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The President's Advantage

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BY ROBERT RUBEL
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I have not written my list of great things about tennis during my tenure, so I thought I would take the opportunity now. My focus will be on tournaments.

Having played in leagues for more than 20 years – and not many tournaments the last few years – I had forgotten how much fun tournaments can be. We all have our time constraints, our preferred places to play and our partners to play with. However, when someone asks you to

play the next tournament, I encourage you to say yes.

Let me elaborate.

The tournament in question was the Westwood Senior Championships. Who needs much of an excuse to go to Austin over the Memorial Day weekend? Why not, and – while we are there – why not play two divisions?

My hat goes off to Frank Kelly and his staff at Westwood for putting on a great tournament. With only a small amount of rain to cool things off, everything went very well.

Someone described the senior sectionals as more of a reunion than a tennis tournament. I couldn't agree more. So here is my list of great things about tournaments:

- There is nothing like back-to-back matches to strengthen your game.
- Taking time to spend a few days away with the family is a good thing.
- You can learn something about your game that you can work on later.
- You can see more people at one place.
- You can watch some other great matches and scout the opponents.
- You can play in three events ... if you have the stamina.
- You get ranking points for every match win.
- You will get to play tough players every match.
- You can see the bats under the Congress Street bridge (if you are in Austin).
- You will have fun on and off the court.

These are the top ten things that made it fun for me. Whether you are looking at the next road trip to Houston, Abilene, Lubbock or just around the corner in your hometown, ask someone to play in a tournament. I believe you'll be glad you did.

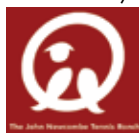


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Kenny Mc's Corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS

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Celebration

At the USTA Annual Meeting in Dallas in March, former President of the USTA, **Randy Gregson**, 91 years old, stood up and spoke for a few minutes in praise of an award winner and the sport of tennis. Each of us in the room was in awe of his eloquence and was subconsciously drawn deeper into our love of tennis. Sadly, we lost Mr. Gregson two months later on May 23.

Our own Past President, Scott Irwin was a close friend of Randy's and said this: "When we met at the USTA he was always a gracious, fun, and a significant and encouraging presence. He still lives in many of our minds and hearts." Mr. Gregson served as President of the USTA in 1985-6. He was on the Board that managed the new

National Tennis Center that opened in 1979. Among the programs started while he served were USTA Adult Leagues, Junior Team Tennis, and the USTA Schools program. He lived his life in our neighboring New Orleans. His contributions to that city are renowned.

It is a good human trait that we celebrate these contributions when someone dies. We in Texas have had several great contributors pass on over the past several months. I wish to use this column to applaud the memory of several of these wonderful folks. I apologize if I inadvertently left off anyone who deserves to be listed on this distinguished list.

This column has already been in high praise of **Randy Snow**, who died last November. Randy's huge influence on wheelchair tennis brought him many accolades before and after his death. Randy was from Terrell and travelled the world to become the #1 player on the planet and was inducted into the USOC Hall of Fame as well as the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

In late December, we lost a soft-spoken World War II veteran from Houston, **Roy Nelson**. Roy was also a veteran of USTA Officials' wars here in Texas. His calm leadership led our tennis officials for over 25 years. His analytical sense of fairness was legend and kept tennis events in Texas well managed. Above all, he and his wife Margie were loved by everyone who knew them.

If you played tennis in Texas in the 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's, it was impossible not to know **James "Mutt" Schulze**. He was one of the greatest players in Texas from his high school tennis in 1936 through his final competitive match in 2002 at the age of 82. Mr. Schulze died in Late December of last year. I knew him first as a Wilson representative in the 1960's. He was also a World War II veteran. He received many honors including induction into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame in 1990 and the Senior Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004. Overriding all of this was the fact that he was best known for his sportsmanship and kindness, a true ambassador of tennis.

A man who had a much quieter but very significant effect on Texas tennis was **Paul Meyer** of Waco. While Paul Meyer was a great benefactor to all things good, he had a special love for tennis. His contributions to the Texas Tennis Foundation, now the Texas Tennis and Education Foundation, and the Texas Tennis Museum have kept those organizations working for the good of tennis. We lost Mr. Meyer in December of 2009 at age 81.

Sadly, as we went to press, **Dr. Bill Owen** died on May 29 at age 84. Bill served Texas tennis from the early 80's, was President of Texas in 1989-90, and contributed nationally by authoring advances in Senior and Super-Senior League tennis. Dr. Owen was President when I was hired in 1990. He had a gift of encouragement to hundreds of patients as well as those of us who were his tennis friends.

The real inspiration for this article of tribute was the passing of **Bob Marco** of Houston. Bob was a friend who was among those who mentored and helped me in my tennis career. Bob passed away on May 9 at age 75. Most of us around Texas tennis in the 1970's and 80's recall the Bob Marco Junior Open, held for 15 years as one of the largest junior tournaments in the US. Among his businesses, Bob Marco Buick was best known by tennis players as the sponsor of that tournament. Bob contributed to tennis and other youth sports for his entire life.

