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Welcome to the 2018 Yearbook Edition!

This issue is dedicated to our passionate, enthusiastic and strong tennis community. The following pages recognize the accomplishments – on and off the court – of our state’s avid players. 2017 was a year that saw continued growth in leagues, the launch of Net Generation and more tennis spirit than ever.

After the success of the summer months, which crowned junior and league champions, our great state was hit by Hurricane Harvey. In the aftermath of the historical storm, our tennis family rallied to raise over \$65,000 that was distributed back to help rebuild our Texas tennis communities, which were devastated by the storm.

We hope you enjoy the 2018 Yearbook Edition and encourage you to search for your name or a friendly face you recognize. Thank you for an amazing 2017 and here’s to an even better 2018!

Taylor Jones



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The New Normal

Emily Schaefer, USTA Texas President



As 2018 rolls along, I hope that last year's tribulations are fading into the background and you are back and ready for action.

Watching the recent Australian Open was a great reminder of just how much it takes to be tennis champions. The new levels of fitness, equipment, technology and performance were in plain sight during matches that lasted several hours in the sweltering heat, and as journeyman pros played head-to-head with the game's best as if it was just another day.

Perhaps this is the "new normal" in tennis. For those who want to compete and be successful, they must dedicate their bodies and minds to working hard just to be ready for an opportunity that may come along when they least expect it. It's always been true that entering a tournament is exciting simply because one person or team is going to win it. Things happen – injuries, illness, defaults, etc. – that thrust players farther in the field than they may have expected. It is good to be ready when that happens.

USTA Texas is looking ahead now to be prepared for a stronger future. We are gathering information from our community leaders, tournament directors, players and volunteers. Important areas such as technology, court infrastructure, local and national initiatives and diversity and inclusion will shape the "new normal."

Strategic directions help unify the goals of the entire Texas Tennis family, and solid planning will make sure we are prepared when the time comes. It's an amazing period to be involved in tennis. Stay tuned as our plans unfold.

VAN'S ADVANTAGE

Looking to the Future

Van Barry, USTA Texas Executive Director



Last month, we held a Community Tennis Association Leadership Forum in Austin. I'm pleased to share this update that representatives from throughout the state gathered there to discuss and build a vision for the future of Texas tennis.

The framework for the meeting was to look forward three to five years and provide information that will allow us to develop a plan for growth that aligns with our section's strategies and goals. Discussion points covered further developing a stronger customer service culture, current and future technology needs, facility management and operations, revolutionizing the future of our tournaments and leagues, as well as effectively communicating to our growing and diverse constituency.

The words 'education' and 'information' came up many times during the meeting. A key takeaway for me is the necessity for improved access to relevant and up-to-date information at the local levels. Most important, the type of information that is needed covers all areas of our tennis industry. This includes information for new players and parents coming into our sport; information for city leaders on the economic and lifestyle impact tennis has on a community; information for our program providers on best practices to enhance the experience for the consumer; and countless other aspects.

The energy in the room and exchange of ideas throughout the meeting was fantastic. I thank all those who attended for their valuable input. I'm excited about the framework we developed and encouraged by the opportunity we now have for innovative solutions.

As always, your questions, comments and observations are welcomed at: vbarry@texas.usta.com.

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PARTICIPATION

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INSTRUCTOR CONNECTIONS

6,600 HOT SHOTS PARTICIPATION

26,682 NJTL PARTICIPATION

22,280 ADULT
TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

65,916 ADULT
LEAGUE PARTICIPATION



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



For Black History Month, we spoke to one of the rising stars of the Texas tennis community – Mukasa Ricketts. Mukasa is a 2017 Texas Diversity Grant recipient and won the Arthur Ashe National Essay Contest in 2016 for boys ages 15-16. “Now, I understand how tennis changed me,” Mukasa told wrote in his essay. “I realize that what you see depends almost entirely on what you look for. I used to only see the things that I wasn’t, but now I see the things that I can be, and I am willing to work for it.”

We asked Mukasa more about his experience with tennis and what it means to him.

Name: Mukasa Ricketts
City: Dallas, TX

USTA: How many years have you been involved with tennis and in what capacity?

Mukasa: I’ve been playing the game for about four years now, with three of those years being with the Dallas Tennis Education and Academy. I’ve played at the Challenger level and am now at the Championship level.

USTA: What’s your proudest tennis moment?

Mukasa: It’s hard to pick just one, but if I had to, I would say it was when I made it on my high school tennis team. Looking back, it doesn’t seem like a huge accomplishment, but it was significant to me because it proved that I could go a step further than I thought and that I could be as good a tennis player as anyone else.

USTA: How did you first get into tennis?

Mukasa: I was in high school and didn’t play any sports, so I tried out for all the sports to see which one I would like. This eventually led me to tennis where I actually started out as a ball boy for the team. A year later I would become the number two ranked player on the team.

USTA: What does tennis mean to you?

Mukasa: In one word, I would say it means character. In the world of sports, to do more, you have to become more. In my efforts to become a better athlete and accomplish more, I’ve had to build upon myself and learn humility, dedication, resilience, confidence and patience because those are the attributes of the successful.

USTA: What are some of your greatest accomplishments?

