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### WHY WE PLAY

As we begin the tennis summer season, I have been rethinking the reasons I started this lifelong sport, and after considerable mental contemplation, have reached the following conclusions.

Like most teens in the late 60's and early 70's, I was told to get out of the house and go find something to do outside; in other words,

give my mother some quiet time and go burn off some energy. While this seems a little less than a Hollywood beginning, it is truthful and probably represents a certain percentage of old-time players. I began our sport---as a convenience for my parents. They would do anything to get rid of me and tennis seemed like a wholesome diversion.

Down to the old HEB Tennis Center I'd go, dropped off most mornings by 9:00 a.m. and picked up somewhere around 5:00 in the evening; hot, sweaty, tired and hopefully, back at home less inclined to bother my sisters or my mother. This tactful diversion worked to a certain extent, but not completely. Often when I returned home I still was not done with tennis, so I hit balls against our garage doors. Talk about driving em' crazy.

Today, I am just a solid recreational player, with limited skills, which are depleting rapidly. Rather than a forced march to the courts, it is a voluntary trip of enjoyment. What a cool 40 years will add to your outlook on tennis: the proverbial, if I only knew then what I know now.

While these few examples of my early tennis years may or may not seem familiar, they may stir some of your own memories of what prompted your entry into our sport. Keep in mind, at that time; we had two or three TV channels, no cell phones, and no computers. The term "go play outside", meant literally that---rather than just sit under a tree, listening to music or talking on your cell phone.

Today in our sport, some children begin life in tennis academies at the ripe age of 10, practice 8 hours a day, live in dorms, eat, sleep and dream tennis. Everybody is looking for the next super star or the magic ingredient to become one. That is just a little different attitude today versus back then, eh? While the reasons we all started vary from person to person, the greater goal and passion for the game are consistent from the youngest to the oldest.

From tennis academies and tennis camps to bouncing balls off garage doors, we all have a reason or passion for this game. Some started from a little pushing by our parents, some by the never-ending professional dream. All connected by a love for a bouncing ball.

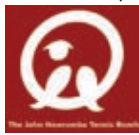


# TEXAS

# Kenny Mc's corner

BY KEN McALLISTER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS SECTION

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## SNOBS AND SLOBS

I wanted to name this article Tennis Infrastructure but I knew that wouldn't get anyone's attention. In the world of tennis, I was originally a slob and I still am. I have also been a snob at various times of my tennis career. Let me explain.

As a supplement to my job to include partners in tennis, I serve on various Boards that include the Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame, the Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame, the Texas Tennis and Education Foundation, the Tennis in the Parks Committee, the USPTA Texas Executive Committee, the National Public Parks Tennis Association, and the Texas Alliance of Recreational Organizations. This article is about the last two, NPPTA and TARO.

NPPTA is an 84-year old organization dedicated to the advancement of tennis in public parks. It uses the annual National Public Park Tennis Championships as its chief vehicle. Last year the tournament was held at the USTA BJK National Tennis Center where the US Open is held. This year on July 28-August 3, it will be held at the Jimmy Evert tennis Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Note that it was once held at the Arlington, Texas Tennis Center by our former President Marcia Rodriguez.)

TARO is over 20 years old and is an advocate for preserving golf clubs, tennis clubs, and country clubs. It is a believer that there is a place for these clubs in society. They are a place for culture, class, conduct, and social skills. For many, it is a goal to strive for.

Is it a contradiction to work for both ends of the tennis spectrum? Not only do I say no, but I say that they are complementary in the strengthening of our sport. Historically, tennis began in the private Cricket Clubs that were the forerunner to Country Clubs. Tennis still thrives in those environments to this day although 70 to 80% of all of us play tennis publicly. In fact, when tennis was in its slump in the 90's, it still did well in the private clubs. In a sense, the clubs kept us going up to the current high growth in tennis. This growth, however, must come from the public tennis. That is why the work with the NPPTA and Tennis in the Parks (and schools) is so important. Private tennis center operators have long since known that a strong public tennis program in their community strongly improves the growth of the private centers.

I grew up in public tennis and I continue to play most of my tennis at public centers. I also worked as a teaching pro for 17 years at private clubs. I have learned to appreciate the contributions of both groups to growing tennis. It adds even more to the great dimensions of our amazing sport.

Note: Since I wrote this article, River Oaks Country Club in Houston has stepped up to the tennis plate to take on the USTA Men's Clay Court Championships for 2008 and beyond. This is another key example of how prestigious clubs contribute to the growth of tennis. The USTA Texas Section thanks ROCC for taking on this ATP event. See [www.texas.usta.com](http://www.texas.usta.com) for details.



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# Junior news

## 2007 JR. TEAM TENNIS TEXAS SECTION SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS JOHN NEWCOMBE TENNIS RANCH – MAY 19-20, 2007



### 14 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

#### FLIGHT A

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| NETT       | 114 |
| Austin     | 103 |
| Amarillo   | 70  |
| East Texas | 69  |

#### FLIGHT B

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Dallas        | 80 |
| Montgomery Co | 61 |
| Smithville    | 20 |

#### FLIGHT C

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| SE Houston              | 71 |
| Brownsville             | 51 |
| San Antonio Force Locos | 48 |

#### FLIGHT D

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Corpus Christi        | 74 |
| San Antonio Ace 10S   | 66 |
| Bryan College Station | 36 |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Dallas 30, Corpus Christi 26 |
| NETT 36, SE Houston 27       |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

|                    |
|--------------------|
| NETT 30, Dallas 26 |
|--------------------|

