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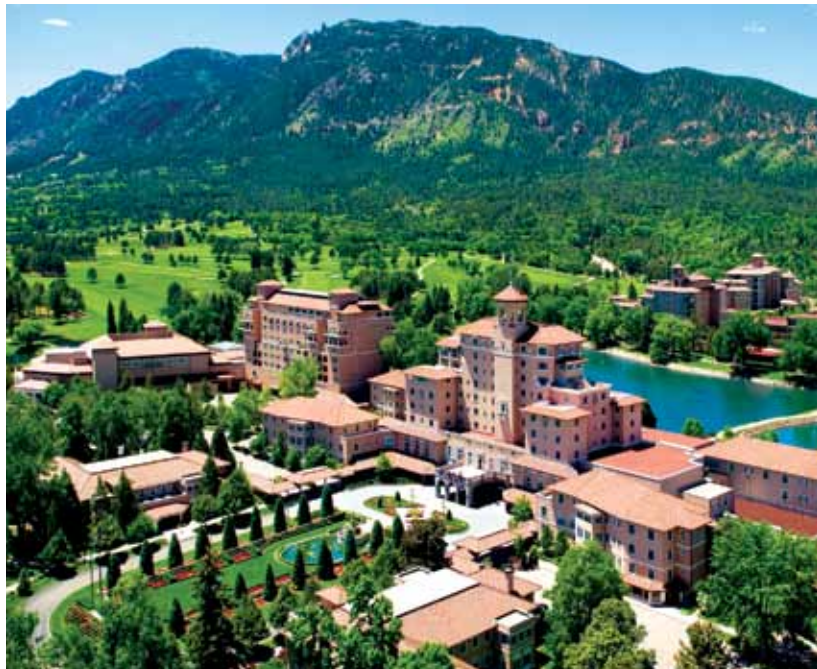
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Three years ago, USTA Colorado's Breaking the Barriers: An Exhibition in Courage exhibit highlighted the contributions of African-Americans in tennis. This year, the exhibit expanded to include Asian players and contributors, and beginning next month, a new exhibit showcasing the Latino tennis community will debut to the public.

Here's a look back at the exhibits and a sneak peak into the upcoming portrait series....



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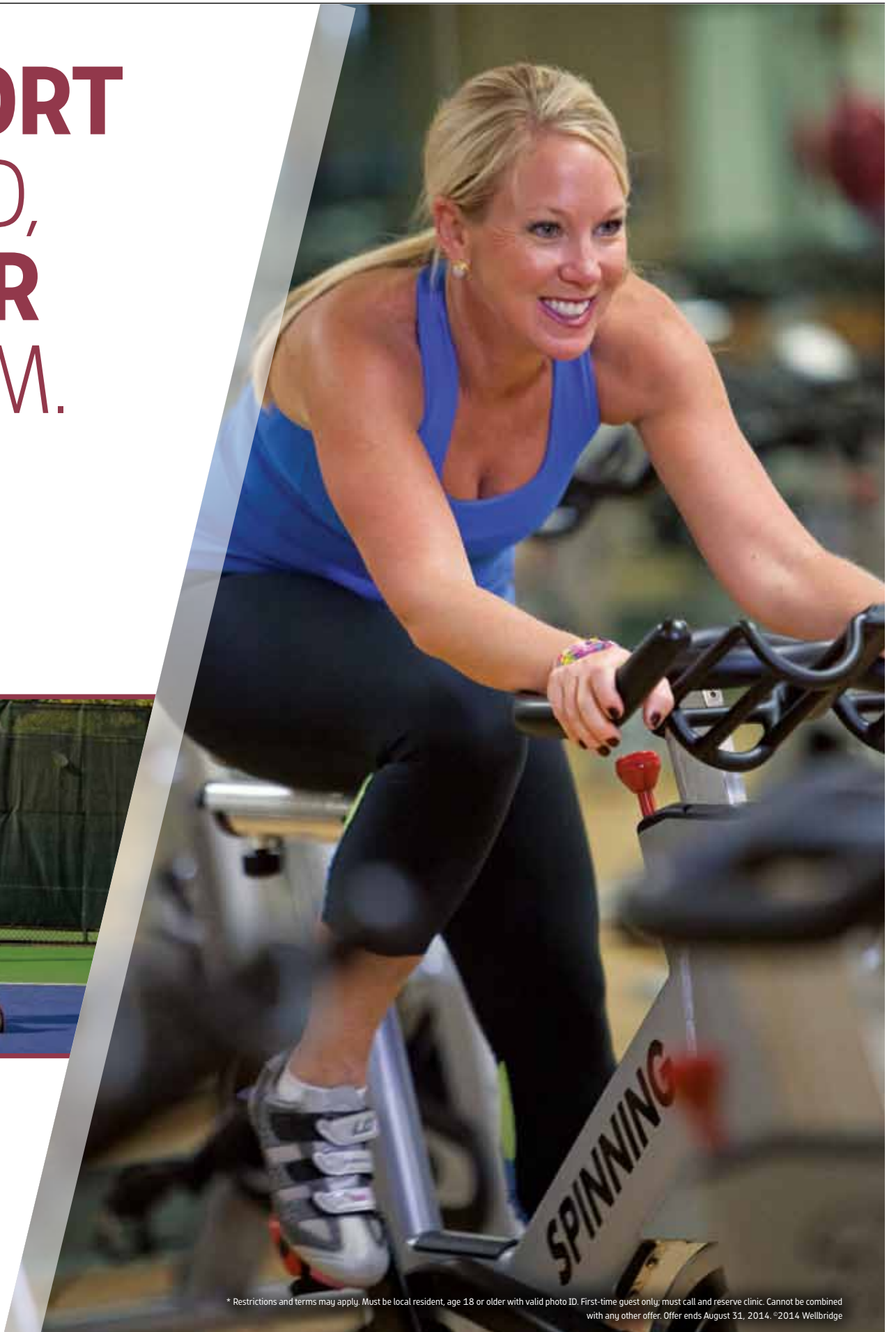
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A CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

USTA COLORADO READY TO DEBUT THIRD CHAPTER OF BREAKING THE BARRIERS PROJECT

Using tennis as a backdrop to promote diversity and inclusion, health and wellness, and excellence, USTA Colorado's Breaking the Barriers project is a high profile, high impact and sustainable educational and outreach program celebrating the accomplishments of diverse tennis pioneers, contributors and rising stars in Colorado.

By showcasing these pioneers and players to new audiences, USTA Colorado hopes to promote the growth of the sport by increasing awareness about diverse tennis players achievements and contributions in the sport, fostering participation in USTA Colorado program opportunities such as School Tennis, Leagues and Tournaments, introducing youth to the sport while also recruiting older players to the game.

USTA Colorado is committed to diversity and inclusion by making tennis accessible to diverse and under-served communities. Our goal is to inspire a new generation of tennis players and to encourage a healthy, fun, family activity that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

CHAPTER ONE: AN EXHIBITION IN COURAGE

The 2011 USTA Colorado Breaking the Barriers: An Exhibition in Courage exhibit, which incorporated the International Tennis Hall of Fame's exhibit of the same name, completed a three-month run at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library in Denver, and left a major impact on the state of Colorado. Nearly 10,000 people toured the exhibit, which featured an historical timeline of African Americans in tennis, dating from the 1800s to Arthur Ashe's historical Wimbledon win in 1975.

The exhibit was enhanced through several ancillary programs, including school outreach with guided tours, an oral history lecture series, a portrait series of local tennis pioneers, and USTA Colorado's original documentary short, *Crossing the Net: Denver City Park & The Black Tennis Experience*.

For many, it was an opportunity to connect with the great tennis champions of the past, and to learn about the history of black players in Colorado.

Paula McClain, USTA Colorado Marketing & Diversity Director, and the person responsible for leading the project, reflected on the success of the display and documentary... "It is highly gratifying to achieve such a monumental endeavor that will have a lasting legacy on the Denver community and beyond."



Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Barry Gutierrez has been the visionary behind the lens for all three Breaking the Barriers projects.



CHAPTER TWO: ASIAN CONNECTION

A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Asian Connection Portrait Series showcases the creativity of photographer Barry Gutierrez.

The entire series can be seen at BarryGutierrez.com.

As a follow up to the highly successful 2011 Breaking the Barriers, exhibit honoring African-American achievements in tennis, USTA Colorado returns with Breaking the Barriers 2.0 celebrating local Asian Pacific American tennis pioneers, contributors and rising stars in honor of Asian Heritage Month.

The Portrait Series is tennis art in motion. To play tennis, there is technique, form and skill, which is a form of art in itself. Former photojournalist and Pulitzer prize-winning local photographer Barry Gutierrez will debut a collection of portraits as a visual journey, inspired by the elements — fire, water, air and earth — with tennis players performing magical feats.

The Breaking the Barriers message provides an opportunity to celebrate diversity and inclusion, and at the same time brings together communities in a non-traditional way to discuss race and equality.



The Breaking the Barriers 2.0: Asian Connection Portrait Series enjoyed a five-week run at Denver International Airport's Jeppesen Terminal. The showing was launched with a traditional Lion Dance, performed by Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association.

CHAPTER THREE: ¡VIVE EL TENIS!

BRENDA VELASQUEZ

Riding the wave of social movements: USTA Colorado's *¡Vive El Tenis!* portrait series spotlights Latino tennis community

Good things come in threes. Debuting this September in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, USTA Colorado is introducing its third Breaking the Barriers chapter titled *¡Vive El Tenis!*, this time focusing on the Latino community by honoring the achievements of contemporary Hispanic tennis players. Similar to its predecessors, this upcoming project will mobilize a comprehensive outreach revolving around a centerpiece portrait display and will branch out into the community with adjoining programs to invite students, community leaders and the greater public into the world of tennis.

The portrait display will once again be created by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Barry Gutierrez who shot the first two portrait series documenting African-American players in 2011 as well as Asian players earlier this May to commemorate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Similar to The Asian Connection display which featured 13 portraits, *¡Vive El Tenis!* will gather multiple individuals within single frames, as Gutierrez plans to produce 12 photographs of local Hispanic contributors, pioneers and rising stars surrounded by their families, community and teammates/colleagues in an illustration of familia, a guiding theme for the portraits that resonates with the family-oriented Latino culture.

