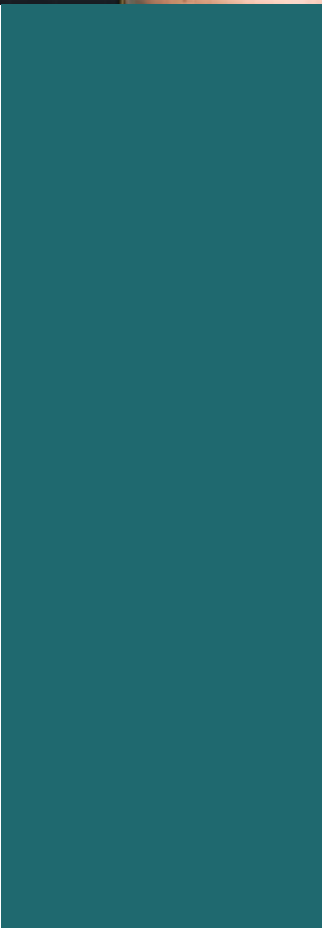






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QuickStart is the Right Start!

After seeing a Quickstart training program last year, I realized I was one of the uninformed. There really is more to the program than meets the eye. What is QuickStart, and why is everyone taking such a strong position on the subject? As I talk to players and

coaches around Texas, I find that one either loves it or doesn't. The USTA officially adopted the 36 and 60 foot courts for players 10 and under in February 2008. So, what does this format do for tennis? It scales the court, net, ball, racket and scoring to fit the size of the child. It's something just about every other sport has done in the last 20 years.

Why did the International Tennis Federation (ITF) and the USTA adopt this format? My question is, why didn't we do it sooner? Little League baseball doesn't play with 90-foot base paths. Basketball uses an 8- and 9-foot goal for kids. Peeewe soccer doesn't even use a goalie in the beginner levels. These sports have used this "right format" to attract thousands of players to those sports.

I'm glad tennis is doing the same. The program is designed to get kids to play and have fun, not just learn to hit forehands. My 4-year-old likes to play the QuickStart format, mainly because he has fun with the other kids. Everyone should be doing something in a Quickstart program, even the parents. I believe we should borrow the "soccer mom" strategy to get parents involved in learning how fun tennis can be. Wouldn't it be great to load up six or 10 kids and take them to a 2-hour Quickstart playday? That is happening around the State. Fort Worth kicked off their circuit earlier this year, and Dallas and Austin have started programs too.

I have to admit, I didn't know how fast QuickStart would catch on. I kept thinking if we start to see kids playing with the 36 ball in the drive way with other neighborhood kids I would know it was working. What if the portable net replaced the typical basketball goal in the driveway? Wouldn't that show we are growing the game? A few months back as I was driving to work, I saw a young boy and his dad, hitting a foam ball in the front yard on the sidewalk. What a great sight! Now, if we start seeing driveways being painted US Open blue, then I will know we have succeeded.

If you want to learn more about QuickStart, go to www.usta.com and look under the "Play Now" tab, or contact your local tennis professional. Let's go out and have some fun on a QuickStart court! More importantly, does anyone know where I can get a good deal on some blue paint?

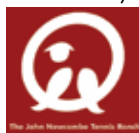


TEXAS SECTION

Kenny Mc's corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS SECTION

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USTA Player Development & Other Thoughts

Those of you interested in the development in young tennis players probably noted the good news that the USTA has designated Regional and Texas Training Centers in Texas. This was formalized at a ceremony at the Austin Tennis Academy on May 14 with Martin Blackman and Tom Jacobs representing Patrick McEnroe. In the spirit that Texas tennis academies have had, several are working together to give training opportunities in mid-America. John Newcombe Tennis Ranch, TBarM Racquet Club, and Roddick-Doyle Academy will partner with ATA to host these national level trainings. This is the first time that the middle part of the country has been a part of USTA player development.

Having watched or been a part of player development in America all of my adult life, I have several thoughts about all of this. I will share these without getting too much into the opinions about nationalizing the development of young players as many other countries have tried. There are many theories about the best way to make world class players, and I am no expert on that. However, I have made several observations.

- 1) Players develop by playing other players. They do not hide or avoid. In my life, great players came from Australia, Sweden, Germany and Spain because they beat up on each other while growing up. In America, they came from St. Louis, Southern California, and Florida by constantly playing each other to improve. The program under Patrick McEnroe remembers his growing up in Port Washington, New York.
- 2) Supportive parents are always there. There is a tongue-in-cheek article at Slate.com in June that suggested that player development should focus on crazy parents. It then listed several infamous tennis parents whom I will not list for potential litigious reasons. Again, the new USTA program has integrated the parents deeply into the program.
- 3) Similar to #1, I call this the "mall" effect. Although tennis academies and coaches of top players are in competition, they are also in the same sport. Like stores within a mall that compete for business, they also work together to enhance each other at the same time. The USTA program recognizes this and allows the exposure among all players while keeping the integrity of individual coaches and academies.
- 4) My final observation is about the players themselves. I recall the first time I won a college match, beat a state-ranked player, and beat a nationally ranked player. Those opportunities gave me confidence and helped me know what I could do under pressure. Without a doubt, the USTA hopes to give the opportunity to young players to have these watershed moments.

I end these comments with a recommendation for Billie Jean King's *Pressure is a Privilege*. Besides being a fun step back in time with her career, it has universal thoughts about handling pressure, parents, other players, and circumstances. I wish it had been around when I was young and so do many of my old doubles partners.