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| Corpus Christi 34, SE Houston 27 |
|----------------------------------|

#### GOLD BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|  |
|--|
| San Antonio Ace 10S 32, Brownsville 28 |
| Montgomery Co 29, Austin 26            |

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| MCTA 31, San Antonio 26 |
|-------------------------|

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| Austin 36, Brownsville 21 |
|---------------------------|

#### SILVER BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                       |
|---------------------------------------|
| San Antonio 34, Smithville 12         |
| Bryan College Station 33, Amarillo 29 |

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                        |
|------------------------|
| BCS 26, San Antonio 25 |
|------------------------|

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| Amarillo 38, Smithville 15 |
|----------------------------|



### 14 AND UNDER ADVANCED

#### FLIGHT A

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Austin-ATA | 106 |
| Dallas     | 92  |
| East Texas | 73  |
| SE Houston | 73  |

#### FLIGHT B

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| San Antonio    | 74 |
| Austin-Caswell | 59 |
| Corpus Christi | 48 |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| San Antonio 37, Austin Caswell 23 |
| Austin-ATA 31, Dallas 24          |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Austin-ATA 34, San Antonio 22 |
|-------------------------------|

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| Austin Caswell 32, Dallas 24 |
|------------------------------|

#### GOLD BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| East Texas, bye                  |
| Corpus Christi 35, SE Houston 24 |

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| Corpus Christi 30, East Texas 28 |
|----------------------------------|

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                 |
|-----------------|
| SE Houston, bye |
|-----------------|



### 18 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

#### FLIGHT A

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| NETT Supertroopers | 119 |
| Austin             | 93  |
| Laredo             | 63  |
| Denton             | 48  |

#### FLIGHT B

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| SE Houston           | 70 |
| San Antonio Dominion | 58 |
| Brownsville          | 28 |

#### FLIGHT C

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| NETT-STC       | 73 |
| Corpus Christi | 56 |
| Smithville     | 48 |

#### FLIGHT D

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| SW Houston            | 72 |
| San Antonio Ace 10S   | 63 |
| Bryan College Station | 42 |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| NETT Supertroopers 34, SW Houston 20 |
| NETT-STC 31, SE Houston 31 (3-2)     |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

|                  |
|------------------|
| NETT 31, NETT 30 |
|------------------|

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

|                              |
|------------------------------|
| SE Houston 36, SW Houston 24 |
|------------------------------|

#### GOLD BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|   |
|---|
| Corpus Christi 38, Austin 23                    |
| San Antonio Ace 10S 35, San Antonio Dominion 17 |

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|   |
|---|
| Corpus Christi 31, San Antonio Ace 10S 22 |
|---|

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| San Antonio 32, Austin 19 |
|---------------------------|

#### SILVER BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                     |
|-------------------------------------|
| Smithville 37, Brownsville 20       |
| Bryan College Station 40, Laredo 28 |

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Smithville 31, BCS 26 |
|-----------------------|

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| Brownsville 37, Laredo 14 |
|---------------------------|



### 18 AND UNDER ADVANCED

#### FLIGHT A

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Austin         | 108 |
| SW Houston     | 86  |
| Corpus Christi | 74  |
| Brownsville    | 68  |

#### FLIGHT B

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| San Antonio           | 113 |
| NETT                  | 88  |
| East Texas            | 72  |
| Bryan College Station | 59  |

#### FLIGHT C

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Dallas     | 116 |
| SE Houston | 99  |
| Laredo     | 66  |
| Denton     | 18  |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Austin 30, Dallas 22          |
| San Antonio 31, SE Houston 23 |

#### CHAMPIONSHIP

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| San Antonio 40, Austin 20 |
|---------------------------|

#### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| Dallas 35, SE Houston 12 |
|--------------------------|

#### GOLD BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| NETT 39, Laredo 16               |
| SW Houston 26, Corpus Christi 17 |

#### 5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                        |
|------------------------|
| NETT 32, SW Houston 27 |
|------------------------|

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| Corpus Christi 32, Laredo 9 |
|-----------------------------|

#### SILVER BRACKET SEMIFINALS

|  |
|--|
| East Texas over Denton                 |
| Brownsville over Bryan College Station |

**9TH PLACE**

East Texas 28, Brownsville 28 (3-2)

**11TH PLACE**

BCS 34, Denton 20

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS****14 Advance**

Girl - Rachel Cole (Austin)  
 Boy - Avery Schober (Dallas)  
 Team - San Antonio  
 Coach - Coach Gilcrease  
 (Corpus Christi)

**18 Advance**

Girl - Mariah York  
 (Bryan College Station)  
 Boy - Tyler Crawford (Corpus Christi)  
 Team - Denton  
 Coach - Kathi Eckel (Dallas)

**14 Intermediate**

Girl - Rebecca Bentley - (East Texas)  
 Boy - Ceasar Trevino - (Amarillo)  
 Team - Smithville  
 Coach Nancy Oesterling (MCTA)

**18 Intermediate**

Girl - Elle Bishop (San Antonio)  
 Boy - Luis Pina (Corpus Christi)  
 Team - Bryan/College Station  
 Coach - Rhonda Gattis (Denton)

