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USTA NAMES PAUL SEEGRAVES OF PIGGOTT HIGH SCHOOL TO THE 2015 NO-CUT COACH ALL-STAR TEAM

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Oct. 19, 2015 – The United States Tennis Association (USTA) today announced the 2015 No-Cut Coach All-Star Team, which includes Paul Seegraves of Piggott High School in Piggott, Ark. The No-Cut Coach All-Star Team recognizes 12 exceptional middle and high school coaches throughout the nation who implement a “no-cut” policy which welcomes all interested students to be a part of their school’s tennis team.

Seegraves has been coaching tennis at Piggott for 24 years. Since he was asked to start the tennis program in the spring of 1993, his teams have consisted of 35 All-State players and 199 All-District players and have earned 43 State Tournament appearances, 28 top 10 state finishes, a State Championship in 2012 and 17 District Championships.

With a career coaching record of 514-254-50, Seegraves has been named the District Coach of the Year 17 times, the Class AAA Coach of the Year in 2012 and the Overall Arkansas Coach of the Year in 2004. He has been a part of the state tennis seeding committee 19 times and was named the 2014-2015 Barbara Brewer Community Service Award Winner by the Arkansas Tennis Association. Both of his current teams are competing in the State Tennis Tournament this week in North Little Rock.

The No-Cut Coach All-Star Team was established in 2013 to recognize a select group of coaches nationwide for their special achievements in offering a “No-Cut Tennis” policy. Coaches are nominated by their respective USTA Section.

“These coaches play a critical role not only in the development of student-athletes throughout the year, but the success of No-Cut Tennis and the sport of tennis as a whole,” said Glenn Arrington, Director, USTA High School Tennis. “We are extremely proud of these coaches as they foster inclusion and continue to help shape and mold today’s youth into well-rounded student athletes.”

Since 2006, more than 4,000 tennis coaches nationwide have made a commitment to offering a no-cut policy, with some programs including more than 100 team members on a high school team. The coaches of these teams serve as positive role models and make a difference by spending the extra time and effort to ensure that young players experience the fun and fulfillment of playing tennis and participating in a school sport.

To qualify for the USTA No-Cut All-Star Team, coaches must be currently implementing a no-cut policy on their tennis teams, currently registered with the USTA as a “no-cut” coach, and coaching tennis for a minimum of five years.

The 2015 No-Cut Coach All-Star Team includes:

- Don Ackerly – Valhalla High School, El Cajon, Calif.
- Doug Chapman – Somerset-Berkley Regional High School, Somerset, Mass.
- Teresa Cunningham – Winter Park High School, Winter Park, Fla.
- Ted Dasler – Lakeland High School, Minocqua, Wis.
- Jeanie Duncan – Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Calif.
- Danny Espinosa – Rivera Early College High School, Brownsville, Texas
- Debra Gable – Dallastown High School, Dallastown, Pa.

- Suzie Heideman – East Ridge High School, Woodbury, Minn.
- Lisa O'Hanahan – Carl Junction High School, Carl Junction, Mo.
- **Paul Seegraves – Piggott High School, Piggot, Ark.**
- Donna Swanson – Moapa Valley Empowerment High School, Overton, Nev.
- Wendy Thomas – La Cueva High School, Albuquerque, N.M.

To register as a no-cut coach or to learn more about the program and free registration incentives, visit www.usta.com/no-cut.

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