Mukasa:

- Being on my high school tennis team when I was in my country, Jamaica
- Receiving several awards from the Dallas Tennis Education and Academy (DTEA) for: Excellence, Sportsmanship, Leadership (2017), Player of the Year for three consecutive years (2015, 2016 & 2017), and Volunteer of the Year (2017)
- Playing my first national tennis tournament, the American Tennis Association National Championship and receiving an award for sportsmanship there



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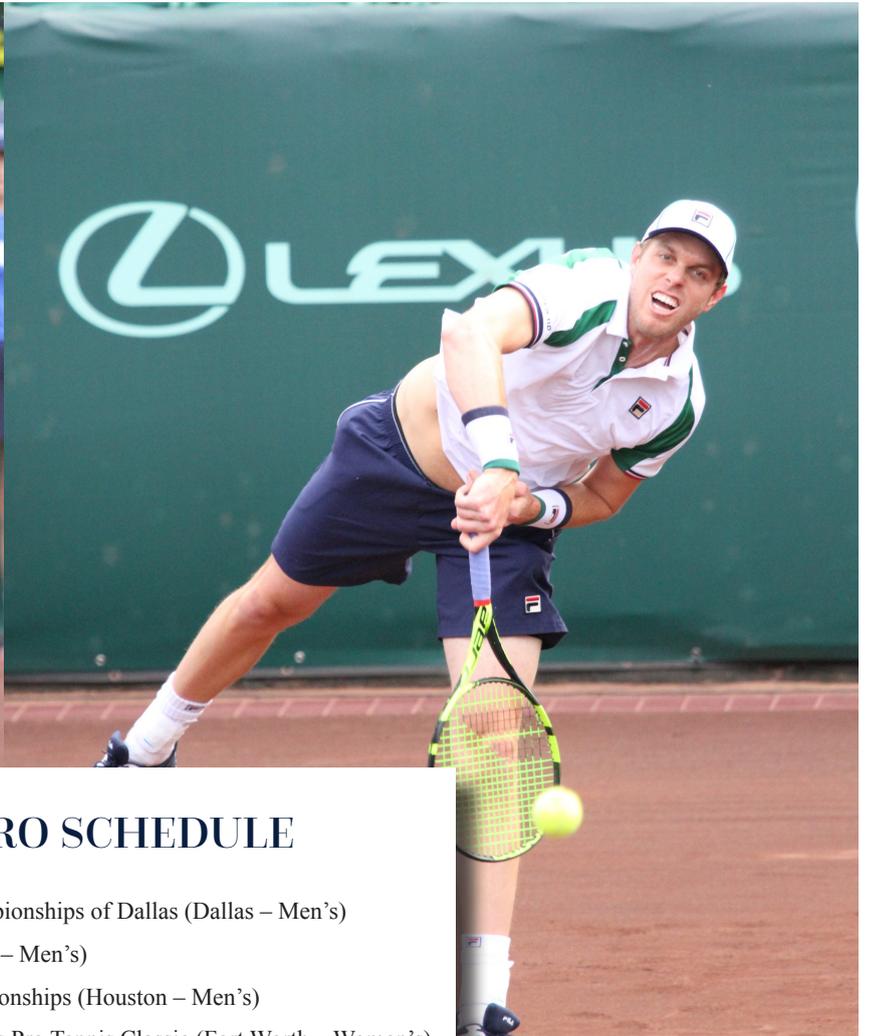
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2018 TEXAS PRO SCHEDULE

January 29-February 3: RBC Tennis Championships of Dallas (Dallas – Men’s)

March 12-18: Irving Tennis Classic (Irving – Men’s)

April 7-15: U.S. Men’s Clay Court Championships (Houston – Men’s)

Week of July 30: 2018 Fort Worth Women’s Pro Tennis Classic (Fort Worth – Women’s)

September 18-24: Team Luke Tennis Classic (Lubbock – Women’s)

October 9-15: Texas Tamale Company Houston Cup (Houston – Men’s)

October 16-22: Harlingen Country Club Men’s \$25,000 Futures (Harlingen – Men’s)

Week of October 29: RBC Pro Challenge (Tyler – Men’s)

November 27-December 3: Waco Futures USTA Men’s Collegiate Series (Waco – Men’s)



2017 FINAL RANKINGS FOR ADULTS, SENIORS AND SUPER SENIORS

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF THE 2017 RANKINGS. FOR A COMPLETE LIST, VISIT TENNISLINK.