Although the losses of these contributors were unhappy events, the celebration of their lives and contributions is a thank you for their enhancements of tennis. Hopefully, each of us is inspired to keep their love of tennis alive.

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Four Champions Crowned at 2010 Spring Jr. Team Tennis

Despite an incredibly poor weather report prior to the event, the 2010 USTA Texas Jr. Team Tennis Spring Championships were a fantastic success and crowned four champions over the weekend of May 15-16 at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch in New Braunfels.

Austin Tennis Academy captured both the 14U and 18U Advanced divisions with their respective Dream Teams. The Gold White Dream Team, coached by Brian Notis, won the 14U Division round robin, narrowly edging Dallas Country Club. Members of the Gold White Dream Team were: Alexandra Burak, Ben Smith, Conor O'Meara, Dylan Reese Ritter, Maggie O'Meara, Molly Fisher and Zane Avery Ritter.

The ATA Dream Team 18's, the defending national champions, rolled through their draws and defeated Fort Worth's Walnut Creek Big Ballin', 28-12. The Dream Team is coached by Kendall Brooks and includes: Aaron Chaffee, Brooke Lindsey Hughes, Chase Curry, Conor O'Rourke, Hailee Gopinath, Jeffrey Offerdahl, Morgan Barnhill, Neel Kumar, Sydney Young and Taylor Shamshiri.

In the 14U Intermediate Division, Northeast Tarrant Tennis' (NETT) Tennis Soldiers Blue captured the title with a win over San Antonio Ace 10S in the final, 29-17. The Tennis Soldiers are coached by B.J. Landers. The members of the team included: Charlie Young, Cooper Westland, Elise Landers, Hannah Meader, Isabelle Repinski, Leah Meza and Matthew Landers.

San Antonio ACE 10S did capture the 18U Division with a victory over East Texas' Kilgore Blue, 28-18. ACE 10S is coached by Ed Criado and includes team members: Jacob Garcia, James Ernesto Flores, Kelsey Garner, Luke Anthony Keller, Maeve Marie Burns, Mario Jurisic, Martin Israel Olivares, Rachel Seidner and Ryan Kenney.

Congratulations to all who played and a big thank you to all parents and coaches for taking part in this event and supporting the kids.



2010 USTA TEXAS JR. TEAM TENNIS SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 15-16 • New Braunfels

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14U INTERMEDIATE

GIRL – Ashley Hefferman, Austin Steiner

BOY – Karlo Remigid, Houston PARD

14U ADVANCED

GIRL – Sam Hernandez, San Antonio

BOY – Kennan Dishman, San Antonio

18U INTERMEDIATE

GIRL – Briana Martinez, Laredo

BOY – Jordan Robinson, Fort Worth



14UInt-NETT



14UAdv-ATA

18U ADVANCED

GIRL – Maggie Newton, Laredo

BOY – Caleb Gentry, Fort Worth

14U INTERMEDIATE

SEMIFINALS

NETT #1 24, Fort Worth 19

San Antonio 25, Montgomery County 19

CHAMPIONSHIP

NETT 29, San Antonio 17

14U ADVANCED (round robin)

Austin ATA	175
Dallas Country Club	167
San Antonio	125
Royal Oak Country Club	116
Fort Worth	115
Corpus Christi	107
Bryan College Station	101

18U INTERMEDIATE

SEMIFINALS

East Texas (Kilgore) 27, Bryan College Station 16

San Antonio 30, Houston PARD 16

CHAMPIONSHIP

San Antonio 28, East Texas (Kilgore) 18



18UAdv-ATA

18U ADVANCED

SEMIFINALS

Fort Worth #2 25, SE Houston 24

Austin 30, Fort Worth #1 7

CHAMPIONSHIP

Austin 28, Fort Worth #2 12



18UInt-SA



Sportsmanship Award Winner

Texas QuickStart Tournament Series

The Texas QuickStart Tournament Series has been announced and is being played at sites all across Texas. For more information, please check the USTA Texas website.



WHAT IS QUICKSTART TENNIS?

QuickStart is an exciting new play format for learning tennis, designed to bring kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. The event features team based, non-elimination play with 2 divisions (7&8 and 9&10). Please specify age division when you enter. Players will be placed on teams on the day of the event.