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General News

Five Texans Earn Scholarships from USTA Serves

Alejandro Tajonar, Shelby Hicks, Hailey Posas, Hayat Abdel-Rahim and Kanish Mehta have been selected among the 52 winners nationwide of a \$6,000 College Educational Scholarship by USTA Serves – Foundation for Academics. Character. Excellence., the philanthropic and charitable entity of the United States Tennis Association. The Foundation has granted 71 high school students a variety of college scholarships this spring, totaling \$379,000.

The honorees were selected from applicants throughout the country on the basis of their commitment to academic success, their local community and the game of tennis. An objective of USTA Serves is to encourage America's youth to pursue their goals and highest dreams by succeeding in school and becoming responsible citizens.

Ranked No. 3 in a class of 593 students at Sharyland High School, **Tajonar** has posted a 3.78 GPA in AP and honors classes, including high grades in an AP physics class. An officer in both the French Club and Spanish Club, he also communicates his skills on the tennis court, being named the team's Most Outstanding Player and winning the squad's sportsmanship award. The Science Olympiad participant is planning to major in chemical and nuclear engineering at Texas A&M University.

Winning comes naturally to **Hicks**, who played for the USTA Texas Sectional Championship team and for the 3A state championship varsity tennis squad at Canyon. She helps others win off the court, participating in the DARE program and serving at a food bank and as a Bible school leader at her church. The Business Leaders of



Tomorrow and Student Council member plans to pursue a degree in elementary education at West Texas A&M University.

Possessing interests as varied as mythology and ballroom dancing while at Lake Travis High School in Austin, **Posas** is a fascinating individual with a USTA Sectional ranking. But those pursuits take a back seat to volunteer work that helps the unfortunate locally and globally. Her humanitarian efforts include collecting books for children in Uganda, raising funds for a school in Ethiopia and serving as a mentor in the Boys & Girls Club. She will major in nutri-

tional sciences at the University of Texas-Tyler.

A member of the French Club and the German Club at Cinco Ranch in Katy, **Abdel-Rahim** is a success in any language. Described by a teacher as "compassionate and yet driven to succeed... extremely hard working," she has taken time from her busy tennis schedule to help with hurricane recovery efforts, serve as a tennis instructor for young players and participate in Girl Scouts. She plans to study political science at St. Edwards University.

Excelling in disciplines as varied as math, art and sports at Anderson High School in Austin, **Mehta**, is a well-rounded individual with membership in the National Mathematics Honor Society, National Honor Roll and National Society of High School Scholars. Voted the most improved player on his high school tennis team, he also ranks in the top 5 percent of his class academically, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and mentors elementary school children in art. He will be a mechanical engineering major at the University of Texas-Austin.

Former USTA Texas President Passes Away

Former USTA Texas President Bob Moehler, passed away April 23. Moehler served as president from 1987-88, with 10 years on the USTA Texas management committee and 20 years on the executive committee. He was also the chairman of the national USTA Marketing Committee for four years.

Moeller was instrumental in developing a cooperative spirit among all Texas tennis organizations and in bringing the USPTA and USTA Texas together for their annual meeting.



"Bob was the first president who worked hard at bringing coaches, pros and the TTA (Texas Tennis Association, now USTA Texas) together thinking as a sport," said USTA Texas Executive Director Ken McAllister.

"Bob was a big picture guy. The TTA and USTA Texas were very important to him."

Memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of St. Michael's Catholic Church, 652 Redbud Lane, McKinney, Texas 75069 and/or the Scholarship Fund, Texas Tennis & Education Foundation, 8105 Exchange Dr. Austin, Texas 78754.



ATA Named USTA Certified Training Center

Additional Sites to be Added as Part of Texas RTC Network

New USTA Certified Regional Training Centers will Expand USTA Player Development's Programming Throughout the Country

The USTA announced that the Austin Tennis Academy will be the third USTA Certified Regional Training Center as part of its continuing expanded efforts to develop future American tennis champions. The USTA plans to announce at least two additional sites throughout the state to create a Regional Training Center network to better serve the junior tennis community in the USTA Texas Section.

"We are excited to partner with the Austin Tennis Academy in Texas which is known for its dynamic programming and accomplished coaching staff," said Patrick McEnroe, General Manager, USTA Player Development. "Through our Regional Training Center program, we will be able to share the USTA's coaching philosophy while learning from the personal coaches who are developing our best young talent in Texas as we move towards our goal of working with the top American coaches to grow the base of American tennis and develop American champions."

The USTA Certified Regional Training Centers will expand the USTA Player Development program's reach throughout the country by partnering with academies, clubs and tennis centers that have a proven record of identifying and developing tennis players.

"Because of the size and scope of the USTA Texas Section, we are able to take a unique approach with regards to creating a network of Regional Training Centers throughout the state," said Martin Blackman, Senior Director of Talent Identification

and Development, USTA Player Development, who oversees the Regional Training Centers. "By adding additional programs, we will be better equipped to expand our reach throughout Texas, one of the most talent-rich areas of the country."

In addition to continuing their already existing programs, the USTA Certified Regional Training Centers will now also host USTA training camps for players in their region ages 10-14. These players will be selected in conjunction with the USTA national coaching staff and their respective USTA Section Coaches Commission. The Centers also will help identify talent in players as young as 6-years-old, run programs using the QuickStart format and host QuickStart tournaments for players 8-and-under and 10-and-under.

The camps will be staffed by the top coaches at the USTA Certified Regional Training Centers with assistance from the USTA national coaching staff. The coaches at the USTA Certified Regional Training Centers also will serve as an extension of the USTA Coaching Education program by working with and training the top coaches in their region and respective USTA Section. Additionally, the coaches will attend training sessions at the USTA National Training Center in Boca Raton, Fla.

In December, the USTA named the Racquet Club of the South in Atlanta and The Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland as its first two Certified Regional Training Centers. The USTA plans to name approximately a dozen Certified Regional Training Centers during the next five years.