## John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch Sportsmanship Winners for April and May 2007

| TOURNAMENT NAME         | WINNER'S NAME    | DIVISION  | HOMETOWN    |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Rio Grande Valley ZAT   | Thomas Stillman  | Boys' 18  | Harlingen   |
| Katy ZAT 2              | Juan Felipe Ruiz | Boys' 14  | Katy        |
| Midland ZAT             | Derek Wong       | Boys' 16  | Odessa      |
| Tyler Spring ZAT        | Alexander Joseph | Boys' 12  | Colleyville |
| Walnut Creek Spring ZAT | Griffin Weinkam  | Boys' 10  | Frisco      |
| Georgetown ZAT          | Ashley Stewart   | Girls' 16 | Georgetown  |
| Plano Wilson CMZ        | Stefan Ybarra    | Boys' 14  | Palestine   |
| Kerrville CMZ           | Emily Lampman    | Girls' 18 | Kerrville   |
| Amarillo CMZ            | Madison McKinley | Girls' 14 | Dallas      |

## Nancy Jeffett Sportsmanship Winner for April and May 2007

| TOURNAMENT NAME                | WINNER'S NAME      | DIVISION  | HOMETOWN        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| SATA SCMZ                      | Lauren Quisenberry | Girls' 14 | Corpus          |
| Houston Gallery Furniture SCMZ | Tara Eckel         | Girls' 18 | Dallas          |
| DTA SCMZ                       | Anik Cepeda        | Girls' 16 | College Station |
| Houston Gallery Furniture SCMZ | Meredith Hopson    | Girls' 12 | Austin          |

## Clarency Mabry Sportsmanship Winners for April and May 2007

| TOURNAMENT NAME                | WINNER'S NAME     | DIVISION | HOMETOWN  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| SATA SCMZ                      | Pradeep Attaluri  | Boys' 14 | Ft. Worth |
| Houston Gallery Furniture SCMZ | Josh Norsworthy   | Boys' 16 | Frisco    |
| DTA Super Champ MZ             | Jake Vandermeer   | Boys' 16 | Dallas    |
| Houston Gallery Furniture SCMZ | Christopher Viera | Boys' 12 | Houston   |

## Texas CTC Team Plays in Indy

Texas had 15 players from across the section participate in the Annual CTC Regional Rally, held May 4-6 in Indianapolis. Hosted by the Midwest Section at the Barbara Wynn Tennis Center, the Midwest, Missouri Valley, Southwest and Texas Sections sent teams to compete in a round robin format.

Matches consisted of 1 set of doubles; 1 set each of singles and reverse singles; 1 set of mixed doubles. Overall, each player played 12 sets of tennis. Texas finished a strong third to host Midwest (1st place) and neighboring Missouri Valley (2nd Place).

Representing Texas: Zach Sivalls; Jacob Rother; Chris Langley; Casejean Rico; Clint McCutchin; Karim Aren; Colin Bumann; Tucker Hopkins; Lauren Quisenberry; Aarthi Kasilingam; Marcelli Magday; Jessica Ramsey; Farris Cunningham; Nan Porter; Lynsey Maciolek and Madison Westby (alternate from Missouri Valley), led by Coaches Steve Kirk and Daniel Cantu.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Jessica Ramsey finished the weekend undefeated - including a come-back win from 0-5; Texas was strong in the doubles play; The Texas Team always gave 110%; they supported each other throughout the weekend and built new friendships; each and every player improved their game. GO TEAM TEXAS!

## Texas Juniors Double Up at Spring Nationals

Several Texas juniors fared well at the 2007 USTA Spring Nationals, taken place around the country during March and April.

Austin's own Zach Nichols and Jack Seider teamed to capture third place in the Boys 18 Doubles, which took place in Mobile, Alabama during March. The duo fell in the semifinals to eventual champions Bradley Klahn and Dennis Nevolo, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1. They rebounded in the third place match to defeat Tyler Davis and Eric Quigley, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 for the bronze ball.

In the Boys' 14 Doubles at Rancho Mirage, California, Shane Vinsant teamed with Nick Chappell to best Christian Harrison of New Braunfels and Emmett Egger, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1 for the gold ball and the title.

Also at Rancho Mirage, Jessica Alexander of Dallas teamed with Brook Bolender to reach the finals of the Girls' 16 Doubles. Alexander and Bolender fell to Alexandra Cercone and Jacqueline Kassler, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in the championship. They had defeated Catherine Isip and Austin's Millie Nichols, 7-6, 6-2 in the semifinals.

Congratulations to all that competed and represented the USTA Texas Section.

Shane Vinsant



# Harrison Dominates ITF Tour Through Texas

## TENNIS EXPRESS USTA ITF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jessica Alexander

Jessica Alexander grabbed some well earned ITF points, reaching the semifinals and capturing the doubles title with Kristen Rafael at the Tennis Express USTA ITF Championships held March 26-April 1 in College Station.

Alexander defeated the top-seeded Gabriela Dabrowski, 7-5, 6-4 in the third round en route to the final. This was a great win for Alexander, as the Canadian is currently ranked 256th in the world. She then teamed with Kristen Rafael to steamroll through the doubles draw without dropping a set. With the points, Alexander jumps to a career-high 505th in the ITF World Rankings. Rafael currently sits at 283rd.

In the boys' draw, Isamu Tachibana earned his first ITF points, reaching the final before falling to 15-year old, Tennys Sangren. Zach Nichols teamed with Floridian Joey Burkhardt to win the doubles.

This event is one of three ITF tournaments this Spring in Texas, as Giammalva Racquet Club (April 30-May 6) and the Waco Regional Tennis & Fitness (May 8-13) will host events in the coming weeks.

"This is a great opportunity for our Texas juniors," said Tournament Director and member of the USTA Texas Junior Tennis Council, Todd Taylor. "The biggest benefit of hosting ITFs (in Texas) is our kids don't have to travel to get quality International playing experience."