Men's Open Singles			Men's 4.0 Singles			Men's 4.5 Singles			Men's 4.0 Doubles			Men's 4.5 Doubles			Men's 3.0 Doubles			Men's 3.5 Doubles					
1	Adrian Valdez	San Antonio	1	Jeff Walder	Katy	1	Erasmus Gonzalez	San Antonio	1	James Howe	Georgetown	1	Michael Clayborne	Houston	1	Michael Clayborne	Houston	1	Ferny Avila	San Antonio	1	Tony Lewis	Boerne
2	Anis Mezzour	Dallas	2	Shaun Randall	Kerrville	2	Mohit Nilekani	Austin	2	John Broome	Belton	2	Christopher Bbale	Houston	2	Jeremy Harr	Carrollton	2	Joseph Castillo	Pearsall	2	Christopher Isaacs	Joshua
3	Hersh Pise	Richmond	3	Ben Garza	San Antonio	3	JD Miles	Addison	3	John Zeber	Temple	3	Jihad Benbarka	Corpus Christi	3	Brandy Gilmore	Waco	3	Perry Pise	Richmond	3	Thomas Heiserman	Southlake
4	Ferny Avila	San Antonio	4	Nicholas Tanner	Mansfield	4	Ned Minevitz	Austin	4	Mark Benak	Kerrville	4	Juan Dekruff	Austin	4	Robert Clark	San Antonio	4	Thomas Heiserman	Southlake			
5	Maciej Braciszewicz	Allen	5	John Broome	Belton	5	Brandyn Bailey	Dallas	5	Will Boucek	Austin	5	Kevin Mayo	Arlington	5	Domonique Moore	Dallas	5	Dominique Moore	Dallas			
6	Daniel Gill	Shavano Park	6	Thurston Woods	Houston	6	Jason Kirsch	Plano	6	Michael Mabe	Fort Worth	6	Kevin Mayo	Arlington	6	Tony Rankin	Austin	6	Tony Rankin	Austin			
7	Marco Valdez	San Antonio	7	Jamelle Roberts	Fort Worth	7	Husain Virani	Richmond	7	Hector Munoz	Helotes	7	Quentin Dyson	Katy	7	GJ Flores	Mansfield	7	Hector Villarreal	San Antonio			
8	Brett Bernstein	Richmond	8	Adriano Soares	Houston	8	David Bateman	Dripping Springs	8	Jeffrey Nowotny	Austin	8	Quentin Dyson	Katy	8	Hector Villarreal	San Antonio						
9	Kristian Rodriguez	Houston	9	Jamelle Roberts	Fort Worth	9	Mike Caldarella	Laredo	9	Michael Lawrence	Frisco	9	Charles Suhr	San Antonio	9	Chris Lane	Irving						
10	Crisanto Ramirez	Mission	10	Victor Lee	Houston	10	Igor Milisavljevic	Houston	10	Daniel Donati	Plano	10	Charles Suhr	San Antonio	10	Ladislado Ramirez	Houston						
11	Roger Chou	Austin	11	Landon Blair	San Antonio	11	Alex Quinones	Alvarado	11	Sam Page	Arlington	11	William Koziol	Hewitt	11	William Koziol	Hewitt						
12	Lee Gregg	Burkburnett	12	Brett Simpson	Houston	12	Hector Munoz	Helotes	12	Steve Surbaugh	San Antonio	12	Gary Collier	Kempner	12	Gary Collier	Kempner						
13	Ramon Martinez	Dallas	13	Chris Ramser	Austin	13	Hector Munoz	Helotes	13	Matt Garner	San Antonio	13	Benyam Chekol	San Antonio	13	Benyam Chekol	San Antonio						
14	Karim Amaya	Houston	14	Michael Vageline	Kerrville	14	Jeffrey Nowotny	Austin	14	John Swords	Temple	14	David Megert	Princeton	14	David Megert	Princeton						
15	Colin Cohen	Round Rock	15	Collier Hinson	Austin	15	Michael Lawrence	Frisco	15	John Swords	Temple	15	Sean Kent	Austin	15	Sean Kent	Austin						
16	Joseph Sopko	Addison	16	Roberto Pedraza	Fair Oaks Ranch	16	Daniel Donati	Plano	16	Matt Garner	San Antonio	16	Alex Bayardo	Del Rio	16	Alex Bayardo	Del Rio						
17	Nicholas Jasso	Austin	17	Art Tontiplaphol	San Antonio	17	James Cole	Abilene	17	Steve Surbaugh	San Antonio	17	Roland Deleon	San Antonio	17	Roland Deleon	San Antonio						
18	Michael Mabe	Dallas	18	John Zeber	Temple	18	Sam Page	Arlington	18	Matt Garner	San Antonio	18	Tod Flood	Spring	18	Tod Flood	Spring						
19	John Aguilar	Austin	19	Jeff Williams	Austin	19	Steve Surbaugh	San Antonio	19	John Swords	Temple	19	Ryan Robles	Round Rock	19	Ryan Robles	Round Rock						
20	Trenton Rios	San Antonio	20	Juan Rios	Kingsville	20	Matt Garner	San Antonio	20	John Swords	Temple	20	Robert Walker	Burleson	20	Robert Walker	Burleson						
21	Jake Williams	Dallas	21	Greg Maxey	Uvalde	21	Jason Martinez	San Antonio	21	John Swords	Temple	21	Rick Rojo	Austin	21	Rick Rojo	Austin						
22	Luis Hernandez	Eagle Pass	22	James Schick	Dallas	22	Alejandro Ramirez	Waco	22	John Swords	Temple	22	Manuel Esqueda	Austin	22	Manuel Esqueda	Austin						
23	Edward Boone	Austin	23	Rene Castillo	San Antonio	23	Dave Watts	San Antonio	23	John Swords	Temple	23	Glenn Brock	Colleyville	23	Glenn Brock	Colleyville						
24	Zachery Foster	San Antonio	24	Trevor Miles	Houston	24	Roberto Garcia	San Antonio	24	John Swords	Temple	24	Steven Shanks	Flower Mound	24	Steven Shanks	Flower Mound						
25	Luis Fernandez	Round Rock	25	Osiel Salinas	Fairview	25	Rodney Hinze	Dallas	25	John Swords	Temple	25	Derrick Imani Hodge	Austin	25	Derrick Imani Hodge	Austin						

Mixed 3.5 Doubles

1	Pat Alexander	River Oaks
2	Wayne Alexander	River Oaks
3	Maryanne McKenzie	Austin
4	Jason Liu	San Antonio
5	Cheryl Ellison-Hargrove	Converse
6	GJ Flores	Mansfield
7	Letty Garcia	Round Rock
8	Amy Morgan	Keller
9	Roseann McAlister	Round Rock
10	Daniel Urrea	Round Rock
11	Alisha Kim	Richardson
12	Jim Kim	Richardson
13	Christopher VanBerg	Burnet
14	Angie Parks	Round Rock
15	Courtney McClellan	Houston
16	Michael Tran	Houston
17	Alex Bayardo	Del Rio
18	Ryan Robles	Round Rock
19	Tara Murphy	Irving
20	Pushkar Chhajed	Austin
21	Francisco Bonilla	Austin
22	Gregory Grissom	Georgetown
23	Christopher Isaacs	Joshua
24	Scott Hackett	Wimberley
25	Lisa Head	Wimberley