03/27	Cotton Creek Club	817-303-3555	cottoncreekclub@yahoo.com
04/24	Austin Tennis Academy	512-276-2271	Brian.Notis@austintennisacademy.com
05/08	T-BAR-M Dallas	972-233-4444	alohakruger@yahoo.com
05/15	Horseshoe Bay	830-598-1866	daveholder@andyroddick.com
06/05	QuickStart Courts @ Kiest Park	972-387-1538	office@dtta.org
06/05	Amarillo Austin Tennis Center	806-326-3040	bradm4@suddenlink.net
06/19	Southlake Tennis Center	817-421-5605	mia@southlaketennis.com
08/15	HEB Tennis Center	956-428-2092	vhebtenniscenr@cs.com
09/18	Austin Tennis Center	512-928-8119	lincolnward@playatctennis.com
09/26	John Newcombe Tennis Ranch	830-625-9105	chris@newkstennis.com
10/23	Giammalva Racquet Club	281-370-5801	sammy@giammalva.com
11/20	Laredo Country Club	956-334-4552	mike@bizlaredo.rr.com



QuickStart Tennis at Keist Park

By Matt Jacob
Special Contributor

The court is smaller, and the rules are tweaked ever so slightly. It's still tennis, just a scaled-down version for the smaller set.

Welcome to QuickStart Tennis, a new twist to an age-old game that many are calling the ideal solution to introducing tennis to its next generation of players age 10 and under.

"It's the best thing that's ever happened to tennis, personally," said Bert Cole, director of junior recreation for the Dallas Tennis Association. "We have kids in our program who are now [championship-level players] who started out with QuickStart. They get the game so much faster, enjoy it and don't get bored on the court. It lets them know they can succeed at it."

Two smaller-sized courts measuring 36 feet and 60 feet – with a player's age dictating which one is used – is one major difference for QuickStart play. Smaller racquets and balls, as well as a lower net, also are employed, not to mention a shorter scoring method. The idea behind the modifications is to make it easier for young players to catch on to the game.

Cole's experience with QuickStart dates to 2005, when the U.S. Tennis Association contacted the DTA about becoming part of a pilot program. Dallas has long been successful in attracting new players to the sport, Cole said, with programs such as NJTL and Junior Team Tennis. Once QuickStart was introduced, it caught on without a hitch.

Fast forward five years, and the fad hasn't faded – so much so that the oldest courts in Dallas are now home to the largest permanent QuickStart facility at a public park in the country.

In March, during the national USTA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Kiest Park unveiled 16 QuickStart courts on a site that used to be eight regular-sized courts. Four of the original courts were transformed into 12, 36-foot QuickStart courts, and the other four regular courts now have permanent lines for the 60-foot QuickStart courts.

Tennis luminaries took notice of the enormity of the event, too.



Festivities at the Keist Park Grand Opening

USTA president Lucy Garvin was present for the unveiling, as well as longtime tennis supporters Lee Hamilton (the former executive director of the USTA) and former New York City mayor David Dinkins.

More importantly, however, QuickStart is a hit among new tennis players and their parents.

Sherry Brown-Wilson was glad to see her 8-year-old son, Jered, latch on to tennis. He followed his older brothers into the game while also playing basketball. What separated Jered from his siblings, however, was that his initial foray into tennis came via QuickStart.

Today, he's shied away from basketball and has become a one-sport athlete – which Brown-Wilson credits to Jered's positive

introduction to tennis.

"If kids can do something and see they can be good at it, then they will like it," Brown-Wilson said. "Right off the bat, because it was modified, he could hit the ball over the net. Jered's confidence was good from the start. But if he started on a regular-sized court, he probably wouldn't like it as much."

Said Jered: "It's my favorite sport of all, and I like everything about it."

Comments like these mean so much to Cole, and she can't wait to hear other junior players follow suit. As QuickStart's popularity grows, she hopes it becomes an industry-standard way of teaching children the game. In Dallas alone, 650 youths are acquiring QuickStart tennis skills each fall and spring. That number balloons to nearly 2,000 players during the summer.

USTA Texas has echoed Cole's sentiments. Coaching workshops on how to properly teach QuickStart Tennis to juniors are taking place throughout the state, and a series of QuickStart tournaments will continue throughout the year.

Because of QuickStart's success, Cole said, the game will continue to resonate with today's younger players for years to come.

"The kids want to be here playing and they enjoy being here," Cole said. "All the parents are saying how their kids just want to go to the courts all the time. And to me, it's so exciting to be a part of something this major for our sport."

2010 Texas Special Olympic State Games

The 2010 Texas Special Olympic State Games were held May 28-29 at the newly resurfaced courts on the campus of the University of Texas at Arlington.

The event had 85 participants from 18 delegations from across the state, competing in two days of skills competition, followed by a hit around for the players who are almost ready to progress to match play.

The USTA Texas staff was assisted by a group of veteran volunteers which included, Joyce Dreslin, the entire Hayes Family (Steve, Matt, Mike, Linda and Molly), Lynn Davis, Henry Cox, Laura Worsham and Jane Morrill.

Delegations that participated included: McAllen ISD (McAllen), Texas Twisters (Spring Branch), Texoma Tornadoes (Denison), Lewisville ISD (Carrollton), Highland Park (Dallas), Bowie's Best (DeKalb), Golden Triangle (Lumberton), Katy Blue Angels (Katy), Houston Hot Shots (Houston), Dragons of CC (Corpus Christi), Denton Diamonds (Denton), Round Rock (Round Rock), Deer Park Fireballs (Deer Park), Cedar Hills Longhorns (Mansfield), North Harris (Spring), Klein Champions (Klein ISD), DABS Independent (San Antonio) and Lanier HS (San Antonio).