Motivated by the success of their pioneering African-American exhibit, USTA Colorado doubled its ambitions this year by unveiling two displays months apart with the Latino chapter debuting soon after the Asian series. This time around, USTA Colorado has partnered with various entities including the city of Denver's Agency for Human Rights & Community Partners, an umbrella organization that works on issues addressing minorities of race/ethnicity, religion, gender and disabilities. Along with the agency, other partners include business and community leaders and local schools, all collaborating in a dynamic task force to continue USTA Colorado's celebration of diversity.

Proactively bringing tennis to the community, USTA Colorado has anchored its Breaking the Barriers exhibits in cultural events introducing new audiences to the sport through ancillary activities like its "Sport Court," a 36-foot mini-court where the public can play tennis free of cost. As part of the *¡Vive El Tenis!* outreach plan, USTA Colorado is working to make the Sport Court available at the September 27th Colorado Rapids game as part of Telemundo Day, hosted by the American-based Spanish-language broadcast television network. Choosing the stadium's festive environment as a background to attract guests, USTA Colorado will fortify and extend the impact of the Sport Court's introductory experience by educating attendees on the sport's many health benefits, guiding them towards the city's tennis programs where they can continue participating in the life-long family activity.

Through its intimate approach, this forthcoming local portrait series accompanies an older national traveling exhibit that harbors a similar theme and title, called *¡Vive El Tenis!: Common Threads Different Peoples*, created in 2006 by the International Tennis Hall of Fame located in Rhode Island. Complementary to the USTA Colorado project which operates on a micro level by featuring active local "history-makers" that fellow Colorado residents can recognize, the Hall of Fame exhibit applies a wider lens to the racial theme, featuring retired champions along with tennis stars from past eras.

From this macro level, the national exhibit explores how tennis has evolved from its European roots to become a sport enjoyed by cultures across the globe, in particular, examining the links between U.S. tennis and tennis practiced in Hispanic-populated regions like South and Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. In hopes of expanding the discussion of Latinos in tennis, the Hall of Fame will be loaning their traveling exhibit to USTA Colorado for the month of September. Both the local and national projects will appear together at the Webb Municipal Building Atrium from the 2nd through the 30th, marking the latter exhibit's Denver debut.



¡Vive El Tenis!: La Familia

The third installment of USTA Colorado's Breaking the Barriers portrait series will center on traditional Latino themes, as expressed in Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Barry Gutierrez's portrait of the Luna Family. This image, along with the cover photo of Berkeley Park Tennis Club, will be on display at the Wellington Webb Building in downtown Denver to coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month, September 2-30.

Although the Latino portrait series promotes a timeless and freestanding celebration of diversity, the project emerges during a period partly characterized by immigration reform wherein the Hispanic population has garnered much media visibility for the united efforts of its young Mexican DREAMer activists. As a result of its birth amidst this prominent social context, the USTA Colorado *¡Vive El Tenis!* portrait series doubles in relevance, the images inadvertently serving a poignantly creative reminder of how Latinos are contributing to American history through one of its oldest and most popular sports, a proud testament arising during the nation's ongoing endeavor to resolve influential policies in a country founded and built by diverse peoples. 🌍

SPOTLIGHT

THE POWER OF LEGACY

DAN GONZALES SERVES UP POWERFUL LESSONS TO MINORITIES IN MEMORY OF HIS FAMOUS FATHER

DOUG MCPHERSON

Legacies are real. They thrust humans forward with life lessons. They make tangible differences in lives every day. And Colorado tennis players and fans don't have far to look to find a perfect example of this truth: **Dan Gonzales**, a Highlands Ranch tennis instructor and the son of former world number one tennis great Pancho Gonzales.

Pancho planted the seed of his legacy with Dan in the spring of 1984 after the finals of the Alan King Classic in Las Vegas, Nevada. It was a poignant father-son moment.

"It was the last year I was going to work the tournament and dad sat me down on center court and asked me what my plans were. I didn't really have a plan and told him that. Then he said this: 'Danny, I'm 56-years-old, I was the best at what I did, and maybe the best ever, but I'm still learning things in this game. No matter what you do, never stop learning.'"

Not a bad foundation for a legacy.

"The point for me was that he was this man who achieved the highest level of his profession but he still saw he could learn more," Gonzales says.

Not surprisingly, Dan eventually chose to devote his life to tennis. But not just tennis, and not just teaching tennis. But taking what his dad taught him that day and using tennis as a tool to show kids they too should never stop learning and at the same time improve their lives.

Gonzales says when his dad died in 1995, he "took a hard look" at his life.

"I'd been out of tennis for about 10 years but I'd never stopped playing. In looking back, I came to realize that tennis was so much more than just a game. It could open doors for juniors, help them further their education," Gonzales says.

From that point on he wasted little time bringing Pancho's legacy to life.

In 1996, he took on the co-chair slot of the USTA Intermountain Section Minority Participation Committee to boost diversity outreach and player development programs. There he helped develop Star Search, a program to identify and nurture tennis skills among minority pre-teens. The program still exists today, now offered by USTA Colorado in partnership with Denver Parks & Recreation.

He also works with the Breaking the Barriers 2.0 ¡Vive el Tenis! project that celebrates Latino pioneers, contributors and rising stars. In September, the ¡Vive el Tenis! exhibit from the International Tennis Hall of Fame will make its Colorado debut. The exhibit explores the paths of tennis from Europe to United States, Central and South America, Mexico and the Caribbean.

And two years ago, Gonzales helped start the Richard Pancho Gonzales Youth Foundation that works to build kids' academic pursuit and character through tennis.

"I know dad would have loved that we started this foundation," Gonzales says. "To share my dad's story of perseverance, dedication and accomplishments with today's youth can only show them that dreams can come true. He loved the kids and the game. Dad understood what tennis did for him and to give back was easy for him. Actually, he felt it was a privilege to give back."

Gonzales pauses then adds. "You know, being involved over the years with inner cities and minorities, getting into the communities, has been fun and rewarding. I've come to learn that to have helped just one kid is rewarding. But to possibly have helped many just feels that much better and you really can't put a price on that."

To learn more about the Richard Pancho Gonzales Youth Foundation, visit <http://panchofoundation.org>.

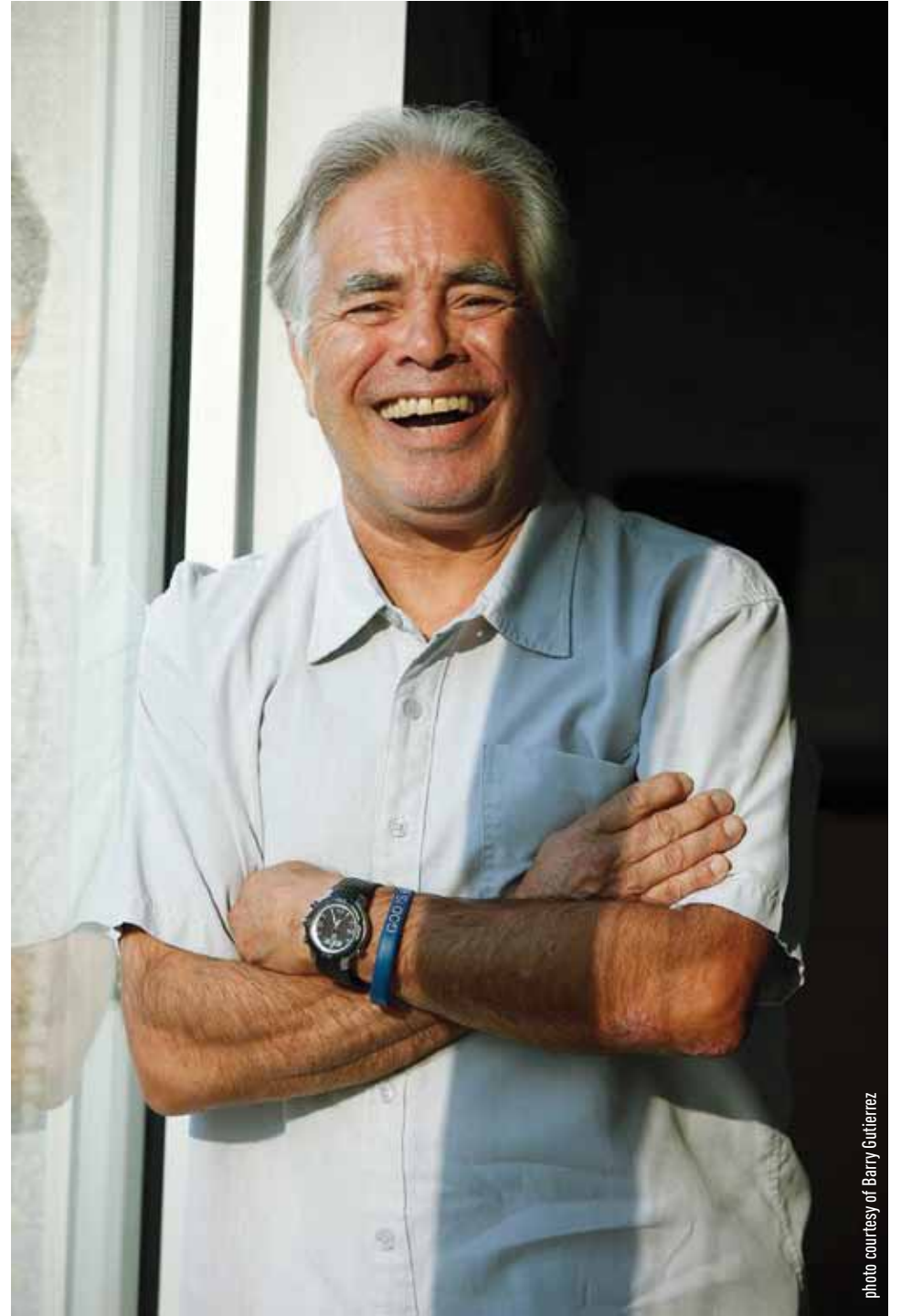


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Once you've put a racquet in the hands of a child and engaged them in tennis, you've altered a life. It's as simple as that.

Thanks in part to Subaru of America, Official Vehicle of USTA Colorado, youth at the Denver Indian Center are experiencing tennis first hand this summer as a part of the Center's eight-week summer camp program. Subaru donated forty new racquets — sized just right for kids — to the Center.

"It was terrific seeing the kids have such a great time and being exposed to a wonderful sport," said Tony Graziano, Regional Vice President of Subaru of America, Inc. "Subaru is proud to play a small role in getting tennis racquets in the hands of kids throughout Colorado," he went on to say.

