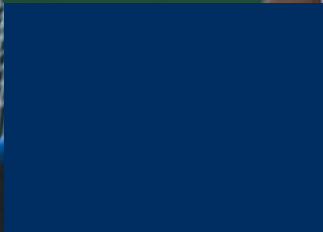




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BY ROBERT RUBEL
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Summer of 2010

By the time everyone reads this, I hope we will have seen the last of 100-degree weather. I kept having flashbacks to the Texas heat wave of 1980, which had 42 consecutive days over 100 degrees and 69 days total. Dallas/Fort Worth had two days of 113 degrees on June 26 and 27 that year. However, that did not beat the record set in Wichita Falls of 117

degrees, the highest ever recorded in that city to date.

I was in summer school at UT-Arlington trying to pick up a few extra credit hours and was teaching tennis classes at the same time. I wasn't sure we were going to make it through that summer. Most days, you thought your shoes were going to melt. I will never complain about cold weather again! The lesson: Wear your hat, sunglasses, sunscreen – and drink lots, and I mean lots, of cold water.

It has been a long, busy and hot summer, to say the least.

Two weekends of league-championship play in Dallas determined our winners who will advance to the national playoffs. Best of luck to all our winners! Let's go out and play hard – and be great sportsmen and sports-women at the same time. I will say the party on Friday night for the 3.5 and below teams was a definite hit. A special thanks to our sponsors, John Newcombe (Newk's) Tennis Ranch and Golfsmith for helping getting the dancing going after the dinner. A great time was had by all.

We also had the US Open National Playoff tournament at the Arlington Tennis Center. Yours truly did not fare so well, but I had a great time being part of the inaugural event. Our two winners, Colin Hoover and Alina Jidkova, represented us well in the final playoff tournament – Jidkova even advanced to the finals. I thought this was a great idea, and I hear from reliable sources that the USTA is looking to add doubles to this format next year. Start planning now to play in this great event next year.

The US Open will be over by the time this magazine gets to you. Will Roger Federer win his 17th Grand Slam singles title? Will Rafael Nadal win his first U.S. Open title? Or will Mardy Fish, Andy Roddick or John Isner pull off an American win? I am going to pick Fish as the surprise winner this year. Go Mardy! He has been playing great and is in the best shape of his life, so I think he can make a run for it.

The U.S. Open is the largest sporting event in the United States, drawing upwards of 700,000 tennis fans to New York each year. I hope you get a chance to see some of the action this year. If not, start planning now for 2011!

When the sun goes down, things start to heat up at the National Tennis Center. I still remember Roddick playing late into the night on Louis Armstrong one year – what a match!

I would not trade the U.S. Open experience for anything. It truly is the greatest show on earth.

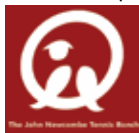


TEXAS

Kenny Mc's Corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS

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Age and... well.....Age!

I want to wish Art Shaver of Richardson a belated Happy Birthday. Art recently turned 94 at a birthday party thrown by Nony Michulka at Canyon Creek Country Club. Did I mention that Art regularly plays tennis? His wife, a youngster in her 80's, also plays several times a week. Thanks to Leo Mountjoy for relaying this great story.

Marvin Henderson of Georgetown is now eligible to play in the 90 and over Nationals and cannot wait! Marvin beat me regularly 45 years ago when I played #1 for Southwestern University. He was recently ranked #1 in the US in both the 85 and over Singles and Doubles. I don't think I could beat him now.

The Burgess-Rushing Tennis Center in Lubbock is named after two wonderful senior tennis players, "Dub" Rushing and Hubert Burgess. Their energy and enthusiasm as they played into their 80's and 90's served as examples for that South Plains tennis community. I spoke to both at the naming ceremony a few years ago and recall that Hubert was upset that he had to quit playing at age 94 for physical reasons. It just plain made him mad. He had started playing tennis in 1913. His longtime partner, Dub, started in 1925. They began playing together in 1929. Hubert died in 1999 and Dub in 2007. Thanks to Jim Blacketer for supplying this information.