## ITF SPRING CIRCUIT - SPRING

Ryan Harrison of New Braunfels captured both the singles and doubles titles at the ITF Spring Circuit in Spring, a grade 5 event, held at the Giammalva Racquet Club. Harrison defeated Eric Spector in the finals, then teamed with Austin's Blake Davis in the doubles.

Harrison played solid tennis throughout the event and didn't drop a single set in singles or doubles. What makes this even more impressive is the fact that Harrison only

turned 15 the day after the finals.

In the semifinals he defeated fellow-Texan Isamu Tachibana, who had another great tournament after reaching the finals at the previous event in College Station.

For the second tournament in a row, Jessica Alexander won the doubles title on the girls' side. Alexander teamed with Millie Nichols to defeat Jacqueline Kasler and Erin Vierra in the finals.

## ITF SPRING CIRCUIT - WACO

For the second straight week, Ryan Harrison captured a grade 5 ITF Championship, as he rolled to the title at the USTA ITF Sprung Circuit event held at the Waco Regional Tennis Center.

The teenager, who turned 15 on Monday of the Waco tournament, defeated his doubles partner, Bob Van Overbeek, 6-3, 6-1 for the win. In the semifinals, he defeated top seed and Wake Forest-bound, Jonathon Wolff, 7-6, 7-5. His tightest match was a three-set battle with Colllege Station ITF winner, Tennys Sandgren, 5-7, 6-2, 7-5.

Harrison and Van Overbeek fell in the finals of the doubles to Jordan Cox and Denis Kudla, 6-4, 7-6.

With these results, Harrison's World ITF Junior Ranking moved inside the top-200 mark.

In the girls' draw at the Waco event, Dallas' Jessica Alexander continued her hot streak, this time reaching the finals in both singles and doubles. Alexander, the ninth seed, defeated third-seeded Noel Scott of Maryland, 6-2, 6-4 in the quarters, before winning a tough semifinal over Nelly Radeva, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5. In the final, she fell to Alexandra Anghelescu, 6-2, 6-2.

Millie Nichols teamed with Alexander to reach the finals for the second week in a row. The pair rolled through the draw before dropping a 7-5, 6-4 decision to Jacqueline Kasler and Erin Vierra.



Ryan Harrison



# UIL State Championships

## May 7-8, 2007 – Austin

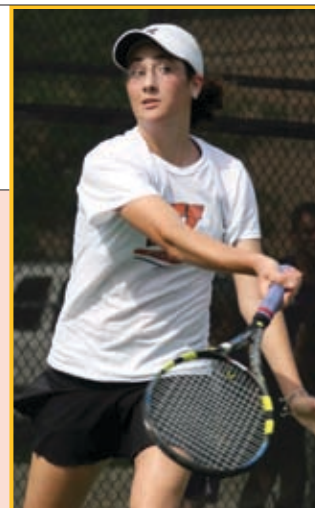
In May, the UIL once again crowned its state champions, many for the second or third time.

Nick Plum and Stuart Keplar of Richardson Pearce won their third-straight doubles title. The pair this time won the 4A title after two titles in Class 5A. Ashley Turpin, the 4A singles champ a year ago, this time teamed with brother, Rusty, to win the mixed doubles crown.

In Class 5A, Kelsey Garland of Lubbock Coronado teamed with Whitney Wofford to win a second-straight doubles title. In 2006, she teamed with Natalie Day.

Alex Halfmann and Taylor Niehues of Garden City successfully defended their Class 1A doubles title. Niehues had also led the Bearkats to the state finals in basketball earlier in the spring, while Halfmann returned from a possible career-ending injury during the football season.

In Class 2A, Brittini Fausett of Winona and Austin Klores of Franklin both defended their singles titles. It was the third such title for Klores.



Rosalia Alda



Zach Nichols

### CONFERENCE 1A

#### Girls Singles

Linsey Chavez, Lenorah Grady def. Kayla Caffey, Thorndale, 6-1, 6-1

#### Boys Singles

Eric Henderickson, Bronte def. Tucker Williams, Gruver, 1-6, 6-2, 6-0

#### Mixed Doubles

Kyle Kaspar/Tiffany Fisher, Shiner def. Lana Rothe/Isaiah Lopez, D'Hanis, 6-2, 6-1

#### Girls Doubles

Lacey Acker/Kami Rundell, Nazareth def. Lindsey Horton/Nicole Lopez, Sabinal, 7-6 (7-0), 6-1

#### Boys Doubles

Alex Halfmann/Taylor Niehues, Garden City def. Jacob Fetterholf/Jared Fetterholf, Center Point, 6-4, 6-4

### CONFERENCE 2A

#### Girls Singles

Brittini Fausett, Winona def. Cally Woerner, Comfort, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4)

#### Boys Singles

Austin Klores, Franklin def. Stanley Siu, Irving North Hills, 6-1, 6-2

#### Mixed Doubles

Jake Russ/Kendra Casey, Franklin def. Colby Welsh/Molly Welsh, Peaster, 6-1, 6-1

#### Girls Doubles

Diane Crouch/Kate Radtke, Mason def. Denay Baxter/Samantha Lange, Mason, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1

#### Boys Doubles

Hunter Carter/Kyle Kaiser, Comfort def. Stephen Carnly/Tyler Word, Warren, 7-5, 6-4

### CONFERENCE 3A

#### Girls Singles

Brooke Dennis, Abilene Wylie def. Salina Aranda, Kirbyville, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4

