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SALT LAKE CITY MEN'S TENNIS TEAM CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS AT USTA LEAGUE ADULT 18 & OVER 3.5 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ORLANDO, Fla., October 16, 2018 – The men's tennis team from Salt Lake City, Utah, representing the USTA Intermountain Section, captured the national title at the USTA League Adult 18 & Over 3.5 National Championships held at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

The Salt Lake City team defeated a team from San Jose, 4-1 in the Championship match. Earlier in the day, the Salt Lake City team defeated a team from Orlando, 3-2 in the semifinals. They advanced this far by winning their round-robin flight contested Friday and Saturday.

The team is captained by Douglas Fowkes and features: Ben Rand, Paul Lewis, Akio Tsujino, Bradley Gessell, Legend Lee Chip Sao, Derek Elison, Todd Castagna, Cameron Willes, Boo Bendinger, Adam Peterson, Joseph Venoza, Evan Hughes and Zachery Siddoway and plays at Golds Gym.

Established in 1980, USTA League has grown from 13,000 players in a few parts of the country in its first year to more than 310,000 players across the nation today, making it the world's largest recreational tennis league.

USTA League was established to provide adult recreational tennis players throughout the country with the opportunity to compete against players of similar ability levels. Players participate on teams in a league format, which is administered by the USTA through its 17 sections. The league groups players by using six National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels, ranging from 2.5 (entry) to 5.0 (advanced). USTA League is open to any USTA member 18 years of age or older.

Head Penn Racquet Sports is in its 31st year as official ball and adidas is in its second year as an official sponsor of USTA League.

For more information about USTA League or the USTA, visit www.usta.com.



The USTA is the national governing body for the sport of tennis in the U.S. and the leader in promoting and developing the growth of tennis at every level -- from local communities to the highest level of the professional game. A not-for-profit organization with more than 655,000 members, it invests 100% of its proceeds in growing the game. It owns and operates the US Open, one of the highest-attended annual sporting events in the world, and launched the US Open Series, linking seven summer WTA and ATP World Tour tournaments to the US Open. In addition, it owns approximately 90 Pro Circuit events throughout the U.S. and selects the teams for the Davis Cup, Fed Cup, Olympic and Paralympic Games. The USTA's philanthropic entity, the USTA Foundation, provides grants and scholarships in addition to supporting tennis and education programs nationwide to benefit under-resourced youth through the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) network. For more information about the USTA, go to USTA.com or follow the official accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat.

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