USTA Texas currently has 100 members over the age of 85 of which 24 are over 90. There are 16 ladies and 84 men. We can only assume that many are still active. We also have 21 men ranked in the 80 and over singles or doubles and 7 men ranked in the 85 and over singles or doubles. The women currently have 5 ranked in the 80 and over singles or doubles. Neither Art nor Marvin are included in these lists which suggests that we may have another 500 players over 80 out there playing socially or in local events.

Our Super Senior tournaments in Texas begin at age 55. When I started playing in these events, I said that I liked being at events where I was one of the young ones. I am 67 and I am still 6 years under the median age in these events! Tennis players are the only group of people who looks forward to growing older so they may play in the next age division and not have to play the younger ones. We look old, but not as old as our non-athletic counterparts. We are active, upbeat, and optimistic. And we still get angry when we miss an easy volley.

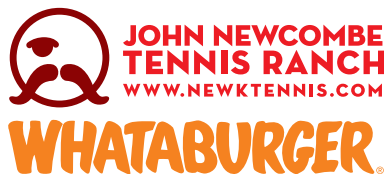
And we owe much of it to Tennis, the Truly Lifetime Sport!

As usual, I welcome comments directly to me at kmcallister@texas.usta.com. This time I would also welcome any stories you might have of tennis players who have played into their 90's.



The Pros from the Lakes Tennis Academy in Frisco and Ken McAllister after receiving their Outstanding Facility Award at the 2010 USTA Semi-Annual Meeting in New York.

Junior
News



2010 USTA Texas Summer Jr. Team Tennis Championships

The temperature was hot and so was the action at the 2010 USTA Texas Jr. Team Tennis Summer Championships held July 24-25 at the Whitacker Intramural Court on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin.

Nine teams competed in both divisions, 14 and Under Intermediate and 18 and Under Intermediate. On Saturday, the teams were divided into two large brackets to determine their flight play for Sunday.

When it was all said and done, Bryan/College Station took home the title in both divisions. In the 18 and Under Intermediate division, BCS finished second in their group play behind Houston, but advanced to Flight 1 and rallied to take the title. In the 14 and Under Intermediate division, BCS tied with Longview in Group play before sweeping through Flight 1 play on Sunday.

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18 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

GIRLS – Nicole Yancy, Rockwall

BOYS – Aaron Kesper, Smithville

14 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

GIRLS – Kenady Spatz, Rockwall

BOYS – Ross Houk, Fort Worth 2



18 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

GROUP A

Longview	82
Smithville	62
Laredo 1	58
Rockwall 1	38

GROUP B

Houston	114
Bryan/College Station	99
Rockwall 2	87
Laredo 2	66
West Texas	63

FLIGHT 1 (1st-3rd)

Bryan/College Station	54
Houston	42
Longview	41



FLIGHT 2 (4th-6th)

Rockwall 2	44*
Laredo 1	44
Smithville	33

FLIGHT 3 (7TH-9TH)

West Texas	56
Laredo 2	40
Rockwall 1	33

14 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

GROUP A

Fort Worth 1	79
Canyon	75
Rockwall	57
Smithville	14

GROUP B

Bryan/College Station	102
Longview	102
Houston	88
Fort Worth 3	85
Fort Worth 2	55

FLIGHT 1 (1st-3rd)

Bryan/College Station	47
Fort Worth 1	43
Longview	33

FLIGHT B (4th-6th)

Canyon	57
Houston	41
Fort Worth 3	29

FLIGHT 3 (7th-9th)

