was another successful year of tennis in the USTA Missouri Valley, as the section hit all-time record high numbers in several key categories. From membership numbers to player participation at the junior and adult levels to public funding and Web site traffic, the section is proud of its 2007 achievements. Take a look back at 2007 - then look forward to a great '08!

TENNIS MONTH

Several key events were held, and helped shine a bright light on tennis in our area, including a Regional Community Tennis Development Workshop in Oklahoma City, the Division III NCAA Championships in St. Louis, and the Big 12 Championships in Kansas City. Seventeen Tennis Block Parties were held, many during the Tennis Month of May, with at least one in each of the section's seven districts. These parties bring out the best in community tennis, and introduce many to the sport.

NCAA SUCCESS STORIES

Former junior standouts are making their tennis mark all over the country.

Brook Buck (Yukon, Okla.) and **Kelcy Tefft** (Enid, Okla.) teamed up to win an Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) national championship. At the same championship, **Ryan Rowe** (Moline, Ill.) reached the singles final.

Travis Helgeson (Overland Park, Kan.) won the singles final at the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championship. Helgeson was also selected to be a member of the 2007 Pan-American team.

Rowe and Helgeson were also named to the ITA's All-American team.

Jennifer Luten (Clayton, Mo.) earned All-New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) honors in women's tennis for the fourth straight year, and Garrett Gates (Fariway, Kan.) of Bowdoin College earned NESAC Conference men's honors for the third.

Amanda Craddock (St. Louis) helped Georgia Tech win the NCAA Women's team championship.



Travis Helgeson led his Georgia Bulldogs to a NCAA National Championship.

STAR POWER

The Missouri Valley also played host to various tennis pros, current and former at events all across the section. **Serena Williams** was here twice at a St. Louis Aces match and the Rock-n-Racquets event in Omaha, Neb., where she teamed up with **Andy Roddick**. The Missouri Valley also welcomed **Pete Sampras**, **Anna Kournikova**, **Bob and Mike Bryan** and **Meghann Shaughnessy**. **Tracy Austin** also came to host a Cardio Tennis clinic.



Undefeated

At left, **Cameron Hubbs** (Omaha, Neb.) finished her high school career 117-0. As a result of her feat, she was featured in *Sports Illustrated* in May 2007.



Tracy Austin (left) with local pro, Ajay Pant (Overland Park, Kan.) showed what Cardio Tennis is all about.

PUBLIC FACILITY GRANTS

Public Facility Funding remains a strong point, as \$197,804 in grants were given to help with facilities in Missouri (Kennett, Rogersville and Rolla), Nebraska (Kearney), and Oklahoma (Bartlesville, Enid, and Norman). That total represented nearly a 50 percent jump from 2006, and will go a long way toward increasing program offerings and tennis infrastructure in the section.



Jim Lewis (left) and Kevin Green (right), both of St. Louis celebrate their 2007 US Open National Championship victory. Lewis also became the first wheelchair league player in our section in 2007.

WHEELCHAIR

The 2007 USTA/ITA National Collegiate Wheelchair Championships were held at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ken., March 17-18, and native St. Louisan **Kevin Green** pulled off the double dip, winning the singles and doubles titles. **Jim Lewis** of St. Louis recorded a double-dip of his own, winning the 'A' division of both the singles and doubles championships at the US Open USTA National Championship.

DIVERSITY EFFORTS EXPAND

Diversity efforts are an unwavering focus. The section played a part in Hispanic cultural events in Jefferson City, Mo. and Garden City, Kan., and was a key partner to the North American Indian Tennis Association (NAITA) National Championships in Tulsa, Okla. in May 2007. The NAITA event will be held in Topeka, Kan., in 2008 and 2009, giving the section a chance to further cement our relationships within the Native American tennis-playing population.

USTA LEAGUE TENNIS CROWNS FOUR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

League participation, long a staple of success in the section, continues to excel. USTA League Tennis programs saw nearly 10 percent growth across the board, and the section had one of its most successful years ever at the USTA League National Championships, picking up victories in Men's Senior 4.0 and 4.5, as well as Mixed Championships at the 8.0 and 9.0 levels.



The 9.0 Mixed Doubles team from Tulsa, Okla., captained by Bryan Dick won the national championship.

SCHOOL TENNIS GROWS

Nearly 50,000 children were taught the sport in schools in our section in 2007. That number should increase as we roll out the innovative QuickStart Tennis format to schools and Jr. Team Tennis programs in 2008.