In 2013, Subaru donated 400 new youth racquets to the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation's Racquets for All program and then followed things up with more this year as part of their continued partnership with USTA Colorado. Through Racquets for All, equipment is disbursed to those in need.

"The racquet donation means a lot to us," said April Tsosie, Youth Program Coordinator at the Denver Indian Center (read more about April in **HighFIVE**, p16). "A lot of times, we get things donated that are broken or used, so to have that donation of new racquets shows all of the kids that they are valued here — that there's an investment in them and their interest in tennis," she went on to say.

And, interest in tennis, which is not a traditional sport in the Native American culture, is growing. "There is a group of young boys who go play tennis on a regular basis now. They play for hours," said Tsosie.



Subaru's generosity opens the door for future tennis programming at the Denver Indian Center. Tsosie is looking at the possibility of getting the Elders out to play with the youth, which she sees as a fantastic opportunity for the young and old to interact with one another.

"We're delighted to see tennis taking off at the Denver Indian Center," said Fritz Garger, USTA Colorado executive director. "Our staff and Diversity and Inclusion committee members have collaborated to foster the type of tennis programming we're seeing at the Center. We've had ties to the Native American community and to see this come to fruition like it is at the Center is incredible. It's great to see things developing in this way," he said. "Thanks are in order for a host of people who care about the kids and the community in general."



USTA helps RMTC recover from historic Boulder floods

The United States Tennis Association announced, through its USTA Facility Assistance Program, that it has awarded a \$25,000 grant to Rocky Mountain Tennis Center in Boulder, Colo. In addition, a \$5,000 grant has been awarded from the USTA Intermountain Section and USTA Colorado District. The grants will be used to resurface and repair eight existing tennis courts that were damaged by last year's floods. A check presentation took place on June 12th at Rocky Mountain Tennis Center.

The USTA Facility Assistance Program aims to support and provide communities access to safe, appealing and functional tennis environments.

"We are committed to enhancing and building more tennis facilities in communities across the country," said Kurt Kamperman, Chief Executive, Community Tennis, USTA. "This program allows us to assist in the development process of providing usable tennis venues to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to play and enjoy the health benefits of our great game."

Since 2005, the USTA has awarded these grants to support tennis facility enhancements, renovations and new construction projects to provide more and enhanced tennis venues for increased playing opportunities. In total, the USTA Facilities Assistance Program has built more than 35,000 tennis courts across the country in the past seven years, for all ages and abilities to enjoy the sport of a lifetime.

In addition, grant recipients receive technical assistance. The USTA Facility Assistance Program provides industry leading experience in tennis court and facility construction from concept plans to professional construction document review.

By investing in the rehabilitation and development of tennis facilities in the United States, the USTA believes these facilities not only will grow the sport, but provide venues for communities to gather and provide lifelong healthy activity through tennis.

In 2013, the USTA allocated over \$1.2 million through the Facility Assistance Program to help support public tennis facility enhancements, renovations, and new construction projects.

Second Annual Love Set Match benefits The Adoption Exchange

Join The Adoption Exchange for the second annual **Love Set Match** event being held at Gates Tennis Center on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Tickets are \$35/person for players and \$20/person for spectators. To read more about the event and to register, visit www.adoptex.org/tennis.



The poster for the Love Set Match event is divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant is blue and contains the text: "SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014 LOVE SET MATCH". The top-right quadrant is light blue and features icons of a red heart, a green tennis ball, and a blue house with a heart inside, above a stylized tennis court graphic. The bottom-left quadrant is green and shows two crossed tennis rackets. The bottom-right quadrant is red and contains the text: "FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.ADOPTEX.ORG/TENNIS SEE YOU ON THE COURT!". The central text reads "LOVE SET MATCH" in large, bold letters, with "A tennis event benefiting The Adoption Exchange" in smaller text below it.

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Community Development Committee chair, **Vicky Matarazzo**, visited Denver City Park to present a grant check to **Rick Schoenhals** and members of the **Denver Area Tennis Enthusiasts**, a GLBT tennis group in Denver whose purpose is to promote opportunities for players of all levels and ages. D.A.T.E. submitted a proposal requesting assistance in printing a banner to provide more visibility to their group during their tournaments and weekly drop-in play at various tennis locations.



Alyssa Peters (Salida) has been playing tennis for about four years, but has been having trouble recently finding playing opportunities in her hometown. She loves the game and the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation scholarship helps her continue to improve by traveling to events in Colorado Springs.

Alyssa says, "I love tennis very much and it gives me the opportunity to meet new people every time I go somewhere. It teaches me athletic abilities and gives me smart mind and physical strategies. I stay fit, strong, and healthy while having a blast."



Michelle Arend, a member of the USTA Colorado Community Development Committee, and USTA Colorado Community Development Director, **Kristy Harris** present a grant check to **Ted Wadley**, **Tobias Ortegón** and members of the Denver Parks & Recreation Citywide Sports tennis staff to support their efforts in developing a "Tennis 2.0" program that could potentially be duplicated by other communities. The late summer program will encourage newer adult players and those who have avoided organized tennis to transition into leagues and tournaments.

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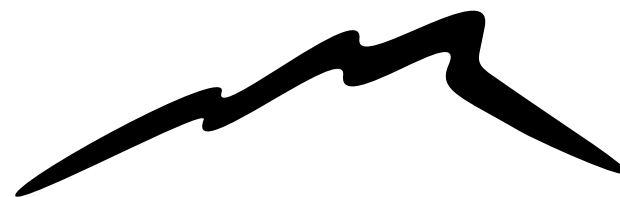


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Upcoming Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala honors tennis tradition

The state has had a rich tradition of tennis throughout the years and the Hall of Fame provides a vehicle for due recognition of Colorado players, coaches or administrators for their contribution to tennis. The Hall will also seek to provide exposure for the recipients and for tennis in the state of Colorado. The mission statement of the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to tennis in Colorado.



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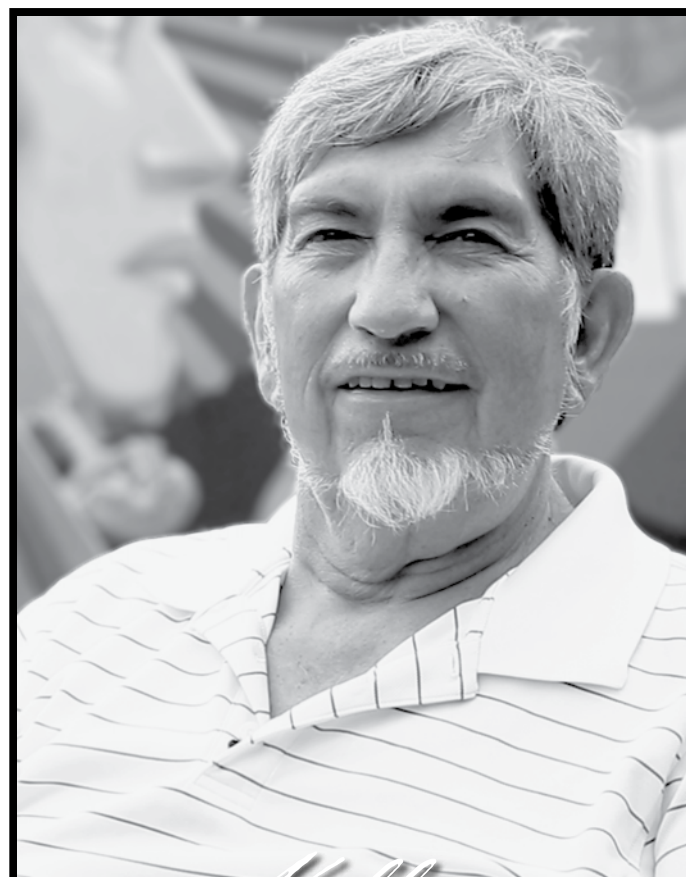
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A native Coloradan, Sara was undefeated in prep competition, capturing the No. 1 singles high school state championships title in each of the three years she competed for Columbine High School (2001-03). She was also a dominant force on the national junior circuit, twice earning a top-2 ranking in the G16s. Sara won the 2002 Denver City Open women's doubles title, and picked up the DCO and Colorado State Open women's singles titles in 2003.

A two-time All American at the University of North Carolina (2006-07), Sara partnered with Jenna Long to compile an impressive 29-6 record en route to capturing the 2007 NCAA doubles title, the first in school history. The duo was named ITA National Doubles Team of the Year, and earned a wild card berth into the US Open. As assistant coach for the UNC Tar Heels, Sara helped lead the team to a second place finish at the 2014 NCAA championships. She was recently selected as the new head women's coach at Davidson University.



Kelly
LOVATO




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For 25 years, Esequiel "Kelly" Lovato was program director at La Alma Recreation Center in west Denver, starting one of Denver Parks' first youth tennis programs. A community/anti-gang activist, Kelly knew the value of a strong recreation center where the community could use their energy in positive ways.

Recognized in 1993 by the Rocky Mountain News as one of the Hispanic community's unsung heroes, Kelly spent his life working with inner-city youth who were exposed daily to a host of dangers. He profoundly impacted an entire community and changed countless lives, teaching kids about responsibility, respect and how tennis could open doors to bigger opportunities. While many of his students went on to be successful tennis players, many more went on to become successful people.

Kelly was recognized previously with USTA Colorado's inaugural Arthur Ashe Award in 1992 for his contributions to under-served populations.

Each year, USTA Colorado hosts the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala & Colorado Tennis Annual Awards Celebration. In addition to the formal induction ceremony for the incoming class of the Hall of Fame, USTA Colorado recognizes those players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and facilities who have made significant contributions to tennis over the course of the past year. The nomination period for the Annual Awards concludes in September of each year.



