



Monthly Newsletter
for Louisiana Youth
Youth: our future...and our present!

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A regular feature of the Louisiana Youth Newsletter is to "feature" Louisiana young players, youth coaches/leaders in our state. This month Zachary "Zac" and Gavriella "Gav" Smith join a list that includes Caroline Brinson, Dominik Koepfer, Coach David "Red" Ayme. Coach Lloyd Dillon, Sr.



The Smith's: Jeff, Birgitt, Zachary, Gavriella
A New Orleans Tennis Family



In May of this year's Louisiana High School Athletic Association

(LHSAA) State Tennis Championships, the Division III individual champions were seventh-grader Gavriella Smith and ninth-grader Zachary Smith--the daughter and son of Jeffrey and Birgitt Smith of New Orleans.

Brother and sister both winning Individual championships, leading Lusher High School's teams to runner-up, and at such a young age. Surprising? Not really!

Dad introduced tennis to them at an early age--Zac when he was two-ish and Gav when she was three.

Zac remembers his dad Jeff attaching a balloon to an air vent and getting him to hit it. Jeff played college tennis at Tulane, and would take both kids out to the courts. Sometimes they would hit balls, other times play hockey--anything with a ball to keep them interested.

At home, both Zac and Gav agreed that their mom played a big part in their lives. Zak enjoys art; Gav plays the violin: Both are "A" students, and both hope to play tennis at a highly rated academic college. Their mom is their encourager, teaching them responsibility and the importance of preparation.



As they grew older both Gav and Zak became very active playing Junior Tennis, traveling throughout Louisiana, the southern states, and the United States playing junior tournaments, and more often than not both "playing up" against opponents in the older age divisions. Asked why, Zac said, "One is the competition level, and also gaining experience playing older players. When I lose, it inspires me and to work harder and get to the next level." Being prepared for a match, he added, is 90% while playing the match is 10%--it's really all about what you have learned in practice. Playing well, feeling the ball off the racquet,

Zac calls, a great feeling, but just as important for a junior is getting over those hard spots, maintaining mental stability, and always to keep trying. Putting it all together, Zac concludes, is a great feeling.

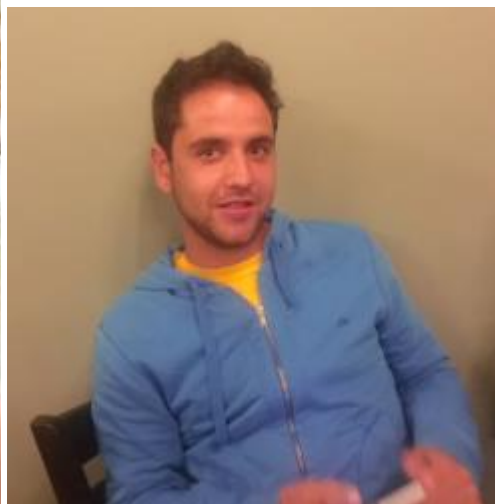
Gav likewise talks about being resilient through the whole match. "If I lose the first set," she says, "I tell myself just stay in there and do better in the second and third sets."



However, the two do not just play local tournaments. In 2015 both joined members of the Israeli Junior National Team playing in Tel Aviv.

Also last year Gav and Jeff won the backdraw at the Senior-Daughter National Grass Courts at the Longwood Cricket Club near Boston.

Zak and Gav are now coached by Loic Didavi and Kevin Chaoriat, and train with a small group of top junior players from around New Orleans at the Xavier Tennis Center.



CHECK IT OUT
LTA Junior Tennis Website
[Click here](#)



2016 Southern Closed Schedule
Source: LTA Website
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Paula G Manship YMCA

The Paula G. Manship YMCA was built in 1996, located on 43 acres of land this 42,000 square foot facility offers a variety of programming for the whole family. Located on the Paula G. Manship Campus is, the Lamar Tennis Center, a twenty-court facility with a wide variety of tennis programming.

June 10-13

Southern Closed BG 10's West

Baton Rouge, LA

Tournament ID 700009116

Paula G. Manship YMCA Lamar Tennis Center

Director: Ronnie Walters

Referee: Larry Gilmore

June 11-18

Southern Closed BG 12's

Cary, NC

Southern BG 14's

Macon, GA

Southern Closed BG 16's

Little Rock, AR

Southern Closed BG 18's

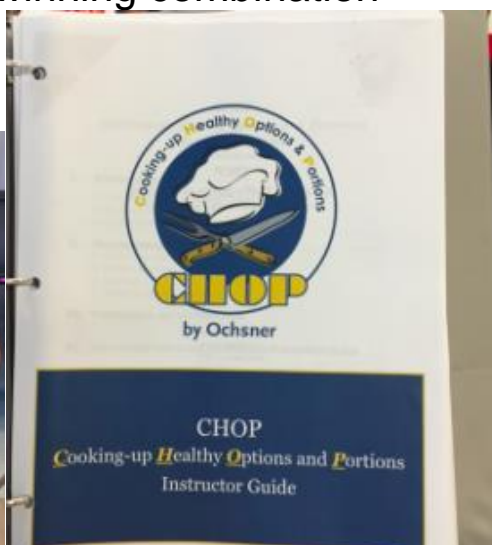
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GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PLAYERS





A & Aces Summer Camps
On the courts and in the classrooms
A winning combination





National Chapter of the Year.....

