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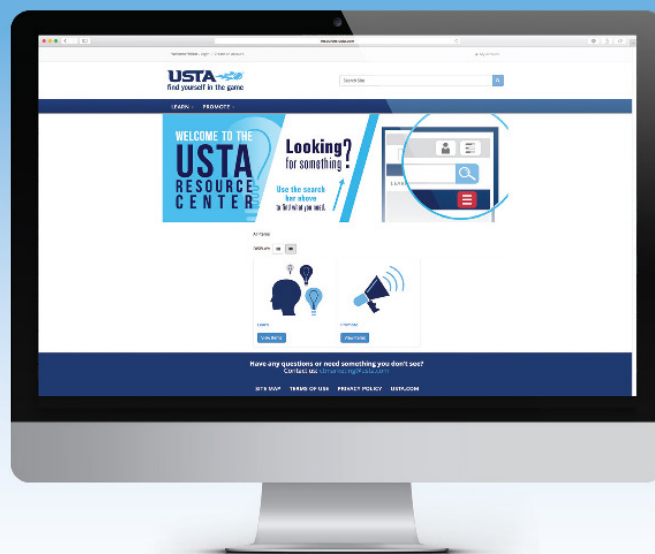
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ON THE COVER

Saluting the great sport of tennis, as well as the 2016 USTA National Award winners and 2016 USTA League National Champions from USTA Northern!

2016 USTA Northern Year In Review

USTA Northern was on task in 2016, fulfilling its mission to promote and develop the game of tennis in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Northwestern Wisconsin for players of all ages and ability levels, while providing a welcoming environment to new players who are hoping to "find themselves in the game."

Over 11,700 players competed in USTA Northern Leagues, a 3.4% increase from last year's record numbers. ONE Doubles continues to attract new participants as 835 players played in gender-specific leagues - a 25% increase from 2015 - and another 216 played mixed leagues, up 31% from last year. USTA Northern's Matchline program had a 97.4% placement rate and secured more than 760 people on USTA League teams. Over 23 teams were created from this service and the Section had its first National Championship qualifier composed of Matchline players. USTA Northern continued to focus on bringing young adults to the game offering social mixers and World Team Tennis Young Adult leagues. The Section also saw a 25% increase in its beginning Park and Rec programming.

USTA Northern had over 3,000 adult tournament participants in 2016. It also played host to a number of big events including the North American Indian Tennis Association National Championships, the Aquatennial Tennis Classic, the US Open Northern Section Qualifier and the Men's 65 & Over Category I National Indoor Championships.

Junior tournaments boasted over 3,000 unique players in 2016. The Section also ran two Team USA and four Early Development camps, in addition to six Competition Training Centers and developed a new high performance junior program called Team Northern. USTA Northern also finalized plans for its new Stars & Trophies 10U Pathway initiative, specifically for players ages 7-10, starting in 2017.

Team Tennis continues to be a major focus as almost 2,150 unique players and 289 teams participated in Junior Team Tennis. Western Wisconsin (22%) and North Dakota (11%) recorded substantial increases in JTT participation and the Section was represented by five teams at JTT Nationals, including the Fargo 18s Intermediate team which received the National Team Spirit Award. On the collegiate level, the **University of Minnesota** won its 13th straight Tennis on Campus Section Championship and was named the 2016 Club of the Year, while its leader **Salam Bachour** was the Club Leader of the Year.

Membership within the Section stayed steady at 11,320 people and 248 organizational members. USTA Northern continued to build its volunteer database and had 10 organizations named to its Premier Provider Program including the **University of Minnesota Baseline Tennis Center** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Courts Plus Community Tennis** (Fargo, N.D.), **YMCA Indoor Tennis Center** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** (St. Paul, Minn.), the **Sioux Falls Tennis Association** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Williston Fitness Center** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **St. Paul Urban Ten-**

nis (St. Paul, Minn.), **Hastings Tennis Association** (Hastings, Minn.), **Life Time Athletic White Bear** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) and **Life Time Fitness Bloomington South** (Bloomington, Minn.).

The Section and USTA National provided over \$206,000 of support to under resourced organizations and individuals including \$17,000 in Community Tennis grants, \$5,100 for blended lines, \$17,300 in equipment grants, over \$70,000 in Facility Assistance Funding and \$44,300 in youth scholarships. A partnership between USTA Northern and Youthprise launched the Urban Youth Tennis & Education initiative in 2016, raising over \$58,000 for free youth play events, entry-level tournaments, transportation needs and a shared staff position for NJTLs in St. Paul, Minn.

Northern also solidified its infrastructure by doing 20 on-court trainings for almost 500 tennis deliverers. The Section participated in 20 different diverse festivals and delivered wheelchair and adaptive opportunities throughout the region. Northern also started a new initiative called *Tennis Para Todos* - targeting the Hispanic/Latino population and providing free summer and winter tennis programming for all ages in Minneapolis and Richfield, Minn. The Section also saw growth in its officials program as 48 officials covered 1,203 assignments.

Many Northern members were recognized nationally for their efforts in growing the game including **David Sommer** (Minneapolis, Minn.), who won the USTA National Senior Service Award, **Jeff Baill** (Wayzata, Minn.), winner of the USTA Exceptional Service Award and **Oliver Summers** (Fargo, N.D.), winner of the Janet Louer National Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year. **Izabella Edin** (Staples, Minn.) and **Mark Johnson** (Hudson, Wis.) were named to the USTA Junior Leadership Team, while Edin also received the Novo Nordisk Donnelly Award and was honored by tennis legend **Billie Jean King**. **Koua Yang** (St. Paul, Minn.) was one of 10 people named to the USTA No-Cut All-Star team, while **Cindy Huether** (Sioux Falls, S.D.) was named the 2016 Tennis Advocate of the Year and **Dan James** (St. Paul, Minn.) was the National Wheelchair Champion of the Year by *Tennis Industry* magazine. James, Sommer, Huether and the **Grand Forks Red River High School** tennis programs were also named their respective state heroes in *Tennis* magazine. **Vyasachar Mohan** (Maplewood, Minn.) and **Ron Jacobus Jr.** (Lakeville, Minn.) officiated at the US Open and Mohan was selected to call lines at the Davis Cup finals in Boise, Idaho.

Thank you to all of our members, providers, tournament directors, coordinators, community leaders, teaching professionals and volunteers for making tennis thrive in the Section. We couldn't do it without you!

We Are Northern!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege and honor to serve as the new President of USTA Northern. I am following so many strong leaders from our "small, but mighty" Section who have created a lasting legacy on both the Section and National levels – most recently **Kathy Lundberg** (Minneapolis, Minn.). Kathy will continue to serve on our Executive Committee and as the Section Delegate for USTA Northern. I would like to thank Kathy for all she has done in paving the way for me as I embark on this journey over the next two years, and for her incredible leadership to the Section.

I learned to play tennis as a young mom in Rapid City, S.D. — not exactly the center of the tennis universe. It didn't take long for me to get hooked on the game, meeting some of my best friends today playing on USTA League teams. Off the court, I was involved as a tennis parent, a tournament director and was part of the development team charged with building a 12-court outdoor tennis facility in Rapid City, which opened in 2010, and has hosted multiple South Dakota State High School Tournaments and USTA Junior Regional events.

When my youngest son, **Jack**, started playing USTA junior tournaments, my relationship with the Section office really started to grow. Living in the outer limits of the Section, it became almost a part-time job communicating with Section staff, figuring out the right events Jack needed to play and the travel logistics involved — all while sticking to a budget. Soon my constant communication and questions led to me volunteering with the Section in the junior competition realm, and eventually, I was nominated to serve on the Section's Board of Directors. During my 10-year tenure on the Board, I have learned so much about the incredible work of USTA Northern.

First of all, we have the BEST Executive Director and staff in the country. This group does a remarkable job working to grow the game and providing great experiences for players and providers in all areas of the Section. USTA Northern has both metro and rural areas. Locations where there are abundant playing opportunities and other areas where organizers need to be creative and work a little harder to facilitate tennis experiences in helping people find themselves in the game. Our staff recognizes these challenges and continues to be accessible in working with all constituents, while managing its resources, in achieving the Section's mission of promoting and developing the game of the tennis.

Perhaps one of our greatest achievements is the diversity of our Board of Directors on all levels. The 16 members, who are all volunteers, represent a wide variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds, professional skill sets, interests both on and off the tennis court and connections to the game. We have 12 returning board members and four new people chomping at the bit, bringing energy and new ideas to our seasoned group. We have geographic representation from throughout the Section with Board members from western and eastern South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, outstate Minnesota and the Twin Cities. It is a wonderful and thoughtful group of people who are individually, and collectively, invested in providing guidance and oversight to the work of

USTA Northern.

We also have a committed group serving on our volunteer committees for the next two years. For tennis to grow, we need everyone — from our providers, participants, members and volunteers — to get involved. The

Section is always looking for more volunteers and I encourage you, if you have not already, to register in our volunteer database at www.northern.usta.com under the "About Us" tab or contact **Sandy Smith** at ssmith@northern.usta.com to learn of all opportunities available. Look at me. You never know where it may lead.

It might lead all the way to USTA National. Although we are the third-smallest Section in terms of membership, USTA Northern packs a powerful and unprecedented punch at the highest level with six members serving in significant positions. **Joan Baker** (Shorewood, Minn.) is entering her first year as Vice President of the Executive Committee and **Jeff Baill** (Wayzata, Minn.) is a new At-Large Board member. **Greg Lappin** (Chaska, Minn.) is the Chair of the National Nominating Committee while **Roshan Rajkumar** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) is a member of this prestigious group and **Carolyn Riley** (Minnetonka, Minn.) is the newly-appointed Chair of the Pro Tennis Council.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the USTA after the most successful US Open in history last fall, highlighted by the retractable roof over Arthur Ashe Stadium and new Grandstand court. In January, we celebrated the grand opening of the new Home of American Tennis at the USTA National Campus — a 100-court state-of-the-art facility — located just outside of Orlando, Fla.

These major investments into the game's infrastructure are coming at a perfect time as American tennis is experiencing a much-needed resurgence with 40 players in the draws at the Australian Open. I look forward to these young and talented players taking their places in the top-10 of the world rankings over the next few years. Having these high-level players and role models will help us engage the most important audience in the future — our youth.

Thank you again for the honor to serve as USTA Northern's President. It will be an exciting two years and am looking forward to the journey. Like our staff, I am always available and want to hear any ideas you may have in helping us grow the game of tennis. I can be reached via e-mail at liz.serves@gmail.com.



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David Sommer & Jeff Baill Win National Awards



David Sommer (middle) received the 2016 USTA Seniors Service Award

Congratulations to **David Sommer** of Minneapolis and **Jeff Baill** of Wayzata, Minn., who were honored with the Seniors' Service Award and USTA Volunteer Exceptional Service Award, respectively, at the USTA Annual Meeting March 11-14 at the Omni LaCosta Resort & Spa in Carlsbad, Calif.

The Seniors' Service Award was established in 1958 to recognize and honor a person for service to senior tennis. It is awarded annually on the basis of the recipient's willingness, cooperation and participation—either in play or organizational work—to work for the betterment of senior tennis competition. Sommer recently retired from editing the popular Senior Tennis Times newsletter and managing the Senior Tennis Players Club website (seniortennismn.org), which are major communications pieces for senior tennis players in the Twin Cities.

The Senior Tennis Players Club is the largest group of its kind in the nation with more than 1,100 members. Its primary purpose is to provide tennis playing opportunities to people 50 and over for their mental, physical and social well-being, and to support the growth of tennis. Sommer has also maintained the group's member database, in addition to performing other computer-related responsibilities.

Sommer has played tennis for more than 60 years and is an active USTA League participant. He helped promote the Minnesota Senior Tennis Games in 2014, as well as the National Senior Tennis Games in Minneapolis last summer that featured more than 700 players.

"David truly epitomizes tennis being the sport for a lifetime with his more than six decades as a tennis player, volunteer and leader in our sport," **Kurt Kamperman**, USTA Chief Executive, Community Tennis, said.

"David's commitment to tennis has been unmatched over the years and we applaud his volunteer effort in the Minneapolis area."

Winner of the USTA Northern Bob Larson Media Excellence Award in 2012, Sommer is the second person from USTA Northern honored with the Seniors' Service Award, following in the footsteps of USTA Northern Hall of Famer **Percy Hughes**, who won the award in 2007.