Mixed 4.0 Doubles

1	Kevin McNamee	Colleyville
2	Stephanie Rodriguez	Round Rock
3	Sarah Atkinson	Austin
4	Christine Foster	Georgetown
5	James Howe	Georgetown
6	Michael Torres	Fort Worth
7	Mark Rogers	New Braunfels
8	John Garza	College Station
9	Rachel Robles	Taylor
10	Lachrista Whatley	Dallas
11	David Jenkins	San Antonio
12	Gregg Mills	McKinney
13	Jennifer Nguyen	Lakeway
14	Annette Corbin	Austin
15	Chris Burton	Keller
16	Gary Cruse	Lakeway
17	Michelle Graham	Austin
18	Gary Smith	Hutto
19	Casey Herridge	San Antonio
20	Yoav Shiloah	San Antonio
21	Jessica Lane	San Antonio
22	Martha Fields	Austin
23	Rene Castillo	San Antonio
24	Tuyen Nguyen	Pearland
25	Kimberly Carter	San Antonio

Mixed 4.5 Doubles

1	Lauren Gremminger	Austin
2	Krystyan Lazarin	Corpus Christi
3	Edgar Martinez	Tyler
4	Kalim Sawires	Round Rock
5	Will Boucek	Austin
6	Courtney O'Daniel	San Antonio
7	Andrew Merritt	Austin
8	Christina Merritt	San Antonio
9	David Cuebas	Taylor
10	Loc Lam	Austin
11	Crystal Fain	Houston
12	Lisa Zucker	Austin
13	Estephania Ruiz	San Antonio
14	Lori Adams Tieknon	Georgetown
15	Jeff Kurnik	Georgetown
16	Patricia Strandboe	Georgetown
17	Colette Bellville	Round Rock
18	Vince Kingsley	Rockwall
19	Jennifer Growcock	San Antonio
20	Christopher Bingham	San Antonio
21	Reginald Black	Bellaire
22	Janet Namutebi	Houston
23	Terry Coffman	Dallas
24	Sonia Moorthy	Farmers Branch
25	Melody Garcia	Alice

Women's Open Singles

1	Carla Cooper	Arlington
2	Brianda Navarro	San Antonio
3	Meaghan Ocanas	Rowlett
4	Chantal Najera	McQueeny
5	Jacqueline Payne	Houston
6	Taylor Gruber	Spicewood
7	Aarohi Parikh	Sugar Land
8	Melanie Richardson	Tomball
9	Jeanette Mireles	Houston
10	Megan Richardson	Tomball
11	Maria Briones	Atascosa
12	Hanna Rafferty	San Antonio
13	Haley Winton	Carmine
14	Yamilet Castillo	Katy
15	Shannon Kelly	Keller
16	Janice Shin	Houston
17	Julie Thu	Austin
18	Samantha Butler	San Antonio
19	Karla De La Luz Montalvo	Katy
20	Paulina Garcia	San Antonio
21	Lillian Hostetter	San Antonio
22	Ruby Trevino	Hurst
23	Crystal Butler	Spring
24	Haylee Cannon	Denison
25	Emma Kesterson	New Braunfels
26	Enya Ratkic	Hurst
27	Maya Smith	Houston