The Austin Tennis Academy is located at the western edge of Austin, Texas in a secluded, picturesque Texas Hill Country setting. ATA's main facility has 12 lighted hard courts. ATA's "sister" facility, Lakecliff Racquet Club, has five hard, two clay and one grass court. The ATA's management team is comprised of Jack Newman and Deb Cahill.

Austin Tennis Academy



Gottfried, Russell to be inducted into Trinity HOF

Trinity University Director of Athletics Bob King announces the sixth Trinity University Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place Saturday, Nov. 7, during the school's Alumni Weekend.

The ceremony will be held at halftime of the Trinity Tigers' Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference football game with the Centre College (Ky.) Colonels, which kicks off at 1:30 p.m. Central Time at E.M. Stevens Stadium. An open reception will be held in the lobby of the William H. Bell Athletic Center following the game.

The Class of 2009 inductees are: Clyde Glosson, men's track and field (1966-1968); Brian Gottfried, men's tennis (1971-1972); Mickey Mahler, baseball (1972-1974); the late Ricky Mahler, baseball (1972-1973); the late Pete Murphy, men's basketball player (1948-1950) and coach (1972-1986); Jo Anne Russell, women's tennis (1973-1975); and Mike Scott, football (1970-1973).

Gottfried was an All-American in 1971 and 1972 and was the NCAA runner-up in singles and doubles in 1972, the same year the Tigers won the national team title. He reached a career high of #3 in the world in singles in 1977. He captured 25 singles and 54 doubles title in his career. He was a finalist at Roland Garros in 1977 as well, falling to Guillermo Vilas. He won three grand slam doubles title, including the 1975, 1977 Roland Garros titles and the 1976 title, each with his partner Raul Ramirez of Mexico.

Russell won an NCAA doubles title in 1975 with partner Donna Stockton. Trinity team won national championships in 1973 and 1975, as well as a second-place finish in 1974. Russell won the Wimbledon doubles championship title in 1977 with Helen Gourlay. Russell also held the world No. 1 doubles ranking in 1978 with Rosie Casals. In addition, she achieved a world singles ranking as high as No. 11 in 1977.

World Tennis at Bob Bullock Museum

Due to a generous loan from the Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame, tennis is now being represented at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum.

World Tennis Magazine, Volume I, Issue I, June 1953, published by Houstonian Gladys Heldman is on display.

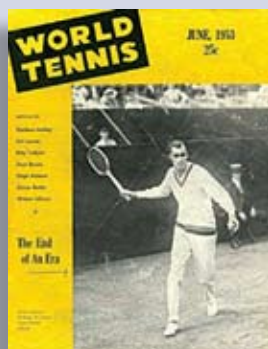
Gladys M. Heldman was a prominent figure in the world of women's tennis. Encouraged by her husband, Gladys took up tennis after the birth of their second child. She soon excelled in the sport, becoming the number-one ranked women's tennis player in Texas in the early 1950s and competing at Wimbledon in 1954.

Heldman influenced the sport in other ways too. In June 1953, she published this first issue of World Tennis Magazine, in Houston. At that time, tennis received little attention from newspapers, magazines, or radio. World Tennis Magazine became the first magazine dedicated to the sport. It reported on matches and featured tennis stories from contributors throughout the world.

In addition to founding World Tennis Magazine, Heldman is known for founding the Virginia Slims Circuit tournament in 1970.

Gladys Heldman was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1979.

The magazine will be on display until March 2010, so please go by and see the display if you have the opportunity.



T Bar M Named Organization of the Year

The USTA Texas recently awarded T Bar M Racquet Club of its 2008 Organization of the Year Award.

The Organization of the Year Award, established in 1982, is presented annually by each USTA section to recognize outstanding service by a member organization to its members and the sport of tennis. The USTA Texas recipient automatically becomes a candidate for the USTA Organization of the Year Award.

T Bar M Racquet Club, located on 13 acres in North Dallas, offers private and group tennis instruction by 25 USPTA-certified teaching professionals to players of all ages. The club's junior academy, the "Prince Plugged In" national champion the last two years, will represent the United States in international competition in England this June. T Bar M also offers adult leagues, daily group clinics, tennis/social mixers, USTA and Tennis Competitors of Dallas team tennis, as well as a Women's Tennis Association.

The club hosts numerous tournaments, including the annual Challenger of Dallas every February. The club has 30 tennis courts - eight climate-controlled indoor courts, eight outdoor Har-Tru clay courts and 14 outdoor lighted hard courts.



29th Annual Texas Open Wheelchair Championships

The 29th Texas Open was held May 27-29 at the Oak Creek Tennis Center in Carrollton. This ITF and USTA sanctioned wheelchair tennis tournament is the oldest, annually held event in the history of wheelchair tennis and attracts players from all over the world. This year was no different, as an onslaught of Canadians took the men's draw by storm, including eventual champion, Yann Mathieu.