#### Boys Singles

Andy Cariens, Levelland def. Shane Smith, Kaufman, 6-2, 6-1

#### Mixed Doubles

Todd Hennington/Lindsey Bloomer, Abilene Wylie def. Jordan Boecker/Blair Wilson, Groesbeck, 6-4, 6-3

#### Girls Doubles

Ashley Collier/Melanie Prince, Longview Spring Hill def. Courtney Cramer/Caitlin Cramer, Abilene Wylie, 6-4, 6-3

#### Boys Doubles

Tyler Patterson/Arjun Atholi, Center def. Josh Marshall/Steven Stanley, Vernon, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)

### CONFERENCE 4A

#### Girls Singles

Lilly Kimbrell, New Braunfels def. Hideko Tachibana, Austin Lake Travis, 6-2, 6-1

#### Boys Singles

Zach Nichols, Austin Lake Travis def. Casey Powers, Dallas Highland Park, 7-5, 6-4

#### Mixed Doubles

Rusty Turpin/Ashley Turpin, New Braunfels def. Allie Chermel/Dennis Roy, Frisco Centennial, 6-2, 6-0

#### Girls Doubles

Taylor Schreimann/Abby Stainback, Dallas Highland Park def. Abbie Lewis/Miranda Dacosta, Wichita Falls Rider, 6-3, 6-1

#### Boys Doubles

Stuart Keplar/Nick Plum, Richardson Pearce def. Andy Pulido/Daniel Moser, Texarkana Texas, 6-0, 6-4

### CONFERENCE 5A

#### Girls Singles

Rosalia Alda, Round Rock Westwood def. Melanie Viriyapunt, Carrollton Turner, 6-1, 6-0

#### Boys Singles

Colin Hoover, Victoria Memorial def. Bryan Welnetz, Laredo United, 6-2, 6-1

#### Mixed Doubles

Lauren Santacroce/Jonathan Alexander, Klein def. Karl Bein/Jaclyn Walker, Abilene, 6-2, 0-6, 6-0

#### Girls Doubles

Whitney Wofford/Kelsey Garland, Lubbock Coronado def. Ashley Akin/Audrey Weygandt, Plano West, 7-5, 6-2

#### Boys Doubles

Calon Alpar/Drew Peterson, Austin Westlake def. Bryan Joiner/Jared Hope, Lubbock Coronado, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3



Lilly Kimbrell



# College news



Megan Alexander

Texas A&M has won its fourth-straight title at the 2007 USTA National Campus Championship presented by Tennis Warehouse, held at the Cary Tennis Park, April 26 – 28.

Texas A&M won the title by defeating Virginia in the Championship match. Earlier in the day they defeated Florida in the semifinals. Texas A&M made it this far by winning their pool play on Thursday, and winning their round of 16 and Quarterfinal matches on Friday. In the consolation match, Florida defeated Penn State.

The title is the Texas A&M tennis club's fourth straight and fifth in six years. Texas A&M also beat Virginia in last year's final and in the 2004 final. Texas A&M has now won 29 straight matches at this event over the past four years and has reached the last six finals.

The USTA National Campus Championship is the culmination of the Tennis On Campus season and features 64 club and intramural teams from colleges and universities throughout the country. The Tennis On Campus program features co-ed teams, playing in the World TeamTennis format. Over 400 colleges and 25,000 students currently participate in the program.

The tournament is administered in partnership by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and World TeamTennis (WTT). This partnership has not only resulted in record participation at this championship, but in growing interest and participation in club and intramural tennis on college campuses throughout the country. Many of the 64 participating programs were established in the last eight years and represent well over 4,000 additional players at their respective campuses.



## Alexander Named All-American

Megan Alexander of Dallas, who now plays for the Florida Gators, was recently named to the Fila ITA All-American team. As a freshman, Alexander had a phenomenal season, leading the Gators to a quarterfinal appearance in the NCAA Championships and the round of 16 in the individual championships.

## Other Texans at the NAAs

In addition to Alexander's success, several other Texans played well at the championships. Jamie Hunt of San Antonio was a key member of the Georgia Bulldogs national team championship. Hunt played number six singles and teamed with his U.S. Open Junior Doubles Champion partner, Nate Schnugg, at the third doubles line.

Brandon Davis of Austin was part of the Illinois squad that fell to Georgia in the finals.

Of course, the Baylor men reached the national semifinals, falling to Illinois.

On the women's side, Austin's Ashley Joelson was a member of the UCLA team that reached the finals before falling to eventual champion, Georgia Tech. In the semifinals, Joelson defeated fellow Texan, Whitney Deason of Stanford, in a critical match.

Stephanie Kusano of Houston was part of the Cal Bears team that reached the semifinals, bowing to Georgia Tech.



# Texas Teams Dominate JuCo National Championships

Once again the National Junior College Division I Championships were dominated by teams from Texas. Laredo Junior College (Men) and Lee College (women) finished strong to garner national titles this spring.

Congratulations to Coach Jaime Donjuan (Laredo Community College), winner of the Max Grubbs Coach of the Tournament Award for Division I Men, Jason Haynes of Lee College was named Women's Coach of the Tournament.