Women's 30 Singles

1	Amelia Deane	Austin
2	Angela Horejsi	Austin
3	Rachel Dory	Austin

Women's 60 Doubles								
1	Elizabeth Rutledge	Austin	5	Lalo J Rojas	San Antonio	4	Carlos Salinas	Spring
1	Elizabeth Sames	Laredo	5	William Sandlin	Brownsville	5	Jesus Bahena	Houston
3	Heidi Mireiter	Trophy Club	11	David Byrne	Austin	6	Juan Garcia	Houston
3	Kathy Pevoto	Colleyville	11	Laurie Byrne	Austin	7	David Barrera	San Antonio
5	Ruthie Day	Fort Worth	11	Guy MacNeill	Austin	7	Misa Breton	Houston
5	Mary Loskorn	Arlington	11	Christopher Swenson	Elgin	7	Ricardo Lucien	Arlington
7	Nevada Hudson	Grand Prairie	11	Nancy Swenson	Dallas	7	Juan Soto	Arlington
7	Loretta Parker	Burleson	17	Lynne Wiggins	Austin	11	Shari Ahlberg	Lewisville
			17	Pauline Bourgeois	San Antonio	11	Heath Winn	Marshall
				R Flint Bourgeois	San Antonio			
Women's 65 Doubles								
1	Barbara Starnes	Gardendale					Men's Wheelchair C Doubles	
2	Lynn Rush	Dallas					1	Michael Delgado
3	Ann Eaton	Houston					1	Oziel Flores
4	Jacqueline Davis	Austin					1	Selvin Velasquez
4	Gloria Kerin	Austin					1	Heath Winn
6	Carol Bigart	Liberty Hill					5	Avimael Arias
6	Donna Duffy	Georgetown					5	Wiley Bouchillon
8	Lindsay Barton	San Antonio					5	Juan Garcia
8	Kay Hendrix	San Antonio						
10	Chae Carney	San Antonio					Women's Wheelchair B Singles	
11	Glennia G Jordan	San Antonio					1	Hoene Aweau
12	Dana Ivers	Austin					2	Oralia Diaz
12	Hideko La Point	Austin						
12	Sharon Martin	Austin					Adult Quad Wheelchair A Singles	
12	Celia Youngren	Austin					1	Ricardo Cedillo
16	Loretta Parker	Burleson					2	Hoene Aweau
							3	Jonathan Villarreal
							4	Joey Sanchez
								Victoria
Women's 70 Doubles								
1	Lindsay Barton	San Antonio					Adult Quad Wheelchair A Doubles	
1	Chae Carney	San Antonio					1	Ricardo Cedillo
1	Kay Hendrix	San Antonio					1	Erik Mendez
1	Glennia G Jordan	San Antonio					3	Joey Sanchez
							3	Jonathan Villarreal
								Cypress
Women's 75 Doubles								
1	Chae Carney	San Antonio					Men's Wheelchair C Singles	
2	Pat Campbell	Dripping Springs					1	Juan Garcia
3	Carol Roberts	Brownwood					2	Wiley Bouchillon
4	Mary Ann Winden	San Antonio					3	Ricardo Cedillo
5	Helga Lukaesy	North Richland Hills					4	Juan Perez
6	Ruthie Day	Fort Worth					5	Michael Delgado
							6	Avimael Arias
							6	Juan Soto
							8	Roland Sanders
							8	Selvin Velasquez
							10	Heath Winn
							11	Oziel Flores
Women's 80 Doubles								
1	Nevada Hudson	Grand Prairie					Men's Wheelchair A Doubles	
							1	Jose Arriaga
							2	David Green
							3	Jennifer Mak
							3	Jake May
							3	Jeff R Sale
Mixed 55 Doubles								
1	Holly Perry	Kerrville					Men's Wheelchair B Doubles	
1	Richard Perry	Kerrville					1	Jose Arriaga
3	Susan Dawson	Austin					1	Juan Perez
3	Tim Klitch	Austin					3	Wiley Bouchillon
5	Nancy Almaraz	San Antonio						
5	Michelle Ash	Lago Vista						
5	Alex Retivov	Lakeway						
5	Dorrie Retivov	Lakeway						



SCHOLARSHIP

USTA Texas and Whataburger have announced **Gabriel Herrera Jr.** (Laredo) and **Landon Gloaguen** (Houston) as the recipients of the 2017 USTA Texas NJTL Whataburger Scholarship. Both Gabriel and Landon received \$1,000 scholarships to Texas A&M University and Baylor University, respectively.

Gabriel, an architecture student at Baylor, will look to “stay involved in the community and pursue the dreams I have of opening my own architecture firm.” Landon, a USTA Texas Diversity Grant recipient in 2012 & 2013, as described by USTA Texas President Emily Schaefer: “Whether as a student, leader or volunteer, Landon has exhibited qualities that demonstrate solid character and citizenship.”

The USTA Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors who:

- Demonstrate academic achievement (3.0 minimum GPA)
- Perform community/volunteer service
- Participate in organized youth tennis program such as National Junior Tennis and Learning
- Demonstrate financial need

Whataburger has served as a long-time partner of the section and presenting sponsor of the USTA Texas NJTL program. USTA Texas would like to thank all who applied and wish the best to Gabriel and Landon in their future endeavors.

2017 JUNIOR AWARDS



The USTA Texas Awards honor junior players throughout the state for their tennis prowess, as well as their sportsmanship on the court. Seven junior awards were given out at the 2017 Slam. For more information on each award, please visit www.youthtennistexas.com.

John McFarlin Award - 2017 Winner: **Kevin Zhu** (Pearland)

Mary Lowdon Award - 2017 Winner - **Chelsea Kung** (Fort Worth)

Maureen Connolly Brinker & Art Foust Sportsmanship Awards - 2017 Winners - **Jacy Smith** (Bryan) & **Campbell Erwin** (Olmos Park)

Zina Garrison & Bob McKinley Sportsmanship Awards - 2017 Winners: **Abhimanyu Ramireddy** (Cypress) & **Kailey Evans** (Ennis)

Chuck McKinley Award - 2017 Winner: **Ellie Douglas** (McKinney)

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2017 BORDER BATTLE

The 2017 Border Battle, the sixth annual competition between USTA Texas and USTA Southwest, took place November 17-19. Hosted by USTA Texas at Lifetime Tennis in Plano, this competitive event brings together the top twelve (six boys and six girls) 10 and Under Green Ball players from the two Sections for three days of intense training, competition, camaraderie and fun!

New in 2017, the six coaches chose two players to receive awards based on effort, engagement, compete level, and attitude throughout the weekend. Rayna Li and Daniel Nasser each received a new tennis racquet, courtesy of Head/Penn. The coaches also chose four players (two from USTA Southwest and two from USTA Texas) to receive Sportsmanship Awards. Karina Zaharieva and Juno Pethe received the awards for USTA Texas.

Karina Zaharieva on her Border Battle experience:

“My dad and I arrived early; I was too excited and ready to start practicing for the 2017 Border Battle. I did a few dynamic warm-ups and hit with a teammate before the coaches brought everyone together. We did a few dynamic warm-ups and split into small groups. Kenna Erickson and I were with two other girls to be in a group with Coach Amanda, who was a great coach and really helped us improve our game.

That same evening, everyone was encouraged to a fun Top Golf team competition so we could all bond, have fun, and get to know one another. Even though USTA Southwest might be our opponent on the court, they were still our friends! We had a lot of fun...and funny moments. We all got to know each other better; we all had a great time.