Formerly president of USTA Northern in 2011-12, Baill was the inaugural winner of the Exceptional Service Award for those volunteers with up to 10 years of service helping grow tennis at the local level. He was vice chair of the USTA Grievance Committee, served on the USTA Nominating Committee in 2013-14 and was the chairman of the Presidents' Committee in 2011-12. He is entering his first year on the USTA National Board of Directors as an At-Large member.

During his time as president of USTA Northern, Baill was instrumental in pushing for the publication of the "Safety, Security and Sensitivity" pamphlet by the USTA. He also has presented multiple elective programs at USTA national meetings and webinars including Best Practices for Volunteers, New Attendee Orientation and Nominating Committee Process.

"As a former USTA Section president, Jeff has been a leader in not only his local tennis community, but also serving on the national level," said **Katrina Adams**, USTA Chairman, CEO and President. "It's people like Jeff who continue to make our game great by giving up their time and volunteering so unselfishly."



Jeff Baill was the inaugural recipient of the USTA Exceptional Service Award - 10 Years or Less.



Oliver Summers with daughter Sofia and Billie Jean King

Oliver Summers Named National JTT Organizer of the Year

Oliver Summers of Fargo, N.D., was honored as the 2016 Janet Louer USTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) National Organizer of the Year at the USTA Semiannual Meeting September 4 at the Grand Hyatt in New York City. Summers is the first person from USTA Northern to ever win the award which is given to an individual who positively influences children's lives and substantially impacts their community.

The award is named after **Janet Louer**, who was instrumental in the development of junior tennis during her lifetime in her home state of Georgia.

"There has been a great amount of growth and development in North Dakota junior tennis programs over the last few years thanks to Oliver's hard work and dedication," USTA Chief Executive for Community Tennis **Kurt Kamperman** said. "We are proud to recognize him for his continuous efforts in growing the game on a junior level."

Originally from London, England, Summers has worked as a Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) and United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) certified teaching professional the past 16 years at Court Plus Community Fitness in Fargo, where he is now the Tennis Director and in charge of teaching private and group lessons, supervising and managing staff, organizing USTA and other tennis leagues, tournaments, Junior Team Tennis and Play Days.

Summers has been involved with Junior Team Tennis since 2011, when it was run by the local Community Tennis Association – the Fargo Moorhead Tennis Patrons. In 2013, Fargo Parks and Recreation took over Junior Team Tennis and Summers became the coordinator of the program. At that time, he also became the USTA Local League Coordinator, which in North Dakota encompasses the entire state. In 2015, Summers started two new seasons (fall and winter) of JTT play at Courts Plus, in addition to his traditional summer programming, adding 22 teams and registering a 118 percent increase in overall participation. For his efforts, Summers was named the 2015 USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Organizer of the Year.

Still looking for more offerings to bring back to Fargo, Summers heard about a flourishing high school tennis program in San Diego while attending the USTA Community Tennis Workshop last November that was based on a similar format to JTT. Calling it "Friday Night Lights," Summers organized play for over 60 players at six high school programs from around the state on Fridays during the winter. Match play was often followed by pizza provided by Courts Plus and a movie, bowling or other fun activity organized by the kids.

"It has been fantastic having the kids play here on Friday nights," Summers said. "The high school coaches have gotten involved, as well as the

parents. It is great to hear kids talk about how tennis is the cool thing to do on Friday nights!"

Building on the momentum, Fargo currently offers Junior Team Tennis Advanced and Intermediate programming for kids ranging in age from nine to 18 years of age, and Summers hopes to add an 8U program in the near future as his daughter **Sofia** is now six and quite the player. He is also seeing great rewards from the added play opportunities as four teams advanced to the USTA Northern Section Championships in July and the 18s Intermediate team won the Section title and finished ninth at Nationals while winning the Team Spirit Award.

"Oliver is not afraid to think outside the box and try new formats to keep the kids engaged and wanting more," **Brandon Jackson**, USTA Northern Director of Junior Teams, said. "What started out as a summer activity in Fargo has blossomed into a year-long fun fest."

The fun never ends for Summers. In addition to his JTT responsibilities, he is the head women's coach at Minnesota State Moorhead – a Division II program – and is the personal coach of many high school players in the area, including **Parker Lawley** who won the 2015 North Dakota Boys State Singles championship. He also leads assemblies and physical education classes at area schools and is a volunteer at community events for both the Fargo Moorhead Tennis Patrons and Fargo Parks and Recreation. He is an active USTA tournament and league player, and in 2004, he was named

the PTR's North Dakota Professional of the Year.

"There is nothing like coaching a team and playing team tennis," Summers said. "To have 10 or 11 players all working their hardest for a common goal and all wanting the same thing is a fantastic feeling. The best part about coaching is making a difference



in someone's life, whether it be on or off the court and I can do that through team tennis."

His players agree.

"Oliver is hands down the best coach I have ever had," said **Anna Steinwand**, a participant in Friday Night Lights, as well as a member of the 18s Intermediate JTT team played at Nationals. "From his incredible organizational skills to his enthusiasm on the court, he shows his passion for the game. He makes sure everyone is involved and enjoying their tennis experience. He is always encouraging people to be a part of more and more tennis programming. Oliver brings fun, competition and a sense of belonging to Junior Team Tennis."

Suzie Heideman Named PTR Coach of the Year

Congratulations to **Suzie Heideman**, of Woodbury, Minn., who was named the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) Jim Verdieck High School Coach of the Year. Heideman was honored during the 2016 PTR International Tennis Symposium February 17-20 on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Heideman has coached the Boys Varsity Tennis team at East Ridge High School in Woodbury since 2011, and the Girls Junior Varsity team since 2014. Every year, the programs have grown in numbers and success. The boys finished third in State Class AA in 2014, and as Consolation Champs in 2015. With the school's first trip to the state tournament and upsetting the top-seeded team in the first round, Heideman was awarded the 2014 Minnesota Boys Tennis Coach of the Year.

With a record 81 boys out for the program in 2015, she was named to the 2015 USTA No-Cut All Star Team. Heideman has always believed in no-cut programs. As a former Head Coach for Greendale High School, a Milwaukee suburb, Coach Heideman was voted Wisconsin Coach of the Year, and led her Boys team to a State Championship in 2005. Under her leadership for six seasons, the boys and girls varsity squads at Greendale won an impressive five Conference Championships.

A stand out tennis player herself, Heideman graduated from Mounds View High School in 1997, where she captained three varsity sports, competed in the state tennis tournament, and received the Athena Award. She brought her talent to the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, where her teams won four consecutive WIAC Conference Championships. During the spring of her senior season, the team advanced to the DIII National Championships, topping off an impressive four-year rise to the top.

Heideman continues to play and competes in WTT and USTA League tennis at the 4.5 level, where several of her teams have advanced to the National Championships. She became a PTR teaching pro in April of 2012. Her family was named USTA Tennis Family of the Year for the Northern Section in 2002. Besides teaching, coaching and playing tennis, Heideman stays at home with her children. During the summer months, she works with the East Ridge boys and girls teams running Little Raptor Tennis Camps to keep the program successful and growing.

PTR is the largest global organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,000 members in 125 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such organization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.



Izabella Edin and Mark Johnson Named To USTA National Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to **Izabella Edin** (Staples, Minn.) and **Mark Johnson** (Hudson, Wis.) who were two of 30 juniors nationwide named to the USTA National Junior Leadership Team which recognizes America's finest junior tennis players who exhibit leadership, sportsmanship and character on and off the court.

Edin was ranked in the Top 15 of the Section for Girls 18s and was the Girls Sportsmanship Award winner for USTA Northern at the 2015

16s Zonals team event in Waco, Texas. Diagnosed with Type I diabetes in 2015, Edin has never used her condition as an excuse for a bad match, always giving her opponents credit for their play. She was also named the 2015 USTA Northern Jerry Noyce Girls Junior Sportsmanship Award winner and the 2016 winner of the Novo Nordisk Donnelly Award.



Johnson is an active high school, tournament and Junior Team Tennis participant. Johnson has represented USTA Northern and the Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center at two Junior Team Tennis National Championships and has been a part of the Northern 14s and 16s national teams. He has received many accolades for his sportsmanship over the years including being named the Boys 18U Advanced winner at the 2014 and 2015 USTA Northern Junior Team Tennis Section Championships and the Boys 14s Zonals in 2012. Johnson was the 2015 USTA Northern Jerry Noyce Boys Junior Sportsmanship Award winner.

North Dakota and South Dakota Hall of Fame

Borgen, Ward Inducted Into SD Tennis Hall of Fame; Sims and Blue Win Achievement Award

Congratulations to **Cynthia Borgen** of Sioux Falls, S.D., and **Theresa Bell Ward** of Aberdeen, S.D., who were inducted into South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame Sunday, July 24, at McKennan Park during the Asfora/Clayton South Dakota Adult Open in Sioux Falls.

Borgen was a two-time state champion at Washington High in Sioux Falls and played in the era before high school tennis was offered for girls. She won back-to-back women's sin-



Theresa Bell Ward and Cynthia Borgen

gles and doubles titles at the South Dakota Closed as a teenager in the late 50's.

Bell Ward, who now lives in Edina, Minn., learned her game on the Aberdeen courts and made her mark while playing at the University of Minnesota. She played in the Big Ten three years and led the team with 26 dou-



Doug Sims

bles wins 1980-81.

The 2016 South Dakota Tennis Achievement Awards went to **Doug Sims** of Madison, S.D., and **Becky Blue** of Brandon, S.D. Sims promoted community tennis and coached at Madison High School for four decades. Blue has served in every capacity promoting community tennis in Brandon, highlighted by the construction of an eight-court tennis complex in 2008. Brandon was named the 2008 USTA National Community Tennis



Becky Blue

Association of the Year and Blue was the 2010 USTA Northern Wolfenson/Ratner Community Service Award winner.

Frueh, Nagel Inducted Into North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame

Brent Frueh, formerly of Minot and Bismarck, N.D., and now of Rochester, Minn., and **Lee Nagel** of Wahpeton, N.D., were inducted into the North Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame July 9 at Island Park in Fargo, N.D., during the Pepsi Red River Open.

Frueh was born and raised in Minot, where he started playing tennis as a sophomore in high school. He played collegiately at Minot State University before transferring to the University of North Dakota. After graduation, Frueh moved to Bismarck where he worked at Capital Racquet and Fitness Center and was the Tennis Program Manager for Bismarck Parks and Recreation. A USPTA and PTR certified coach and a USTA High Performance Coach, Frueh moved to the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn., in 2001, and was promoted to the facility's General Manager in 2012. He also has been a long-time volunteer with USTA Northern, serving on its Board of Directors from 1995-2012. In 2009-10, he was the Section's President, and currently is still involved with the USTA on a National level where he completed four terms on the Junior Competition Committee and has served on three USTA Presidential Task Forces.



Brent Frueh and Lee Nagel

Originally from New Salem, N.D. and now making his home in Wahpeton, Nagel was a teacher and coach for 38 years. He started playing tennis at the age of 24 while teaching in Langdon, N.D., when it was suggested as a physical education activity after competing in wrestling, football and track in high school and college. He played in his first tournament in 1976 in Grand Forks and has 44 career singles titles and six doubles titles. Nagel has been ranked in the top 10 for his age group in USTA Northern over the years and is currently ranked #1 in Men's 65 singles and 87th nationally. He coached the boys and girls tennis teams at Wahpeton Public Schools for 41 seasons and was an eight-time East Region Coach of the Year and five-time North Dakota Coach of the Year. Nagel started the Huskie Tennis Academy in Wahpeton and has served as tournament director for many local tournaments there. He was a member of the North Dakota High School Association Advisory Board for seven years and is a member of the North Dakota Tennis Association.

USTA NORTHERN AWARD WINNERS



Albert Teeter
Adult Sportsmanship Award
Jake Seltz (St. Paul, Minn.)



Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award
Boys: Colby Zak (Hastings, Minn.)
Girls: Katie Mulvey (Woodbury, Minn.)



Family of the Year
The Erik, Susan, Hale and Kai Kringlie Family (Valley City, N.D.)



President's Award
Jeff Baill (Wayzata, Minn.)



Rocky Rockwell
Grassroots Official Award
Joe Boyer (Rochester, Minn.)



Jack Dow
Adult Development Award
Chad Larson (Mitchell, S.D.)



USTA No-Cut Coach All-Star Team
Koua Yang (Harding High School, St. Paul, Minn.)



Ward C. Burton
Junior Development Award
Adam and Sarah Doll (Mankato, Minn.)



