

Youth Tennis In New Orleans

Good News for Supporters of New Orleans Youth Tennis

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MY POINT

by Billy Crawford

Welcome,

As a leader of youth tennis in our tennis community, you are one of 32 readers receiving this first issue of "Youth Tennis New Orleans". Throughout the metropolitan area, thousands of our youth are participating in tennis at all levels and in all parts of the city.

As a results, "youth tennis news" is not being covered adequately in the twice monthly *Oak Leaf* newsletter. (youth tennis will continue to be included).



This newsletter's goal is two-fold: 1. to share MORE good news about our youth with other young people, parents, grandparents, coaches, educators, tennis teaching professionals, friends and with persons who support tennis in our community with their time, finances, and love for this great game. 2. to help build a more cohesive, unified youth support network.

What will it take for this newsletter to become successful?

Your participation! 1. As editor I will need for you to send in your success stories, photos, upcoming scheduled events, fund raisers, and other needs. 2. Your suggestions, thoughts, and ideas of how, together, we can build a more cohesive, unified youth support system. By sharing, our youth will be the benefactor.

Please send your information and photos to:

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Happenings



Cost: FREE and Open to all ages 6 to 16

When: Every Saturday from 8-11 a.m.

Where: City Park Pepsi Tennis Center

How: Age appropriate racquets provided
Mini nets for 10 and Under

By Whom: Dr. Max Begue--- teaching professional

Just show up and have fun while learning to play the great game of tennis!



Two of Coach Max's students, ages 8 and 11, just set a NOYT record of successful volleys over the net



forehand technique



Family members look on at City Park



Coach Randy at Atkinson-Stern



Coach Kate and volunteers teaching 10 & Under at A-S



A family member using 10&Under to kids at City Park



Coach Greg at A-S with the "Uptowners" Junior Team Tennis Squad



Pontchartrain Tennis Center



Saturdays mornings from 9-11 local Pros work with youth at the Pontchartrain Tennis Center--a program of A's & Aces

Welcome to New Orleans, Katie Turvy

Katie Turvy is the newest team member, joining A's & Aces as an Administrative and Development Coordinator--working with volunteers, making the programs stronger, coaching the Excellence Team, and finding ways to help make the organization as sustainable and strong as possible.



Katie graduated from Northwestern University (Chicago) in 2013 with a major in Human Development and Psychological Services and a minor in Business Institutions. She won singles high school State titles in 2006 and 2007. While at Northwestern, she reached as high

as #11 in the ITA college rankings. Serving as team captain during both her junior and senior seasons, the team reached as high as #1 in the nation and won four consecutive Big Ten Titles.

After college she played around the world on the professional circuit for 2 years- earning a WTA ranking in both singles and doubles; winning a doubles professional title in Turkey in 2014.

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12 year old Gaviella Smith recently played the ICY HOT Southern 14s in Mobile, AL. She defeated the 5th seed in a 2 1/2 hour match--had a 1 1/2 hour break and then played the #1 seed, winning 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 in a match that last four hours. She came in third overall.

Gav is ranked in the Top 50 in the South's 14s (at age 12).

Gav and her brother Zak will be traveling to Florida for the International Eddie Herr.

Also, both will be in Jackson, MS this weekend. Gav is playing 16s and Zak playing 18s(age is 14).



Best of Luck to the Smith family.

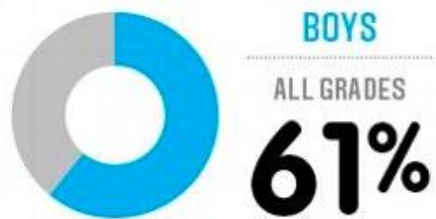
Facts to Consider

The total number of people playing tennis in the United States is 33.5 million. In age groups comprising the greatest percentage of players, 12-17 year-olds comprise more than 6 million players, 18-24 year-olds are at more than 5.5 million players, and 6-11 year-olds at 4.9 million.

source: 2012 United States Tennis Association

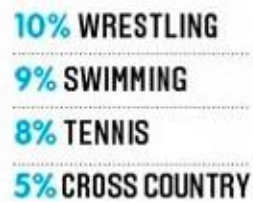
For more stats go to: espn.go.com

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO SAY SPORTS ARE A BIG PART OF WHO THEY ARE