Texans Recognized for Special Olympic Work

Two Houstonians, Shirley Mendoza and Kim Richards, have been recognized for their work with the Special Olympics.

Mendoza, a tennis pro and tennis fashion designer from Houston, was recently named a national coach for the 2011 Special Olympics World Games, to be held in Athens, Greece.

Shirley is a member of the Wheelchair Committee for USTA Texas and is the coach for the Houston Hot Shots. She also volunteers with adaptive surfing in her free time.

Richards has been named to the Special Olympics North America Tennis Committee. Richards and her husband founded The Kim and Don Richards Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization creating opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities.

Founded in 2006, the Houston-based organization was inspired by their daughter, Katherine Richards, a 21 year old with intellectual disabilities.



Shirley Mendoza and one of her Special Olympians

"When children become a part of your family, you want nothing less but for them to grow up healthy and happy," says Richards. "When a person with intellectual disabilities becomes part of your life, you are lucky enough to experience life at its simplest, purest and most rewarding. A little assistance and direction can make a life-changing experience for them."

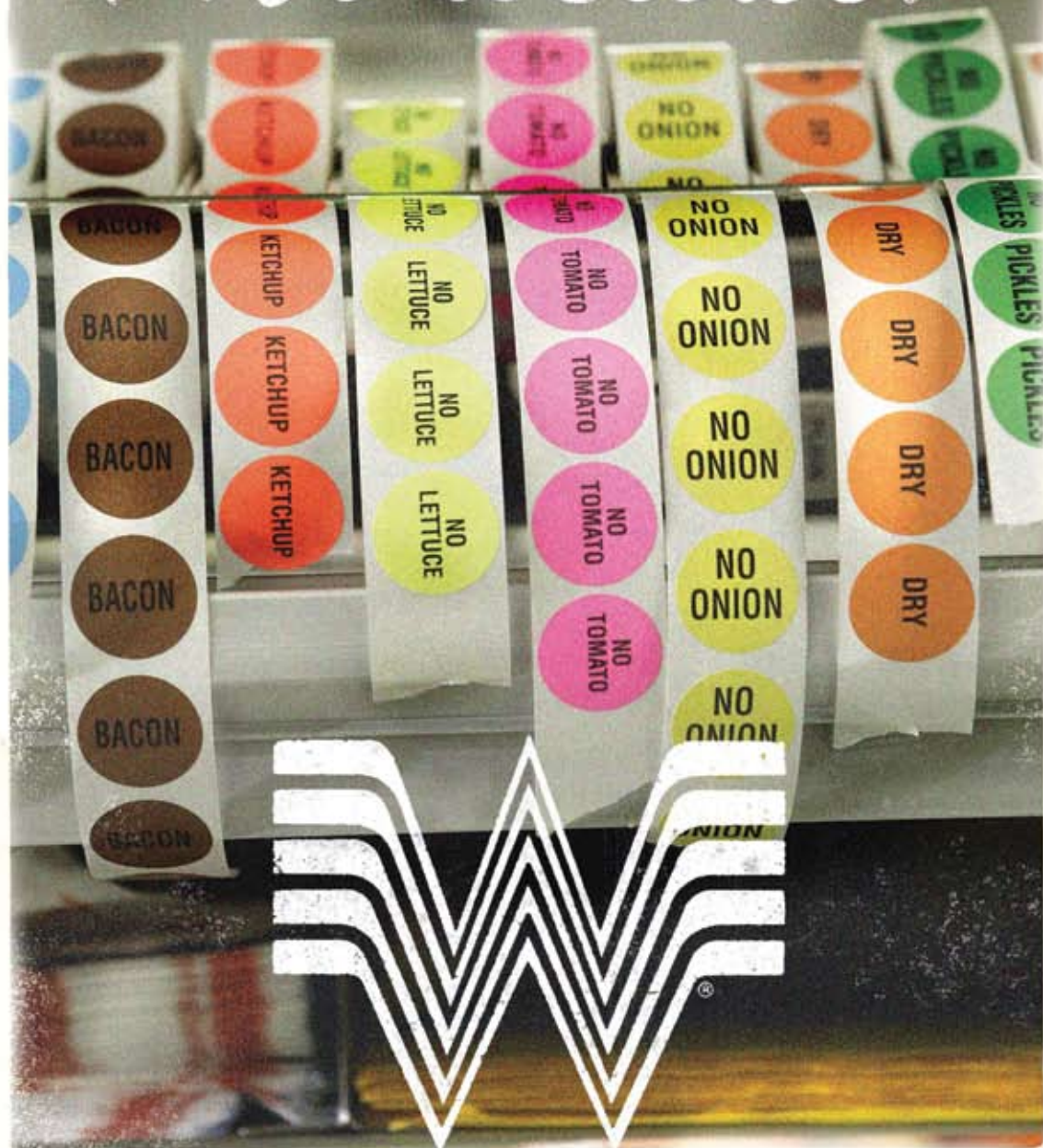
The Foundation provides educational enrichment through student sponsorship and social

outings with trips to the theater, sporting events and restaurants to improve interaction and appropriate behavior within the setting.