Junior Team Tennis
Organizer of the Year:
Laura Meyer
(InnerCity Tennis, Minneapolis, Minn.)



Wolfenson/Ratner
Community Service Award
Steve and Kathy Haug
(Alexandria, Minn.)



ACE Award
Kelley Okerman (Edina, Minn.)



Frank Voigt Pro of the Year Award
Steve Tacl – (Rochester Athletic Club, Rochester, Minn.)



Member Organization of the Year Award
East Ridge Raptor Youth Tennis (Woodbury, Minn.)

USTA NORTHERN SECTION CHAMPIONS

JUNIORS

Boys' 18 Singles

Jackson Allen d. Hunter Heck 60 60

Boys' 16 Singles

Varun Iyer d. Petro Alex 63 60

Boys' 14 Singles

Gavin Young d. Bjorn Swenson 61 61

Boys' 12 Singles

Max Exsted d. Luke Fridinger 46 63 10(8)

Boys' 18 Doubles

Jackson Allen-Nick Beaty d. Chase Roseth-Carter Mason 83

Boys' 16 Doubles

Petro Alex-Ben Wheaton d. Sam Dobbs-Will McDowell 84

Boys' 14 Doubles

Matthew Metz-Thomas Metz d. Luke Little-Bjorn Swenson 83

Boys' 12 Doubles

Max Exsted-Tygen Goldammer d. Luke Fridinger-Sam Skanse 86

Girls' 18 Singles

Alexis Nelson d. Sophie Reddy 67(0) 76(1) 76(5)

Girls' 16 Singles

Ellie Puzak d. Maddie Suk 46 61 61

Girls' 14 Singles

Karin Young def. Arlina Shen 63 61

Girls' 12 Singles

Vunissa Vu d. Paige Sargent 62 61

Girls' 18 Doubles

Alexis Nelson-Sophie Reddy d. Zoe Klass-Warch-Libby Rickeman 85

Girls' 16 Doubles

Ali Brzezinski-Rapelang Sebata d. Olivia Paradise/Francesca Trella WD-illness

Girls' 14 Doubles

Nore Ann Heinitz-Karin Young d. Aili Hietala-Arlina Shen 83

Girls' 12 Doubles

Nicole Ridenour-Vunissa Vu d. Nicola Santou-Paige Sargent 80



Karin Young (Apple Valley, Minn.) defeated Arlina Shen (Eden Prairie, Minn.) in the Girls' 14s Singles Final.

ADULTS

Men's Open Singles (Hard)

Jackson Allen d. Joshua Gearou 61 20 Ret (inj)

Men's 50 Singles (Hard)

Tim Theisen d. David Dean 61 63

Men's 60 Singles (Hard)

Rick Picard d. Bruce Westrum 62 62

Men's Open Doubles (Hard)

Dusty Boyer-Toby Boyer d. Alexander Exsted-Alex Gornet 63 62

Men's 45 Doubles (Hard)

Fred Budde-Kenneth Cychosz d. Paul Bates-Neil Radermacher 64 46 60

Men's 3.5 Singles (Hard)

Jay Meier d. Michael Streater 64 63

Men's 4.0 Singles (Hard)

Tim Theisen d. Chad Latour 63 64

Women's Open Singles (Hard)

Alexis Nelson d. Isabella Lambert 67 62 60

Women's Open Singles (Hard)

Hayley Haakenstad d. Caitlyn Merzbacher 63 46 64

Women's Open Doubles (Hard)

Alexis Nelson-Anna Sanford d. Caitlyn Merzbacher-Mehvish Safdar 61 63

Women's 4.0 Singles (Hard)

Danielle Gannon d. Virginia Kuberski 60 61

Mixed Open Doubles (Hard)

Dusty Boyer-Anna Sanford d. Caitlyn Merzbacher-Charles Merzbacher 75 62

Father Son Doubles (Clay)

Doug Elsass-Scott Elsass d. Drew Fernelius - Hunter Fernelius 63 64



Brothers Dusty and Toby Boyer (Ham Lake, Minn.) won the Open Doubles Section Championship as part of the US Open Northern Section Qualifying Tournament.

January

Gary Notkin Wins Open Mixed Doubles Gold Medal At Pan American Maccabi Games in Chile

Gary Notkin (Plymouth, Minn.) won the open mixed doubles gold medal with **Ali Perski** (Cleveland, Ohio) at the 13th Pan American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile. Notkin also advanced to the bronze medal match in singles.



Gary Notkin

Steve Champlin Named To Court of Arbitration For Sport

Former USTA Northern president **Steve Champlin** (Wayzata, Minn.) was selected to serve on the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). CAS is an independent provider of specialized world-wide sports related dispute resolution, originally created by the International Olympic Committee and helps resolve a wide range of matters arising out of international sport, such as athlete suspensions or disciplines, sponsorships, contract disputes, anti-doping and anti-corruption issues.

February

Three Invited to Team USA National Training Camp

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.), **Joe Mairs** (Edina, Minn.) and **Gavin Young** (Apple Valley, Minn.) were three of 24 players invited to the Team USA National Training Camp in Boca Raton, Fla.



Joe Mairs, Hunter Heck, Billie Jean King, Gavin Young

March

Tony Larson Wins USPTA National Indoors

Tony Larson (Fridley, Minn.) won the men's open singles title at the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Indoor Championships in Memphis, Tenn. Larson defeated **Thiago Santos** 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 to win the event for the sixth time in the past seven years.

Team USA Roster

The following juniors were selected to the Northern Team USA training squad including **Zoe Adkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Emmanuel Alex** (Arden Hills, Minn.), **Ojas Bhagra** (Rochester, Minn.), **Sujit Chopuri** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Matthew Fullerton** (Edina, Minn.), **Gage Gohl** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Tygen Goldammer** (Rosemount, Minn.), **Nore Heintz** (Duluth, Minn.), **Aili Hietala** (Duluth, Minn.), **Reegan Mullaney** (Edina, Minn.), **Annika Munson** (Stillwater, Minn.), **George Nottley** (Lake Elmo, Minn.), **Kelsey Phillips**

(Mound, Minn.), **Nolan Ranger** (Edina, Minn.), **Eddie Revenig** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Nicole Ridenour** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Lore Sebata** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Sarah Shahbaz** (Ham Lake, Minn.), **Selah Stibbins** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Bjorn Swenson** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Kevin Thomas** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Ashish Thotakura** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Hank Trondson** (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) and **Karin Young** (Apple Valley, Minn.).

April

24 Selected To Northern Early Development Camps

The following juniors were named to the 2016 USTA Northern Early Development Camps (EDCs): **Jack Allaben** (Mahtomedi, Minn.), **Ella Berg** (Elk River, Minn.), **Tej Bhagra** (Rochester, Minn.), **Conor Cruse** (Rapid City, S.D.), **Max Daigle** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Topher Fullerton** (Edina, Minn.), **Eloise Geraets** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Marshall Gordon** (Farmington, Minn.), **Olivia Gorton** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Zoya Hasan** (Edina, Minn.), **Greta Holmes** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Noah Hong**



Hank Trondson with Timon Corwin

(Minneapolis, Minn.), **Alisa Ivanov** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Caleb Kennel** (Rochester, Minn.), **Will Lieberman** (Mahtomedi, Minn.), **Drew Lindstrom** (Rosemount, Minn.), **Claire Loftus** (Rochester, Minn.), **Quinn Martini** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **Molly Miller** (Bloomington, Minn.), **Annika Olson** (Edina, Minn.), **Brandon Pham** (Woodbury, Minn.), **Maria Radabaugh** (Shoreview, Minn.), **Maheen Rahmatullah** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Elle Ranger** (Edina, Minn.), **Chase Rima** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Lusanda (Noma) Sebata** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Alicia Simonson** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Soren Swenson** (North Oaks, Minn.), **David Teng** (Rochester, Minn.), **Sravika Vadrevu** (Eden Prairie, Minn.), **Emmeline Wang** (Hamel, Minn.) and **Spencer Wang** (Hamel, Minn.).

Hank Trondson Wins Team USA Resiliency Award

Hank Trondson (St. Paul, Minn.) was the winner of the Resiliency Award at the Team USA camp.

May

Koua Yang Named One Of 11 Finalists for Minnesota Teacher of the Year

Harding High School tennis coach and USTA Northern volunteer **Koua Yang** (St. Paul, Minn.) was one of 11 finalists for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

USTA Northern Providers Host 30 Rally The Family Events Across The Section

USTA Northern providers played host to 30 different Rally The Family events around the Section. Rally The Family focuses on tennis for all ages



Rally The Family in Shakopee, Minn.

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and ability levels, using lower compression tennis balls, shorter courts and smaller racquets, along with a focus on families spending time together participating in fun and healthy activities.

USTA Northern and InnerCity Tennis Host NAITA Championships

USTA Northern and InnerCity Tennis played host the North American Indian Tennis Association National Championships (NAITA) at the Reed Sweatt Family Tennis Center in Minneapolis.

Eric Butorac Wins Estoril Open

Eric Butorac (Rochester, Minn.) and Scott Lipsky edged top seeds Lukasz Kubot and Marcin Matkowski 6-4, 3-6, 10-8 to win the Millennium Estoril Open.

Olympic Gold Medalist and Grand Slam Champion Gigi Fernandez Visits Northern



Gigi Fernandez did a series of Master's Doubles clinics in May.

Two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and 17-time Grand Slam doubles champion **Gigi Fernandez** served as the guest speaker at the Life Time Fitness Women's Daytime League Luncheon and did a number of Master's Doubles Clinics for its members.

West Fargo Sheyenne Wins N.D. Girls Team Title; Red River Wins Individual Titles

West Fargo Sheyenne won the 2016 North Dakota Girls State Team Championships, ending Grand Forks Red River's 14-year reign on top. Red River rebounded in the individual championships as **Shaelynn Johnson** took the singles title and the team of **Maddie Anderson** and **Maddie Johnson** won the doubles.

Sioux Falls Lincoln Boys Win S.D. Title

Sioux Falls Lincoln won its third consecutive team title at the 2016 Boys South Dakota State High School Tournament in Rapid City, S.D., at the Parkview Tennis Complex. Lincoln's **Kaleb Dobbs** won his second straight Flight 1 singles championships. Other singles flight winners included **Sam Dobbs** of Lincoln (Flight 2), **Sam Heckmann** of O'Gorman (Flight 3), **Jake Moran** of Sioux Falls O'Gorman (Flight 4), **Graham Leonard** of Lincoln (Flight 5) and **Michael Yousef** of O'Gorman (Flight 6). The doubles winners were

the Dobbs brothers (Flight 1) **Will McDowell** and Heckmann in Flight 2 and Leonard and **Aidan Hartwig** of Lincoln in Flight 3.

Minnetonka, The Breck School Win Minnesota Boys Team Titles; Allen Wins AA Singles

Minnetonka won the Minnesota Class AA team championship, while **Jackson Allen** (Shakopee) and **Carter Mason** and **Anthony Rosa** (Eden Prairie) won the singles and doubles titles, respectively. In Class A, **The Breck School** won the team title, while **Ben Ingbar** (The Blake School) and **Joe Mairs/Owen Rickert** (The Blake School) won the singles and doubles championships.

Wisconsin State Tournament

Hudson's **Mark Johnson** and the Eau Claire Memorial team of **Zach Wolfe** and **Sohil Brahmlatt** advanced to the quarterfinals at the Wisconsin State High School Tournament. In the team competition, **Eau Claire Memorial** lost in the first round to Neenah 6-1.

Gophers' Bergman Wins Wilson/ITA Promoter Award

University of Minnesota senior tennis player **Alexandra Bergman** was the winner of the 2016 Wilson/ITA National Promoter of the Year Award. Bergman received a paid summer internship to work at Wilson's global headquarters in Chicago in its Grassroots Marketing department.