On Saturday morning, I arrived a few minutes earlier before 9AM. A few other players started arriving and we waited by the tennis courts for the coaches to bring everyone together. The coaches called us together for Team Training, and first thing, telling us players: *Everything counts - every set, every game, every point counts toward your team's score.* That really made me nervous because I didn't want to let my team down.

After a short water break, we performed some team training drills and worked on different techniques (this time, with different coaches and players). At the end of the team drills, the coaches assigned our partners for mixed doubles match play. My partner and I worked well together, and our skills complemented each other well, which helped us win our match, 4-1; 4-1. Consequently, my partner and I winning our match gained Team Texas a big lead since most of our teammates had also won their matches. We went off for lunch feeling excited and confident with what had gone for us so far.

Following lunch, around 1:00 p.m. everyone gathered on court and did their dynamic warm-ups. The coaches then assigned us our opponent for singles match play. The day wasn't over just yet; it just gotten started!

I got my singles opponent, her name was Mya. She had a big serve, which helped her take control of the point quickly. My goal was to counter her fast serves and get myself in a rally, and hopefully I could find an opportunity to dictate the shots during our point rally. My slice returns helped neutralize her serves and helped me move her a bit. I would wait for her to make mistakes while staying patient, but also hitting each series of shots just a tad bit harder and faster than the previous one. But it was still difficult defending her shots, despite me adapting and implementing a neutralizing strategy. Fortunately, I won the first set 4-1!

Feeling her momentum, Mya continued to hit powerful forehands and backhands groundstrokes with more angles in the second set. I did my best defending, but defending wasn't the way to be competitive in this match. I ended up losing the second set 0-4!

We split sets, and it dawned on me that I needed to be more aggressive and attack at every opportunity in the final, third set if I wanted to win. With a renewed courageous (aggressive) tennis mindset, I neutralized Mya's serves, counter-attacked most of her forceful groundstrokes, and dictated a few rallies. My commitment to my overall strategy worked. I ended up winning the match, 4-1, 0-4, 4-1! There was a mix of relief and excitement because I couldn't wait to play more matches the next day. I had full confidence in myself and my team. I hoped my team could pull this off.

Here we were on our last training and competition Sunday morning, I arrived at the tennis center around 8:30 a.m. I had some practice with my teammates before the coaches called us inside (Lifetime Tennis Center had outdoor courts.) and started assigning our doubles matches. My partner was Kenna Erickson. We could have won but we fell short of holding our nerves together. I was nervous, and I could feel my partner was also nervous. Was it because of me? In the end, we needed a stronger mental game; we needed more control over the points.

Kenna and I lost our doubles match, 3-4, 3-4! It turned out, everyone on our team lost their doubles matches. (Team Texas needed more work on doubles!?) So, it wasn't a “Sunday Fun Day” for Team Texas so far. We were feeling down. But since it was a team competition, only the total games won were counted, and the coaches updated us that Team Texas was still in the lead by 8 points (games). We all realized we needed to step-up our game and win our final lineups with singles matches if we wished to win this 2017 Border Battle. We Team Texas all knew we could do it and we all knew we would play our best.

The coaches now assigned our singles opponent. I was paired to play against girl named Madison. She played really cautious when she was losing in a rally, which gave me a big opportunity to control the point. I won 4-2, 4-0. Everyone on Team Texas won their singles matches! We were happy and excited, but it was not officially announced. We all sat down together and listened carefully, as they announced the winning team: USTA Texas or USTA Southwest?!

Meanwhile, the parents were talking and laughing, sharing their enjoyment to watch their kids compete. Us players? We were dead silent. This was huge for us! This was a big moment of our lives. (yeah, it's was big deal!) Who will win the 2017 Border Battle? Then, after a long silence...

TEXAAAAAAAAAAS!!!

My whole team started yelling and clapping, oh who am I kidding, I was clapping and yelling the loudest. That didn't matter now, I wasn't an embarrassed loud girl. Compared to how big this win was, being obnoxiously embarrassed wasn't a feeling to us anymore. I lost all my self-awareness! Our hard work paid off

With lots of confidence, I took away from this experience is that we will have bigger and more difficult challenges ahead for each one of us. Maybe not together as a team, but we all individually will face bigger matches, bigger obstacles as we continue our tennis life journey. Winning and losing are parts of the tennis journey. But that's what we are training and preparing for, the bigger matches, the difficult challenges, the impossible obstacles. We are training to be tennis stars!”