Rockwall	60
Fort Worth 2	27
Smithville	17



**14 & Under Intermediate Champion
Bryan/College Station**



14 & Under Intermediate Runner-Up Fort Worth



**18 & Under Intermediate Champion
Bryan/College Station**



Nicole Yancy



18 & Under Intermediate Runner-Up Houston



Ross Hoak



**USTA Texas Jr. Team
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NJTL Summer 2010

2010 NJTL Kids' Days



NJTL Kids' Days (formerly known as Regional Rallies) traveled to Houston, Dallas and San Angelo this summer bringing together active NJTL participants and neighboring NJTL chapters. Hundreds of participants took part in these fun-filled days of on-court activities comprised of games, drills and a team tournament as well as QuickStart tennis for those participants 10 and under. Off the tennis court, participants took part in social events that included a professional baseball game, musical performances, roller skating and even a Zumba Dance lesson! Attendees had the opportunity to win prizes and awards, and everyone took home a shirt commemorating their experience at Kids' Day.

The USTA Texas Staff would like to express a very special Thank You to the NJTL Coordinators, Host Cities, Volunteers and Parents for their hard work and dedication in making Summer 2010 one to remember!

2010 USTA Texas Section Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Winners

In an effort to commemorate the legacy of Arthur Ashe, the USTA and NJTL sponsor an annual Essay Contest in which participants respond to a prompt regarding Ashe's contribution to both tennis and society. Ten national winners are selected to receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City for Arthur Ashe Kids' Day where they will be VIP guests to the daylong tennis festival.

This year's Arthur Ashe Essay Contest participants responded to the following question:

"Some say that winning the 1968 U.S. Open as the first African American male was Arthur Ashe's greatest accomplishment, what do you think?"

Contestants were eager to share their opinion on Ashe's greatest accomplishment as hundreds of essays were received for this year's contest. After the section winners were chosen, their essays went on to compete at the national level. USTA Texas is very proud as one of our own was selected as a national winner capturing the grand prize trip to New York City.

The following are the USTA Texas Section Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Winners:

10 and Under

Girls: Ximena Morales (Dallas Tennis Association)
Boys: KeVon Webb (Dallas Tennis Association)

11 and 12

Girls: Desaree Byers (Dallas Tennis Association)
Boys: German Lopez (Dallas Tennis Association)

13 and 14

Girls: Alexis Gilner (Dallas Tennis Association)
Boys: Yeoram (Joshua) Lee (Dallas Tennis Association)

15 and 16

Girls: Angelica Acosta (Dallas Tennis Association)
Boys: **Cody Stewart (Dallas Tennis Association) – National Winner**

17 and 18

Boys: Tuong Hoang (Zina Garrison Tennis Academy)

Established by Arthur Ashe, Charlie Pasarell and Sheridan Snyder in 1969, NJTL is a community-driven delivery system that significantly impacts the lives of America's youth by not only providing tennis instruction, but enhancing the leadership qualities of all who are involved with the program. Through USTA funding, NJTL curriculum, which centers on Ashe's ideals of academic excellence, humanitarianism and leadership, is provided at very little to no cost allowing everyone the opportunity to participate. If you would like more information on how you can initiate NJTL programs in your area and become an integral part of the NJTL Network, please contact Mike Carter, Director of Community Development for USTA Texas.

2010 NJTL Leadership Camp

Twenty NJTL participants were selected to participate in this year's Leadership Camp which took place August 5-8 in Austin, Texas. The campers participated in a variety of tennis activities each morning culminating in a round robin team competition on the final day. After tennis each day, the participants had the opportunity to take part in many of the enriching activities that Austin had to offer. The campers toured the Texas State Capitol, explored the Bob Bullock Museum and took a refreshing dip in the natural Barton Springs Pool. The participants even had a chance to take a ride on Lady Bird Lake where they experienced the world famous Austin "Nightlife" – the nearly 1.5 million bats living under the Congress Street Bridge. The 2010 Leadership Camp provided participants with tennis instruction, leadership qualities, and memories that will last a lifetime!



Kalamazoo, Texas

As a junior boy, you dream of making it to The Zoo. For 67 years, the town of Kalamazoo has been playing host, on the campuses of Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University, to some of the greatest junior tennis.