MEN'S SINGLES FINAL

MATHIEU, Yann (CAN) def. DEMBE, Joel (CAN) 6-1 6-3

MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

BLATCHFORD, Corey (CAN)/DEMBE, Joel (CAN) def. GILBERT, Eric (CAN)/MATHIEU, Yann (CAN) 6-3 6-2

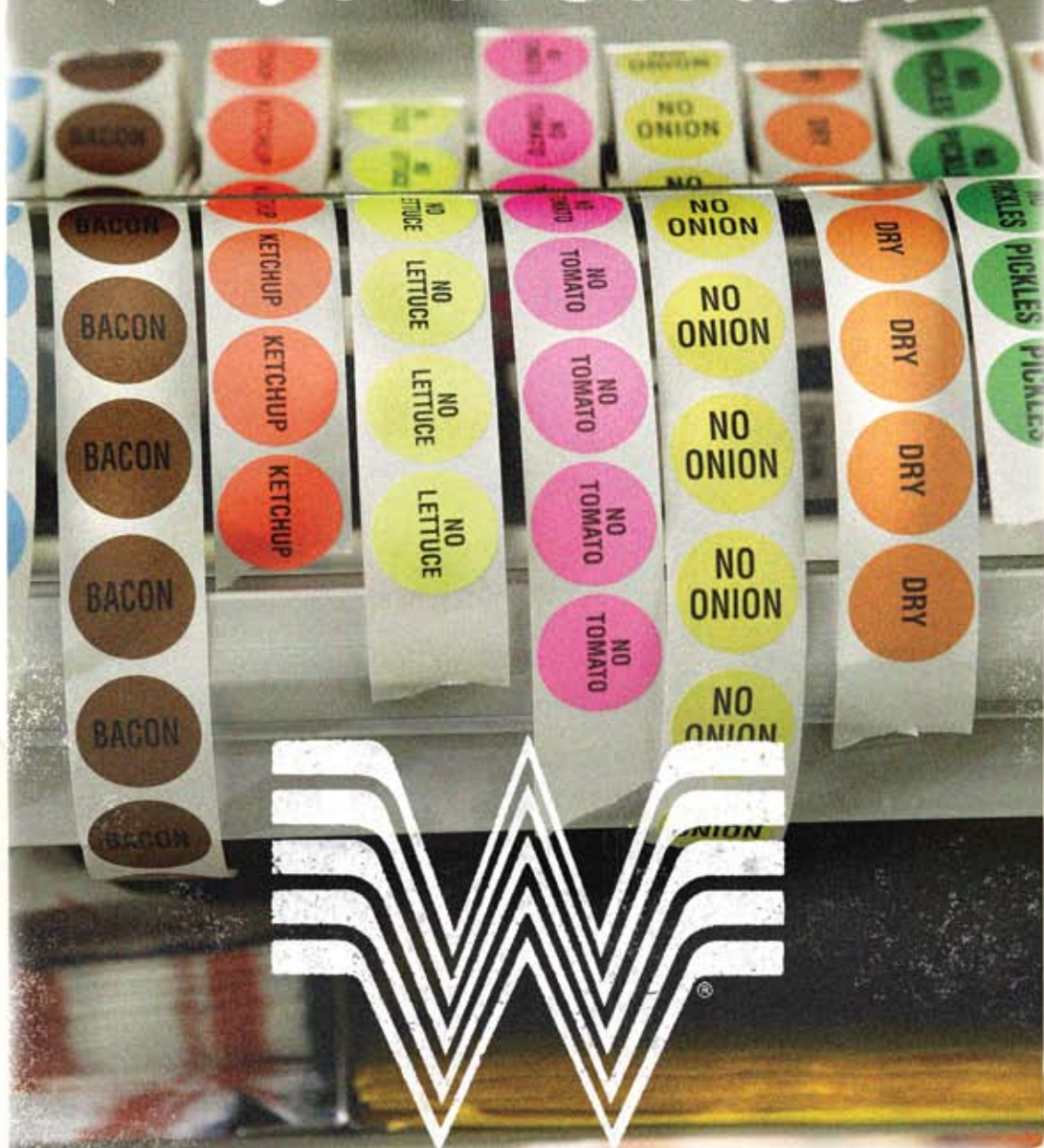
WOMEN'S CHAMPION (ROUND ROBIN)

MATHEWSON, Dana (USA)

QUAD SINGLES FINAL

BRADFORD, Lylah (USA) def. JORDAN, David (USA) 6-3 3-0 Retired

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Junior News

2009 UIL Tennis

The 2009 UIL State Tennis Championships were held Monday and Tuesday, May 11-12 in Austin. Classes 1A, 2A and 3S played at the Lakeway World of Tennis, while classes 4A and 5A played at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Texas.

Twenty-five champions were crowned in the five classification in boys and girls singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

UIL State Tennis Championships Results *TUESDAY, MAY 12*

Conference 1A, Lakeway

Girls Singles – Final Results

MaKenzie Mitchell, Mason def. Kaitlyn Cash, Afton Patton Springs, 6-1, 6-4

Boys Singles – Final Results

Matt Banner, Mason def. Max Wilson, Leakey, 6-2, 6-2

Mixed Doubles – Final Results

Laci Lyckman/Zach Rambo, Menard def. Ed Salazar/Ashley Salazar, Knippa, 4-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-3

Girls Doubles – Final Results

Denay Baxter/Brittany Estes, Mason def. Madison Burney/Lauren Keith, Mason, 6-2, 6-0

Boys Doubles – Final Results

Bobby Buist/Michael Vargas, Mason def. Josh Hill/James Kothmann, Menard, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3

Conference 2A, Lakeway

Girls Singles – Final Results

Kayla Casey, Franklin def. Taylor Hibler, San Saba, 6-2, 6-1

Boys Singles – Final Results

Hunter Loyd, Tuscola Jim Ned def. Alex Layfield, Kerens, 6-2, 6-3

Mixed Doubles – Final Results

Kendra Casey/Jake Russ, Franklin def. Daniel Atterberry/Afton Barber, Krum, 6-1, 6-1

Girls Doubles – Final Results

Maritza Sosa/Victoria Marquez, Big Lake Reagan County def. Laura Brainard/Rachel Anthony, Brock, 6-4, 6-1

Boys Doubles – Final Results

Levi Joy/Ryan Burden, Brock def. Darius Neal/Dylon Neal, Malakoff, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2