Cory ROSS

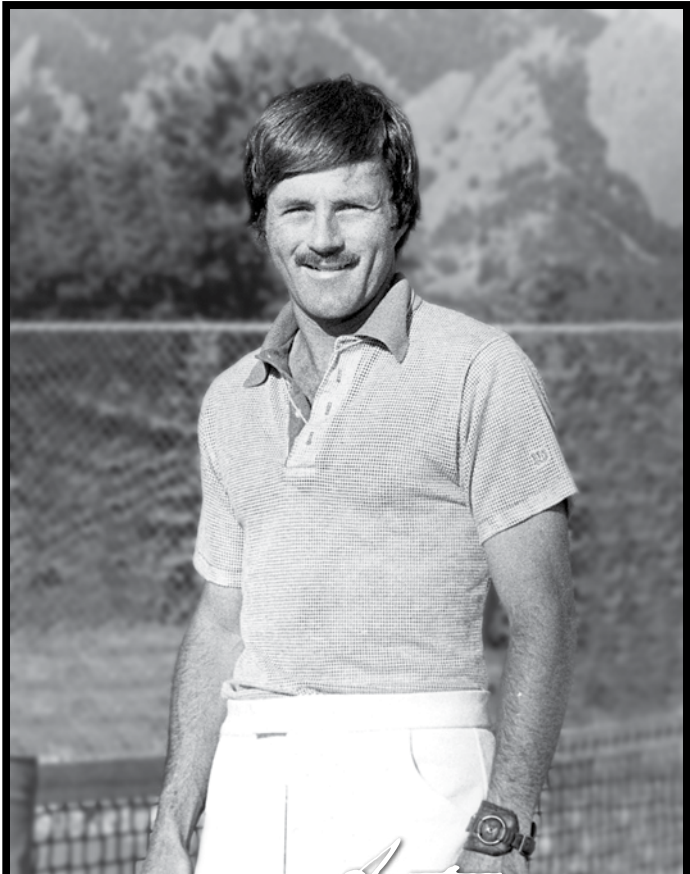
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A two-time Colorado High School State No. 1 singles champion (1998-1999) and nationally-ranked junior player, Cory played collegiate tennis, first at Baylor, and then for three years at Louisiana State University, where he was named Second-Team All-Louisiana twice, in 2002 and again in 2003. In addition to his outstanding athletic performance, Cory was also recognized for his outstanding sportsmanship, winning the prestigious 1998 Bobby Kaplan Sportsmanship Award at the Boys' 16 National Championships in Kalamazoo, MI, among many others.

In 2007, Cory completed the "Colorado Slam", winning all four of the major Colorado men's open singles events (Elam Classic, the Denver City Open, the Colorado State Open and the Intermountain/Boulder Open) in the same year, 40 years after Harold Sears accomplished this feat.

During his playing career, Cory captured 31 major Colorado events — amassing 10 Singles, 12 Doubles and 9 Mixed in all.



Art THOMSON

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Despite an inauspicious start in his first-ever tournament, Art competed for George Washington High School, later matriculating at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where he competed at the No. 1 singles position, finishing third in the Big 8 Conference.

Art captured the 1981 Colorado State Open singles title at age 34, and holds three major Colorado open doubles titles – two Denver City Open crowns (1971 and 1972) and one Intermountain Championships (1973), and was runner up at the Denver City Open twice (1970 and 1973).

A dominant force in age division play in Colorado and across the country, Art amassed 23 "triple titles" (singles, doubles and mixed) between the ages of 35-55, and in 1993, was named USPTA 45 and over singles player of the year.

During his 50 plus years as a teaching professional in Colorado, Art has shared his love and passion for the game of tennis with countless students.



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HIGHFIVE

For the past 38 years, Colorado Tennis (née High Bounce in 1976) has been bringing you profiles of local players, coaches, administrators and anyone else in the Colorado tennis community who shares their passion for the sport with others.

In each issue, we are profiling five individuals who deserve recognition for their efforts and accomplishments. As always, some you will know, while others will be fresh names and faces. We encourage readers to help us recognize others who they think deserve special recognition. Email Kurt Desautels <kurt@coloradotennis.com> with your comments or suggestions.

You can just hear it in **Clarence Milton's** voice. He loves tennis. He loves people. He loves helping people. So it's lucky for Gates and everyone who's been around him that he loves helping all people.

A jack-of-all-trades in the tennis industry, he teaches and introduces new people to tennis. He is also a tireless volunteer, willing to do just about anything he can to make sure things run smoothly for eager netters.

With a selfless motto of, "I'm just here to help!" he knows that it takes people dedicated to the community and to the sport to attract new participants and keep people engaged.

Brought to tennis at age 5 by his father and formerly Great Charlie Brown, Clarence said he had ultimately started out as a basketball player. "My dad told me he wanted me to have a different outlet," Clarence said of early conversations. "By twelve I was playing tournaments with my twin sister," and his love of the sport was solidified. Going to state two years in a row was a big accomplishment and he understands the challenges of being a young player.

A 1998 graduate of Overland High School where he played No. 1 doubles, Clarence earned scholarships in tennis and basketball to Northeastern Junior College. Today, he teaches tennis to people of all ages. He will soon be getting his tennis certification to allow him more opportunities in the teaching arena. He enjoys working with young people of varying ability levels and is especially excited about his opportunity to work with Downs Syndrome students, giving them the experience of tennis.

Big-hearted beyond words, Clarence knows that he has the chance to connect with young people through tennis in a way that otherwise would not be possible "I talk with the kids about their life, how things are going, where they are with school," he explains of the chance he has to help support healthy choices and be a positive influence in young lives. He said they know he doesn't want to be a parent- but he is there to help guide, help and influence them in the right direction. Clarence said he wants to encourage any child who might not have the chance he did. "I came from a two- parent home where my parents invested their lives into my twin sister and myself."

While Clarence is known for his big heart helping others he also has some big goals set for himself. He said, "For now though, I'm happy to be a resource to anyone who needs help." In the future, Clarence is looking to work more with disabled and underserved kids in the community as a way to give back. 🌱



CLARENCE MILTON

New Mexico-raised **April Tsosie** knows how to connect with kids. Educated at the Art Institute of Chicago and receiving degrees in both Child Psychology and Fine Arts, her ability to bring well-rounded programming to the Denver Indian Center <denverindiancenter.org> makes her a true gift to the community. Learning from her first job as Youth Program Coordinator at the Indian Center in Chicago, she brought to Denver the experience and drive needed to create and sustain a quality center.

Nestled in one of the lowest income neighborhoods in Denver, April runs the youth program, which provides the more than 330 5-18 year old participants tutoring, homework help, and a computer lab with internet access. "Many of these kids do not have a computer at home," she explains of the importance of the resources offered. She also explains that the Center-provided meals are the only meals some of the kids are receiving.

Kids from all over the metro area — including Denver, Arapahoe and Adams counties — visit the Denver Indian Center. In the summer, the Center runs summer camps, and this year 68 participants had a chance to try various activities including tennis. Although April was never a tennis player, she felt that it would be a good addition to the other sports being offered. It was such a hit, that today they have to cap the summer camp at 40 kids, basically for safety reasons. It's one reason the Center is always looking for a strong volunteer base to help with the programs being offered.



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PROFILES BY
KATI NEWELL



April Tsosie is flanked by CYTF Executive Director Fritz Garger and Subaru of America's Tony Graziano. See related story, BUZZ/p10.

APRIL TSOSIE

"Tennis was definitely of interest to many of the kids," she said, thrilled at the support she received from USTA Colorado and donations from Subaru via the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation. "Some of the kids exposed to tennis are still playing, which is so exciting," she said of the first year program.

Everything in the program is free for the kids who want to participate, and kids can be from any background.

"For many of the kids here, there is little to no family support," she explained, "and we can't necessarily change the environment."

That's why for this center the emphasis is on making the most of the time they have with the kids and giving them exposure to as many opportunities as they can.

"Tennis hasn't traditionally been a sport that these young people could access," April said of the opportunity to put racquets in hand and have the support of volunteers. She also said that they were fortunate to have Americorps Vista volunteers this year who help with everything from their dance classes, to the food banks. "We were so lucky to get the support of the Vista volunteers," April said. 🌱

Balancing his summer job of teaching 12 and under juniors at Cherry Hills Country Club and hanging out with his good friends, incoming Denver University freshman **Zach Fryer** knows he's on the edge of change in his life. But the unknown doesn't seem to faze him, in fact, he seems relaxed and at peace with his upcoming adventure.

Despite winning the 2013 5A High School No. 1 singles title (Cherry Creek) as well as taking 3rd place at the 2014 Boys 18s Intermountain Summer Championships and runner-up for the Boys 18d, the story of Zach's tennis career is still in the early chapters.

Zach is a modest, well-balanced young athlete who is equally excited to tackle the Pioneers tennis courts, as well as the halls of Denver University, as he hopes to pursue a degree in Accounting. Having a strong interest in math and acknowledging he is "good with numbers," he is already focusing on which degree will give him the best employment opportunities out of college.

By all accounts a powerful and tactical player, Zach said he's mentally improved over the last few years. "I used to be a big momentum player," he explained, "and when I was up in the match I would hit great, but when I got down my shots would disappear. Now he says "I've learned a point is just a point," and that has taken off much of the pressure. "Having that change in philosophy helped me to give myself a break and enjoy the game more."

Not playing high school his junior year to play national tournaments and develop his game further, Zach said he was happy to return to the courts his senior year. "For me, it's the camaraderie of the game that I love — playing with my teammates, supporting each other."

Admiring the play of Novak Djokovic, Zach works with a trainer at Life Time Fitness to continue to gain strength and increase his flexibility. Those physical abilities will be vital for Zach to reach his college tennis goal of "learning to attack more," while at the same time patiently developing the point.

Off the court Zach said enjoying time with his friends is what he enjoys the most. "I'm very social," he explains. As for staying in his home state for college? "I'm excited to be playing at DU. My mom said she wanted me to go farther away," he jokes. 🎾



photo courtesy of Zach Fryer

ZACHFRYER

For **Tate Schroeder**, the 2014 5A High School singles champion, life was going along pretty well. But the tragic events that unfolded at Arapahoe High School on December 17 last year changed all of that. After the tragic shooting that killed classmate Claire Davis, Tate has pledged to live a bold life honoring both God and Claire and finding a platform to reach people. "I know that I am here to spread the message of love," she said adding, "to consciously and deliberately love."

Describing herself in one word as "resilient," Tate's humble and graceful spirit exudes from her as she discusses how that horrific day so deeply affected everyone. Noting that depending on where the students were in the school, their experience with the shooting was different. She also explained that everyone's "healing process is different" and no one should be judged on how they get through this type of life changing event.

Tate's pre-game ritual now honors a young life lost. The night before a match she watches a video where the community came together in honor of Claire's life, and then on game day, before stepping on the court, she looks at Claire's picture. "It motivates me to do my best."

Hating to be stung with an opponent's passing shot more than anything, Tate wants to keep working on footwork and speed and says her volleys still give her trouble at times. "I know to get to that next level there is so much I need to work on." But her deep love of the game keeps her focused and positive. "I don't give up. I just believe I can do it."