Players like Rod Laver, Stan Smith, Arthur Ashe, Jimmy Connors, John McEnroe, Aaron Krickstein, Michael Chang, Andre Agassi, Jim Courier, Pete Sampras, James Blake, Andy Roddick, Bob and Mike Bryan, Sam Querrey and many more have graced the courts.

This year in the Boys 16s, several Texans made it a trip to remember.

In the singles draw, Shane Vinsant and Mitchell Krueger began the tournament as the top two seeds in singles, as well as the top seed in doubles.

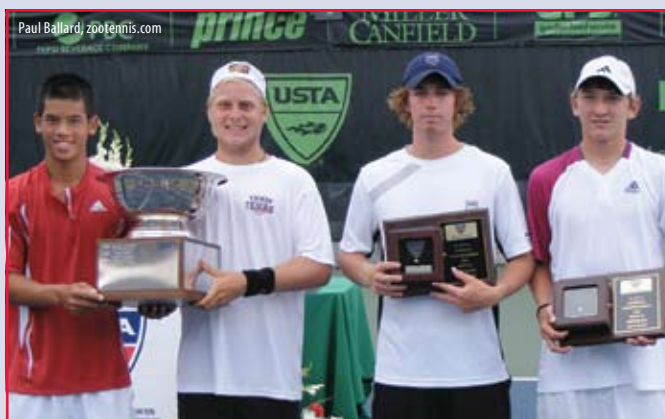
Vinsant and Krueger played some amazing tennis and looked to be heading to an all-Texas singles final, but Michael Redlicki of Illinois had other ideas. The winner of the Boys' 16 USTA Clay Court Championships defeated Krueger 76 64 in the semifinals, then Vinsant in the title match, 75 64. Krueger defeated Nolan Paige, 46 61 64, to capture the bronze ball.

Interestingly enough, it was another Texan, Andrew Korinek, who took the only set off of Redlicki during the championships. Redlicki edged Korinek, 61 36 62, in the round of 16 on his way to the title. Korinek advanced all the way to the semifinals of the back draw.

The doubles final was an all-Texas affair.

The top-seeded team of Vinsant and Krueger faced off against their unseeded counterparts from Metroplex, Korinek and Tam Trihn.

Korinek and Trihn reached the final after winning a marathon in



Texans Tam Trihn, Andrew Korinek, Shane Vinsant and Mitchell Krueger

the quarterfinals, 76 36 1-0, exacting a bit of revenge on Redlicki and his partner, Mihir Kumar, the fourth seeds. They then defeated another unseeded team, Sam Bloom and Kenneth Sabacinski in the semifinals.

Vinsant and Krueger on the other hand had waltz through to the final without dropping a singles set, let alone more than five games in any match.

In the final, the upstarts shocked the top seeds, 63 75 to bring home the gold balls.

Despite the loss, it was a great summer for Vinsant and Krueger. Vinsant picked up the gold ball in doubles with longtime friend Emmett Egger in the Boys 18s at the Clay Courts, as well as the bronze ball in singles in the 18s.

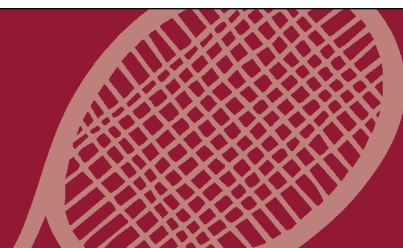
Krueger spent his summer travelling the world, capped off with several training sessions with the #1-ranked player in the world, Rafael Nadal. You can read more about Mitchell's amazing trip on our Junior Tennis Blog at www.texas.usta.com.



Austin's own Vickie Wright received the Ron and Kathy Creager Outstanding Umpire Award at Kalamazoo this year. Wright, the Capital Area Tennis Association Executive Director has been attending The Zoo for seven years and looks forward returning to what she calls, "the best junior tournament EVER!"