Lilly Kimbell



Millie Nichols

Conference 3A, Lakeway

Girls Singles – Final Results

Brooke Dennis, Abilene Wylie def. Brittnei Fausett, Cameron Yoe, 6-2, 6-2

Boys Singles – Final Results

Will Stein, Argyle def. Tucker Mueck, Robinson, 6-3, 6-1

Mixed Doubles – Final Results

Natalie Hand/Josh Wilgus, Van def. Colin Bumann/Leslie Ingram, Abilene Wylie, 6-1, 7-5

Girls Doubles – Final Results

Caitlin Cramer/Courtney Cramer, Abilene Wylie def. Meagan Vargas/Hannah Jones, Vernon, 6-0, 6-3

Boys Doubles – Final Results

Josh Marshall/Steven Stanley, Vernon def. Daniel Kil/Justin Prater, Alvarado, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2

Conference 4A, Lakeway

Girls Singles – Final Results

Millie Nichols, Austin Lake Travis def. Charlotte Calhoun, Dallas Highland Park, 6-1, 6-0

Boys Singles – Final Results

Grant Adams, Texarkana Texas def. Brandon Florez, McKinney North, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4

Mixed Doubles – Final Results

Hannah Kelley/Jonny Kelley, Richardson Pearce def. Kolby Kilgo/Kenna Kilgo, Waco Midway, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6)

Girls Doubles – Final Results

Kellye McDade/Abby Stainback, Dallas Highland Park def. Kristin Adams/Kristin Mee, Dallas Highland Park, 6-1, 6-1

Boys Doubles – Final Results

Tam Trihn/Kyle Plum, Richardson Pearce def. Dennis Roy/Kevin Runda, Frisco Centennial, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2

Conference 5A, Lakeway

Girls Singles – Final Results

Lilly Kimbell, New Braunfels def. Anik Cepeda, College Station A&M Consolidated, 6-1, 6-1

Boys Singles – Final Results

Ben Chen, Klein Collins def. Jonathan Chang, Houston Memorial, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-3

Mixed Doubles – Final Results

Scott Keeton/Hidako Tachibana, New Braunfels def. Amanda DiCarlo/Brandon Farine, Houston Clear Lake 7-5, 6-3

Girls Doubles – Final Results

Micah Hermsdorf/Ariel Morton, Klein def. Alex Adams/Sam Adams, New Braunfels, 6-2, 6-3

Boys Doubles – Final Results

Matt Andrus/Ben Guthrie, Plano West def. Alex Durham/Russell Bader, Austin Westlake, 7-5, 7-6 (2)

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2009 Spring JTT Championships

Teams from NETT, Dallas Royal Oaks, Los Fresnos and Austin ATA took home titles this past weekend at the 2009 USTA Texas Spring Jr. Team Tennis Championships held May 16-17 at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels.

Play began on Saturday and despite a heavy torrential downpour, players were able to stick it out and get in all of the scheduled play. Sunday brought cooler weather, as the temperature stayed in the upper 60's for most of the morning.

The winning teams qualify for the USTA National Jr. Team Tennis Championships in Mobile, Alabama this October.

2009 USTA Texas Spring Jr. Team Tennis Championships *Newks Tennis Ranch • New Braunfels • May 16-17*

14 and Under Intermediate

Winner – NETT

Finalist – McAllen

Girls' Sportsmanship – Hannah Wilson (San Antonio)

Boys' Sportsmanship – Ethan Frederic (Austin–Steiner)



14 and Under Advanced

Winner – Dallas Royal Oaks

Finalist – McAllen

Girls' Sportsmanship – Maria Alejandro Sanchez (NWTYA)

Boys' Sportsmanship – Matthew Ball (NWTYA)



18 and Under Intermediate

Winner – Los Fresnos

Finalist – San Antonio (Ace 10S)

Girls' Sportsmanship – Meredith Hope (NETT) and Tatum Przilas (Sulphur Springs)

Boys' Sportsmanship – Casey Thompson (Dallas)



18 and Under Advanced

Winner – Austin (ATA)

Finalist – San Antonio

Girls' Sportsmanship – Claire Cahill (Austin ATA)

Boys' Sportsmanship – Rick Newton (NWTYA)



Third Times a Charm-Vinsant Captures Easter Bowl

After two straight weeks of reaching the finals of major events, Shane Vinsant of Keller, finally sealed the deal, capturing the 2009 Boys 16 Easter Bowl. Vinsant defeated Marcos Giron of California, 6-3, 6-0 for the title.

Over a three week period, Vinsant has been a workhorse on the courts. He reached the final of the College Station ITF, then the finals of the Boys 16s at the USTA International Spring Championships on consecutive weekends prior to the Easter Bowl.

"It's been tiring at the end of this week," admitted Vinsant. "I have been feeling it (exhaustion), but it's been a fun three weeks."

At the Easter Bowl, Vinsant exacted revenge for those earlier losses. In the quarterfinals, Vinsant crushed Dennis Mkrtchian, 6-2 6-3, whom he had lost to at the Spring International just a week ago. Next, in the semifinals, he ran over Jeremy Efferding, 6-2 6-2, who had taken the title at the College Station ITF.

Vinsant appeared to get stronger as the tournament progressed, despite the wear and tear of playing for three-straight weeks.

"Those are some great players. They beat me," added Vinsant. "I just wanted to come out pumped up. I also wanted to show that I could finish off a big tournament."

And finish he did.



Texas ITF Round Up

College Station

Hideko Tachibana and Shane Vinsant both reached the finals of the College Station ITF held at the George Mitchell Tennis Center on the campus of Texas A&M University, March 30- April 5. The tournament is a grade 4 ITF.