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ADULTS

Men's Open Singles: Marco Valdez def. Adrian Valdez 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
 Men's 30 Singles: Scott Works def. Michael Clayborne 3-6, 6-0, 6-3
 Men's 35 Singles: Scott Miller def. Andrew Merritt 6-2, 6-3
 Men's 40 Singles: Guillermo Cosson def. Gabriel Venter 6-4, 6-1
 Men's 45 Singles: Sean Straley def. Jason Wilks 6-4, 6-4
 Men's 50 Singles: Scott Works def. Alfredo Rivera Wo (inj)
 Men's 55 Singles: Peter Markes def. Rocky Royer 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
 Men's 60 Singles: Sal Castillo def. Robert Barrie 6-2, 6-2
 Men's 65 Singles: Carl Morris def. Richard Griffin 1-6, 6-3, 6-3
 Men's 70 Singles: Hugh Burris def. Paul Smith 6-3, 6-4
 Men's 75 Singles: William Koziol def. John Newman 6-1, 6-2
 Men's 80 Singles: Douglas Kerin def. Tom Goforth 6-4, 7-5
 Men's 85 Singles: Edwin Hosking def. Luke LeBas 6-4, 7-6
 Men's Open Doubles: Ernesto Santillan - Patrick Waters def. Michael Benavides - Will Oliver 7-6(4), 7-5
 Men's 35 Doubles: John-Paul Connell - Ryan Vogl def. Scott Berens - Patrick Seidensticker 6-1, 6-4
 Men's 40 Doubles: Jack Brasington - Otis Sadler def. Chris Haggard - Darin Pleasant 7-5, 6-1
 Men's 45 Doubles: Kline Sack - Jason Wilks def. Michael Dillon - Chris Haggard 6-4, 4-6, 6-1
 Men's 50 Doubles: Kelly Ward - Scott Works def. Rick Garza - Jon Stitt 6-4, 6-3
 Men's 60 Doubles: Victor Aguilar - John Foster def. Chris Bussert - William Raman Wo (pc)
 Men's 65 Doubles: Richard Griffin - Robert Parrott def. Carl Morris - Christopher Swenson Wo (inj)
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 Men's 80 Doubles: Alan Gow - Douglas Kerin def. Ed Buster - Doyle Leslie 6-2, 6-2
 Women's Open Singles: Brianda Navarro def. Rachel Janssen 6-1, 7-5
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 Women's 40 Singles: Dianne Lee def. Nina Reinert 6-4, 6-2
 Women's 45 Singles: Nancy Hilliard def. Julie Cass 5-7, 7-6, 6-4
 Women's 50 Singles: Shelly Works def. Teresa Merklin 6-0, 6-0
 Women's 55 Singles: Teal Lang def. Alice Wolfe 46 76 Ret (quit)
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 Women's 40 Doubles: Bo Kyoung Baughman - Shelly W. Works def. Nancy R. Dingwall - Correne Loeffler 7-5, 6-3
 Women's 45 Doubles: Julie Cass - Nancy Hilliard def. Wendy Graham - Kristen Guszak 6-0, 6-3
 Women's 50 Doubles: Liz Burris - Angela Momeier def. Monika Dalkin - Dawn Eckert 6-1, 6-1
 Women's 55 Doubles: Elizabeth Rutledge - Elizabeth Sames def. Reather Floyd - Sarah Pernell Def (ns)
 Women's 65 Doubles: Ann Eaton - Barbara Starnes def. Jacqueline Davis - Gloria Kerin 6-0, 6-1
 Mixed Open Doubles: Brianda Navarro - Trenton Rios def. Bo Kyoung Baughman - Francisco Garcia 6-1, 6-2
 Mixed Doubles 35: Brian Cass - Julie Cass def. Amy McCampbell - Burke Banda 6-1, 1-6, 6-4
 Mixed Doubles 45: Juan Dekruyff - Tosha Smith def. Wendy Graham - Greg Hixon 2-6, 6-0, 6-3

Father & Son: Colin Markes - Peter Markes def. David Tibbetts - Steven Tibbetts 6-2, 6-4
 Senior Father & Son: John-Paul Connell - Thomas Connell def. Michael Vogl - Ryan Vogl 7-6, 4-6, 7-5
 Mother & Daughter: Patty A Fendick-McCain - Keegan L. McCain def. Bitsy H Young - Elle Young 6-0, 6-0
 Senior Mother & Daughter: Linda Farish - Heather Presley def. Deborah Connell - April Roche 6-4, 3-6, 6-0
 Husband & Wife: Stefan Pope - Cynthia Pope def. Debbie Mayfield - John Mayfield 6-3, 6-2
 Men's 2.5 Singles: Robert Clark def. Moses Gonzalez 7-6(2), 6-2
 Men's 3.0 Singles: Aaron Clough def. Jamason Towne 6-3, 4-6, 6-2
 Men's 3.5 Singles: Tony Lewis def. Christopher Isaacs 6-2, 6-3
 Men's 4.0 Singles: Jeffrey Walder def. Neris Cruver 6-1, 6-1
 Men's 4.5 Singles: JD Miles def. Austin Graham 6-4, 7-5
 Men's 3.0 Doubles: Jayson Boulet - Joseph Mitchell def. Josh Elkin - Ryan Powers 6-2, 7-6(5)
 Men's 3.5 Doubles: Pushkar Chhaged - Jason Liu def. Tony Rankin - Gabriel Tellechea 6-3, 7-5
 Men's 4.0 Doubles: James Howe - James Strandboge def. Victor Lee - Brett Simpson Wo (inj)
 Men's 4.5 Doubles: Michael Clayborne - Brent Wassell def. Tim Collier - Krystyan Lazarin 7-5, 6-2
 Women's 3.0 Singles: Cynthia Pope def. Isobel Suhr 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(3)
 Women's 3.5 Singles: Tara Murphy def. Jennifer Truitt 6-2, 7-5
 Women's 4.0 Singles: Dan Su def. Jovis Avila Wo (inj)
 Women's 4.5 Singles: Dianne Lee def. Darya Karoukina 6-3, 6-2
 Women's 2.5 Doubles: Julie Hilberg - Deeann Sanchez def. Elizabeth Owens - Adeline Waterman 6-2, 6-0
 Women's 3.0 Doubles: Christine Barton - Lynette Boulet def. Maria Chase - Lisa Martinez 0-6, 7-6(5), 6-3
 Women's 3.5 Doubles: Amparo Arnold - Allison Paul def. Georgina Chew - Tara Murphy 6-4, 6-0
 Women's 4.0 Doubles: Michelle Graham - Denine Johnson def. Jessica Garza - Cindy Robledo 7-6(5), 6-1
 Women's 4.5 Doubles: Diana Riechel - Beverly Rowland def. Darya Karoukina - Dianne Lee 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
 Mixed 3.0 Doubles: Jayson Boulet - Lynette Boulet def. Charles Suhr - Isobel Suhr 6-3, 6-3
 Mixed 3.5 Doubles: Francisco Bonilla - Maryanne McKenzie def. Pat Alexander - Wayne Alexander 6-3, 5-7, 7-5
 Mixed 4.0 Doubles: Kevin McNamee - Stephanie Rodriguez def. David Jenkins - Jessica Lane 6-2, 6-3
 Mixed 4.5 Doubles: Melody Garcia - Krystyan Lazarin def. Diana Riechel - Ernesto Villarreal 6-1, 6-2