For more information on the foundation, feel free to contact Kim at kardcr@aol.com or by visiting the foundation's Facebook page: The Kim and Don Richards Family Foundation.

To learn more about Shirley Mendoza, please see her website, www.kclawssport.com or visit the Special Olympics World Games website at, www.athens2011.org/en/

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2010 Texas Summer Grand Slam

The 2010 Texas Summer Grand Slam, USTA Texas' section championship for Super Championship-qualified players, was played once again in heat-soaked College Station during the third week of June.

Over 825 players from across the great state of Texas took their shot at 'winning sectionals' and when the dust settled on the courts at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center on the campus of Texas A&M University, eight champions had been crowned in both singles and doubles.

The Summer Grand Slam is the launching point for the summer national teams and events. Based on their results here, players will now travel across the country, representing Texas in national events.



The Summer Grand Slam is also where the Maureen Connolly Brinker and Art Foust Sportsmanship Awards (18 and under), along with the Zina Garrison and Bob McKinley Sportsmanship Awards (16 and under) are given. These awards, presented annually, honor Super Championship players for outstanding sportsmanship and fair play both on and off the court.

This year's winners were: Ben Guthrie, Plano (Art Foust), Megan Horter, Southlake (Maureen Connolly Brinker), Hunter Goertz, Austin (Bob McKinley) and Peggy Porter, Dallas (Zina Garrison).

Congratulations to all who participated in this great event.



TEXAS SUMMER GRAND SLAM College Station, Texas • June 11-18

Boys' 18 Singles

F (5) Andrew Korinek d. (4) Jose Martinez 7-5; 3-6; 6-1
3rd PL (3) Ben Guthrie d. (2) Jeffrey Offerdahl 6-2; 6-2

Boys' 16 Singles

F (5) Charles Boyce d. (17) Grant Solomon 6-3; 6-2
3rd PL (5) Jacob Herndon d. (17) Allen Gwo 6-7(7); 6-1; 6-4

Boys' 14 Singles

F (9) Aron Pierce d. (1) Will Showers 6-4; 5-7
3rd PL (3) Jordan Hart d. (4) Grayson Broadus 6-4; 6-1

Boys' 12 Singles

F (1) Jean Thirouin d. (2) Cole Lawson 6-3; 6-7(5); 6-0
3rd PL (3) Bailey Showers d. (4) Titus Strom 6-2; 6-3

Girls' 18 Singles

F (1) Lilly Kimbell d. (9) Blair Shankle 6-1; 7-5
3rd PL (2) Elizabeth Begley d. (5) Crystal Leung 6-4; 4-6; 6-0

Girls' 16 Singles

F (5) Rhiann Newborn d. (5) MacKenna Maddox 6-2; 6-0
3rd PL (2) Brooke Hughes d. (5) Meredith Hopson 6-2; 6-4

Girls' 14 Singles

F (2) Gabriella Umoquit d. (5) Cassandra Vazquez 6-2; 6-1
3rd PL (1) Caroline Turner d. (5) Macy Vonderschmidt 6-4; 6-3

Girls' 12 Singles

F (1) Elizabeth Porter d. (2) Racquel Lyn 7-5; 7-5
3rd PL (3) Anna Bright d. Danielle Quevedo 6-3; 7-6(5)



Boys' 18 Doubles

F (1) Curry/Offerdahl d. (9) Brown/Pittman 6-1; 6-1

Boys' 16 Doubles

F (9) Agoglia/Thirouin d. (9) Philips/Roy 7-5; 3-6; 6-4

Boys' 14 Doubles

F (1) Curry/Hart d. (2) Friedman/Showers 6-4; 6-1

Boys' 12 Doubles

F (2) Showers/Thirouin d. (1) Lawson/Strom 6-0; 6-1

Girls' 18 Doubles

F (2) Adams/Shankle d. (1) Begley/Kimbell 6-1; 7-5

Girls' 16 Doubles

F (5) Hughes/Maddox d. (5) Craft/Mee 6-1; 7-5

Girls' 14 Doubles

F (1) Turner/Vonderschmidt d. (4) Burak/Traxler 6-4; 6-2

Girls' 12 Doubles

F (5) Chiu/Porter d. (4) Cox/Reeves 6-3; 6-1

Adult & Senior News

The Westwood Senior Category II Championships were held again at the Westwood Country Club in Austin over Memorial Day Weekend. The Championships serve as a category II event for national ranking points for both senior and super senior events, while they are the USTA Texas Sectional Championships for senior events only.

Over 330 players participated in this event hosted by tournament Director Frank Kelly.

Congratulations to all of the champions, as well as to everyone who participated in this excellent tournament.

