



U.S. WINS THREE OF FOUR JUNIOR TEAM REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Junior Davis Cup, Junior Fed Cup and World Junior Tennis Teams
Qualify for 2006 World Group Finals**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., May 10, 2006 -- The United States won three of the four team titles at the 2006 North/Central America & Caribbean Regional Championships for the Junior Davis Cup (16-and-under) & Junior Fed Cup (16-and-under) by BNP Paribas, and the World Junior Tennis competitions (14-and-under), which took place May 4-8 in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. The U.S. teams won the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup divisions as well as the boys' World Junior Tennis, while the girls' World Junior Tennis team finished second to Canada.

Each event featured a four-team round robin competition with the top two teams advancing to the 16-nation World Group Final in each division. The World Junior Tennis Finals will be held August 7-12 in Prostějov, Czech Republic. The Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup World Finals will be held September 26 – October 1 in Barcelona.

**North/Central America & Caribbean Regional Championships
2006 Final Standings**

Junior Davis Cup

- *1. United States 3-0
Captain: Mark Merklein
- *2. Mexico 2-1
- 3. Canada 1-2
- 4. Puerto Rico 0-3

Junior Fed Cup

- *1. United States 3-0
Captain: Wade McGuire
- *2. Mexico 2-1
- 3. Canada 1-2
- 4. Trinidad & Tobago 0-3

World Junior Tennis - Boys

- *1. United States 3-0
Captain: David Roditi
- *2. Mexico 2-1
- 3. Canada 1-2
- 4. Puerto Rico 0-3

World Junior Tennis - Girls

- *1. Canada 3-0
- *2. United States 2-1
Captain: Robin White
- 3. Mexico 1-2
- 4. Bahamas 0-3

**The top two teams in each division advance to the 2006 World Group Finals.*

The U.S. swept all nine matches in the Junior Davis Cup, culminating with a 3-0 victory over Canada on the third and final day. The U.S. team was led by **Jarmere Jenkins (College Park, Ga.)**, who posted a 5-0 overall record (3-0 in singles). **Mateusz Kecki (Sacramento, Calif.)** went 3-0 (2-0 in singles) for the U.S., while **Austin Krajicek (Brandon, Fla.)** went 4-0 (3-0 in doubles).

The U.S. Junior Fed Cup team also went undefeated in nine matches, led by reigning USTA Girls' 18s Clay Court champion **Jamie Hampton (Auburn, Ala.)**, who went 5-0 overall and didn't drop a set while yielding only ten games in three matches at No. 1 singles. **Chloe Jones (Baldwin City, Kan.)** went 3-0 (2-0 in singles) for the U.S. while **McCall Jones (Coto de Caza, Ariz.)** went 4-0 (3-0 in doubles).

In the World Junior Tennis boys' event, the United States, which won the world championship in 2002 and 2003, got a scare from Mexico on the first day. **Denis Kudla (Fairfax, Va.)** opened with a straight sets win at No. 2 singles, but **Jordan Cox (Duluth, Ga.)** lost to Rodrigo Ferraez at No. 1 singles to level the match. Kudla and **Shaun Bernstein (Plainview, N.Y.)** won the doubles match to clinch the win for the United States, which swept its matches on the second and third days to finish 8-1.

In the World Junior Tennis girls' event, the U.S. finished second to Canada, which clinched the win with a 2-1 victory over the U.S. on the second day of competition. **Christina McHale (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.)** lost to Katarena Palaviits at No. 2 singles, followed by **Brooke Bolender (Delray Beach, Fla.)**, who lost to Gabriela Dabrowski at No. 1 singles. McHale and **Beatrice Capra (Ellicott City, Md.)** came back to win the doubles over Palaviits and Kristina Blajkevitch. The U.S. team swept its two other matches, over Mexico and the Bahamas.

The United States won the 1999 Junior Davis Cup title and reached the final on four other occasions, including a 1986 second place finish by Jim Courier and Michael Chang. The United States has never won the Junior Fed Cup title in the event's 20-year history, but was runner-up in 1993 to Australia.

The United States became the first nation to win consecutive World Junior Tennis boys' titles in 2003, led by Donald Young. In the girls' competition, the United States won the 1992 World Junior Tennis title and was runner-up in 1993.

Former U.S. junior international team members include James Blake, Jennifer Capriati, Courier, Chang, Lindsay Davenport, Taylor Dent, Mardy Fish, Robby Ginepri, Ashley Harkleroad, Lisa Raymond, Andy Roddick and Chanda Rubin.

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