QuickStart

By Matt Jacob
Special Correspondent



I look at my two children now, and I wonder if they will embrace tennis the way I have for the last 25 years. I hope they do, as playing the game with them will be yet one more activity we can share as they get older. (Hopefully, they will share the same sentiment!)

I have a bit of time before they enter the throws of junior tennis – my son only recently turned 3, and my daughter is a wee 5 months old. But that doesn't stop me from thinking about the very near future and wondering how best I can introduce them to tennis.

Luckily, the USTA has taken that worry away from young parents such as myself. With the advent of QuickStart Tennis and the strides being made in new ways of teaching youngsters the game, I find myself less worried about teaching them the nuances of inside-out forehands and swinging volleys – and that's a good thing.

Six key components make up the QuickStart Tennis format:

- Two separate age divisions – 8-and-under and 10-and-under.
- Smaller court size depending on age.
- Shorter nets for 8-and-under division.
- Special tennis balls are in play.
- Competitors use youth-sized racquets.
- Special scoring methods depending on age.

QuickStart Tennis has taken off in Texas, where many families are embracing the plan as an innovative strategy to teach children the game. Playing tennis on a scaled-down court and keeping score with an easy-to-understand format makes learning the game fun for kids – which, in turn, will likely keep them playing for years to come.

It's also important, though, to correctly teach QuickStart Tennis. That's why USTA Texas is committed to bolstering the number of certified QuickStart Tennis facilities across the section. All around Texas – from Houston to Austin and Laredo to Amarillo – there are places that have attained this status, with more to come in the near future.

"We are making site visits to ensure that the facilities are in compliance with all six [QuickStart Tennis] components," said Katy Rogers, Schools Coordinator/Beginner Programs for USTA Texas. "If there is room for improvement, we will then make our recommendations and come back at a later date to see if they are successfully implementing the QST format."

If your facility is interested in becoming a certified facility, contact the Tennis Service Representative assigned to your area. In turn, you will receive a banner to showcase at the club.

QuickStart Tennis is a win-win situation for pros, parents and children alike. More new players are taking to the game, and – most importantly – they are finding tennis to be fun and something they want to play.

Now if we parents can just get them to eat healthily ... but that might be asking too much and is definitely fodder for another time!

USTA Texas QuickStart Approved Facilities as of September 10

Austin Tennis Academy (Austin)
Austin Tennis Center (Amarillo)
Cotton Creek Club (Fort Worth)
Faulkner Park (Tyler)
Giammalva Racquet Club (Spring)
Greenville YMCA (Greenville)
Horseshoe Bay Resort (Horseshoe Bay)
Laredo Country Club (Laredo)
Parker County Tennis Association (Parker County)
Play for Sport (Coppell)
QuickStart Courts at Kiest Park (Dallas)
Southlake Tennis Center (Southlake)
T Bar M Racquet Club (Dallas)
The Lakes Academy (Frisco)



A facility looking to become an Approved USTA Texas QuickStart Facility is "secret shopped" and verified to be using ALL six components by one of our local Tennis Service Representatives (TRS).

- Separate age divisions - 8-and-under and 10-and-under.
- Smaller court size, depending on age.
- Shorter nets for 8-and-under division.
- Appropriate tennis balls are in play.
- Players using youth-sized racquets.
- Age-appropriate scoring.

2010 USTA Texas Adult League Championships

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WEEK 1

Eight new champions were crowned at the 2010 USTA Texas Adult League Championships held in Dallas, July 30-August 1.

Over 1000 players on more than 80 teams competed in levels ranging from 4.0 to Open. Temperatures were blazing hot, eclipsing 105 degrees on Saturday afternoon.

Wild Dallas won the Ladies 4.0 division with a 5-0 win over Lubbock in the finals. Wild Dallas advanced to the championship after squeaking out a 3-2 over Corpus Christi in the semifinals. Lubbock reached the championship after getting past Houston, 3-2, in the semifinals.