## 2007 NJCAA Division I Men's Tennis National Championship

May 12-18 — Plano, Texas

### FINAL STANDINGS

Laredo (TX) Junior College 44  
Tyler (TX) Junior College 42  
Scottsdale (AZ) Community College 33  
Johnson County (KS) CC 31  
Collin (TX) College 29

The following players won their respective singles and doubles lines:

(Singles) #1 Gwen Corches, Laredo; #2 Nahom Serekeberhan, Tyler JC ; #4 Francisco Segura, Laredo; #5 Diego Troiano, Laredo; #6 Georgie Perez, Laredo;  
(Doubles) #2 Jose P. Arizpe, Gwen Corches , Laredo; #3 Nick Clifford, Rishu Yadav , Collin College



## 2007 NJCAA Division I Women's Tennis National Championship

May 5-11 — Randolph Tennis Center, Tucson, AZ

### FINAL STANDINGS

Lee College, Baytown (TX) 45  
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa (FL) 40  
Tyler Junior College, Tyler (TX) 39  
Cowley County CC, Arkansas City (TX) 38  
North Central Texas College, Gainesville (TX) 28  
Collin College, Plano (TX) 28

The following players won their respective singles and doubles lines:

(Singles) #3 Priscilla Villemond, Tyler; #4 Stephanie Rodriguez, Lee; #5 Jordan McCombs, Lee; #6 Shelby Gnepper, Lee; (Doubles); #3 Shelby Gnepper/Jessica Aguilar, Lee.





# Adult/Senior news

## 2007 Westwood Senior Category II National Championships

### Texas Section Senior Championships

Westwood Country Club, Austin – May 24-28

#### MEN'S 35 SINGLES

(1) Anders Eriksson d. (2) Kline Sack 6-2; 6-2

#### MEN'S 40 SINGLES

(1) Kelly Ward d. (8) Butch Hayes 6-1; 6-4

#### MEN'S 45 SINGLES

(2) Peter Markes d. Steve Hassenmiller 6-2; 6-0

#### MEN'S 50 SINGLES

(2) Tridib Goswami d. (1) Ross Persons 5-7; 6-3; 6-0

#### WOMEN'S 35 SINGLES

(1) Julie Cass d. Nancy Hilliard 2-6; 6-0; 6-4

#### WOMEN'S 40 SINGLES

Shelly Works wins round robin

#### WOMEN'S 45 SINGLES

(1) Kathy Vick d. Heidi Gerger 6-1; 6-3

#### WOMEN'S 50 SINGLES

(1) Carolyn Nichols d. (3) Teal Lang 6-1; 6-0

#### MEN'S 40 DOUBLES

(2) Hayes/Lowin d. Smith/Works 6-3; 7-5

#### MEN'S 45 DOUBLES

(1) Booth/Markes d. (2) Bramlett/Soliz 6-4; 6-4

#### MEN'S 50 DOUBLES

Guse/Minzenmayer d. Dobbs/Goswami 6-3; 6-2

#### WOMEN'S 35 DOUBLES

Cass/King win round robin

#### WOMEN'S 40 DOUBLES

(2) Dial/Works d. (1) Brigandi/Vick 2-6; 6-1; 6-4

#### WOMEN'S 45 DOUBLES

Ash/Davis d. Cusano/Land 6-1; 6-4

#### WOMEN'S 50 DOUBLES

(1) Marold/Nichols d. (2) Lang/Morgan Wo (inj)



Anders Eriksson

#### MIXED 35 DOUBLES

(2) Bryson/Schuldborg d. (1) McCallum/Works Ret (ad)

#### MIXED 45 DOUBLES

(1) Soliz/Vick d. (2) Bryant/Bryant Wo (em)

#### FATHER-SON DOUBLES

(2) Cass/Cass d. (1) Allen/Allen 6-7; 6-0; 7-5

#### MEN'S 55 SINGLES

(1) Kimm Ketelsen d. (2) Tony Dawson 6-4; 0-6; 6-4

#### MEN'S 60 SINGLES

(1) Jimmy Parker d. (2) Colin Robertson Wo (em)

#### MEN'S 65 SINGLES

(1) Del Campbell d. (5) David Berg 6-6Ret (ad)

#### MEN'S 70 SINGLES

(1) Buddy Lomax d. (4) Courtney Henderson 6-2; 2-6; 7-5

#### MEN'S 75 SINGLES

(1) Scott Denison d. (2) Luke Lebas 6-2; 6-2

#### MEN'S 80 SINGLES

(1) Marvin Henderson d. (2) Louis Solomon 6-2; 6-2

#### WOMEN'S 55 SINGLES

(1) Hilary Marold d. (2) Rox Ann Schanzenbach 4-6; 6-1; 6-2

#### WOMEN'S 65 SINGLES

(1) Lenora Graham d. Gayle Howington 6-1; 7-5

#### WOMEN'S 70 SINGLES

Kathy Langer d. Joan Kingsley 6-2; 6-0

#### WOMEN'S 75 SINGLES

(1) Margaret Canby d. (2) Carol Cofer 4-6; 6-2; 6-4

#### MEN'S 55 DOUBLES

(2) Fikes/Park d. (1) Frazier/Olivares 6-1Ret (inj)