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Boys' 18 Singles: Pranav Kumar def. Kevin Zhu 6-3, 2-6, 6-1
 Boys' 16 Singles: Callaway Clark def. Austin Lee 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
 Boys' 14 Singles: Louis Cloud def. Grant Lothringer 6-1, 6-2
 Boys' 12 Singles: Nicolas Trullenque def. Alexander Razeghi 6-3, 6-3
 Boys' 18 Doubles: Trey Hilderbrand - Kevin Zhu def. Jaycer Lyeons - Christopher Muniz 3-6, 6-3, 6-1
 Boys' 16 Doubles: Callaway Clark - Daniel Traxler def. Austin Lee - Abhimanyu Ramireddy 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
 Boys' 14 Doubles: Grant Lothringer - Tyler Stewart def. Lucas Brown - Benjamin McDonald 6-4, 6-2
 Boys' 12 Doubles: Marko Mesarovic - Nicolas Trullenque def. Santiago Muhala - Santiago Perez Flyckt 6-3, 6-1
 Girls' 18 Singles: Chelsea Kung def. Delara Zamani 6-3, 6-4
 Girls' 16 Singles: Fiona Crawley def. Sydney Fitch 6-0, 6-2
 Girls' 14 Singles: Jeanette Mireles def. Caroline Wernli 6-1, 6-0
 Girls' 12 Singles: Kinnaa Graham def. Reya Coe 6-4, 7-5
 Girls' 18 Doubles: Jessica Aragon - Delara Zamani def. Kate Daugherty - Allison Stewart 6-4, 6-1
 Girls' 16 Doubles: Kailey Evans - Katherine Petty def. Savannah Broadus - Keegan McCain 6-3, 5-7, 6-0
 Girls' 14 Doubles: Jeanette Mireles - Emma Staker def. Drew Morris - Brianna Wilbur 6-1, 6-0
 Girls' 12 Doubles: Reya Coe - Harper Santos def. Maria Antonova - Kinnaa Graham 2-6, 6-2, 7-5



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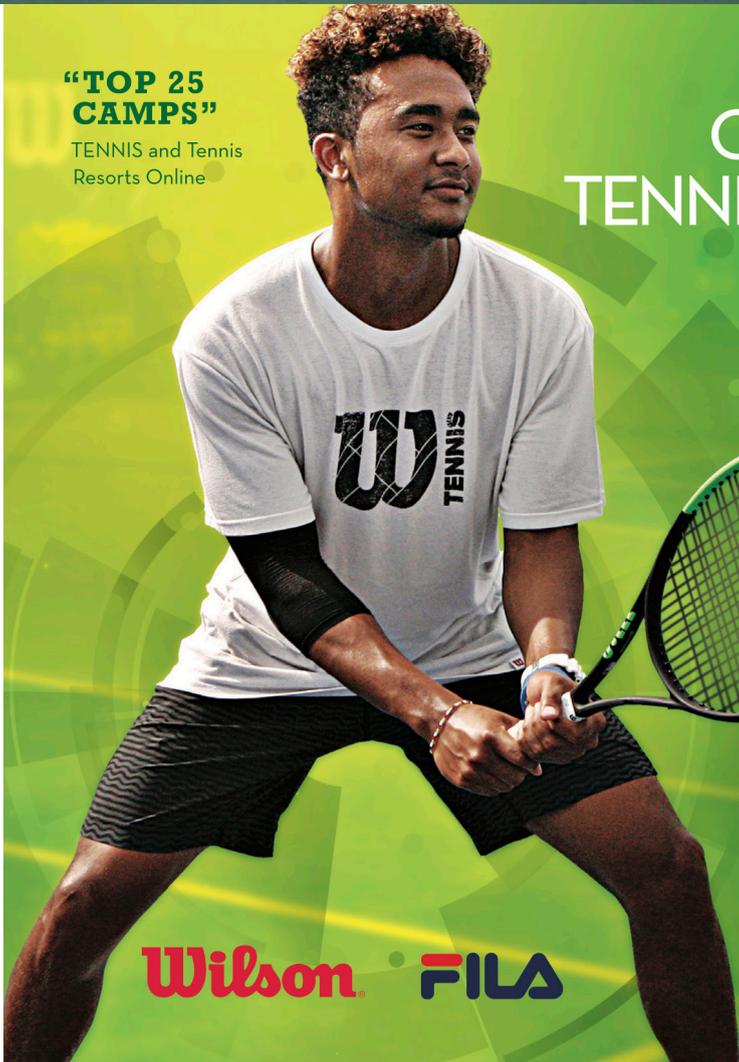
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“This past year, we’ve seen our tennis communities make incredible strides in programming, outreach, volunteerism and so much more,” said USTA Texas Community Services Manager Alexandra Trobough. “I’m honored to have such amazing advocates be a part of our Texas Tennis Family.”

The following people/organizations were selected as the 2017 winners:

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