June

Alexis Nelson Wins Doubles Title At US Open Northern Section Qualifier

Alexis Nelson (St. Paul, Minn.) won the doubles title with partner Anna Sanford (Westerville, Ohio) at the 2016 US Open Northern Section Qualifier. Nelson and Sanford beat the Gopher team of **Caitlyn Merzbacher** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **Mehvish Safdar** (Minneapolis, Minn.) 6-1, 6-3. Other winners from the Northern Section Qualifier included:

Women's Singles Final: Kelsey Laurente (Miramar, Fla.) def. Ayaka Okuno (Cupertino, Calif.) 2-6, 7-5, 7-5

Men's Singles Final: Nicolas Meister (Trabuca Cyn, Calif.) def. Evan King (Chicago, Ill.) 2-6, 6-1, 6-1

Men's Doubles Final: Nicolas Meister/Eric Quigley (Pewee Valley, Ken.) def. **Dusty Boyer** (Ham Lake, Minn.)/**Toby Boyer** (Ham Lake, Minn.) 6-1, 6-3

Mixed Doubles Final: Evan King/Emina Betkas (Indianapolis, Ind.) def. **Dusty Boyer/Anna Sanford** 6-2, 6-2



Anna Sanford, Alexis Nelson, Caitlyn Merzbacher, Mehvish Safdar

Boys 18s National Team Wins Sportsmanship Award

The Boys 18s National team of **Nick Beaty** (Wayzata, Minn.), **Jackson Allen** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Kaleb Dobbs** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Nikita Snezhko** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Charlie Adkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.), **Alex Exsted**

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(Shakopee, Minn.) and coach **Scott Boyer** (Rochester, Minn.) won the Sportsmanship Award at the Boys 18s National Team Championships in Champaign, Ill.



Nick Beaty, Jackson Allen, Kaleb Dobbs, Nikita Snezhko, Charlie Adkins, Alex Exsted and head coach Scott Boyer.

14s Zonals Team Wins Sportsmanship Award

The Northern 14s Zonal Team of **Aashish Bharath** (Rosemount, Minn.), **Justin Bobo** (Rochester, Minn.), **Johana Brower** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Sujit Chopuri** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Isabelle Exsted** (Shakopee, Minn.), **Caleb Fridinger** (Woodbury, Minn.), **Aili Hietala** (Duluth, Minn.), **Shaelyn Johnson** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Tanna Leffeldt** (Brandon, S.D.), **Ava Leonard** (Sioux Falls, S.D.), **Nisal Liyanage** (Eagan, Minn.), **Luke Little** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Matthew Metz** (Rochester, Minn.), **Thomas Metz** (Rochester, Minn.), **Cecelia Obetz** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Clare Palen** (Rochester, Minn.), **Ryne Reger** (Edina, Minn.), **Nicole Snezhko** (Plymouth, Minn.), **Sourabh Terakanambi** (Apple Valley, Minn.), **Bjorn Swenson** (North Oaks, Minn.), **Alexandria von Tersch Pohrer** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Lauren Splett** (Mahtomedi, Minn.), **Alexandra Welty** (Wayzata, Minn.) and **Michael Yousef** (Sioux Falls, S.D.) claimed the Sportsmanship Award in Kalamazoo, Mich. The team was coached by **Danny Kantar** (Minneapolis, Minn.).

Jason Olson Named National High School Coach of the Year

Jason Olson (Rapid City, S.D.) was named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association National High School Tennis Coach of the Year.

July

Izabella Edin Wins National Novo Nordisk Donnelly Award

Izabella Edin (Staples, Minn.) was named the 2016 Novo Nordisk Donnelly Award national winner at the New York Empire WorldTeam Tennis in New York City. Edin received a one-time \$7,500 scholarship towards education, tennis development and/or medical care.

21st Annual Aquatennial Tennis Classic Results

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2016 Aquatennial Tennis Classic.

Women's Singles Championship: **Maja Vujic** (Minneapolis, Minn.) def. **Caitlyn Merzbacher** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) 7-5, 5-7, 1-0 (6)

Men's Singles Championship: **Tony Larson** (Fridley, Minn.) def. **Tim Larson** (Bloomington, Minn.) 6-3, 6-0

Mixed Doubles Championship: **Nicole Copeland** (Edina, Minn.)/**Kevin Whipple** (Minneapolis, Minn.) def. **Toolil Wilkins** (Burnsville, Minn.)/**Nazhone Wilkins** (Burnsville, Minn.) 2-6, 7-6 (6), 1-0 (6)

Women's Doubles Championship: **Toolil Wilkins/Kelsey Frechette** (Rochester, Minn.) def. **Diana Bukajeva** (St. Paul, Minn.)/**Brenna Kelly** (St. Paul, Minn.) 7-5, 7-6(2)

Men's Doubles Championship: **Julian Dehn** (Minneapolis, Minn.)/**Tobias Wernet** (Minneapolis, Minn.) def. **Andres Osorio** (St. Paul, Minn.)/**Sion Wilkins** (Maple Grove, Minn.) 6-1, 6-3

The 2016 tournament was supported by **USTA Northern**; Champion Sponsors **Hempel**, **Life Time Fitness**, **Minneapolis Downtown Council**, **Tetchy Tech** and **Sport Court North Minnesota** and Advantage Sponsors **Baseline Tennis Center**, **The Nic on 5th**, **Los Osuna Blue Agave Spirits**, **PGA Superstore** and **Take Care Chiropractic**.



Kelsey Frechette and Toolil Wilkins win the Aquatennial Women's Doubles Final.

August

Rochester Native Bethanie Mattek-Sands Wins Gold Medal

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who was born and started playing tennis in Rochester, Minn., won the gold medal with Jack Sock in mixed doubles at the Rio Olympics.



Bethanie Mattek-Sands

Dan James Coaching, Jon Rydberg Represent U.S. on Paralympic Team

Dan James (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Jon Rydberg** (Woodbury, Minn.) represented the United States at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. James served as head coach for the fifth consecutive

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Paralympics Games helping Nick Taylor and David Wagner claim a silver medal in quad doubles. Rydberg played singles and doubles in his fourth consecutive games where he lost in the second round of singles and first round of doubles. Before heading to Brazil, the team held a training camp at the Baseline Tennis Center on the University of Minnesota campus in Minneapolis.

St. Paul Urban Tennis Wins NJTL Cup

Over 100 kids from **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center, St. Paul Urban Tennis** and **InnerCity Tennis** got together for the Third Annual NJTL Cup at the Reed Sweatt Family Tennis Center. St. Paul Urban Tennis took home the trophy.

Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Section Winners

The following juniors were named Section winners of the 2016 Arthur Ashe Essay Contest.

Boys 10 - Jake DeNomme, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Huether Family Match Pointe)

Girls 10 - Mya Darby, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Huether Family Match Pointe)

Boys 12 - Caleb Miller, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Huether Family Match Pointe)

Girls 12 - Rosalind Foppe, Minneapolis, Minn. (InnerCity Tennis)

Boys 14 - Maxwell McKoy, Minneapolis, Minn. (InnerCity Tennis)

Girls 14 - Liliana Vang, St. Paul, Minn. (St. Paul Urban Tennis)

Boys 16 - Antonio Haskell, Minneapolis, Minn. (Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center)

Girls 16 - Nurfadila Khairunnisa, Minneapolis, Minn. (Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center)

Boys 18 - Christian Ruas, Minneapolis, Minn. (Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center)

Girls 18 - Fartun Hassan, Minneapolis, Minn. (Fred Wells Tennis and Education Center)

Rochester's Eric Butorac Joins USTA National Staff

Eric Butorac (Rochester, Minn.) was named Director, Professional Tennis Operations and Player Relations, USTA. In his new roles, he is responsible for enhancing player relations year-round across all of the USTA's professional tennis events, including the US Open, and he will work closely with both professional tours. He also is the assistant tournament director of the US Open.

USTA Northern Introduces SafeSport Handbook

USTA Northern introduced the SafeSport Handbook to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all players involved with tennis. The Handbook contains policies and procedure in how to deal with various cases of abuse — including sexual, physical and emotional violations, as well as bullying, threatening behavior and hazing. It also addresses reporting abuse concerns and the processes used for investigating allegations, while recognizing and respecting the importance of confidentiality. Lastly, it describes the consequences when violations of the policies happen.

Eden Prairie Life Time Athletic Hosts 65 & Over National Championships

Third-seed Paul Wulf (Salem, Ore.) won the Singles and Doubles Gold

Ball at the 65 & Over Category I National Championships at Eden Prairie Life Time Athletic. Wulf defeated second seeded Leonard Wofford (Portland, Ore.) 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-4 in singles and Wulf/Wofford won defeating Brian Cheney (Chandler, Ariz.) and Phil Landauer (Naples, Fla.) 6-3, 6-4.

Three USTA Northern players also took home honors as **Dick Nelson** (Hopkins, Minn.) won the Consolation Singles title with a 7-6 (0), 6-1 win over Eddie Brantley (Alexandria, Va.), while the doubles team of **Ron York** (Eagan, Minn.) and **Dan Halvorsen** (Sunfish Lake, Minn.) defeated Bill Cohon (Shoreline, Wash.) and Tom Reber (Tacoma, Wash.) 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (6) in the Consolation Doubles final.

Jon Pickett Named USPTA Wisconsin Pro of the Year

Jon Pickett (Eau Claire, Wis.) was named the 2016 Wisconsin USPTA Pro of the Year and was honored at the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alexa Palen & Nick Crossley Win Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic

Rochester's **Alexa Palen** and **Nick Crossley** won the Open division at the 2016 Pine Tree Apple Tennis Classic defeating **Julian Dehn** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Melanie Yates** (New Brighton, Minn.) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. **Larissa Mavros** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and **Kevin Werwie** (Lakeville, Minn.) won the Masters Division, while **Felicia Raschiatore** (Minnetonka, Minn.) and **Mike Olson** (Ham Lake, Minn.) won the Grand Masters Division.

September

Crowell and Budde Win Bronze Ball At 60 Grasscourt Nationals

Randy Crowell (Prior Lake, Minn.) and **Fred Budde** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) took home a bronze ball in doubles at the USTA National 60 Grasscourt Championships in Pontiac, Mich.



Randy Crowell and Fred Budde

Bethanie Mattek-Sands Wins US Open Women's Doubles

Bethanie Mattek-Sands won the Women's Doubles championship at the 2016 US Open as she and partner **Lucie Safarova** defeated **Caroline Garcia** and **Kristina Mladenovic** 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The men's 7.0 55 and Over team, captained by **Eric Narvaez** and **Peter Haan** out of St. Paul Academy High School in the Twin Cities, won the men's 7.0 55 and Over National Championships in Surprise, Ariz., in October. Team members included Narvaez, Hahn, **Randy Sanders**, **George Kimball**, **Brad Struve**, **William Boyes**, **Van Dickerson**, **Robert Lang**, **Dave Hofeldt**, **Francois Nguyen**, **Ron Ingalls**, **Michael Schneider**, **Gary Simpson** and **Bill Jamieson**.

Northern won its flight 3-0, defeating Mid-Atlantic, Florida and Midwest all by the same 2-1 scores. In the semifinals, Northern took out New England 3-0 and won the championships by defeating Southern California 2-1 as Northern won at the #1 and #3 doubles positions.

This marks the second National Championship in two years for Narvaez and Haan as they also captained the 6.0 55 and Over men's team which took home the title in 2015.

Hunter Heck Wins National Doubles Title

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.) and **Alex Lee** (Oak Brook, Ill.) won the Boys 14s at the USTA National Doubles Championships in Winston-Salem, N.C. Heck and Lee, the third seed, won five matches, including defeating fourth seeded **Andrew Dale** (Leesburg, Va.) and **Benjamin Kittay** (Potomac, Md.) 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 in the finals.

Hunter Heck Hits With Olympic Gold Medalist Monica Puig

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.) was asked to hit with 2016 Olympic Gold medalist **Monica Puig** of Puerto Rico during a training session in Florida.



Magnus Norman

October

Magnus Norman Visits USTA Northern

Magnus Norman, coach of US Open Champion **Stan Wawrinka**, did both an on-court and off-court clinic in front of over 100 people October 23 at Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South.

Tennis Magazine Heroes Of Tennis

The following individuals were named their respective state's hero in

the *Tennis - The Heroes Issue* including **David Sommer** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Grand Forks Red River High School** (Grand Forks, N.D.), **Mike** and **Cindy Huether** (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and former St. Paul resident **Dan James** (Washington).

Koua Yang Named To USTA National No-Cut All-Star Team

Koua Yang of St. Paul, Minn., and **Harding High School** tennis coach was named to the USTA No-Cut Coach All-Star Team which recognizes 10 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.

Mahtomedi and Blake Win Minnesota State Tournament

Mahtomedi won its first-ever Minnesota Class AA Team championship, and **The Blake School** won its second straight title at the 2016 Minnesota State Girls High School. Mahtomedi made history in the semifinals when it defeated Edina, who had won the last 19 consecutive Minnesota Class AA team championships and held the



Mahtomedi High School

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longest team winning streak of any sport in the nation.