#### MEN'S 60 DOUBLES

(1) Parker/Robinson d. (2) Burris/Thomas 6-4; 6-4

#### MEN'S 65 DOUBLES

Berg/Kamrath d. (2) Andersen/May 3-6; 6-3; 6-2

#### MEN'S 70 DOUBLES

(2) Barnett/Mordecai d. Curry/Roten 6-2; 6-4

#### MEN'S 75 DOUBLES

(1) Chang/Denison d. Le Master/Roberts 6-0; 6-1



Peter Markes

#### MEN'S 80 DOUBLES

Roberts/Smith d. Beard/James 6-1; 6-0

#### WOMEN'S 55 DOUBLES

(1) Herrick/Schanzenbach d. Larsh/Valseca 6-1; 6-2

#### WOMEN'S 60 DOUBLES

(1) Barton/Hendrix d. (2) Farish/Ryman 4-6; 6-2; 6-3

#### WOMEN'S 65 DOUBLES

Graham/Vest d. Howington/Lukacsy 7-6(3); 0-6; 6-3

#### WOMEN'S 70 DOUBLES

Henderson/Lasby win round robin

#### WOMEN'S 75 DOUBLES

Canby/Cofer win round robin

#### MIXED 55 DOUBLES

(2) Marold/Marold d. (1) Baker/O'Neal 6-0; 6-2

#### MIXED 65 DOUBLES

(1) Henderson/Henderson d. (2) Clow/McMahon 7-5; 6-4



Kathy Vick

## Wilder Rules Worlds Again

Once again Val Wilder of Fort Worth cruised through the competition earning both Men's 45 singles and doubles titles at the 2007 ITF World Championships in Antalya, Turkey.

After his usual walk through the first rounds, Wilder faced his toughest foe, Wim Groeneveld of the Netherlands, in the semifinals. After a hard fought 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 win, Wilder was given a walkover from American John Chatlak in the finals.

Wilder and Mike Fedderly also cruised through the doubles. The pair topped fourth seeds, Fernando Cavalleri and Alessio Frontespezi of Italy, 6-4, 7-6 in the semifinals. They then topped fellow Americans Egan Adams and Chatlak, 6-4, 6-1 in the finals.

Also in the Men's 45 singles, Alex Behar of Dallas fell in the first round, but raced through the consolation draw, earning a walkover from Holger Drewes of Germany in the finals.

### Texas Seniors at World Team Championships

Several Texans competed at the World Team Championships held April 23-28 in Antalya, Turkey.

Sal Castillo and Ross Persons anchored the Fred Perry Cup (Over 50) team from the United States that recached the final before falling to France. In the finals, the teams split a pair of lop-sided singles victories, as Castillo defeated Trevor Allan, 6-1, 6-3, while Persons fell to Michel Galey, 6-1, 6-0. Castillo and Persons then dropped the deciding doubles point, 6-3, 6-4.

Val Wilder once again was part of the Dubler Cup (over 45) team from the United States. The two-time defending champions fell this year in the semifinals to Spain, but still finished a very respectable third.

Julie Cass and Michelle King were members of the Suzanne Lenglen Cup (over 35) team that captured fifth place overall.



Val Wilder



# League news

Pat Mannheimer's 8.0 Ladies Super Senior Team defeated a team from the Pacific Northwest to captured the 2006 USTA Super Senior League Tennis presented by Chrysler National Championship held April 27-29 in Daytona Beach.

In the semifinals, the team from San Antonio defeated Southern California by a dominating 3-0.

Members of the team include: Evelyn C. Arentz, Shirley J. Coleman, Judy Stahl, Lynn E. Bartek, Dell Cupit, Joellen Whalen, Sandy K. Brieden, Deeda F. Ford, Susan S. Miller, Margaret J. Canby, Sally Forney, Joan L. Kingsley, Holly Chall, Sharyn Kramer and captain Pat Mannheimer.



San Antonio-National Champions

## Senior Mixed Sectionals

The Senior Mixed Sectionals were held at Fair Oaks Ranch this May 19-20 in Boerne. The weather was perfect for the competition (in the low 80s) as was Fair Oaks Ranch with its old oak trees and laid back atmosphere.

The 8.0 champion was the Corpus Christi team, captained by Robert Lopez. Corpus Christi defeated Fort Worth in the finals in a third set tie break.

The 7.0 champion was Midland, Captained by Randy Shannon. The Midland team ended the dynasty of Lubbock, who had won for the past 3 years.

The 6.0 champions were captained by Eugene Vanacek and the winning team hailed from San Antonio. They defeated Sam Hopkins' NE Texas team in the final match.



Senior Mixed 6.0-San Antonio



Senior Mixed 7.0-Midland



Senior Mixed 8.0-Corpus Christi

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Sixteen-year-old Asia Muhammed, Las Vegas, won her first professional tournament at the \$10,000 Houston Pro Tennis Classic at the Downtown Club at the Met. The talented junior, still an amateur, hammered out a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over 24-year-old Jelena Pandzic, a native of Croatia now living in Fresno, Calif.

"I had to play her a specific way," the teenager said. "If she got control of the point, I'd be running all over the place, and that's what she wanted to do. So I was trying to throw up some high balls and try to move her before she could move me, so she could give me a short ball."

Despite the success in Houston, Muhammed plans to remain an amateur for now. "If I start doing really, really well, of course, I might (turn pro), but I don't want to mess up my chance for going to college and getting a scholarship."

Muhammed trains at the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas and has been working on her attitude on the court.

Helena Besovic, Bosnia, and Nina Munch-Soegaard, Norway (of Amarillo and TCU), captured the doubles title over Coutts and Christina McHale, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 7-6(2), 7-5. Besovic, a TCU graduate and Munch-Soegaard, a TCU sophomore, also won the doubles title in El Paso last week.

## \$10,000 HOUSTON PRO TENNIS CLASSIC SATURDAY RESULTS

### Downtown Club at the Met

#### Singles final

Asia Muhammed, Las Vegas def. Jelena Pandzic, Croatia  
6-3, 4-6, 6-4

#### Doubles final

Helena Besovic, Bosnia-Nina Munch-Soegaard, Norway def.  
Coutts-Christina McHale, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 7-6(2), 7-5

## Upcoming Events

### JULY 2-8

Southlake Pro Circuit (Women)

### SEPTEMBER 17-23

\$50,000 Lubbock Challenger (Men)



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## FIELD DAY!