WESTWOOD SENIOR CATEGORY II CHAMPIONSHIPS USTA TEXAS SENIOR SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Westwood Country Club, Austin • May 27-31

MEN'S 35 SINGLES

(1) Guillaume Gauthier d. (2) Jory Ereckson 6-1; 6-1

MEN'S 40 SINGLES

(1) Anders Eriksson d. (4) Juan Dekruyf 7-6(5); 6-1

MEN'S 45 SINGLES

(1) Kelly Ward d. (4) Thomas Bartzen 6-2; 6-1

MEN'S 50 SINGLES

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

WOMEN'S 35 SINGLES

(1) Nancy Hilliard d. (2) Nancine Haywood 6-1; 6-2

WOMEN'S 40 SINGLES

(1) Julie Cass d. (2) Michelle King 6-3; 6-2

WOMEN'S 45 SINGLES

(2) Shelly Works d. Anna Zimmermann 6-1; 6-1

WOMEN'S 50 SINGLES

(1) Kathy Vick d. Heidi Gerger 4-6; 6-2; 6-4

MEN'S 35 DOUBLES

Ereckson/Gauthier win round robin

MEN'S 40 DOUBLES

(1) Eriksson/Lane d. (2) Dekruyff/Martin Del Campo 6-4; 6-0



MEN'S 45 DOUBLES

(1) Creel/Trammell d. Klitch/Prather 6-3; 6-3

MEN'S 50 DOUBLES

Cannaday/Markes d. (1) Barton/Persons 7-6; 6-4

WOMEN'S 35 DOUBLES

(1) Bowes-Hackney/Cass d. (2) Haywood/King 7-5; 6-1

WOMEN'S 40 DOUBLES

Powell/Zimmermann win round robin

WOMEN'S 45 DOUBLES

Whiteman/Works win round robin

WOMEN'S 50 DOUBLES

(1) Nichols/Vick d. (2) Gerger/Welder 6-0; 6-0

MIXED 35 DOUBLES

(1) Cass/Cass d. (2) Ereckson/King 4-6; 6-3; 6-4

MIXED 45 DOUBLES

(1) Klitch/Klitch d. Bowes-Hackney/Bowes 7-6(4); 6-3

FATHER-SON DOUBLES

(1) Behar/Behar d. Ward/Ward 6-2; 6-7(3); 6-3

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DOUBLES

Farish/Presley win round robin

MEN'S 55 SINGLES

(1) Sal Castillo d. Robert Barrie 6-4; 6-4

MEN'S 60 SINGLES

(1) Thomas Connell d. (2) Hugh Burris 7-6(4); 3-5; 40-40Ret (quit)

MEN'S 65 SINGLES

(1) Jimmy Parker d. (2) Richard Johnson 3-6; 6-4; 6-1

MEN'S 70 SINGLES

(2) Robert Anderman d. William Koziol 6-4; 6-3

MEN'S 75 SINGLES

(1) Buddy Lomax d. (2) Courtney Henderson 6-4; 6-3

MEN'S 80 SINGLES

Russell Seymour d. Bob Padgett 6-2; 6-2



WOMEN'S 55 SINGLES

(1) Carolyn Nichols d. (2) Barbara Starnes 6-0; 6-0

WOMEN'S 60 SINGLES

(2) Hilary Marold d. Sandy Childress 6-4; 6-1

WOMEN'S 65 SINGLES

(1) Sheryl Behne d. Chris Smith 3-6; 7-6Ret (inj)

MEN'S 55 DOUBLES

(2) Castillo/Levine d. (1) Burrmann/Vogl 6-2; 3-6; 6-4

MEN'S 60 DOUBLES

Fikes/Musil d. (2) Burris/Price 7-5; 7-6(3)

MEN'S 65 DOUBLES

(2) Marold/Thomas d. Jeffries/Nishioka 6-4; 6-0

MEN'S 70 DOUBLES

(3) Hagan/Wilkerson d. (1) Anderman/Fisher 6-4; 6-7(3); 7-6(4)

MEN'S 75 DOUBLES

(1) Chang/Seymour d. (2) Carrico/Noble 6-1; 6-3

WOMEN'S 55 DOUBLES

(1) Marold/Nichols d. (2) Schanzenbach/Weinholtz 6-1; 6-1

WOMEN'S 60 DOUBLES

(1) Marold/Schanzenbach d. Gottlieb/Schwartz 6-3; 6-0

WOMEN'S 65 DOUBLES

Barton/Hendrix win round robin

WOMEN'S 75 DOUBLES

Henderson/Lasby d. Schulze/Thurston 6-1; 6-2

MIXED 55 DOUBLES

(1) Connell/Connell d. Childress/Childress 6-3; 7-6(5)

MIXED 65 DOUBLES

Justice/Justice d. (1) Henderson/Henderson Wo (ill)

MEN'S 85 SINGLES

Paul Wilson wins round robin

WOMEN'S 80 DOUBLES

Gifford/Schulze d. Cooper/Ryan 6-4; 6-3



College News

Lui selected as the female 2010 Promoter of the Year

Houstonian Lauren Lui of Northwestern University has been selected as the female 2010 Wilson/ITA National Promoter of the Year Award winner, the ITA announced. Daniel Canellas of the University of Alabama-Huntsville was named the male recipient.