In the individual competition, Minnetonka's **Bella Lambert** won her first-ever Class AA singles title after defeating Edina's **Sophie Reddy** 6-0, 7-5 in the finals. In Class A, Blake's **Libby Rickeman** won her second straight singles championship with a 6-2, 6-4 win over teammate **Arlina Shen**. In doubles, the AA team of **Savanna Crowell** and **Taylor Jackson** of Prior Lake took home their first state championship with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over St. Cloud Tech's **Taylor** and **Katelyn Tarrolly**. In Class A, Blake's **Lainey Axell** and **Sophie Skallerud** won their first crown defeating defending champions **Grace Zumwinkle** and **Lauren Kozikowski** of Breck 6-1, 6-3.

Grand Forks Red River Wins North Dakota State Titles

Grand Forks Red River swept the team, singles and doubles championships at the 2016 North Dakota Boys State Tennis Tournament at Choice Health & Fitness in Grand Forks. Red River, who had won 17 straight titles before losing to **Fargo South** last year, defeated **Bismarck Legacy** in the finals 3-2. **Jake Kuhlman** won his first state singles title with a 6-2, 6-0 win over West Fargo's **Joe Beske**, while the doubles team of **Daniel Pierce** and **Kaden Johnson** beat Legacy's **Brian Swanberg** and **Michael Janes** 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the final.

Danielle Sebata Wins Second Consecutive Title In South Dakota

Sioux Falls Lincoln won the team title at the 2016 South Dakota Girls State Tennis Tournament in Rapid City, S.D. In the individual finals, sophomore **Danielle Sebata** of Sioux Falls O'Gorman won her second straight Flight 1 singles title, defeating **Grace Goble** of Stevens 7-6 (1), 6-1. **Samantha Czarnecki** of O'Gorman won her second Flight 2 crown and fifth state singles championship with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win over **Meredith Brown** of Lincoln. **Ava Leonard** of Lincoln won the Flight 3 title with a 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over **Ingrid Anderson** of Stevens. **Emily Whitney** of Lincoln won the Flight 4 position with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over **Halle Vanderwerff** of Stevens. **Johana Brower** of Lincoln won the Flight 5 title this year with a 6-1, 6-3 win over **Peyton Forney** of Stevens. In Flight 6, **Jaden Elliott** of Stevens beat **Brook Lovrien** of Lincoln 6-1, 6-2. In doubles, Sebata and Czarnecki took the Flight 1 title again with a 6-2, 6-3 win over **Sidney Brower** and **Benson** of Lincoln. Vanderwerff and Forney won the Flight 2 title 6-1, 2-6, 7-6 (2) over Leonard and Brower. In Flight 3, Whitney/Lovrien def. Anderson and Elliott 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Regis Second; Memorial In Top Four In Wisconsin

Eau Claire Regis earned finalist honors in Division I, while **Eau Claire Memorial** advanced to the semifinals in Division 2 at the 2016 Wisconsin State High School Girls Tournament in Madison, Wis. In the individual tournament, Memorial's **Catherine Lindsay** finished in the Top 8 in singles and **Devon Bourget** and **Emily Pepperl** were fourth in doubles.

November

Natalie Lorentz and Sophia Reddy Win USTA Open Regional Doubles Title

Natalie Lorentz (St. Louis Park, Minn.) and **Sophia Reddy** (Eden Prairie,

Minn.) won the doubles crown at the USTA Open Regional at Baseline Tennis Center. Lorentz and Reddy defeated **Michelle Bacalla** (Skokie, Ill.) and **Stephanie Dolehide** (Hinsdale, Ill.) 8-5 in the finals. Reddy also earned finalist honors in singles, falling to **Maia Sung** (Rolling Hills, Calif.) in the finals 6-3, 6-4.

Congrats Other League National Top 4 Finishers



4.5 18 And Over Women captained by Mary Beth McDonald

In addition to the 7.0 55 and Over Men winning the National Championship, Northern had three teams finished in the Top Four at League Nationals including the 55 and Over 6.0 Men's team captained by **Eric Narvaez** (third), the 4.5 18 and Over Women captained by **Mary Beth McDonald** (fourth) and the 4.5 40 and Over Men captained by **Ken Cychosz** (fourth).

Jessie Aney Wins ITA All-American Doubles Title

Jessie Aney (Rochester, Minn., and the University of North Carolina) and partner Hayley Carter won the doubles titles at the 2016 Riviera/ITA Women's Tennis Championship in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Aney and Carter beat Pepperdine's fifth-seeded team of Luisa Stefani and Apichaya Runglerdkriangkrai in the finals 6-1, 2-6, 1-0 (9).

Adolf & Associates Finalists At WTT Nationals

Adolf & Associates finished second at the World TeamTennis 5.0+ National Championships in Palm Springs, Calif. Team members were captain **Jeff Adolf** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Kelsey Frechette** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Nilttooli Wilkins** (Burnsville, Minn.) and **Eric Linskens** (Minneapolis, Minn.).

December

Cindy Huether, Dan James Named Tennis Industry Magazine Award Winners

Cindy Huether (Sioux Falls, S.D.) and **Dan James** (formerly of St. Paul, Minn., and now of Seattle, Wash.) were named the 2016 National Tennis Advocate of the Year and the Wheelchair Champion of the Year, respectively, by *Tennis Industry* magazine as part of its 2016 Tennis Champions of Tennis issue.

Four Northern Members Named To Prominent USTA National Positions

Joan Baker (Shorewood, Minn.) and **Jeff Baill** (Wayzata, Minn.) have both been named to the USTA National Board of Directors for 2017-18. Baker will serve as Vice President of the Executive Committee, while Baill is an At-Large Member. **Greg Lappin** (Chanhausen, Minn.) has been named the chair of the USTA National Nominating Committee for 2017-18 and **Roshan Rajkumar** (St. Louis Park, Minn.) is a member of that committee.



Hunter Heck

Hunter Heck Wins Consolation Title At Orange Bowl

Hunter Heck (St. Paul, Minn.) won the Boys 14s Consolation Singles Championship at the 2016 Junior Orange Bowl International in Coral Gables, Fla. The Junior Orange Bowl is one of the most prestigious tournaments internationally as the top players in the world are entered in this event. Heck, who was seeded 17th, opened the tournament with a first-round loss to Peter Alam of Altrincham, England 7-6 (2), 6-3. He then proceeded

to win 11 matches in the back draw, taking out competitors from the United States, Japan, Chile and Uruguay along the way. In the consolation final, he defeated Benjamin Heynold of Australia 2-6, 6-3, 7-5. In a full-feed in draw, the consolation championship is the equivalent of finishing in fifth place.

Community Tennis Grants & Awards

Four Awarded USTA Foundation College Scholarships

Lauren Clark (Eau Claire, Wis.) received the Marian Wood Baird Scholarship Award from the USTA Foundation awarded to one high school senior who has excelled academically, demonstrated achievements in leadership and participated extensively in an organized community tennis program. Clark received \$15,000 towards her college studies. **Chloe Hall** (Prior Lake, Minn.) and **Meg Simon** (South St. Paul, Minn.) were awarded the College Education Scholarship, worth \$10,000 each, while **Hanna Zevenbergen** (Wilson, Wis.) received a College Textbook Scholarship worth \$1,000.

USTA Northern Partners With Youthprise For Urban Youth Tennis & Education Fund

USTA Northern and Youthprise joined forces in starting the Urban Youth Tennis & Education Fund, and in 2016, offered the following sup-

port to the **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center**, **InnerCity Tennis** and **St. Paul Urban Tennis** programs:

- \$5,000 to support Fort First Fridays – A series of play events for urban high school tennis players on the first Friday of every month. The events consist of 60 minutes on-court followed by food, fellowship and a speaker.
- \$10,000 to support a series of Level 8 tournaments on the third Saturday of every month to provide free match-play opportunities for under-resourced youth and introduce them to competition.
- \$15,000 to support a shared bus contract to transport players on Saturdays to tennis and leadership opportunities in Minneapolis and St. Paul, including The Fort's Serving Up Science program, InnerCity Tennis' Super Saturday program and St. Paul Urban Tennis' Warrior Leadership Academy.
- \$25,000 to support a shared St. Paul Pathway Manager staff position to ensure youth in St. Paul understand how to navigate opportunities being offered by NJTL chapters. This position is also charged with identifying opportunities for enhanced efficiency and effectiveness through collaboration.

Ten Named USTA Northern Premier Providers

The following tennis facilities and organizations for being named to the USTA Northern's Premier Provider list for 2016 including second-year recipients **Sioux Falls Tennis Association** (Sioux Falls, S.D.); **Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Tennis Center** (Eau Claire, Wis.), **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** (St. Paul, Minn.); **Courts Plus Community Fitness** (Fargo, N.D.) and **Baseline Tennis Center-University of Minnesota** (Minneapolis, Minn.) and first-time honorees **Williston Fitness Center** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **St. Paul Urban Tennis** (St. Paul, Minn.), **Hastings Tennis Association** (Hastings, Minn.), **Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South** (Bloomington, Minn.) and **Life Time Athletic - White Bear** (White Bear Lake, Minn.).

2016 Community Tennis Grant Recipients

- \$1,045 to **Brainerd Community Education** (Brainerd, Minn.) to support a new intergenerational tennis program.
- \$2,500 to **Columbia Heights Parks and Recreation** (Columbia Heights, Minn.) to support a new USTA Junior Team Tennis program.
- \$1,166 to **Hastings Tennis Association** (Hastings, Minn.) to support the expansion of adult and family tennis offerings.
- \$2,000 to **InnerCity Tennis** (Minneapolis, Minn.) to support a new "BIG Gym" after-school tennis program.
- \$550 to **Menomonie School District** (Menomonie, Wis.) to support a new Tiny Tennis program for K – 3rd graders.
- \$450 to **Menomonie School District** (Menomonie, Wis.) to support equipment for a Middle School tennis club.
- \$1,000 to **Brookings Parks and Recreation** (Brookings, S.D.) for four new youth tennis clinics
- \$1,710 to **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** (St. Paul, Minn.) to support a tennis and education program for students from Maxfield Elementary
- \$1,000 to **Osseo (Minn.) Senior High School** to provide marketing support for a series of free tennis clinics aimed at middle school students.

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- \$1,300 to **Prior Lake (Minn.) Athletics for Youth (P.L.A.Y.)** to support expansion of tennis programming and necessary equipment purchases.
- \$1,550 to the **Eau Claire (Wis.) YMCA Tennis Center** to support staff/volunteer training, travel to school sites, and a new Saturday Play Day program.
- \$3,000 to **St. Paul (Minn.) Urban Tennis** to support rebranding efforts and a new web site.

2016 Adopt-A-Court Facility Grants

- \$7,500 for tennis court reconstruction at **Minnewaska Area High School** (Glenwood, Minn.).
- \$5,000 for resurfacing of the **Park Rapids Depot Tennis Courts** (Park Rapids, Minn.).
- \$2,719.60 for resurfacing of **Parkview Tennis Courts** (Rapid City, S.D.).
- \$5,000 for resurfacing of **Sioux Park Tennis Courts** (Rapid City, S.D.).
- \$3,805 for resurfacing of tennis courts at **Spearfish Middle School** (Spearfish, S.D.).
- \$5,000 for construction of new tennis courts in **Watertown, Minn.**

2016 High School Tennis Facility Grants (\$500 each)

- **Hastings** (Minn.) High School
- **Washington Technology** (St. Paul, Minn.) Magnet School
- **Minnewaska Area** (Minn.) High School
- **Minneapolis Washburn** (Minn.) High School
- **Harding** (St. Paul, Minn.) High School
- **Aitkin** (Minn.) High School
- **Menomonie** (Wis.) High School
- **Pine City** (Minn.) Junior and Senior High School
- **Patrick Henry (Minneapolis, Minn.) High School**
- **New Ulm** (Minn.) High School
- **Becker** (Minn.) High School

Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center and InnerCity Tennis Receives \$20,000 Grant

The **Fred Wells Tennis & Education Center** and **InnerCity Tennis** received \$20,000 sustainability grants from the USTA Foundation for being four-star NJTL chapters.