Everybody loves Field Day. You remember, that one day a year where classes let out and you run around the school yard playing games with your friends. Whether it was 10, 20 or even 30 or more years ago, you still remember those days with fondness.

On Thursday, April 26, the USTA Texas Section partnered with Youth Interactive to host a field day at Hart Elementary in Austin. Sarah Pernell, Todd Carlson and one of our newest additions, Steve Cobb, were all in attendance, playing tennis, bowling, football and having Jell-O fights. Over three hundred kids took part in some fun they will likely remember for a lifetime.



## Special Olympics

Rain couldn't keep the fun away at the 2007 Special Olympics State Championships held in Arlington on Saturday, May 26. As almost 100 athletes had traveled from as far as El Paso for a chance to compete,

organizers moved "The Show" indoors to the Bluebonnet Ballroom on the Campus of the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mini courts were set up inside the ballroom and a carnival atmosphere took over. Participants completed the skills test portion of the competition and played various games.

The remainder of the event will hopefully be competed sometime in late June.





# Calendar & news

## Texas Calendar

### July 2 - 8

Southlake Pro Circuit (Women)  
Southlake

### July 13 - 15

Alamo City Adult Open Major Zone  
San Antonio

### July 25 - 29

16 Zone Team Championship  
Waco

### July 27 - 29

Fort Worth Adult Major Zone  
Fort Worth

### July 28 - 29

Summer Jr. Team Tennis Section  
Championships  
Austin

### July 28 - August 3

81st National Public Park Tennis  
Championships  
Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, Ft.  
Lauderdale

### July 30 - August 3

Texas Open Championships BG 12s  
Wichita Falls

### July 30 - August 3

Texas Open Championships BG 14s  
Austin

### August 5 - 12

USTA B14 National Championships  
San Antonio

### August 3 - 5

Adult 2.5-3.5 League Section  
Championships  
Dallas

### August 10 - 12

Adult 4.0-Open League Section  
Championships  
Dallas

### August 10 - 12

Little State Men  
Waco

### August 17 - 19

Little State Women  
Corpus Christi

### August 25

Southlake Run/Roll  
Southlake

### August 31 - September 2

DTA Vets Senior Major Zone & Super  
Senior Open  
Dallas

### September 14 - 16

Texas Adult Sectionals  
San Antonio

### September 15

San Antonio Wheelchair  
Extravaganza  
San Antonio

### September 14 - 16

Senior League Section Championships  
New Braunfels

### September 17 - 23

\$50,000 Lubbock Challenger (Men)  
Lubbock

### September 21 - 23

Mixed Doubles League Section  
Championships  
Corpus Christi

## Foundation Scholarships Awarded

The USTA Tennis and Education Foundation, as well as the Texas Tennis and Education Foundation are proud to announce their 2007 award recipients. These awards are made to deserving Texas seniors who will be heading to college in the fall. Congratulations to all seniors.

### 2007 USTA Tennis & Education Foundation Scholarship Recipients

#### MASSMUTUAL (\$5,000 EACH)

Jennifer Bass, Canyon; Caleb Bollenbacher, Stephenville  
COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL (\$6,000 EACH)

Robert Cabrera, Houston; James (Drew) Petersen, Austin  
TEXTBOOK (\$500 EACH)

Kristen Buzbee, Oglesby  
PLAYER INCENTIVE (\$500 EACH)

Jose (Casjen) Rico, Grapevine

### 2007 Texas Tennis and Education Foundation Scholarships

(\$1,000 each for one year)

#### BEN T. BALL SCHOLARSHIP

Carolyn Hackward, McKinney

#### HAROLD GREEN SCHOLARSHIP

Claire Elise Partin, Abilene

#### MARTI RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Clayton Bowen, Eagle Lake

#### TEXAS TENNIS AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Christy Lam Kha, Arlington; Tucker Lynn Williams,  
Grover; Jan Adam Mills, Monahans; Amanda Russell,  
Quinlan; Juan Jaime Garza, Alice; James Andrew Petersen,  
Austin; Katherine Talbot, Orange.

The USTA Texas Section has welcomed several new employees over the past few months. We welcome these new additions and look forward to their contributions to making Texas Tennis even better.

**Steve Cobb, Director of Competitive Tennis** – Steve is a respected teaching professional and comes from a strong volunteer background within the USTA. He most recently comes to Texas after 14 years as Director of Tennis at The Scarsdale Club of New York.

Steve has been a high performance coach and has received the Eastern Section Pro of the Year, Coach of the Year and Distinguished Service Award. He was the founding member of the Eastern Section's Coaches Commission and directed the Westchester-area Competitive Training Center. Four eight years he served as the chairman of the Eastern Section Junior Tennis Council.

More recently, Steve was the President of the USTA Eastern Section and was the section's USTA Delegate. Steve is fluent in Spanish and has also served on the USTA's Multicultural Participation Committee.

**Marcos Valdez, Multicultural Participation, NJTL and Adult Programs Coordinator** – Originally from Midland, Marcos joins our staff fresh out of Northwestern University. The son of a well-know pro, he has played the game since the age of four. Marcos competed in tournaments as a junior and also participated in the Tennis On-Campus program while in college.

**Rene Garcia, Border/South Texas Tennis Service Representative** – Rene returns to the Texas Section after several years at The Club at Cimmaron in Mission. He previously worked at the Texas Section office in charge of MPC, NJTL and schools.