The Wilson/ITA National Promoter of the Year Award recognizes individuals who promote the game of tennis at the collegiate level by devoting consistent time and effort to promotional activities and who support and bring awareness to either their school program or to the sport as a whole. Both student-athletes have been selected to receive a paid summer internship at Wilson's global headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

Lauren Lui, a senior from Houston, was an integral part of the Northwestern women's varsity tennis team, both on and off the court. Lui received the 2009 ITA Sportsmanship Award and is an ITA All-American. She is well-known for her perseverance and determination to do her best even if she knows the outcome might go against her, never quitting and always puts forth her best effort. Lauren finds a way to do whatever it takes to help the team - her contributions are endless on and off the court.



Tennis on Campus

Eight Texas teams traveled to Surprise, Ariz. For the 2010 USTA National Campus Championships. Although no Texas team walked away with the title this year, the Lone Star State was well represented. Lone Star College - Cy Fair, Texas A&M, Texas State, Tyler Junior College, Texas Tech, University of Texas, UTSA and Victoria College all made the trek to the desert to represent Texas.

The Texas State club was named the USTA Texas Club of the Year and was runner-up for the national award.

At the USTA Texas Campus Championships, held in March at the Whitaker Courts on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, Texas defeated Texas A&M, for their first-ever section title. Tyler Junior College received the spirit award.

The 2011 Tennis on Campus Nationals will take place in Cary, N.C. If you are interested in getting involved or joining a club, please contact Todd Carlson, tcarlson@texas.usta.com.

UTPB adds tennis

After a 22-year hiatus, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will once again have a tennis program.

"When you look at it logically, tennis would make a great addition to the athletic department," Athletic Director Steve Aicinena said. "We already have a place to play and it is a conference sport. Further, it will expand participation opportunities for our male and female student-athletes."



At this point, the 2010-2011 program will be a club team, competing in the Tennis On Campus program. The plan is to move tennis to a full intercollegiate sport for the 2011-2012 season.

Currently, Heartland Conference tennis, with five men's teams, is one school short from having an automatic qualifier in Men's Tennis. With the addition of UTPB, the Heartland will have guaranteed participants in the Men's NCAA Regional Tournament. The Heartland Conference already has an automatic qualifier in Women's Tennis.

Women's tennis first started at UTPB back in 1972 and was nationally competitive, playing against NCAA D-I schools all around the nation as an NAIA program (there was no men's team the first time we had the program). However, the program was cut in 1988 because of budget concerns.

Trinity Duo Garners Silver at NCAA Championships

Trinity University Tigers juniors Bobby Cocanougher and Cory Kowal lost a tightly played 6-3, 6-4 decision Sunday to No. 2 seeds Brian Pybas and Marc Vartabedian of California-Santa Cruz in the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships doubles final.

Cocanougher, from Southlake (Carroll); and Kowal, from Austin (Anderson); had become the first Tiger players to reach an NCAA championship match since 2001, when Sloan Rush and Ed Rahn accomplished that feat.