Facility Assistance Grants

- **Roseville (Minn.) Area High School** received a \$4,000 USTA Facilities Assistance Grant and a \$368.75 USTA Northern Blended Line Grant to replace windscreens, add on-court benches, bleachers and blended lines.
- **Spearfish (S.D.) School District** received \$10,000 for resurfacing three existing tennis courts at Spearfish Middle School and the painting of blended 36-foot and 60-foot lines.
- **City of Watertown, (Minn.)** received \$6,000 for two new tennis courts, painting of blended 36-foot and 60-foot lines.
- **City of Cambridge (Minn.)** received \$650 from USTA and USTA Northern to add blended lines at Central Green Park.
- **Ellsworth (Wis.) Community School** received \$12,000 for four new courts
- **Park Rapids (Minn.)** received \$6,000 for the resurfacing of eight courts and adding blended lines and windscreens

Tenis Para Todos

USTA Northern introduced a free lesson program in heavily populated Hispanic/Latino communities in Minneapolis and Richfield, Minn., called **Tenis Para Todos**. Participants received six weeks of lessons and a free racquet.



Eau Claire To Build New Indoor Tennis Center; Clay Courts

The Eau Claire City Council voted unanimously to approve development and purchase agreement to build a new indoor tennis facility featuring eight indoor courts and the potential for 2-4 clay courts in the future. The \$10 million project is expected to be completed in late 2017 and will be named the **Menard Family YMCA Tennis Center**.

Court Openings & Facility Upgrades

- **Buffalo, Minn.** - Celebrated the grand opening for their new complex of four permanent 36-foot courts on June 15, 2016. Buffalo native and former Minnesota State Class AA Singles champion **Michael Sicora** participated in the event and donated youth tennis equipment to their community education department.
- **La Crescent, Minn.** - Opened three new courts in June
- **Spicer, Minn.** - Unveiled two new courts
- **Watertown, Minn.** - Celebrated two new courts in August



Buffalo (Minn.) celebrated the opening of four 36-foot permanent courts.

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- **Grand Marais, Minn.** - Two courts in a five-court complex were re-opened in July
- **Park Rapids, Minn.** - Eight courts in Park Rapids were resurfaced with a re-grand opening in August.
- **Barron, Wis.** - Six courts opened in August
- **Harrisburg, S.D.** - Opened eight new courts at the high school in August
- **Rapid City, S.D.** - Completed resurfacing projects at 12-court Parkview complex in June and Sioux Park in September



Watertown (Minn.) opened two new courts in August.

Le Sueur-Henderson and Prior Lake Pilot Parent Organized Play Programs

The communities of **Le Sueur-Henderson** (Minn.) and **Prior Lake** (Minn.) worked with the USTA in piloting Parent Organized Play (POP) programs. The POP youth pilot is a national program developed to engage more parents in the tennis delivery system and is designed for children ages 5-8.



LeSueur-Henderson (Minn.) and Prior Lake (Minn.) were two pilot programs for Parent Organized Play (POP) programs.

IN MEMORIAM

Reid Hans, 67

Long-time pro **Reid Hans** of Eden Prairie, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S.D., died December 13 after suffering a heart attack. He was 67. Hans got into tennis by chance at the age of 29 after being hired as the business manager at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. The tennis coach had resigned at the school, and in turn, they asked Hans to coach the team, even though he had no tennis experience. While serving as coach, Hans was hired as partner and tennis manager at Augusta Tennis Club.

Hans then moved to Sioux Falls in 1984 where he ran the only indoor tennis facility for years. He also worked as a manager/consultant at tennis clubs in Sioux City, Louisville, Evansville, Grand Forks, Fargo and Green Bay.

Hans served on the USTA Northern Board of Directors in the late 70s and has run a number of high profile tournaments over the years.



Reid Hans

Congratulations JTT Section

Life Time Fitness-Fridley, Fargo Win 18U Titles

Congratulations to Life Time Fitness - Fridley and Fargo for winning the 18U Advanced and Intermediate titles, respectively. In the Advanced finals, Fridley defeated Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South 29-27. Members of the winning team included **Alexandra Kopiecki, Charlie Adkins, Jake Trondson, Meagan Brown, Nikita Snezhko, Olivia Paradise, Samuel Hohen-shell** and coach **Zach Adkins**.

Fargo defeated Hibbing in the Intermediate finals 39-19. Members of the Fargo team included **Anna Steinwand, Chessa Jones, Damien O'Donnell, Joseph Beske, Lauryn Andre, Nathan Young, North Knewtson, Preeti Chemiti** and **Trevor Jacklitch**.



18U Advanced Champions: Life Time Fitness - Fridley

Lakeville won the 18s Advanced Silver Flight, while **Life Time Fitness - White Bear** won the Advanced Titanium. In Intermediates, **Hastings Blue** won the Silver and **Sioux Falls Huether Family Match Pointe** won the Titanium brackets.

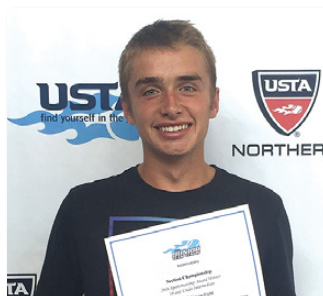
The Sportsmanship Award winners were **North Knewtson** (Fargo) and **Molly Hynes** (St. Paul Urban Tennis) in the Intermediate division and **Parker Law** (Life Time Fitness - White Bear) and **Kenzie Youngs** (Twin City Tennis Camps).



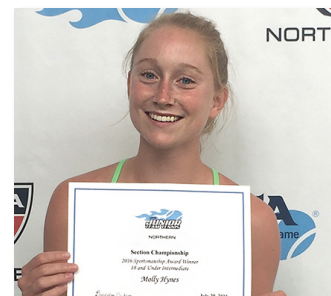
18U Intermediate Champions: Fargo



Parker Law
18U Adv. Sportsmanship



North Knewtson
18U Int. Sportsmanship



Molly Hynes
18U Int. Sportsmanship

Life Time Fitness-Fridley, Bloomington South 14s JTT Champions

Life Time Fitness - Fridley took the Advanced title and Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South the Intermediate championship at the 14U Junior Team Tennis Section Championships. Fridley defeated Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South in the Advanced championship match 38-17. Members of the Fridley team included **Aili Hietala, Bjorn Swenson, Christo Alex, Courtney Kallas, Hank Trondson, Jonathan Nudler, Justin Bobo, Sarah Shahbaz, Sujit Chepuri, Tomas Jay** and **Zoe Adkins**. Fridley was coached by **Sion Wilkins**.

With its second-place finish, Bloomington South also advanced to the National Championships after receiving a wild card from USTA National. Members of the BLS team were **Allen Gong, Gwendolyn Kelly, Isabelle Lynch, Jessica Ip, Nicolette Keller, Nisal Liyanage, Tharun Inturi** and coach **Spencer**.



14U Advanced Champions: Life Time Fitness - Fridley

And Sportsmanship Winners



14U Intermediate Champions: Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South

Jones. In the Intermediate division, Bloomington South defeated Sioux Falls Great Life 39-29. Members of the team included **Allison Agerland, Amisha Kshetrapal, Andrew Liu, Anirudh Vadrevu, Ashish Thotakura, Jack Ouyang, Kelly Wu** and **Sonya Ramesh**. They were coached by **Brady Shannon**.

Winner of the Advanced Silver Flight was **St. Paul Urban Tennis**, while



Yasser Mohiuddin
14s Adv. Sportsmanship



Lucia Fernandez
14s Adv. Sportsmanship



Will Smith
14U Int. Sportsmanship

the Intermediate Silver Flight winner was **Mankato** and the Titanium Flight was **Northfield**.

Congratulations also go out to Sportsmanship winners including **Yasser Mohiuddin** and **Lucia Fernandez** of Twin City Tennis Camps, **Anna Lee** of Life Time Fitness - Fridley and **Will Smith** of Brainerd.

Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South, Hibbing Claim 12U Crowns



12U Advanced Champions:
Life Time Fitness – Bloomington South

Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South and **Hibbing** won the gold brackets respectively in the Advanced and Intermediate divisions at the 12s JTT Section Championships.

Bloomington South coached by **Spencer Jones** and **Taylor Heltne**, defeated **Twin City Tennis Camps** 28-21 in the finals. Members of the winning team included **Allen Gong, Anirudh**

Vadrevu, Ashwika Thotakura, Elizabeth Trevathan, Kira Lehman, Luke Fjelstad and **Reese Burton**.

Hibbing defeated **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** 28-18 in the

Intermediate final. Members of the winning team were **Abigail Sullivan, Courtney Brandt, Drew Anderson, Jared Delich, Lydia Delich** and **Tristen Babich**. **Gary Conda** was the head coach.

Life Time Fitness - White Bear won the Advanced Silver flight, while in the Intermediate Silver division, **Lost in Transition** from Sioux Falls defeated **Shakopee** 24-13. **Hastings** beat the **Dropping Lobsters** 28-14 from Sioux Falls in the Titanium division.

The Sportsmanship Award winners were **Breck Sufficool** (Valley City), **Jared Delich** (Hibbing) and **Logan James** (Twin City Tennis Camps).



12U Intermediate Champions: Hibbing



Logan James
12s Adv. Sportsmanship



Jared Delich
12s Int. Sportsmanship



Breck Sufficool
12s Int. Sportsmanship

Twin City Tennis Camps Wins 10U JTT Spectacular

Congratulations to **Twin City Tennis Camps #3** for placing first at the 2016 10U JTT Spectacular. **Twin City Tennis Camps** also placed second at the event which featured over 50 juniors.



10U Champions: Twin City Tennis Camps

2016 JTT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all of the teams who represented USTA Northern at the 2016 Junior Team Tennis National Championships in Cayce, S.C.

18s Intermediate



The 18 Intermediate team from **Fargo** finished ninth overall and was named the championship's Team Spirit Award winner. Fargo was third in its round-robin flight sending them to the 9th-12th bracket. Mid-Atlantic was first with 168 total games, followed by Caribbean (158), Northern (135) and Texas (44). Fargo beat Southern 57-38 in its first bracket-play match, and then overcame Middle States 52-40 in the 9th/10th-place contest.

18s Advanced

Life Time Fitness - Fridley placed ninth overall in the 18s Advanced divi-

sion. Northern was third in its round-robin flight with 106 total-games won. Mid-Atlantic was first with 163 games, Texas second (162), Northern and Hawaii Pacific (86). In bracket play, Northern defeated New England, 54-34, and Missouri Valley, 59-19, for ninth place.

14s Advanced

Northern was represented by **Life Time Fitness - Fridley** and **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** in the Advanced division. Bloomington South was ninth overall and Fridley 10th. Fridley finished third in its round-robin flight with 85 total-games won. Southern was first with 178, followed by Caribbean (143), Northern and Middle States (65). Bloomington South finished fourth in its flight but advanced to the 9th-12th place division because another team had the incorrect number of eligible players. Mid-Atlantic was first with 174 games, followed by Midwest (143), Missouri Valley (95) and Northern (48). Fridley and Bloomington South then faced off in the 9th-10th match where BLS defeated Fridley 57-35. Mid-Atlantic won the championship.

14s Intermediate

In the Intermediate division, **Life Time Fitness - Bloomington South** finished eighth overall. In round-robin play, BLS was second with 138 games. Middle States was first with 168, while Southern California had 94 and Texas 72. In bracket play, BLS lost to eventual champion Eastern and Midwest.

TENNIS ON CAMPUS

Minnesota Places 12th At National Championships



The **University of Minnesota** finished 12th, while **Carleton** was 41st overall and **North Dakota State** 60th at the 2016 Tennis On Campus National Championships April 14-17 in Cary, N.C.

After going undefeated in Pool Play, Minnesota fell to Virginia in the first round of bracket play 24-22, falling into the Gold consolation bracket. There they defeated UCLA 26-23, but then lost to Miami (Fla.) 27-20 and Cal Poly - SLO 25-24 to finish 12th overall.

Auburn won its first ever Tennis on Campus National Championship, upsetting two-time defending champion Cal Berkeley along the way, and defeating North Carolina in the finals.

Carleton was 1-2 after bracket play and relegated to the Bronze Bracket. Carleton won its first match in the Bronze draw 26-18 over Colorado State, but then fell short to Colorado State 26-18. The Knights then lost to West Virginia 19-18 and Texas A&M 30-5 to finished 8th in the Bronze division and 41st overall.

North Dakota State was 0-3 after pool play and then lost its first-round match in the Copper draw to Iowa State 23-18. NDSU defeated Lamar 27-16 before losing to Stonybrook 26-30 and Northern Colorado 25-22.

Minnesota Wins 13th Straight Section Title

Minnesota A defeated **Minnesota B** 23-18 to claim its 13th straight USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Section Championship at Life Time Fitness - Lakeville. Minnesota is the only team to ever win the Section TOC Championships. **Carleton College** was third in the Gold Bracket and **North Dakota State** fourth. **Winona State** won the Silver Bracket and **Gustavus Adolphus** was named the Team Spirit Award winner.