Wild Dallas, who played out of The Greenhill School this season, was captained by Shelly Odell and included team members: Stacy Woodard, Cindy Kipp, Nycole Vu, Jenny Lavey, Christine Dvorsky, Suzi Walker, Marilee Gaughan, Michelle De La Valdene, Joann Burke, Shana Lazarine, Raquel Flora Syre, Alyssa Williams, Keasha Behrman, Kay Ann Cook, Sheila Sergiovanni, Heather Turck, Karla Estrello, Leslie Boone, Patricia Harvey and Rachel Sampeck.



Midland, who qualified for the championship by winning the Abilene Qualifying Tournament, captured the Ladies 4.5 title. Midland edged Northeast Texas, 3-2, in the finals. Midland



also snuck past Wild Houston, 3-2, in the semifinals, while Northeast Texas got past Houston, 3-2, in the other semifinal.

Barbara Starnes was the Midland captain which included: Tai Lucero, Kim Daugherty, Mary Alice Blacketer, Tibby Niehues, Molly Jo Marcum, Ame Blacketer, Claudia Ruehl, Robin Lynn Ward, Haley Tabor, Lisa Ann Hill and Jenny Holloman.

The Ladies Open division was hard fought, as Dallas and San Antonio both finished 3-1 in the three-team round robin. San Antonio defeated Dallas on Friday, but Dallas returned the

favor on Saturday, forcing the tie. The first tiebreaker was individual lines won, where both teams were even at nine. The difference-maker was sets lost, as Dallas dropped only seven sets to San Antonio's 10, giving them the edge.

The Dallas captain was Jennifer Engels and the team included: Christy Cook, Val Weidlich, Andrea Dodd, Dorothy Ripka, Lilien Vo, Lysie Jones, Erica Dopson, Teri Ware, Julie Jacqueline Gibson, Kayla Blackburn, Zdena Rebeka Hopkins, Laurie McDaniel, Dena Coe, Mercedes Fernandez, Lisa Waller, Lacy Caldwell and Melissa Holzinger.

For the second time in three years, the Lubbock men captured the Men's 4.0 division. Lubbock swept San Angelo, 5-0, in the finals after getting past Austin, 3-2, in the semifinals. San Angelo reached the title match with a 3-2 win over Waco.

The Lubbock team, which played out of the Lubbock Country Club, was captained by Brad Andrews. His team included: David Regan Simek, Joseph Schaunaman, Jody Bolin, Wagner Wicks, Lance Coleman, Kyle Swanson, Mark Weaver, Tracy Starkey,

Justin Boydston, Eric McDonald, Stephen Stripling, Trevor Edgemon and Cliff Wilkes.

Dallas won the Men's 4.5 division with a 4-1 decision over Wild San Antonio in the title match. Dallas also had to get past San Antonio in the semi-finals, winning 3-2, while Wild San Antonio defeated Waco, 3-2, in the other semi.

Rusty Branch was the Dallas team captain. Also included on the team were: Todd Feldman, Donnie Pollard, Kevin Durten, Justin Huffman, Wesley James, Wil Saqueton, Paul Kiron, Chris Slezak, Kole Frink, Michael Kelly, Dustin Viktorin, Brandon Underwood, Jon Stein, Walter Williams, Rafael Ledezma, Eugene Davis and Jehan Akhtar

Fort Worth and the Omanas dominated both the Men's 5.0 and 5.5 divisions.

The 5.0 team, went 4-0 in a five-team round robin, dropping only two lines all weekend. Rafael Omana captained the team,



which included: Jason Moore, Powhatan French, Jack Sheehy, Dustin Tankersley, Seth McCarthy, Raymond Paul Haley, John Haley, Scott Eddins, Ricardo Omana and Ryan Vogl.

The 5.5 team, defeated Dallas twice on Saturday to win the best-of-three series. Rafael Omana also captained this squad, co-captained by Guillaume Gauthier. The team included: Dmitry Minkin, Ricardo Omana, Alejandro Chong, Scott Eddins, Daniel Omana, James Daly and Theron Cole.