Those hoping to see her defend her 5A title next season will be disappointed but big things are in store for her. Surrounded by the love and support of all of her parents, Tate will be attending IMG Academy in Florida where she will pursue her dreams of becoming a professional tennis player. "I am so blessed that I have parents who 100% believe and support me in what I to accomplish," acknowledging that with big dreams come skeptics that challenge her bold dreams. "There are those that tell me I'm capable of playing at the college level but not beyond that," she laughs. "I want to play professionally! Why not try?" she asked.

Tate's message to younger players coming up is "don't let anyone define your dreams. You can do anything you put your minds to. You will have bad experiences in life but you can pick yourself up!" Tate's message to the everyone else? Consciously and deliberately love. 🎾



photo courtesy of Tate Schroeder

TATESCHROEDER

Rarely in life does a unique vision become a reality, but for **Gonzalo "Gonzo" Garcia**, that's exactly what's happened. Acknowledging that the sport of tennis has given him priceless experiences in his life including traveling around the world and a lucrative career, his desire to give back shaped his vision. He set out to create a flourishing tennis program in the town of Boulder, one that would welcome anyone who wanted to swing a racquet and one that could take those with higher goals to the top.

"It's pretty surreal just how it all came together and everyone who has helped make it happen." Coming into the program with an average of 350 registrations a year, they now have over 2,100 annual sign ups, many of who have never stepped on a court. Between CARA and the USTA programs they have produced over 40 state

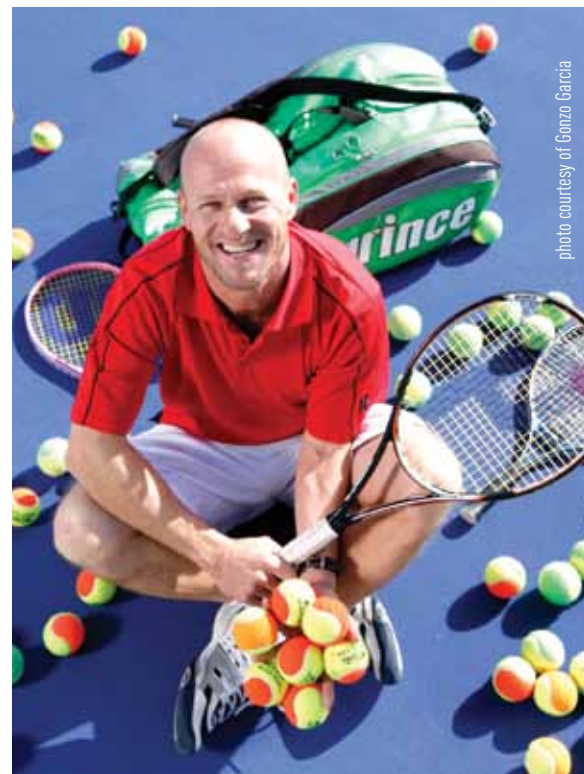


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GONZOGARCIA

champions and 20 state finalists.

"The program itself asks for growth," he said, excited at the need for more and more offerings every year. With the partnership and commitment of all three Boulder-area recreation centers, the town has the infrastructure to support and grow with new participants and new programs. Gonzo Tennis's motto is "Building great people, and great players," and the program welcomes everyone ages 3 to 100 who wants to play and develop further as a human being through tennis.

It's an understatement to say Gonzo lives and breathes tennis. Growing up in Argentina, he was a top junior player and went on to compete as a professional player in France, Spain and Italy. Gonzo started helping his father teach when he was just 15. He got his first Tennis Director job at the age of 18. He has taught privately and in clubs, has coached both juniors and adults, and enjoys working with players of all abilities which makes him an unusual force in the sport of tennis. Now 45, Gonzo reflects on a wonderful life that he attributes to the game of tennis.

"All of my brothers and dad play, too, and they have reached some of the highest levels. I have learned from the best," he reflects. Gonzo's 8 year-old daughter, Olivia, also plays and he enjoys how they can all play together.

Gonzo's love of coaching is apparent to anyone who has been exposed to him. He said there is one quality that makes the difference for young players who want to reach the higher levels. "They must have the internal drive to play," he explains, "but they also need to understand that it is a game." 🎾

PROFILE

JACK(IE) OF ALL TRADES

ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY, JACKIE BINGHAM-LEVINE IS TRANSFORMING THE TENNIS COMMUNITY IN CRESTED BUTTE

TOMFASANO

Jackie Bingham-Levine admits that she's a better skier than tennis player. But the full-time ski instructor for the Crested Butte Mountain Resort knows how to teach tennis and reinvigorate a small mountain town when it comes to the sport.

Bingham-Levine has also been a full-time tennis instructor for the Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Department for the past eight years, and led a fundraising effort to renovate the town's tennis courts where she teaches.

Born and raised in Scotland, Bingham-Levine gets excited when she talks about the \$191,227 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado that will go toward the courts. She headed up the fundraising effort with other members of a community-based group called 40-Love to update the 35-year-old courts. With the grant from GOCO, a \$25,000 donation from the town of Crested Butte, \$40,000 in fundraising from 40-Love, a \$3,500 Adopt-A-Court grant from USTA Colorado and another \$25,000 from the town in in-kind donations by supplying its employees to help with the courts, more than \$285,000 will be dedicated to the three existing courts. Post-tension concrete courts, landscaping, storage shed, shelter and other improvements to the town courts will begin in September with the courts scheduled to be completed by this time next year.

"I would like to add a special thank you to USTA Colorado, especially Kristy Harris, for all her advice and support for our project over the past two years. It has been invaluable," Bingham-Levine said.

Bingham-Levine, 59, has other big plans for tennis enthusiasts in Crested Butte after the courts are renovated next year.

"I would like to start Crested Butte Tennis Club," she said. "The courts would still be owned and maintained by the parks and recreation department, but a committee formed by members would organize fun events, social tennis nights for adults and kids, tournaments, club afternoon and so on. Membership would give members a reduced rate for clinics and lessons. The membership fee would be very affordable for families, individuals, juniors and kids. People, I think, like to be part of a club and a lot of the country clubs in this country are unaffordable for the average person."

Bingham-Levine is a fascinating person who calls herself a Jack-of-all-trades when it comes to sporting activities. She was educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, at a specialist school for sport and movement studies.

She then taught for 23 years in the



Originally from Scotland, Bingham-Levine employs a games-based approach to teaching tennis.

Scottish school system and became a moderator in sport and movement for education in Scotland.

"I left Scotland in 2000 to marry my American husband Brian and moved to Crested Butte at age 45," Bingham-Levine said.

How Bingham-Levine got into teaching tennis in the US is also quite a story.

"Not long after arriving in the states, I answered an ad looking for school tennis clinicians in the *Colorado Tennis* newspaper. This was when I first met Kristy Harris and Kristy Jenkins, who have become a valuable source of knowledge and advice for tennis in Colorado. After training, I was then qualified as a USTA schools clinician. As such, it was my job to implement the USTA School Tennis Program which is to give students an opportunity to learn the basic skills of tennis and to derive all the benefits that accrue from playing tennis for a lifetime. This was perfect for me because of my love of teaching and my love of tennis."

Life can take crazy turns when one least expects it, and that's what happened in 2007 to Bingham-Levine, who was in her early 50s and in the prime shape of her life.

"Within three months, I went from a 500 mile-per-hour active life to zero. I was diagnosed with diffuse system scleroderma and kidney failure," Bingham-Levine said. "Scleroderma is a rare chronic, often progressive autoimmune disease that attacks the body's organs including skin, lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract. I was on dialysis for a year and was on track for a kidney transplant. It has been a long road back, but miraculously my kidneys have recovered to close to normal and I am in full remission from scleroderma."

It was a difficult time for Bingham-Levine and her husband, but she managed to overcome the obstacles thrown her way.

"There are no words to describe how I feel now. The road was tough, but I now have a fresh outlook on life itself and learned so much along the way," she said.

Bingham-Levine credits tennis for helping her out during her recovery. "I feel that tennis being a physical and social activity, along with mental attitude played a huge role in my recovery," Bingham-Levine said.

"I used a lot of visualization skills which I learned and practiced through my sports training."

Lauren Alkire, recreation supervisor for the town of Crested Butte, said Bingham-Levine is an incredible person who has been an A-plus promoter for tennis in Crested Butte.

"Two winters ago, she started our winter indoor tennis program in one of the school gyms," Alkire said. "It's been going strong ever since. At the beginning of the season, she gets on her hands and knees in the gym to mark the court on the floor with painter's tape. She is dedicated."

Bingham-Levine ran a tournament last fall to raise awareness for scleroderma and raised \$1,600 for the Scleroderma Rocky Mountain Chapter. Another tournament to

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raise awareness will be held August 9 at Gates Tennis Center in Denver.

Bingham-Levine has also increased the participation level of tennis in Crested Butte. When she started, she introduced a mini-tennis program for kids using smaller racquets, low-compression balls, smaller courts and small nets.

According to Alkire, the numbers of participants have more than doubled from 156 people taking lessons in 2008 to 401 participants in 2013. Alkire said Bingham-Levine is so passionate about teaching tennis and the Crested Butte residents have responded in droves.

“She is loved by the community. We have a lot of second-home owners that come back in the summer and they look forward to taking her clinics,” Alkire said.

Bingham-Levine teaches kids from age 4 to seniors in their 80s, and she also teaches cardio tennis classes.

“When I first started, I think one person turned up at one of my clinics, and I just slowly built it up,” Bingham-Levine said. “My philosophy coming from Scotland and from a different country is a games-based approach in conjunction with technique. The first thing is to get people playing the game. I try and make it more games-based. We might have six people on the court and they’re all active the whole time. I have different types of games. Obviously, if people want to learn technique, I do lessons for that.”

Bingham-Levine is humble when talking about her role in the Crested Butte tennis community.

“It’s just been a great success to start from nothing to improve the clinics and increase tennis in the Crested Butte area and now to build the courts,” Bingham-Levine said. “I love teaching and I love giving something back to the sport.”