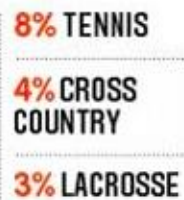


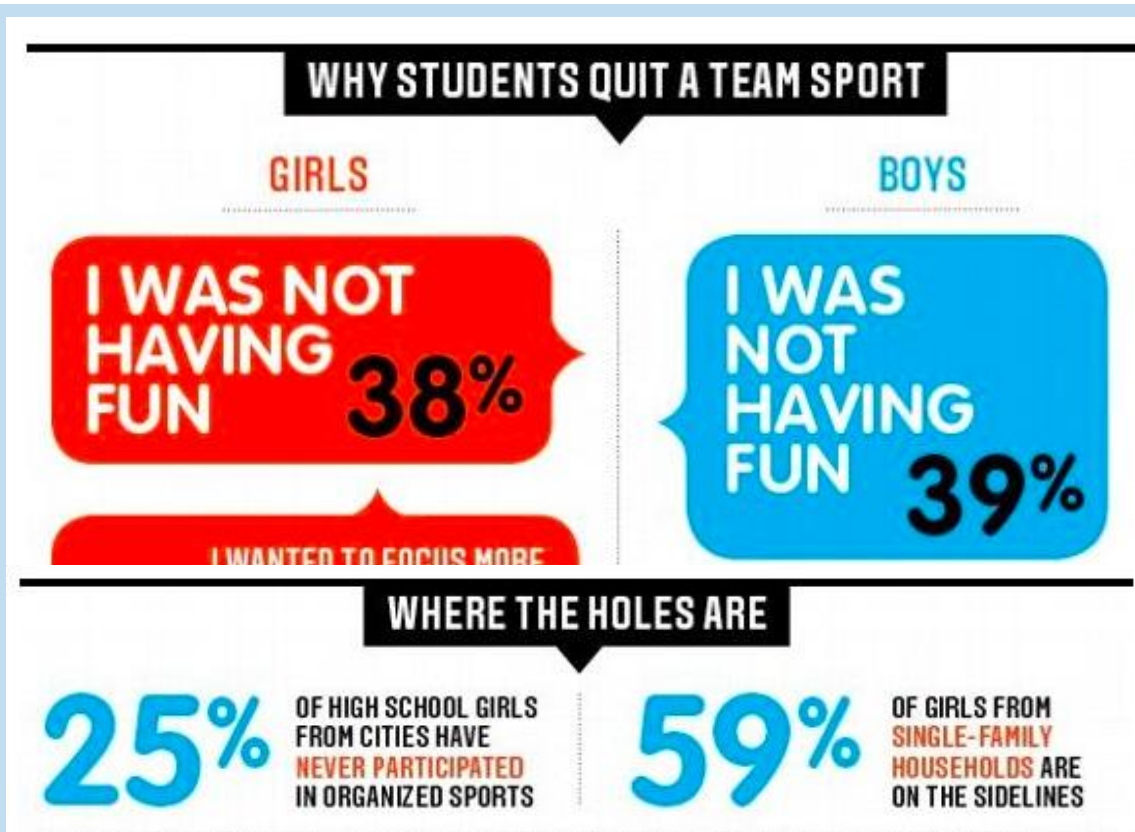
PERCENTAGE OF ADOLESCENTS WHO PLAY EACH SPORT

BOYS



GIRLS





This month Coach Jake Agna invited Dr. Max Begue to travel to Havana, Cuba to teach local kids the game of tennis. For three days he, Jake, and a pro from Cincinnati taught tennis. Max said, "It was inspiring visit. Beautiful people! Great kids to work with."
(We will have more on Max's trip in an upcoming issue.)



Max got my curiosity up so I googled Coach Anga. This is his website.

King Street Center's Kids on the Ball is open to all!
 Play summer tennis with Jake Agna at Roosevelt Park for free. No experience
 necessary!
 June 15 - August 14.

Kindergarten - 4th grade, Mondays and Wednesdays from 8-9:30 a.m.
 5th grade - high school, Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 4:30-6:00 p.m.
 Rackets provided. Please wear sneakers, if possible.
 Please call to let us know that you're coming!
 King Street Center, 862-6736



Kids on the Ball is our award-winning tennis program for Burlington youth. The program began in the summer of 2000, when local tennis pro Jake Agna invited twenty children from King Street to join his Junior Development program at Sports & Fitness Edge in South Burlington.

Jake quickly learned that many more children could benefit from organized tennis. Not only were children learning a life-long sport, but many were also developing important social skills through the program.

Today, Kids on the Ball is a city-wide program that serves hundreds of children each year. It includes:

- An afterschool program, based at the Edge, that is integrated into the Edge's Junior Development program;
- An in-school program, held during school hours at the city's elementary and middle schools;
- A busy summer program, with daily morning and afternoon sessions at Roosevelt Park and the Edge.

Kids on the Ball has received numerous local, state, and national awards and is widely recognized as a leader in innovative tennis programming for at-risk youth. We are a proud member of the National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) program of the United States Tennis Association and USTA - New England.

Rich or poor, black or white...whatever. On the tennis court none of that matters. It's all about working together, working hard, and having fun. Tennis can help kids develop the drive, discipline and direction needed for success--in sports and in life.

Employment Opportunities

A'S & ACES



PART-TIME TENNIS INSTRUCTOR/ COACH POSITION

Start Date: On or about October 2, 2015, or thereafter whenever the position is filled

Work Times:

- • After-school program site - schedules differ with the sites (Uptown at the Atkinson-Stern Tennis Center, days: M, T, Th, and F), or (Joe Brown Park Tennis Center, days: M, T, W, Th). Times at both sites are 4:00-6:00 PM), Note: this work schedule is "rain or shine," and/or

- • Saturday clinic(s) at Pontchartrain Park (1:00-2:30), and the 11:00-1:00 clinic time may also be

possible for the right candidate, and/or

- Additional tennis instruction work during in-school times may also be possible for the right candidate.

Source: As&Aces Website

Important Tennis Websites for Up-to-Date Information

New Orleans Metropolitan Area Tennis Association (NOMATA)

<http://www.neworleansstennis.com>

Louisiana Tennis Association/USTA Louisiana/Southern

<http://www.louisianatennis.com>

United States Tennis Association

<http://www.usta.com>

City Park Tennis Club

<http://www.cptcno.com>

AsAndAces

<http://www.AsAndAces.org>

New Orleans Junior Team Tennis

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