Houston, boasting an all-star lineup, swept the double round robin in the Men's Open division. Houston defeated both Austin and San Antonio twice, dropping only one line along the way.

Captain Toby Enqvist's team included: Graydon Oliver, Jack Brasington, Chris Toomey, Darin Mast, Ryan Newport, William Barker, Robert Collins and Richard Barker.



Men's 4.0 Lubbock



Ladies' 4.0 Wild Dallas



Men's 4.5 Dallas



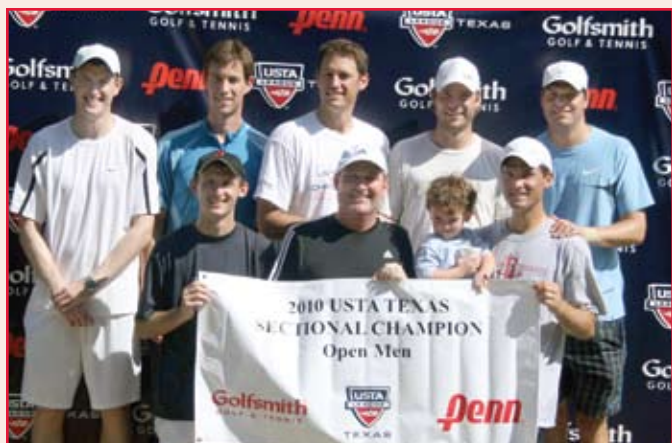
Ladies 4.5 Midland



Men's 5.0 Fort Worth



Men's 5.5 Fort Worth



Men's Open Houston



Ladies' Open Dallas

WEEK 2

After three excruciatingly hot days, week two of the 2010 USTA Texas Adult League Championships finally came to an end. The temperatures, as well as the play, were hot all weekend, making the conditions difficult for all. But in the end, seven teams won titles.

In the Ladies' Lonestar division, Wild Dallas exacted a bit of revenge on their counterparts from the Metroplex, sweeping Dallas, 3-0 in the finals. Both teams cruised through their respective round robins, but Wild Dallas was just too tough and did not drop a single line all weekend.

Wild Dallas was captained by Chrissie Barth and included: Isza Troncoso, Renetta White, Chesle Blair, Dagny Teiber, Barbara Hopkins, Linda McConnell, Suzanne



Jones, Tracy Schlaegel and Martha Levinski.

Dallas also won the Ladies' 2.5 championship with a tight, 2-1, win over a team from the Valley. Dallas won dominant all weekend, dropping only two lines all weekend over five matches.

The Dallas 2.5 ladies actually won the title on their home courts at High Point Tennis Center. The team included: Eve Liu, Kelli Sigler, Melissa Gladman, Monica Smart, Susie Schmitt, Christine Delph, Laura Ferlic-Stark, Jana West and Lynn Hord.

It may sound like a broken record, but Wild Dallas also captured the Ladies' 3.0 title this weekend. After sweeping through their flight, Wild Dallas



avenged a previous loss to Dallas, in the semifinals, 4-1, before edging Austin, 3-2, in the championship match. Austin snuck past Fort Worth, 3-2, in the other semifinal.

The ladies from Royal Oaks, captained by Colette Holman, included: Lacy Dienes, Julia Kane, Melissa Ryan, Lael Brodsky, Caroline Figueroa, Shelley Chrestman Bracken, Kendall Williams, Nazia Ahmed, Susan Scholes, Melissa Arbegast, Heidi Mast, Elizabeth Thomas, Rachel Polka, Carol Robertson, Marcia Beare, Anne-Marie Morrow, Gina Waco, Blair Moore, Teresa Schneider, Rita Bussell and Julie Parolisi.

Fort Worth stopped the Dallas sweep on the women's side by earning the Ladies' 3.5 crown. Fort Worth defeated Austin, 4-1, in the championship match. They reached the final by defeating Wild San Antonio, 4-1, in the semifinals. Austin defeated San Antonio, 3-2, in the other semifinal.