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August 2, 2014 / 1-4:00pm

The Pinery Country Club

Ages: 5-10 years old

Cost: \$20

Contact/Registration: pinerytennis@aol.com

Central Colorado State Open Junior & Family Festival/Play Day

July 26, 2014 / 3-5pm

Ages: All ages

Cost: \$10

Registration: <https://ctm.clubautomation.com/calendar/event-info?id=18035>

Contact Info: Gates Tennis Center/John Thornhill, 303/355-4461

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Tuesday, August 12

Ken Caryl Ranch Community Center

Course #28327: 1-2pm (8-10 year-olds)

Course #28328: 2-3pm (11-14 year-olds)

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JUNIORCOMPETITION



Reminder to all Competitive Juniors:

The deadline for the NEW USTA Intermountain Level 4 ITA Labor Day Masters Series (all age divisions 12-18) is coming up quickly. The deadline is July 29, 2014 at midnight (MST). The USTA Intermountain Labor Day Masters Series is a Level 4 ITA event. The tournament runs August 29-September 2.

The age/division by site is listed below: (all are in Boulder)

12s	BGsd	Boulder Parks and Recreation
16s/14s	BGsd	Rocky Mountain Tennis Center
18s	BGsd	Boulder Country Club

Singles: Full Feed-In Consolation; limited draw size of 64 players. If any one division has more than 64 players applying, acceptance will be based on the most recent Sectional Current Standings for that particular division’s draw. The top 64 players APPLYING will be accepted *(players registering online and receiving a confirmation number are NOT guaranteed acceptance, this is only confirmation that registration was performed correctly).*

Doubles: Single Elimination; limited draw sizes of 32 teams.

Intermountain Summer Championships/Level 3 – RESULTS

June 7-11 • 250000514

- Boys’ 18 Singles**
- 1: Trevor Johnson
 - 2: Andrei Marinescu
 - 3: Zachary Fryer
 - 4: Brendon Kempin
 - 5: Luke Lorenz
 - 6: Clayton Alenik

- Boys’ 18 Doubles**
- 1: King/Ruder-Hook
 - 2: Fryer/Lorenz

- Boys’ 16 Singles**
- 1: Casey Ross
 - 2: Benjamin Gajardo
 - 3: Jonathan Dollahite
 - 4: Dylan Levitt
 - 5: Chase Stoner
 - 6: Ethan Hillis

- Boys’ 16 Doubles**
- 1: Dollahite/Stoner
 - 2: Andrus/Ross

- Boys’ 14 Singles**
- 1: Richter Jordaan
 - 2: Nicholas Lorenz
 - 3: Noah Dufort
 - 4: Joshua King
 - 5: Aaron Bailey
 - 6: Tom Melville

- Boys’ 14 Doubles**
- 1: Jordaan/Lorenz
 - 2: Dufort/Melville

- Boys’ 12 Singles**
- 1: Redd Owen
 - 2: Michael Andre
 - 3: Nedim Cimic
 - 4: Axel Botticelli
 - 5: Quinn Vandecasteele
 - 6: Hardy Owen



- Boys’ 12 Doubles**
- 1: Owen/Robb-Wilcox
 - 2: Owen/Vandecasteele

- Girls’ 18 Singles**
- 1: Kimberly Yee
 - 2: Samantha Martinelli
 - 3: Tate Schroeder
 - 4: Summer Dvorak
 - 5: Gabrielle Smith
 - 6: Mira Ruder-Hook

- Girls’ 18 Doubles**
- 1: Smith/Weissmann
 - 2: Calton/Dvorak

- Girls’ 16 Singles**
- 1: Samantha Smith
 - 2: Madison Gallegos
 - 3: Whitney Turley
 - 4: Ellie Gamble
 - 5: Brenda Aguilar
 - 6: Chloe Henderson

- Girls’ 16 Doubles**
- 1: Heimuli/Turley
 - 2: Henderson/Smith

- Girls’ 14 Singles**
- 1: Sedona Gallagher
 - 2: Audrey Boch-Collins
 - 3: Anshika Singh
 - 4: Annika Bassey
 - 5: Daria Shalina
 - 6: Morgan Hall

- Girls’ 14 Doubles**
- 1: Castelino/Singh
 - 2: Boch-Collins/Gallagher

- Girls’ 12 Singles**
- 1: Naomi Cheong
 - 2: Kenadee Semenik
 - 3: Riley Turner
 - 4: Veronika Bruetting
 - 5: Jacque Dunyon
 - 6: Sarah Hammer

- Girls’ 12 Doubles**
- 1: Semenik/Turner
 - 2: Cheong/Dunyon

Colorado State Mountain Ocean Junior Championships/Level 5 – RESULTS

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- Boys’ 18 Singles**
- 1: Jacob Tullis
 - 2: Harshil Dwivedi
 - 3: Willie Gold
 - 4: Lucas Martin
 - 5: Kai Smith
 - 6: Keenan Kaltenbacher

- Boys’ 18 Doubles**
- 1: Dwivedi/Kwiatkowski
 - 2: Fell/Martin

- Boys’ 16 Singles**
- 1: Ben Antonsen
 - 2: Charlie Franks
 - 3: Dillon Leasure
 - 4: Ben Blea
 - 5: Ryan James
 - 6: Derek Wright

- Boys’ 16 Doubles**
- 1: Antonsen/Johnso
 - 2: Nguyen/Schacht

- Boys’ 14 Singles**
- 1: Carter Harrington
 - 2: Benjamin Murray
 - 3: Daniel Guiot
 - 4: Teague Burger
 - 5: Kosta Garger
 - 6: Jett Middleton

- Boys’ 14 Doubles**
- 1: Burger/Logan
 - 2: Harrington/Middleton

- Boys’ 12 Singles**
- 1: Cruz Culpepper
 - 2: Neil Wilcox
 - 3: Akhil Gupta
 - 4: Nicholas Dietrich
 - 5: John Dick
 - 6: Austin Kattenhorn

- Boys’ 12 Doubles**
- 1: Dietrich/Wilcox
 - 2: Gupta/Jamison

- Boys’ 10 Singles**
- 1: Nolan Arado
 - 2: Mason Arado
 - 3: Nathan Gold
 - 4: Matthew Batmunkh
 - 5: Tyler Larson
 - 6: Jonah Vasaune

- Boys’ 10 Doubles**
- 1: Arado/Arado
 - 2: Gold/Moe

- Girls’ 18 Singles**
- 1: Alexandra Weil
 - 2: Madison Shea
 - 3: Emma Jo Wiley
 - 4: Katharine Kirby
 - 5: Caroline Kawula
 - 6: Glenna Gee-Taylor

- Girls’ 18 Doubles**
- 1: Shea/Weil
 - 2: Penhale/Wiley

- Girls’ 16 Singles**
- 1: Micha Handler
 - 2: Tara Edwards
 - 3: Tatum Burger
 - 4: Sadie Moseley
 - 5: Alex Pessoa
 - 6: Margot Shea

- Girls’ 16 Doubles**
- 1: Kirby/Munson
 - 2: Burger/Shea

- Girls’ 14 Singles**
- 1: Franny Shea
 - 2: Ky Ecton

- 3: Emily Untermeyer
- 4: Savannah Mease
- 5: Samantha Anthony
- 6: Olivia Desso

- Girls’ 14 Doubles**
- 1: Ecton/Shea
 - 2: Anthony/Untermeyer

- Girls’ 12 Singles**
- 1: Samantha Moore-Thomson
 - 2: Lela Daszuta
 - 3: Natalie Hamill
 - 4: Ellie Strande
 - 5: Leyden Games
 - 6: Lucy Lu

- Girls’ 12 Doubles**
- 1: Games/Moore-Thomson
 - 2: Hamill/Lu

- Girls’ 10 Singles**
- 1: Jasmine Geiss
 - 2: Lila Travis
 - 3: Ella Barclay
 - 4: Biella Games
 - 5: Elena Hristoff
 - 6: Elizabeth Probst

- Mixed 18 Doubles**
- 1: Collins/Shea
 - 2: Smith/Smith

- Mixed 16 Doubles**
- 1: Antonsen/Zhong
 - 2: Franks/Handler

- Mixed 14 Doubles**
- 1: Hawk/Untermeyer
 - 2: Mease/Murray



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Boys 12s

Nicholas Svichar
Jett Middleton
Clark Steinhauser

Girls 12s

Mavis Edwards
Samantha Anthony
Emily Untermeyer
Meghan Chowdhury
Olivia Desso

Boys 14s

Draden Hoover
Nicholas Lorenz
Mitchell Johnson
Charlie Franks
Ryan Neale
Daniel Guiot

Girls 14s

Emily Strande
Morgan Hall
Seraphin Castelino
Tatum Burger

Boys 16s

Alec Leddon
Ethan Hillis
Willie Gold
Kai Smith
Harshil Dwivedi
Jackson Hawk
Ben Antonsen
McCulloh Mease
Ben Blea

Girls 16s

Madison Gallegos
Kalyssa Hall
Caroline Kawula
Casey Zhong
Natalie Munson



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USTA Intersectionals

USTA Colorado is also proud to congratulate the following Colorado players on their selection to the ultra-prestigious USTA Intermountain Intersectional Squad, which competed July 5-9, 2014 in the USTA Intersectional Championships.