Tachibana, who was unseeded, upset the top seed, Laura Slater, 6-2, 6-2 in the second round of the girls' draw to pave her route to the final. In the championship match, Tachibana fell to Nicole Melichar, 3-6 6-3 6-3.

In the girls' doubles, Millie Nichols teamed with Cierra Gaytan-Leach to capture the championship. They defeated Brynn Boren and Alexandra Leatu, 7-6 6-2 in the final. In the semifinals, they defeated Charlotte Calhoun and BrettEllen Keeler 6-3 7-6.

Vinsant fell to Jeremy Efferding of Lake Worth, Florida in the final, 6-4, 6-0. Along the way, the sixth-seeded Vinsant defeated several top players. In the third round, Vinsant outlasted Blake Davis of Austin, 7-6 2-6 6-3. In the quarterfinals, he upset the second seed, Ben Wagland, 6-2 4-6 6-3. Tehn in the semifinals, he topped fellow Texan, Chase Curry, 6-1 6-4.

Vinsant also reached the finals of the doubles. Teaming with Spencer Newman of Florida, the duo fell to Efferding and Andrew Korinek of Mansfield, 4-6 6-0 10-7.

Waco

J.T. Sundling spoiled the week for several Texans at the Waco ITF held May 11-17 at the Waco Regional Tennis and Fitness. The tournament is also a grade 4 ITF event.

The Californian defeated Dane Webb of Richardson, 6-2 6-4 in the semifinals, then went on to defeat Shane Vinsant of Keller in the final, 4-6 6-4 6-1.

Webb had captured both the singles and doubles at the Grade 4 Hawaii ITF the week prior.

On the girls' side, Caitlyn Williams of Tennessee won a seesaw battle over Nadia Echeverria Alam 6-1 1-6 6-0.

In boys' doubles, Robert Howe and Daniil Sirota edged Vinsant and his partner Emmett Egger, 6-1 4-6 10-7. Nicole Melichar and Kayla Rizzolo defeated Tristen Dewar and Echeverria Alam, 6-2 6-4.

NJTL Re-Branded

The USTA has announced that the National Junior Tennis League will be re-branded as the National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) network. With the new name and logo, the 40-year-old network of community tennis associations will continue its mission of developing the character of young people through tennis and education.

The re-brand will heighten awareness of NJTL initiatives and will also broaden the public's understanding of the mission to instill in youngsters the values exemplified by Arthur Ashe throughout his life – humanitarianism, leadership, and academic excellence.

NJTL participants have the opportunity to take part in a number of core programs, including the Tennis and Leadership Camp, the Arthur Ashe Essay and Art Contest, Arthur Ashe Kids' Day, Regional Rallies, a scholarship to the annual USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop, and low-cost insurance.

For more information, please contact Marcos Valdez (valdez@texas.usta.com) in the USTA Texas office.



Fowler at French

Harry Fowler of Houston won his first round match at the Roland Garros Junior Championships, 6-1 6-3, over France's Romain Arneodo. Fowler eventually fell to Belgium's Yannik Reuter, 6-3 6-3, in the second round.

Fowler teamed with Mitchell Frank in the doubles. The pair topped Alexandros Georgoudas of Germany and Riki McLachlan of New Zealand, 6-3 6-04 in the first round. They lost in the second round to the Japanese duo of Hiroyasu Ehara and Shuichi Sekiguchi.

Fowler will next play several events in Europe before heading to Wimbledon.

Adult/Senior News

Westwood Championships

400 Players spent their Memorial Day weekend competing in the Westwood Senior Category II Championships at the Westwood Country Club in Austin. These championships are the USTA Texas Section Championships for senior divisions.

USTA Texas Senior Section Championships

Westwood Senior Category II Championships • Westwood Country Club, Austin • May 21-25