7 Weeks (June 6 - July 29)

Week 1: June 6-10

Week 2: June 13-17

Week 3: June 20-24

Week 4: June 27-July 1

No Camp: July 4-8

Week 5: July 11-15

Week 6: July 18-22

Week 7: July 25-29

There are 3 camp sites:

Atkinson Stern Saratoga Street
Uptown

Joe Brown Park Tennis Center (JBTC) 5601 Read Blvd, New Orleans, LA
70127 AGES 7-14

Dillard University (DU) 2601 Gentilly Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70122 - AGES 7-9
ONLY

Trophies presented by David Schumacher, Executive Director

Source: A's & Aces Website



Tyler Joseph (on the left) and **Chris Brown** (on the right) delivered the Tennis Team Championship trophy to the Hynes' awards case. They were two of the first A's & Aces' participants, and will enter high school in the fall.

Tulane's Dominik Koepfer Named ITA National Men's Senior Player of the Year

Tulane men's tennis standout Dominik Koepfer cemented what was a program setting year on Tuesday by reeling in one of the ITA's most prestigious honors when he was announced as the National Men's Senior Player of the Year. He becomes the first in program history to receive the award.





National-tournament runner-up Xavier University of Louisiana has a school-record three first-team selections - Kyle Montrel, Karan Salwan and Thomas Setodji - on the 2016 NAIA Men's Tennis All-America team announced Tuesday.

For the fourth consecutive year, a Xavier University of Louisiana women's tennis freshman has earned the honor of NAIA All-America. Charlene Goreau extended the Gold Nuggets' streak when she was announced Tuesday as first-team All-America on the NAIA's committee-selected team.



NCAA Singles Tournament at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Junior Caroline Brinson competed first, drawing sixth-seeded Maegan Manasse of California. Brinson, ranked 30th, battled hard but ultimately fell to her sixth-seeded opponent, 6-3, 6-2. The New Orleans, Louisiana native finishes her junior season 31-11 overall and 2-2 against top-10 opponents on the season.



Nike Tennis Camps

University of New Orleans

June 20-24 , July 17-22 & July 24-29, 2016



The Nike Tennis Camp at the University of New Orleans will host 2 weeks of Overnight/ Day camps and 1 Day Camp for players of all ability levels (ages 7-18). The camp will also cater to **top junior** level players through the High Performance program. This youth tennis camp consists of a core tennis program that includes technical, tactical, physical, and mental aspects of tennis for various skill levels, including specific training for those tournament level players.

CAMP INFO:

University of New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

June 20-24** Day Camp Only
July 17-22 & July 24-29

Overnight:
\$795 per session

Day:
Full Day \$495 per session
(9:00am – 4:00pm)
Half Day -\$295 per session
(9:00am – noon)
(1:00 pm – 4:00pm)

Pee Wee – 5 to 6 years old \$95
(9am-10am)
(10am-12pm)

WORLD CLASS INSTRUCTORS-

Camp Director - Abrie du Plooy

- Played on the ATP tour and D-1 College
- 20 Years of teaching experience
- Currently coaching top ranked players in the world

Coach - Chris Haggard

- Former top 19 ATP player- Played all the Grand Slams
- Semi-finalist at the Australian Open
- All American at University of Tennessee
- South African Davis Cup player- Current ATP Coach

Head Men's and Women's Coach at UNO - Bruzis Kanga

- Former D1 player
- Head coach at UNO for 9 years

Visit www.futuretennis.com or call 985-634 6229

USSportsCamps.com or call 1-800-Nike Camp



All Skill Levels (Ages 7 – 18)

TENNIS 

Highlights Include:

- Daily Instruction from former ATP Tour & College players
- 5-6 hours of tennis daily with a 6:1 student to teacher ratio
- Davis Cup style team competition each week
- Every camper receives a Nike Tennis Camp t-shirt
- Swimming, soccer & games
- Daily Video analysis



Hi Everyone,

Summer is quickly approaching, and it's time to start thinking about signing your kids up for camp. Camp BISSONET is a great camp choice for your children. We'll have exciting outdoor and indoor activities every day. The AUDUBON ZOO MOBILE, and the AUDUBON BUG MOBILE will visit our camp. I and my counselors make sure we give plenty of personal attention to each camper making them feel very comfortable and safe here at CAMP BISSONET.

This year I am offering day, weekly, 4, 6, & 8 week packages with sibling discounts (10% off for second and third child).

For campers interested in tennis I am doing the QuickStart format for children 10 & under. This means using a smaller court, a smaller racquet, and low compression balls.

I have attached the camp Registration Form, and the "Camper Pick-Up Eligibility" form for your convenience. The forms will give you most of the information you need.

If you are unable to open the attachment, just e-mail me back and I'll send you a registration form in the mail. Please make sure you enclose your mailing address.

You can also get the registration form on our club website www.bissonetcountryclub.com and the NOMATA website www.neworleanstennis.com (look on right side of the screen & click "junior clinics & camps").

Call or e-mail me with any questions you may have.

I'll see you this summer.

Thanks,

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Dave says, "Please recycle your tennis balls and cans."