Melinda Pettigrew captained this team out of the Southlake Tennis Center. Team members included: Shannon Darrah, Karen Herd, Nicole Reilley, Molly Kathryn Moses, Judy MacMillan, Dusti Kuehne, Sue Phillips, Jeanne Ellermeyer, Angela Jones, Alison Ortiz, Kay Gaskill, Kelli Brady, Lisa Blakeman, Rebecca Schragin, Lisa Holderness and Mary Clark.

The Northeast Texas Men's 2.5 team from Tyler won a best-of-three series over Austin to earn the title and advance to nationals. The team, which plays out of Hollytree Country Club, included: James Lowden, Greg White, Eric Woodard, Kyle Lindekugel, Brad Box, Charles Drane and Brian Robinson.

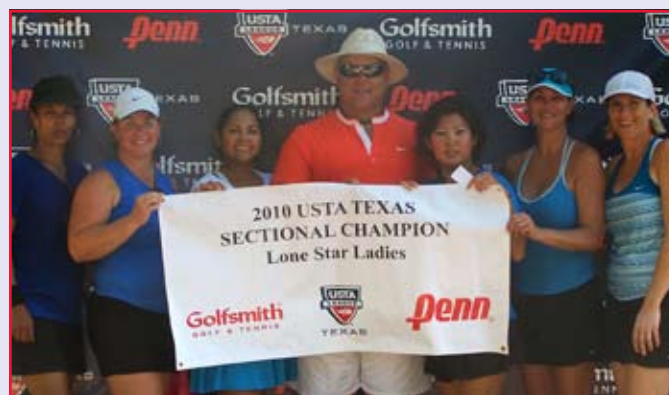
Laredo swept a six-team round robin to claim the Men's 3.0 League Championship. Laredo snuck a 3-2 win over second place

Northeast Texas early on Friday and rode that momentum all the way home.

Alejandro Garza was the team's captain which included: Alfredo Casso, Luis Montesdeoca, Carlos Trevino, Diego Hernandez, Oscar Torres, victor Munoz, Manuel Rechy, Jose Vasquez and Rafael Miner.

Dallas got back into the winners' circle, as Bob Bender's Men's 3.5 team won the title once again. Dallas defeated Northeast Texas 4-1 in the semifinals, then finished off Houston by the same score for the championship. Houston beat San Antonio, 4-1, in the other semifinal on Sunday.

The team included: William Kaiser, Sachin Moghe, Jeffrey Bender, Milan Morriswala, Chau Truong, Rene Alejandro Cuevas, Tony Monk, Matthew Schlosser, Steven Nguyen, William Toney, Mayis Kirakosyan, Berco Neiman and Paul To.



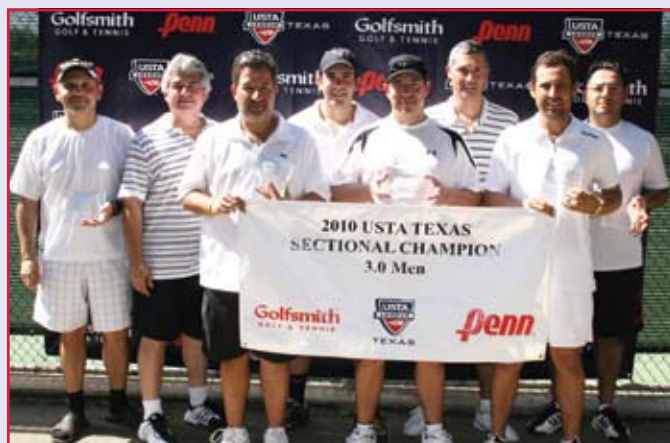
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Men's 2.5 Northeast Texas



Ladies' 2.5 Dallas



Men's 3.0 Laredo



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Ladies' 3.5 Fort Worth