FINAL RESULTS

Men's 35 Singles

(1) Guillaume Gauthier d. (3) Jory Ereckson 6-0; 6-1

Men's 40 Singles

(1) Carlos Gomez-Diaz d. (2) Anders Eriksson 6-2; 6-4

Men's 45 Singles

(1) Kelly Ward d. Robert Bickmore 7-6; 6-4

Men's 50 Singles

(1) Vallis Wilder d. (2) Peter Markes 1-6; 6-3; 6-4

Women's 35 Singles

(1) Nancy Hilliard d. (2) Julie Cass 7-6; 6-1

Women's 40 Singles

(1) Julie Cass d. (2) Christine Cone 6-2; 6-0

Women's 45 Singles

(1) Shelly Works d. Michelle Ash 6-1; 6-3

Women's 50 Singles

(1) Kathy Vick d. (2) Mary Morgan 6-2; 6-2

Men's 35 Doubles

(1) Ereckson/Gauthier d. (2) Phillips/Sadler 6-4; 6-2

Men's 40 Doubles

Creel/Trammell d. (1) Eriksson/Lane 6-1; 7-6

Men's 45 Doubles

(1) Jauhiainen/Ward d. (2) Friedman/Garza 6-2; 6-3

Men's 50 Doubles

(2) Guse/Minzenmayer d. (1) Booth/Markes 7-5; 3-6; 6-3

Women's 35 Doubles

(1) Bowes-Hackney/Cass d. Francis/McKinney 6-0; 6-0

Women's 40 Doubles

(2) McWilliams/Whiting d. (1) Brigandi/Dawson 7-6; 6-3

Women's 45 Doubles

(2) McWilliams/Whiting d. (1) Works/Wright 6-1; 6-3

Women's 50 Doubles

(1) Vick/Whiting d. Hardie/Thigpen 6-0; 6-1

Mixed 35 Doubles

(2) Cass/Cass d. (1) Gomez-Diaz/Lumia 6-4; 4-6; 6-4

Mixed 45 Doubles

(2) McCallum/Works d. (1) Dial/Friedman 6-2; 6-3

Father-Son Doubles

(1) Behar/Behar vs. Garza/Garza

Mother-Daughter Doubles

(1) Farish/Piel d. Deleon/Deleon 6-4; 6-2

Men's 55 Singles

(3) Thomas Connell d. (1) Ross Boling 6-0; 6-2

Men's 60 Singles

(1) Hugh Burris d. (2) Jerry Thomas 7-5; 6-0

Fisher



Hamilton



Men's 65 Singles

(2) Michael Stewart d. (5) Fernando Velasco 6-2; 6-4

Men's 70 Singles

(1) George Sarantos d. (2) William Wolf 6-0; 6-7; 6-4

Men's 75 Singles

(1) Courtney Henderson d. Jack Shriver 6-0; 6-0

Women's 55 Singles

(1) Hilary Marold d. (2) Rox Ann Schanzenbach 6-2; 3-6; 6-2

Women's 60 Singles

Ann Eaton d. Susan Thurber 6-1; 6-1

Women's 65 Singles

Helga Lukacsy d. Gayle Howington 6-3; 4-6; 6-1

Women's 70 Singles

Kathy Langer d. Kathie Meyering 4-2 Ret (inj)

Women's 75 Singles

Mary Lynch d. Joan Kingsley 6-2; 6-2

Men's 55 Doubles

(1) Burrmann/Vogl d. Beene/Riley 6-0; 6-1

Men's 60 Doubles

(2) Cass/Reblin d. (1) Burris/Thomas 6-1; 7-6

Men's 65 Doubles

(1) Berg/Campbell d. (2) Hirst/Hirst Wo (inj)

Men's 70 Doubles

(1) Hamilton/Henderson d. (2) Andersen/May 6-1; 6-2

Men's 75 Doubles

Chang/Denison d. Jacobson/Lasby 6-0; 6-1

Women's 55 Doubles

(2) Schanzenbach/Weinholtz d. (1) Lerner/Marold 4-6; 7-5; 6-2

Women's 60 Doubles

Aranow/Rice d. Bigart/Davis 7-5; 6-3

Women's 65 Doubles

Behne/Hendrix d. Howington/Lukacsy 7-6; 4-6; 6-1

Women's 70 Doubles

Langer/Meyering d. Hamilton/Henderson 6-0; 6-4

Women's 75 Doubles

Canby/Ray d. Kingsley/Lynch 3-6; 7-5; 7-5

Mixed 55 Doubles

(2) Connell/Connell d. (1) Baker/O'Neal 6-3; 6-4

Mixed 65 Doubles

Henderson/Henderson d. Blount/Grier 6-3; 6-1

Men's 85 Singles

Earl Beard d. Lee Durst Wd (emerg)

Women's 80 Singles

RR Frances Ryan d. Lovie Beard 6-3; 7-5

Women's 80 Doubles

Cooper/Ryan d. Cofer/Skiffington 6-4; 6-3

Texans Pace Fred Perry Cup Win

Peter Markes of Austin, Ross Persons of Houston, and Val Wilder of Fort Worth teamed with Mike Fedderly of California, to lead the American Men's 50 Fred Perry Cup Team to victory in the World Senior Team Tennis Championships in Mallorca, Spain in May.

The American foursome was undefeated, winning their division, 3-0 over Switzerland, Japan, and Estonia. After topping Belgium and Austria, the Americans faced the top-seeded Germany in the finals.

With the conditions being sunny and very windy, Fedderly gave the Americans a lead with win. Then it was up to our own Peter Markes, who played the match of the tournament, beating the number one German player, Manfred Jungnitsch, 6-3 7-6, clinching the Cup for the U.S.

Markes also reached the semifinals of the men's 50 singles championship, while Wilder and Fedderly fell in the doubles final.



Peter Markes

Other Texans represent U.S.

Julie Cass and Michelle King were also part of the American contingent that went to Spain. They were part of the 11th place Suzanne Lenglen Cup team.

Never too old

You are never too old to play tennis and Texas' own Marvin Henderson continues to prove that.

During the month of May alone, the 88-year old Henderson captured two national doubles title, a national singles title and had another third place singles finish. That's three gold balls and a bronze.

His big upset win over doubles partner and friend, Robert Sherman of California, capped a tremendous month.

The Georgetown native, who has won 16 gold balls, won his first title in 1993 playing doubles with Jerry Choice of Palestine at the USTA National Clay Courts in Arlington, Virginia. The pair had never hit a ball together before playing in that tournament.

Henderson started playing national tournament at the age of 60, entering an event in Little Rock, Arkansas, so he could play in tournament against the great Bobby Riggs. He still drives to every tournament, whether a tournament is in Vancouver or Pennsylvania, with his wife, Ouida.



USTA National Men's 85 Indoor Championships

Vancouver, Washington

Men's 85 Singles

Third Place

(2) Marvin Henderson D. (1) Robert Sherman, Calif. W/O

Doubles Championship

(2) Henderson/Sherman D. (1) Carleton/Hayes 6-2; 6-3

USTA National Men's Hard Court Championships

Rancho Santa Fe, California

Mens 85 Singles Championship

(2) Marvin Henderson D. (1) Robert Sherman 6-4; 6-2

Mens 85 Doubles Championship

(1)Henderson/Sherman D. Anderson/Sellery 6-4; 6-1

Mens 75 Singles Championship

(3) Neil Hurlbut D. (4) Buddy Lomax 0-6; 6-4; 6-3



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Texas A&M Hosts NCAA Championships

Texas A&M hosted the 2009 NCAA Men's and Women's Division I Championships May 14-25.