Boys 14s

Josh King
Richter Jordaan
Kap Smith

Girls 14s

Annika Bassey
Amber Shen
Anshika Singh

Boys 16s

Casey Ross

Girls 16s

Tate Schroeder
Rebecca Weissmann

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BOYS

CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN
2014	147	Zachary Fryer	Centennial	2015	1286	Joseph Bove	Castle Rock	2017	779	Matthew Chavez	Mead	2019	464	Kosta Garger	Englewood
2014	158	Luke Lorenz	Colorado Springs	2015	1307	Nic Hoime	Windsor	2017	786	Stefan Orton-Urbina	Colorado Springs	2019	483	Sam Nassif	Denver
2014	178	Jesse Ruder-Hook	Denver	2015	1373	Joseph Martinez	Greeley	2017	805	Dylan Zumar	Aurora	2019	505	Alexander Ilic	Aspen
2014	305	Galen Arney	Boulder	2015	1451	Dylan Griffin	Longmont	2017	827	Devin Harper	Westminster	2019	543	Teague Burger	Steamboat Springs
2014	355	Vignesh Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2015	1490	Jimmy Amundson	Littleton	2017	926	Aaron Weil	Highlands Ranch	2019	837	Jackson Holland	Windsor
2014	486	Eric Kwiatkowski	Parker	2015	1505	Trace Collins	Parker	2017	941	Vinay Merchant	Englewood	2019	899	Andrew Jeffries	Littleton
2014	493	Steven Alcala	Pueblo	2015	1555	Azur Ali	Boulder	2017	1063	Xavier Pacheco	Englewood	2019	902	Cal Hegstrom	Grand Junction
2014	576	Jonathan Kaufman	Centennial	2015	1570	Colin Brown	Centennial	2017	1202	Erich Nuss	Castle Pines	2019	920	Andrew Seehausen	Lonetree
2014	653	Nicholas Farnen	Highlands Ranch	2015	1633	Alex Dressen-Shipley	Fort Collins	2017	1229	David Zhao	Superior	2019	945	Beck Chrisbens	Boulder
2014	683	Brock DeHaven	Boulder	2016	255	William Gold	Denver	2017	1273	Jack Ferry	Lafayette	2019	979	William Coors	Denver
2014	753	Naish Gaubatz	Colorado Springs	2016	324	Alec Leddou	Boulder	2017	1332	Bryce Viorst	Denver	2019	1003	Henry Cox	Parker
2014	754	Matthew Matsuyama	Castle Rock	2016	533	Jackson Hawk	Boulder	2017	1416	Will Dennen	Castle Rock	2019	1006	Oliver Greenwald	Denver
2014	761	Shea Clafin	Canon City	2016	591	Jeremiah Hansen	Colorado Springs	2017	1559	Coulten Davis	Colorado Springs	2019	1085	Jackson Klutznick	Denver
2014	773	Canyon Hill	Colorado Springs	2016	639	Max Petrak	Golden	2017	1655	Jacob Stringer	Longmont	2019	1104	Tyler Lunden	Centennial
2014	779	Matthew Jacobberger	Colorado Springs	2016	656	Colton Hill	Colorado Springs	2017	1661	Jonathan Obregon	Denver	2019	1271	Ben Bramwell	Parker
2014	822	David Rosencrans	Aurora	2016	706	Ben Blea	Littleton	2017	1684	Matthew Lambert	Aspen	2019	1278	Harry Carrozza	Colorado Springs
2014	853	Erik Schulze	Longmont	2016	749	Noah Forman	Golden	2018	128	Kasper Smith	Boulder	2019	1303	Austin Taylor	Boulder
2014	863	Connor McPherson	Centennial	2016	782	McCulloh Mease	Littleton	2018	177	Joshua King	Englewood	2019	1318	Riley Black	Niwot
2014	869	Adam Rivera	Littleton	2016	805	Erin Norwood	Englewood	2018	190	Tom Melville	Boulder	2019	1328	Mason Lewis	Broomfield
2014	882	Andrew Struzenberg	Greeley	2016	806	Derek Wright	Superior	2018	293	Jack Moldenhauer	Denver	2019	1335	Dario Alcala	Pueblo
2014	887	Liam Spearnak	Fort Collins	2016	816	Cutter Esson	Boulder	2018	360	Charlie Franks	Denver	2019	1340	Christopher Du	Highlands Ranch
2014	929	Jason Ferry	Lafayette	2016	824	Allen Fu	Longmont	2018	372	Mitchell Johnson	Cherry Hills Village	2019	1346	Maxwell Probst	Highlands Ranch
2014	966	Benjamin Schlichting	Denver	2016	857	Thomas Koszowski	Denver	2018	459	David Kijak	Aurora	2019	1358	Brenden Arndt	Longmont
2014	1008	Michael Rosencrans	Broomfield	2016	894	Chanon Penvari	Aurora	2018	460	Jack Alexander	Littleton	2019	1382	Cam Cramer	Niwot
2014	1028	Zachary Inman	Colorado Springs	2016	905	Zhan Su	Louisville	2018	541	Daniel Guiot	Denver	2019	1396	Alex Baum	Littleton
2014	1090	Chad Curd	Centennial	2016	968	Jake Becker	Centennial	2018	593	Skyler Gates	Littleton	2020	133	Quinn Snyder	Steamboat Springs
2014	1129	Jordan Greenhut	Aurora	2016	994	Davis Meyer	Castle Rock	2018	705	Ethan Schacht	Boulder	2020	178	Jett Middleton	Columbine Valley
2014	1149	Drew Pasma	Longmont	2016	995	Jackson Johar	Fort Collins	2018	717	Carter Harrington	Aurora	2020	324	Nicholas Svichar	Greenwood Village
2014	1153	Randall Ball	Boulder	2016	1077	Joshua Hunt	Castle Rock	2018	721	Ryan Neale	Parker	2020	497	Cruz Culpepper	Lafayette
2014	1159	Connor Banks	Centennial	2016	1098	Andrew Aertker	Denver	2018	775	Benjamin Murray	Englewood	2020	530	Caden Kammerer	Longmont
2015	143	David Mitchell	Castle Rock	2016	1146	Gabriel Pagat	Fort Collins	2018	810	Patrick Seby	Denver	2020	548	Akhil Gupta	Severance
2015	190	Spencer Lang	Longmont	2016	1187	Grant Wood	Westminster	2018	841	Brett Finan	Broomfield	2020	572	Stefan Hester	Longmont
2015	236	Ignatius Castolino	Superior	2016	1241	Andrew Gillette	Arvada	2018	882	Bradley Ma	Colorado Springs	2020	664	Riley Burridge	Boulder
2015	413	Fletcher Kerr	Denver	2016	1244	Kevin Adams	Englewood	2018	894	Quinn Birmingham	Denver	2020	684	John Dick	Highlands Ranch
2015	517	Tommy Mason	Boulder	2016	1253	Blake Parsons	Denver	2018	937	Henry Hawk	Boulder	2020	769	Austin Kattenhorn	Lafayette
2015	523	Harshil Dwivedi	Greenwood Village	2016	1296	Spencer Clauson	Boulder	2018	1022	Connor Larson	Boulder	2020	778	Alex Gordon	Cherry Hills Village
2015	626	Lucas Martin	Fort Collins	2016	1312	Vamsi Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2018	1107	Tanner Jones	Colorado Springs	2020	788	Gabriel McDevitt	Parker
2015	712	Keenan Kaitenbacher	Colorado Springs	2016	1470	Robert Boe	Colorado Springs	2018	1136	Carter Holbrook	Boulder	2020	856	Paul Jones	Manitou Springs
2015	764	Joseph Adducci	Colorado Springs	2016	1503	Nathan Lazarus	Boulder	2018	1210	Laird Stewart	Englewood	2020	1009	Robert Metz	Colorado Springs
2015	781	Noah Reiss	Littleton	2016	1525	Anthony Partrick	Arvada	2018	1237	Jordan Wagner	Littleton	2020	1034	Michael Conde	Superior
2015	784	Maxwell Weiner	Fort Collins	2016	1561	Troy de Jong	Steamboat Springs	2018	1267	Brooks Savage	Boulder	2020	1065	Ben Bicknell	Niwot
2015	795	Dante Alcala	Pueblo	2016	1662	Drew Parsons	Denver	2018	1292	Ethan Katz	Boulder	2020	1069	Caleb Aguirre	Cherry Hills Village
2015	825	Dakota Burns	Pueblo	2016	1666	Cameron Bergan	Aurora	2018	1303	Evan Nuss	Castle Rock	2020	1090	Michael Crum	Denver
2015	879	Cody Carlton	Castle Rock	2016	1695	Ram Vuppala	Denver	2018	1345	Ilujah Bailey	Centennial	2021	168	Clark Steinhauser	Denver
2015	898	William Hobbs	Boulder	2016	1718	Jake Anderson	Englewood	2018	1396	Everett Martin	Boulder	2021	206	Neil Wilcox	Boulder
2015	902	Colby Jimenez	Denver	2016	1753	James Kasic	Boulder	2018	1423	Stone Heyman	Englewood	2021	245	Nicholas Dietrich	Golden
2015	905	Garet Davis	Loveland	2017	105	Casey Ross	Littleton	2018	1447	Arjun Gupta	Severance	2021	350	Louis Salfi	Denver
2015	962	Jacob Fell	Longmont	2017	124	Ethan Hillis	Centennial	2018	1468	Finn Gullickson	Colorado Springs	2021	354	David Bomgaars	Aurora
2015	1028	Keller Hartline	Lafayette	2017	276	Kai Smith	Denver	2018	1486	Zack Fox	Littleton	2021	355	Morgan Schilling	Littleton
2015	1047	Austin Gruszczynski	Highlands Ranch	2017	303	Draden Hoover	Aurora	2018	1573	Tyler Paddor	Centennial	2021	376	Grigor Karakelyan	Aurora
2015	1060	Carter Pentz	Niwot	2017	316	Ben Antonsen	Highlands Ranch	2018	1634	Connor Schott	Highlands Ranch	2021	411	John Austin Dick	Highlands Ranch
2015	1089	Brian Ross	Littleton	2017	515	Frederick Edwards	Bayfield	2018	1642	Jonathan Schreiber	Bow Mar	2021	449	Luke Silverman	Boulder
2015	1099	Ryan Beckstrom	Parker	2017	545	Robby Hill	Greenwood Village	2018	1645	Drew Hill	Greenwood Village	2021	517	Chase Walters	Highlands Ranch
2015	1100	Jameson Lumpkin	Loveland	2017	555	Niko Hereford	Denver	2019	35	Richter Jordaan	Cherry Hills Village	2021	559	Andy Schuiling	Steamboat Springs
2015	1147	Daniel Crews	Greeley	2017	608	Ryan James	Denver	2019	59	Nicholas Lorenz	Colorado Springs	2021	571	Nico Gonzalez	Denver
2015	1204	Matthew Harris	Grand Junction	2017	710	Tom Hudson	Golden	2019	305	Christian Holmes	Littleton	2021	589	Jack Larson	Arvada
2015	1205	Andrew Pollack	Louisville	2017	758	Dillon Leasure	Carbondale	2019	450	Charter Logan	Denver	2021	591	Owen Mackin	Centennial