University of Minnesota; Salam Bachour Win TOC Awards

The **University of Minnesota**, and its leader **Salam Bachour**, were named the 2016 USTA Northern Tennis on Campus Club and Leader of the Year, respectively. The club program enhanced its relationship with the Baseline Tennis Center leading to more court time and more events, while allowing the program to expand from 44 to 58 participants. It also revamped its social media presence and developed a fundraising arm for the group, enabling more players to travel during the fall season. The club gave back to the game working with the Saturday program at InnerCity Tennis and created more social opportunities for team members and its alums.



Salam Bachour

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Boys 18s

Jackson Allen	Shakopee, Minn.	29
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Boys 16s

Hunter Heck	St. Paul, Minn.	76
Sebastian Vile	Rochester, Minn.	97

Boys 14s

Hunter Heck	St. Paul, Minn.	8
Gavin Young	Apple Valley, Minn.	45
Joe Mairs	Edina, Minn.	62

Boys 12s

Max Exsted	Shakopee, Minn.	96
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Girls 18s

Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie, Minn.	87
Alexis Nelson	St. Paul, Minn.	98

Girls 14s

Karin Young	Apple Valley, Minn.	74
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Girls 12s

Karin Young	Apple Valley, Minn.	31
Vunnisa Vu	St. Paul, Minn.	69
Zoe Adkins	Maple Grove, Minn.	92

11	Jonathan Nudler	Plymouth, MN
12	Luke Westholder	Edina, MN
13	Christo Alex	Arden Hills, MN
14	Alec Sargent	Rochester, MN
15	Aidan Nguyen	Sioux Falls, SD
16	Benjamin Peterson	Long Lake, MN
17	Michael Yousef	Sioux Falls, SD
18	Aashish Bharath	Rosemount, MN
19	Rahul Giri	Sioux Falls, SD
20	Kevin Turlington	Rochester, MN

Boys 16s

1	Sebastian Vile	Rochester, MN
2	Varun Iyer	Rochester, MN
3	Petro Alex	Arden Hills, MN
4	Maxim Zagrebely	Eagan, MN
5	Conner Olsen	Orono, MN
6	Matthew Kregness	Wayzata, MN
7	Elias Ramirez	Woodbury, MN
8	Michael Cao	Shoreview, MN
9	Wil McDowell	Sioux Falls, SD
10	Sam Dobbs	Sioux Falls, SD
11	John Kasner	Orono, MN
12	Hunter Heck	Saint Paul, MN
13	Cade Damgaard	Sioux Falls, SD
14	Joe Mairs	Edina, MN
15	Tristan Fjelstad	Bloomington, MN
16	Hunter Roseth	Lakeville, MN
17	Davis Lawley	Fargo, ND
18	Joseph Punnoose	Bloomington, MN
19	Christopher Hall	Edina, MN
20	Ian Altenburg	Chaska, MN

Boys 18s

1	Jackson Allen	Shakopee, MN
2	Jake Kuhlman	Grand Forks, ND
3	Nikita Snezhko	Plymouth, MN
4	Alexander Exsted	Savage, MN
5	Ben Van der Sman	Woodbury, MN
6	Kaleb Dobbs	Sioux Falls, SD
7	Jack Barker	Minneapolis, MN
8	Ben Ingbar	Minneapolis, MN
9	Jake Trondson	Vadnais Heights, MN
10	Sebastian Vile	Rochester, MN
11	Sean Kelly	Lakeville, MN
12	Sahil Chhugani	Rochester, MN
13	Charlie Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
14	Benjamin Wheaton	Excelsior, MN
15	Elias Ramirez	Woodbury, MN
16	Elliot Hartwig	Sioux Falls, SD
17	Elliot Schneider	Duluth, MN
18	Ian Altenburg	Chaska, MN
19	Aidan DeBoer	Sioux Falls, SD
20	Samuel Hochberger	Maple Grove, MN

Girls 12s

1	Karin Young	Apple Valley, MN
2	Vunnisa Vu	Maplewood, MN
3	Zoe Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
4	Paige Sargent	Rochester, MN
5	Nicole Ridenour	Minneapolis, MN
6	Sarah Shahbaz	Ham Lake, MN
7	Annika Munson	Stillwater, MN
8	Selah Stibbins	Minneapolis, MN
9	Tiannah Gu	West Fargo, ND
10	Amanda Diao	Blaine, MN
11	Lauren Kallas	Medina, MN
12	Reegan Mullaney	Edina, MN
13	Nicola Santoni	Minneapolis, MN
14	Brooke Kallas	Medina, MN
15	Ashwika Thotakura	Eden Prairie, MN
16	Karina Elvestrom	Wayzata, MN

17	Sydney Wolpert	Hopkins, MN
18	Niyathi Bhupatiraju	Eden Prairie, MN
19	Taylor Hill	Rochester, MN
20	Emilija Medziukaite	St. Louis Park, MN

Girls 14s

1	Karin Young	Apple Valley, MN
2	Nore Ann Heinitz	Duluth, MN
3	Arlina Shen	Eden Prairie, MN
4	Aili Hietala	Duluth, MN
5	Zoe Adkins	Maple Grove, MN
6	Annika Elvestrom	Wayzata, MN
7	Isabelle Exsted	Savage, MN
8	Nicole Snezhko	Plymouth, MN
9	Ava Leonard	Sioux Falls, SD
10	Lauren Splett	Mahtomedi, MN
11	Johana Brower	Sioux Falls, SD
12	Tiannah Gu	West Fargo, ND
13	Nicole Ridenour	Minneapolis, MN
14	Julia Baber	Rochester, MN
15	Jessica Ip	Edina, MN
16	Sonia Baig	Minneapolis, MN
17	Selah Stibbins	Minneapolis, MN
18	Clare Palen	Rochester, MN
19	Paige Sargent	Rochester, MN
20	Josefina Trella	Eden Prairie, MN

Girls 16s

1	Meagan Brown	Saint Cloud, MN
2	Olivia Paradise	Saint Paul, MN
3	Ellen Puzak	Minneapolis, MN
4	Madeline Suk	Minnetonka, MN
5	Francesca Trella	Eden Prairie, MN
6	Samantha Nichols	Saint Paul, MN
7	Eesha Varma	Eagan, MN
8	Lainey Axell	Plymouth, MN
9	Lauren Ferg	Eagan, MN
10	Karin Young	Apple Valley, MN
11	Danielle Sebata	Sioux Falls, SD
12	Katie Mulvey	Woodbury, MN
13	Arlina Shen	Eden Prairie, MN
14	Delaney Schurhamer	Woodbury, MN
15	Allison Brzezinski	Eagan, MN
16	Abbie Kelm	Bemidji, MN
17	Aili Hietala	Duluth, MN
18	Nore Ann Heinitz	Duluth, MN
19	Rachel Kelly	Minnetonka, MN
20	Monterey Knewtson	Fargo, ND

Girls 18s

1	Sophia Reddy	Eden Prairie, MN
2	Isabella Lambert	Minneapolis, MN
3	Zoe Klass-Warch	Saint Paul, MN
4	Alexis Nelson	Saint Paul, MN
5	Lainey Axell	Plymouth, MN
6	Meagan Brown	Saint Cloud, MN
7	Natalie Lorentz	St. Louis Park, MN
8	Jessica Marmorstein	Rochester, MN
9	Libby Rickeman	Wayzata, MN
10	Sidney Brower	Sioux Falls, SD
11	Izabella Edin	Staples, MN
12	Savanna Crowell	Savage, MN
13	Ginger Valentine	Delano, MN
14	Grace Goble	Rapid City, SD
15	Riley Ellingson	Lakeville, MN
16	Catherine Lindsay	Eau Claire, WI
17	Eesha Varma	Eagan, MN
18	Olivia Paradise	Saint Paul, MN
19	Samantha Nichols	Saint Paul, MN
20	Taylor Kopfer	Eagan, MN

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Boys 12s

1	Maxwell Exsted	Savage, MN
2	Tygen Goldammer	Rosemount, MN
3	Ashton Adesoro	Saint Paul, MN
4	Allen Gong	Eagan, MN
5	Emmanuel Alex	Arden Hills, MN
6	Nolan Ranger	Edina, MN
7	Hank Trondson	Vadnais Heights, MN
8	Samuel Wolden	St. Louis Park, MN
9	Marjan Veldic	Rochester, MN
10	Matthew Fullerton	Edina, MN
11	Anirudh Vadrevu	Eden Prairie, MN
12	James Yousef	Sioux Falls, SD
13	Philip Wisniewski	Rochester, MN
14	Tej Bhagra	Rochester, MN
15	Preston Perrill	Wayzata, MN
16	Ojas Bhagra	Rochester, MN
17	Ashish Thotakura	Eden Prairie, MN
18	Luke Fjelstad	Bloomington, MN
19	Isaac Maddock	Osakis, MN
20	Justin Prochnow	Saint Paul, MN

Boys 14s

1	Hunter Heck	Saint Paul, MN
2	Gavin Young	Apple Valley, MN
3	Joe Mairs	Edina, MN
4	Bjorn Swenson	North Oaks, MN
5	Sujit Chepuri	Minneapolis, MN
6	Luke Little	Minneapolis, MN
7	Justin Bobo	Rochester, MN
8	Tharun Inturi	Shakopee, MN
9	Kevin Thomas	Minnetonka, MN
10	Joshua Christensen	Rochester, MN

2016 USTA Northern Adult Tournament Rankings

The following criteria was used in determining the 2016 USTA Northern tournament rankings:

- All points earned in sanctioned tournaments in the 12-month period will be included in the points total
- In Men's Open Singles, players must play a minimum of four tournaments to be ranked;
- In all other divisions, two tournaments are required;
- In any division where there was only one tournament available, that tournament will be used for a ranking (with an asterisk noting such);
- Any division where all players listed on the ranking list have only played one event, those players will be included in the Year-End Ranking (with an asterisk noting such);
- The cutoff point for yearbook listing will be determined by space limitations.

National Rankings

Men's 35 Singles

Justin Baker	Minneapolis, MN	45
Eric Gleason	St. Paul, MN	79

Men's 40 Singles

Scott Larsen	Maple Grove, MN	60
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Men's 40 Individual Doubles

John Andraschko	Minnetonka, MN	153
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Men's 40 Team Doubles

John Andraschko	Minnetonka, MN	87
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Men's 45 Individual Doubles

John Andraschko	Minnetonka, MN	73
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Men's 50 Singles

Tom Olmscheid	St. Paul, MN	48
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Men's 50 Individual Doubles

Randy Crowell	Minneapolis, MN	104
Tom Olmscheid	St. Paul, MN	170

Men's 50 Team Doubles

Tom Olmscheid	St. Paul, MN	94
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Men's 55 Singles

Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN	112
Kenneth Cychoz	Apple Valley, MN	318

Men's 55 Individual Doubles

Glenn Britzius	Eden Prairie, MN	46
Fred Budde	Eden Prairie, MN	138
Ken Cychoz	Apple Valley, MN	164

Men's 55 Team Doubles

Ken Cychoz	Apple Valley, MN	96
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Men's 60 Singles

Fred Budde	Eden Prairie, MN	118
David Pettengill	Rochester, MN	216

Men's 60 Individual Doubles

Randy Crowell	Minneapolis, MN	10
Fred Budde	Eden Prairie, MN	10
David Pettengill	Rochester, MN	99

Men's 60 Team Doubles

Randy Crowell	Minneapolis, MN	1
Fred Budde	Eden Prairie, MN	1
Fred Budde	Eden Prairie, MN	60
David Pettengill	Rochester, MN	60

Men's 65 Singles

Dave Spilseth	Wayzata, MN	151
Dick Nelson	Hopkins, MN	169
Lee Nagel	Wahpeton, MN	186
Tim Burke	Minneapolis, MN	198
Dan Halvorsen	Sunfish Lake, MN	198
Ron York	Eagan, MN	231
Scott Borene	Minneapolis, MN	307
Thomas Butorac	Virginia, MN	307

Men's 65 Individual Doubles

Dick Nelson	Hopkins, MN	123
Thomas Boice	Wayzata, MN	123
Ron York	Eagan, MN	206
Dan Halvorsen	Sunfish Lake, MN	206
George Carlyle	Chanhausen, MN	228
David Mathews	Minneapolis, MN	228
Tim Burke	Minneapolis, MN	265
Greg Lappin	Chaska, MN	265