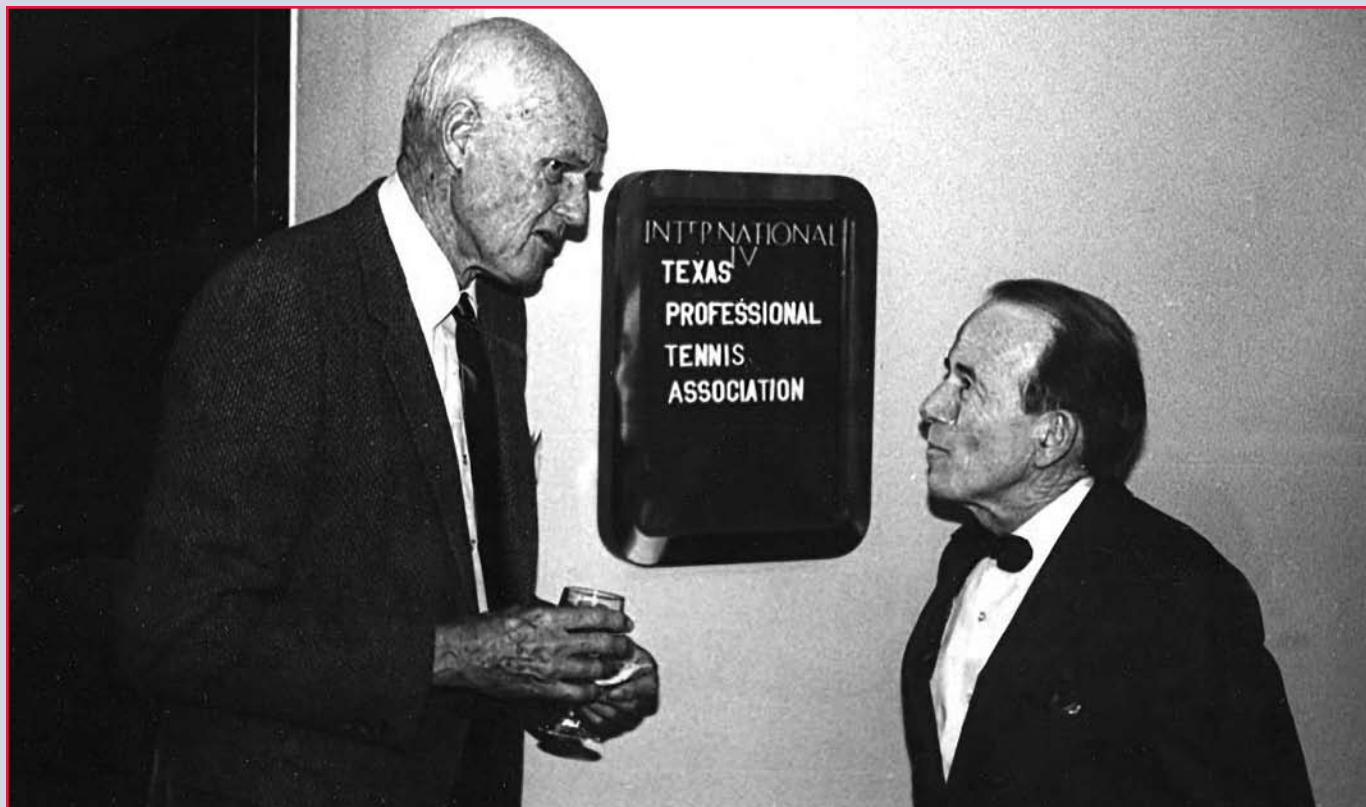
Earlier in the day, the unseeded Trinity All-Americans outfought top seeds Andrew Lee and Andrew Thomson of Middlebury 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 in the semifinals at Oberlin College. It marked the Tiger team's second straight trip to the national semifinals.

The Tigers are led by first-year head coach Russell McMIndes, a former Trinity standout. Trinity (18-10 in dual matches), won the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championship, the NCAA West regional, and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps eliminated the Tigers 5-2 in the team

Cory Kowal and Bobby Cocanougher



General News



Dr. Bill Owen (right) with Phil Moss

Former USTA Texas Past President, Texas Tennis Hall of Fame inductee and longtime volunteer, Dr. Bill Owen, passed away at his home on Saturday morning, the 29th of May 2010, at the age of 84.

Known for his omnipresent bowties, Dr. Owen was a respected physician and tennis enthusiast who was instrumental in improving the playing opportunities for senior tennis players, not only in Texas, but across the country.

While serving as President of the Houston Tennis Association in 1983, he was instrumental in starting the first USTA league program in Houston. Later he was the driving force when Houston created the first senior and super senior leagues in the country.

"He was extremely dedicated to USTA Texas and the HTA," says Former HTA Executive Director, Harriett Hulbert. "He was a busy physician, but he always had time to help with tennis."

A member of the Texas Tennis Association's (now USTA Texas) Management Committee for 13 years, Dr. Owen was the TTA's President from 1989-90. Aside from serving on many Texas committees, such as Leagues, Sports Science and the Executive Committee, he also served as the USTA Texas delegate to the USTA and was chairman of the USTA President's Committee at the national level.

"Dr. Bill influence extended all the way to the national office," said USTA Executive Director Ken McAllister, "as he is the reason there is a super senior national championship event. His kind and generous nature enhanced all his contributions to tennis in Texas

and the U.S., leaving a wonderful legacy."

In 1991, he received the W.T. Caswell Service Award, given to the Texas resident who has made valuable contributions to the growth and development of tennis in Texas, working as a volunteer.

He was also a founding member of the University Club of Houston and President of the University Club Men's Tennis Association.

In 2006, he was inducted into the Texas Tennis Hall of Fame.

"Dr. William Owen was a long serving volunteer to the Texas section," adds current USTA Texas President, Robert Rubel. "I admired his veracity as a player and his commitment to growing the game as a volunteer. He truly was a person that we all looked up to and respected. He will be greatly missed by us all."

A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, he attended Harvard Medical School, where he graduated with distinction. While in Boston, he met and married Margaret Severin, his wife of sixty years.

In 1955, Bill and Margaret moved to Houston where he began his 45-year private practice in Internal Medicine, specializing in Cardiology. He also served on the teaching staff of UT Houston and Baylor College of Medicine as Clinical Professor and Associate Professor for 40 years.

A prolific player, Dr. Owen held multiple rankings in Senior Singles, Doubles and Husband-Wife Doubles. He also played at the U.S. Open at Forest Hills in Father-Daughter with his daughter, Susan, and captained his 4.5 league team to a national title.