TENNIS ON CAMPUS BOOMS

Our Tennis on Campus program is beginning to take root, too. 29 schools now have programs, and our championship event is gaining interest and participants each year.



A WORLDLY HONOR

Longtime USTA Missouri Valley official **Donna Farley** was selected for a big honor. The 15-year official and North Liberty, Iowa, resident was chosen as one of five international referees who officiated at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai, China, Oct. 2-11, 2007.

Donna Farley (North Liberty, Iowa) has been officiating for 15 years and was awarded the 2007 USTA Missouri Valley Section Award for Outstanding Official

2007 USTA Missouri Valley



5.0 Men **1. Heart of America**
(Captain: Chris Smith), 2. St. Louis,
3. Oklahoma



4.5 Women **1. Missouri** (Captain: Barbara Busiek),
2. Iowa, Semifinalists: Heart of America & St. Louis



4.5 Men **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Ryan Caldwell)
2. St. Louis, Semifinalists: Missouri & Oklahoma



4.0 Women **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Amie Schick), 2. Iowa, Semifinalists: Kansas & Oklahoma



4.0 Men **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Dave Moore),
2. Kansas, Semifinalists: Nebraska & Oklahoma



3.5 Women **1. Iowa** (Captain: Sarah Corell) 2. Heart of America, Semifinalists: Heart of America & Kansas



3.5 Men **1. St. Louis** (Captains: Ron Olivares & George Lower) 2. St. Louis, Semifinalists: Nebraska & Oklahoma



Section League Champions



3.0 Women **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Mona Palmer) 2. Iowa, 3. Nebraska



2.5 Women **1. Oklahoma** (Captain: Sharon Brolick) 2. St. Louis, 3. St. Louis

4.5 Senior Women
1. Iowa
(Captain: Susan Stamats)
2. Oklahoma
3. St. Louis



4.0 Senior Women **1. Iowa** (Captain: Cindy Rovner) 2. Missouri, Semifinalists: Missouri & Heart of America



3.0 Men **1. Oklahoma** (Captain: Brent Head) 2. St. Louis, 3. Kansas



4.5 Senior Men
1. Heart of America (Captain: Bob Dickerson)
2. Nebraska
3. Oklahoma



4.0 Senior Men **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Chris Cox) 2. Kansas, Semifinalists: Iowa & Oklahoma



3.5 Senior Men **1. St. Louis** (Captain: George Lower) 2. Kansas, Semifinalists: Nebraska & Oklahoma

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3.0 Senior Men **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Stan Bennett)
2. Iowa, 3. St. Louis



3.5 Senior Women **1. Nebraska** (Captain: Marie Dowd)
2. Kansas, 3. Oklahoma



8.0 Super Senior Men **1. Nebraska** (Captain: Tom Schlosser)
2. Heart of America, 3. St. Louis



3.0 Senior Women **1. St. Louis** (Captain: Rose Albrecht)
2. Heart of America, 3. Iowa



7.0 Super Senior Men **1. St. Louis** (Captain: Robert Lietz)
2. Iowa, 3. Heart of America



8.0 Super Senior Women **1. Nebraska**
(Captain: Cindy Bluml)
2. Iowa, 3. Heart of America



7.0 Super Senior Women **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Barb Meigs)
2. St. Louis,
3. Nebraska

Section League Champions



6.0 Super Senior Men **1. Oklahoma**
(Captain: Bill Russo) 2. Oklahoma, 3. Nebraska



6.0 Super Senior Women **1. Heart of America**
(Captain: Peggy Schmiedeler) 2. Kansas, 3. Oklahoma



8.0 Mixed **1. Heart of America** (Captain: Todd Vorachek)
2. Iowa, Semifinalists: Kansas & Oklahoma



9.0 Mixed **1. Oklahoma** (Captain: Bryan Dick)
2. Nebraska, 3. Heart of America



7.0 Mixed **1. St. Louis** (Captain: Chris Hahn)
2. Nebraska, Semifinalists: Heart of America & Oklahoma



6.0 Mixed **1. Kansas**
(Captain: Mel Brown) 2. Iowa,
3. Oklahoma



7.5 Senior Mixed **1. Oklahoma**
(Captain: Leroy Cantrell) 2. Kansas, 3. Nebraska