Many Texans, as well as Texas team participated. On the men's side, both Texas and Texas A&M hosted regional events May 8-9. Other Texas teams that participated were Baylor, TCU, Rice, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Texas Tech.

On the women's side, Baylor earned the overall #4 seed and was the lone regional host in the state. Also invited were UT-Arlington, SMU, Texas A&M, Texas and TCU.

By the time the teams reached the Sweet 16 in College Station only Baylor (men and women), Texas A&M (men) and Texas (men) remained.

In the men's draw, the host Aggies were eliminated in the round of 16 by Ole Miss. Baylor reached the quarters before falling to eventual finalist, Ohio State.

For the second straight year, Texas made another deep run, beating Tennessee and Georgia on their way to the Final 4, where they lost to eventual champion, USC. It was the third time in four seasons the Longhorns have reached at least the Final 4.

The Baylor women made a solid run, falling 4-3 in a heartbreaker, to Notre Dame in the quarterfinals.

The Duke Blue Devils won the women's title.

Many former Texas juniors competed in either the team or individual championships for their schools, including Jamie Hunt (Georgia), Jessica Alexander (Florida), Ashley Joelson (UCLA), Lauren Lui (Northwestern), Sanaz Marand (North Carolina), Hilary Davis (Georgia Tech), Josh Zavala (Texas), Conor Pollock (Texas A&M), Marcus Lunt (Texas A&M), Colin Hoover (Texas A&M), Jordan Rux (Baylor), Nina Munch-Soegaard (TCU) and Kristen Rafael (Notre Dame).



Pollock



Zavala



Alexander

ITA Regional and National Award Winners

The ITA announced their annual award winners this past month during the championships. Listed below are all players and coaches with Texas ties. An * designates the person also won the national award.

MEN'S DIVISION I ITA REGIONAL AWARDS

Wilson/ITA Coach of the Year,
Matt Knoll, Baylor University

ITA Assistant Coach of the Year,
Bob McKinley, Texas A&M University
*Kyle Spencer, Baylor University

TA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership & Sportsmanship

Southeast, Jamie Hunt, University of Georgia
South Central, Christoph Muller, Rice University

Farnsworth/ITA Senior Player of the Year,
Conor Pollock, Texas A&M University

ITA Rookie Player of the Year,
Raony Carvalho, Texas Tech University

ITA Player to Watch,
Northeast, Alexei Chijoff-Evans, Harvard
South Central, Austin Krajicek, Texas A&M University

ITA/John Van Nostrand Memorial Award
(regional nominees)
*Conor Pollock, Texas A&M University

WOMEN'S DIVISION I ITA REGIONAL AWARDS

ITA Assistant Coach of the Year,
Colin Foster, TCU

ITA/Arthur Ashe Award for Leadership & Sportsmanship
Macall Harkins, TCU

ITA/Cissie Leary Award for Sportsmanship
Sarah Lancaster, Texas

ITA Rookie Player of the Year,
Marta Lesniak, SMU

ITA Player to Watch,
Jelena Stanivuk, Baylor University

DIVISION II

Coach of the Year (Women)
Russell Sterns, St. Edward's University

Asst Coach of Yr (Women)
John Walker, Abilene Christian University

Arthur Ashe (Women)
Chrissie Cooper, Tarleton State University

Senior Player (Women)
Irene Squillaci, Abilene Christian University

Rookie Player (Women)
Audrey Tompkins, St. Edwards University

Asst Coach of Yr (Men)
Simon Boyce, St. Edward's University

Arthur Ashe (Men)
Hutton Jones Jr., Abilene Christian University

Rookie Player (Men)
Eldad Campbell, Abilene Christian University

DIVISION III MEN

Asst Coach of Yr
Russel McMinder, Trinity University

Arthur Ashe
*Dustin Phillips, Univ. of Tyler-Texas

Player to Watch

Robert Sajovich, University of Texas-Tyler

Rookie Player

Max Frey, Trinity University

DIVISION III WOMEN

Player to Watch

Katy Poettcker, Trinity University

Rookie Player

Katie Griffith, Trinity University

JuCo MEN

Coach of the Year

*John Peterson, Tyler Junior College

Asst Coach of Yr

John King, Temple College

Player of the Year

*Moacir Santos, Laredo Community College

Rookie Player

*Cledson Carvalho, Laredo Community College

JuCo WOMEN

Arthur Ashe

Iris Rendon, Tyler Junior College

Player to Watch

Ashlea Baker, Temple College

Rookie Player

Nadia Lee, Lee College

Lee College women claim national title

The Lee College Lady Rebels won their third national championship since 2002 last week at the Randolph Tennis Center in Tucson, Arizona.

The Lady Rebels finished with 39 points, eeking out the slimmest of margins against the defending champion, runner-up Hillsborough College of Tampa, Florida. Tyler Junior College finished third with 36 points.

Audrey Hernandez, a sophomore from La Feria and freshman Francesca Bassoo of Clear Brook won singles championships in Flights three and five. Other members of Lee College's champions include Brittany Tobin, Chelsea Creed, Fredericque Sunstrum and Huong Huynh.

The Lady Rebels are coached by Jason Haynes.

Laredo CC wins fifth-straight national title

The Laredo Community College Palominos captured their fifth-straight national title, edging Tyler Junior College at the 2009 NJCAA Men's National Division I Tennis Tournament held in Plano this week.

Three of the top four team were from Texas, with Laredo CC leading the way over Tyler JC (second) and Collin County CC (fourth).

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS:

- 1) Laredo CC-46
- 2) Tyler Junior College-43
- 3) Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College-37
- 4) Collin County CC-29

Laredo CC is coached by Jaime Donjuan.