Men's 65 Team Doubles

Dick Nelson	Hopkins, MN	59
Thomas Boice	Wayzata, MN	59
Ron York	Eagan, MN	132
Dan Halvorsen	Sunfish Lake, MN	132
George Carlyle	Chanhausen, MN	143
Greg Lappin	Chaska	169
David Mathews	Minneapolis	169
Tim Burke	Minneapolis	169

Men's 70 Singles

Les Puett	Minnetonka, MN	246
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Men's 70 Individual Doubles

David Nash	Bloomington, MN	88
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Men's 70 Team Doubles

David Nash	Bloomington, MN	49
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Men's 75 Singles

Bob Busch	Edina, MN	112
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Women's 50 Individual Doubles

Elyse Rabinowitz	Minneapolis, MN	70
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Women's 70 Singles

Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN	50
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Women's 70 Individual Doubles

Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN	33
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Women's 70 Team Doubles

Cammy Johnson	Excelsior, MN	19
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Family Father Son Doubles

Samuel Cychoz	Apple Valley, MN	88
Kenneth Cychoz	Apple Valley, MN	
Peter Stadum	Minneapolis, MN	168
Kent Stadum	St. Paul, MN	

Family Super Senior Father-Son Doubles

David Lundmark	Duluth, MN	24
Matt Lundmark	Minneapolis, MN	

Family Father-Daughter Doubles

Caitlyn Merzbacher	Eden Prairie, MN	35
Charles Merzbacher	Eden Prairie, MN	

Family Grandfather-Grandson Doubles

Tom Fridinger	White Bear Lake, MN	17
Evan Fridinger	St. Paul, MN	

Section Rankings

Men's Open Singles

- 1 Matthew Seracki Ham Lake, MN

Men's 35 Singles

- 1 Darcy Hanson Wildrose, ND
1 Paul Thibedeau West Fargo, ND
2 Rory McCormick Fargo, ND

Men's 40 Singles*

- 1 Rodney Morasch Bismarck, ND

Men's 45 Singles

- 1 Paul Thibedeau West Fargo, ND
2 Kevin Allan Mandan, ND
3 Jason Thiner Fargo, ND

Men's 50 Singles

- 1 Tim Theisen Maple Grove, MN

Men's 55 Singles*

- 1 Anthony Simons St. Paul, MN
2 Shuman Lee Roseville, MN

Men's 60 Singles*

- 1 Bruce Westrum Austin, MN
2 Bob Busch Edina, MN

NTRP Men's 3.0 Singles

- 1 Ronald Filstrup St. Paul, MN
2 Scott Borene Minneapolis, MN
3 Jeffrey Nelson Burnsville, MN

NTRP Men's 3.5 Singles

- 1 Paul Kotz St. Paul, MN
2 Michael Streater Sunfish Lake, MN
3 Dan Thompson St. Paul, MN
4 Michael Senn Eden Prairie, MN

NTRP Men's 4.0 Singles

- 1 Tim Theisen Maple Grove, MN
2 Chad Latour Edina, MN
3 Carlton Mitchell Osseo, MN
4 Andrew McIntyre St. Paul, MN
5 Robert Hank Cedar, MN

NTRP Men's 4.5 Singles

- 1 John Janssen Edina, MN
2 Pablo Egue Maple Grove, MN
3 David Nelson St. Paul, MN
4 Trent Chaffee Edina, MN

Men's Open Doubles

- 1 Jordan Boehm Mandan, ND
Paul Christen Mandan, ND
2 Bryan Baumann St. Cloud, MN
Jeremy Thompson Champlin, MN
3 Alexander Reinke Rapid City, SD
Chuck Tang Rapid City, SD
4 Zac Lunak Grand Forks, ND
Joshua Lunak Grand Forks, ND

Men's 35 Doubles*

- 1 Paul Swartwood Blackduck, MN
Steve Palmer Bemidji, MN
2 Paul Thibedeau West Fargo, ND
Jason Thiner Fargo, ND

Men's 45 Doubles*

- 1 Fred Budde Eden Prairie, MN
Kenneth Cychosz Apple Valley, MN
2 Neil Radermacher Eagan, MN
Paul Bates St. Cloud, MN
3 Paul Thibedeau West Fargo, ND
Chris Toussaint Excelsior, MN
3 Richard Hahn Sioux Falls, SD
Jeffrey Nelson Sioux Falls, SD

NTRP Combined Men's 7.0 Doubles

- 1 Kyle Syverson Big Lake, MN
Michael Torres Minneapolis, MN

NTRP Combined Men's 8.0 Doubles

- 1 John Thorson Maplewood, MN
Scott Fitzgerald St. Paul, MN
2 Josh Blanc Minneapolis, MN
Gordon Strom St. Paul, MN
3 Timothy Magnuson Blaine, MN
Chris Brewer Fridley, MN

NTRP Combined Men's 9.0 Doubles*

- 1 Matt Honan Sioux Falls, SD
David Peterson Sioux Falls, SD
1 Spike Rickert Minnetonka, MN
John Janssen Edina, MN

Women's Open Singles

- 1 Diana Bukajeva St. Paul, MN
2 Karen Moe Fargo, ND
3 LyNelle Sherven Ryder, ND
4 Caitlyn Merzbacher Eden Prairie, MN

Women's 35 Singles*

- 1 Mary Saylor Fargo, ND

NTRP Women's 3.5 Singles*

- 1 Sheila Merzer Minneapolis, MN
1 Kim Wolson Golden Valley, MN
1 Elizabeth Miller Excelsior, MN

NTRP Women's 4.0 Singles

- 1 Mia Robillos Minneapolis, MN
2 Virginia Kuberski St. Paul, MN
3 Jane Mills Minneapolis, MN
4 Xiao Xu Maple Grove, MN

NTRP Women's 4.5 Singles*

- 1 Kara Bunkers Sioux Falls, SD
2 Patricia Hinrichs Mitchell, SD

Women's Open Doubles

- 1 Lynne Steinley Rapid City, SD
Annie Bussler Rapid City, SD

Women's 35 Doubles*

- 1 Kerri Lee Fargo, ND
Angela Summers Fargo, ND
1 Carolyn Kramer Moorhead, MN
Angela Summers Fargo, ND

NTRP Combined Women's 6.0 Doubles*

- 1 Hope Plack Maple Grove, MN
Amber Bogdanowitz Corcoran, MN
2 Miki Novak Strom Falcon Heights, MN
Patricia Fettes Wyoming, MN

NTRP Combined Women's 7.0 Doubles

- 1 Kimberly Michalak Forest Lake, MN
Jennifer Norstrom Wyoming, MN
2 Jency Collopy Minneapolis, MN
Dayna Myos Brooklyn Center, MN

NTRP Combined Women's 8.0 Doubles*

- 1 Lindsey Mueller Eau Claire, WI
Emily Winzenz Eau Claire, WI
1 Lisa Mushett Apple Valley, MN
Vanessa Sexton Lakeville, MN
1 Lexi Miller Madison Lake, MN
Kelly Lechowski Eagle Lake, MN

NTRP Combined Women's 9.0 Doubles*

- 1 Sarah Meredith Sioux Falls, SD
Christine Dummermuth Sioux Falls, SD

Mixed Open Doubles

- 1 Tianna Duda Rapid City, SD
Taylor Schultz Rapid City, SD
2 Brady Ballweber West Fargo, ND
Andrea Rognlien Fargo, ND

NTRP Combined Mixed 6.0 Doubles*

- 1 William Prepodnik Owatonna, MN
Tawee Prepodnik Owatonna, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 7.0 Doubles

- 1 Kyle Kessler Mankato, MN
Kelly Lechowski Eagle Lake, MN
2 Addie Lordemann St. Paul, MN
Jon Kruse Arden Hills, MN
3 Elizabeth Hebner Anoka, MN
Craig Kuberski St. Paul, MN
4 Michael Green Minneapolis, MN
Amy Dekkers St. Louis Park, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 8.0 Doubles

- 1 Todd Heilig Lino Lakes, MN
Jill Thompson St. Paul, MN

NTRP Combined Mixed 9.0 Doubles*

- 1 Iasmin Rosa Sioux Falls, SD
Joshua Brower Sioux Falls, SD

LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS

18 & Over Adult



3.0 Men – Captains: Jeff Nelson and Robert Stuart
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



3.5 Men – Captains: Mike Torres and Morgan White
(Baseline Tennis Center)



4.0 Men – Captain: Tim Magnuson
(Public Indoor Tennis)



4.5 Men – Captain: Bruce Gullikson
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



5.0+ Men – Captain: Adam Altepeter
(Life Time Fitness-Fridley)



2.5 Women – Captain: Colleen Timimi
(Rochester Athletic Club)



3.0 Women – Captain: Kristen Kolpek
(Rochester Athletic Club)



3.5 Women – Captains: Tara Frimat and Mary Shannahan
(Edina Country Club)



4.0 Women – Captain: Diane Drake
(InnerCity Tennis)



4.5 Women – Captain: Mary Beth McDonald
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



5.0+ Women - Captain: Kris Paul
(Life Time Athletic-St. Louis Park)



6.0 Mixed – Captain: Carl Bigby
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)

LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS



7.0 Mixed – Captain: Diane Madden
(Life Time Fitness-Fridley)



8.0 Mixed – Captains: Dennis Morgan and Patti Horita
(Life Time Fitness-Fridley)



9.0 Mixed – Captain: Sara Humann
(Life Time Athletic-St. Louis Park)

40 & Over Adult



3.0 Men – Captain: Carl Bigby
(Fred Wells Tennis Education Center)



3.5 Men – Captains: Brad Struve and Eric Narvaez
(St. Paul Academy & Summit School)



4.0 Men – Captain: David Goodman
(Baseline Tennis Center)



4.5+ Men – Captain: Ken Cychosz
(Eden Prairie Life Time Athletic)



3.0 Women – Captains: Jennifer Beaudion and Laura Robbins
(Eden Prairie Life Time Athletic)



3.5 Women – Captains: Carmen Callies and Kathleen Geherin
(Eden Prairie Life Time Athletic)



4.0 Women – Captains: Sarah Foley and Julie Ouyang
(Life Time Fitness-Oakdale Village)



4.5+ Women – Captains: Helen Gunther and Ann Eliason
(Williston Fitness Center)



6.0 Mixed – Captain: Carl Bigby
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)

LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS



7.0 Mixed – Captains: Chris Homsey and Trent Waite
(Life Time Athletic-St. Louis Park)



8.0 Mixed – Captains: Dana Hansen and Morgan White
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



9.0 Mixed – Captain: Greg Garrity
(Life Time Athletic-St. Louis Park)

55 & Over Adult



6.0 Men – Captain: Eric Narvaez
(Fred Wells Tennis Education Center)



7.0 Men – Captains: Eric Narvaez and Peter Haan
(St. Paul Academy & Summit School)



8.0 Men – Captains: Ahto Niemioja and Don Smith
(Fred Wells Tennis Education Center)



9.0 Men – Captain: Steve Radermacher
(Town and Country Club)



6.0 Women – Captain: Kelly Stordahl
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



7.0 Women – Captain: Carol Thies
(Life Time Fitness-Bloomington South)



8.0 Women – Captains: Sheryl Warfield and Kay Conway
(Rochester Athletic Club)

LEAGUE SECTION CHAMPIONS

ONE Doubles



3.0 Women - Amy Bodine (Minneapolis, Minn.), Julie Sibley (Chanhassen, Minn.)



3.5 Men - Ron Ingalls (Center City, Minn.), Captain Eric Narvaez (St. Paul, Minn.), Gary Simpson (Minneapolis, Minn.), Peter Haan (Hastings, Minn.)



3.5 Women - Angela Taylor (St. Paul, Minn.), Brittany Hahn (Minneapolis, Minn.)



4.0 Men - Chandha Duwearatchi (Bloomington, Minn.), Craig Ballentine (Minneapolis, Minn.), Justin Long (Minneapolis, Minn.), Brian Jacobsen (Minneapolis, Minn.)



4.0 Women - Joy Mancini (St. Paul, Minn.), Addie Lordemann (St. Paul, Minn.), Miranda Ebner (Minneapolis, Minn.)



4.5 Men - Brady Radermacher (Eagan, Minn.), Dipu Rahman (St. Paul, Minn.), Neil Radermacher (Eagan, Minn.), Chris Thornton (St. Paul, Minn.)



4.5 Women - Denise Thoen (Bloomington, Minn.), Astrid Perez (Minneapolis, Minn.), Tory Borovsky (Northfield, Minn.), Lennae Grahn (Rosemount, Minn.)



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