GIRLS

2014	26	Mira Ruder-Hook	Denver	2016	650	Kendra Lavallee	Highlands Ranch	2018	306	Micha Handler	Englewood	2019	995	Julia Trujillo	Colorado Springs
2014	99	Kathryn Hall	Greenwood Village	2016	651	Natalie Hagan	Lone Tree	2018	329	Emily Strande	Centennial	2019	998	Emma Morrissey	Denver
2014	153	Alexa Brandt	Broomfield	2016	778	Daniela Adamczyk	Colorado Springs	2018	351	Camila Gomez	Bogota	2019	1047	Trini Somasundaram	Superior
2014	383	Paige Crews	Greeley	2016	785	Reilly Cornell	Highlands Ranch	2018	363	Seraphin Castolino	Superior	2019	1050	Alex Begler	Highlands Ranch
2014	409	Kristin Jensen	Colorado Springs	2016	814	Allison Snyder	Highlands Ranch	2018	449	Mariela Holtines	Cherry Hills Village	2020	96	Spencer Mathews	Divide
2014	500	Natalia Dellavalle	Denver	2016	840	Lauren Petty	Colorado Springs	2018	458	Sarah Fleming	Grand Junction	2020	171	Mavis Edwards	Bayfield
2014	533	Glenna Gee-Taylor	Louisville	2016	925	Gabriella Hesse	Colorado Springs	2018	473	Ky Ecton	Fort Collins	2020	284	Emily Untermeyer	Denver
2014	541	Eva-Lou Edwards	Bayfield	2016	957	Tara Teslow	Fort Collins	2018	602	Heather Volls	Colorado Springs	2020	308	Veronika Bruetting	Highlands Ranch
2014	569	Rachael Scheper	Greenwood Village	2016	1010	Bailey Koronich	Timnath	2018	629	Julia Pentz	Niwot	2020	343	Lela Daszuta	Denver
2014	602	Kaitlyn Motley	Fort Collins	2016	1042	Sarah Megiligan	Pueblo West	2018	684	Taylor Thulson	Glenwood Springs	2020	350	Olivia Desso	Evergreen
2014	610	Kayl Ecton	Fort Collins	2016	1044	Laura Friedrich	Centennial	2018	725	Savannah Mease	Littleton	2020	367	Samantha Moore-Thomson	Denver
2014	661	Jazmin Gillette	Wheat Ridge	2016	1076	Joanna Kempton	Littleton	2018	746	Rachel Nguyen	Westminster	2020	406	Meghna Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch
2014	677	Andrea Motley	Fort Collins	2016	1079	Sarah Casey	Monument	2018	793	Cassandra Sehic	Highlands Ranch	2020	482	Natalie Hamill	Fort Collins
2015	41	Nicole Kalthorn	Colorado Springs	2016	1107	Jade Moore	Littleton	2018	831	Natalie Bronsdon	Highlands Ranch	2020	545	Ellie Strande	Centennial
2015	55	Gabrielle Schuck	Colorado Springs	2016	1119	Hanna Fernley	Greenwood Village	2018	843	Alexandra Djoumaliev	Loveland	2020	657	Noelle Cerone	Steamboat Springs
2015	311	Alexandra Weil	Cherry Hills Village	2016	1143	Mari Dudek	Highlands Ranch	2018	999	Darby Warburton	Littleton	2020	666	Shiloh Miller	Lakewood
2015	408	Camilla Trapness	Vail	2017	16	Samantha Martinelli	Denver	2018	1161	Emma Gaydos	Monument	2020	687	Lexie Fisher	Greenwood Village
2015	619	Chloe Brandt	Denver	2017	96	Madison Gallegos	Aurora	2018	1202	Delaney Wilklow	Colorado Springs	2020	761	Mattie Kuntzelman	Colorado Springs
2015	639	Isabella Melena	Arvada	2017	259	Casey Zhong	Highlands Ranch	2019	168	Morgan Hall	Colorado Springs	2020	795	Haley Artis	Aurora
2015	651	Emma Jo Wiley	Fort Collins	2017	271	Alex Pessoa	Denver	2019	519	Josephine Schaffer	Greenwood Village	2020	804	Isabella Pacheco	Englewood
2015	781	Kylie Simons	Colorado Springs	2017	372	Madison Wolfe	Monument	2019	591	Amanda Schlatter	Cherry Hills Village	2020	820	Mae Thorp	Steamboat Springs
2015	847	Julia Mannino	Greenwood Village	2017	414	Sadie Moseley	Denver	2019	658	Hana Kimmey	Parker	2020	841	Lauren Karaba	Castle Pines
2015	875	Meghan Beer	Castle Rock	2017	510	Shawnea Pagat	Fort Collins	2019	693	Trisha Somasundaram	Superior	2021	118	Samantha Anthony	Longmont
2015	963	Emma Schilling	Littleton	2017	650	Maeve Kearney	Englewood	2019	727	Emma Eckenhausen	Denver	2021	137	Sarah Hammer	Fort Collins
2016	22	Rebecca Weissmann	Loveland	2017	786	Morgan Bullen	Denver	2019	750	Willow Purvis	Denver	2021	232	Dilafzo Abdullaeva	Aurora
2016	62	Tate Schroeder	Centennial	2017	805	Sara Schoenbeck	Pueblo West	2019	767	Sophie Pearson	Longmont	2021	236	Leyden Games	Boulder
2016	127	Kalyssa Hall	Colorado Springs	2017	872	Tiffany Parobek	Lone Tree	2019	814	Alexis Stepp	Westminster	2021	245	Lucy Lu	Broomfield
2016	271	Gloria Son	Aurora	2017	1044	Maleeha Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch	2019	820	Isabel Pan	Highlands Ranch	2021	249	Miranda Kawula	Englewood
2016	347	Caroline Kawula	Cherry Hills Village	2017	1169	Jennifer Phan	Thornton	2019	833	Madissen Allen	Centennial	2021	367	Eliza Hill	Greenwood Village
2016	419	Kristen Kirby	Thornton	2017	1197	Murphy Harr	Arvada	2019	836	Samhita Bheemireddy	Highlands Ranch	2021	392	Nicole Hill	Greenwood Village
2016	451	Tara Edwards	Littleton	2018	110	Amber Shen	Broomfield	2019	841	Laura Bobby	Castle Rock	2021	395	Mahima Gurung	Boulder
2016	536	Lauren Lindell	Parker	2018	190	Annikka Bassey	Denver	2019	907	Mia Oliver	Denver	2021	398	Julia Rydel	Denver
2016	586	Natalie Munson	Longmont	2018	213	Anshika Singh	Greenwood Village	2019	922	Alexandra Bush	Greenwood Village	2021	433	Valerie Negin	Centennial
2016	630	Jessica Metz	Colorado Springs	2018	305	Tatum Burger	Steamboat Springs	2019	951	Chloe Schilling	Littleton	2021	495	Anna Reimers	Highlands Ranch

PREP**COMPETITION**

SOPHOMORES, CHERRY CREEK & CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN ALL REIGN IN 2014

JON YUNT



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5A Championship Wrap-Up

Going into the Class 5A state tournament, all eyes were on Loveland sophomore **Rebecca Weissmann**. And why not? After all, as a freshman she arrived at Gates Tennis Center and blitzed the field on the way to the title at No. 1 singles. **Tate Schroeder** had other ideas. The Arapahoe sophomore (see her **HIGHFIVE** profile on p17), who along with her Warriors teammates were playing for the memory of Clair Davis (the young lady who was killed on December 13 in the halls of the school), matched Weissmann's powerful baseline game with one of her own and earned a straight set victory 6-4, 6-3 at Gates. Denver East's **Natalia Dellavalle** made it look easy at No. 2 singles against Fairview's **Natalie Munson**, cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 win. Cherry Creek's **Madeline Roberts** won at No. 3 singles over Fossil Ridge's **Emma Jo Wiley**. Roberts, along with the Bruins' Nos. 1, 2 and 4 doubles teams victories, helped Cherry Creek to its 18th consecutive Class 5A state title with 83 points. The only thing that kept the Bruins from sweeping the doubles was the Arapahoe No. 3 doubles team of **Laura Wilms** and **Bridget O'Brien**, who rallied to win a third set tiebreaker for the title.

5A Individual Results

No. 1 singles Championship: Tate Schroeder, So., Arapahoe def. Rebecca Weissmann, So., Loveland (6-4, 6-3)
No. 1 singles 3rd place: Gloria Son, Cherry Creek, So. def. Bria Smith, Denver East, Sr. (6-3, 1-6, 6-2)
No. 2 singles Championship: Natalia Dellavalle, Sr., Denver East def. Natalie Munson, So., Fairview (6-0, 6-0)
No. 2 singles 3rd place: Kaitlyn Motley, Fossil Ridge, Sr. def. Julia Mannino, Cherry Creek, Jr. (6-4, 6-4)
No. 3 singles Championship: Madeline Roberts, Jr., Cherry Creek def. Emma Jo Wiley, Jr., Fossil Ridge (6-2, 6-0)
No. 3 singles 3rd: Claire Cox, Ponderosa, Fr. def. Kaye Johnson, Denver East, Sr. (4-6, 6-0, 6-3)
No. 1 doubles Championship: Rachael Scheber, Sr., Mia Hoover, Sr., Cherry Creek def. Shelby Mavis, Sr., Andrea Motley, Sr., Fossil Ridge (6-2, 6-3)
No. 1 doubles 3rd place: Brooke Jacks, Sr., Nicole

Eiten, Sr., Highlands Ranch def. Abigail Kruz, sr., Natalie Sloboth, Fr., Arapahoe (6-3, 6-2)
No. 2 doubles Championship: Hanna Fernley, So., Jessie Murphy, Jr., Cherry Creek def. Sam Penhale, Jr., Nicole Newell, Sr., Fossil Ridge (6-2, 7-5)
No. 2 doubles 3rd place: Caroline Berzins, Jr., Laura Wells, Jr. Denver East def. Allison Snyder, So., Sarah Shortall, So. (6-3, 6-4)
No. 3 doubles Championship: Laura Wilms, Sr., Bridget O'Brien, Sr., Arapahoe def. Sarah Grace Walker, Jr., Phoebe Mackenzie, So., Cherry Creek (6-2, 6-7, 7-6)
No. 3 doubles 3rd place: Taylor Toepke, Sr., Tara Teslow, Jr. Fossil Ridge def. Risa Eck, Jr., Lucy Sherman, Fr., Ralston Valley (6-2, 6-7, 6-2)
No. 4 doubles Championship: Kara Lee, Sr., Jessica Diamond, Jr., Cherry Creek def. Ellie Savage, Fr., Carolyn Roberts, So., Fairview (6-2, 6-7, 6-4)
No. 4 doubles 3rd: Adrien Horowitz, Jr., Hayley Weidmann, Jr., Ralston Valley def. Natalie Betts, Jr., Bria Busta, Sr., Arapahoe (6-3, 4-6, 6-4)

5A Team Results

1	Cherry Creek	83	T12	Greeley West	3
2	Fossil Ridge	51	T12	Heritage	3
3	Arapahoe	47	T14	Chatfield	2
4	Denver East	44	T14	Fruita Monument	2
5	Fairview	25	T14	Legacy	2
6	Ralston Valley	15	T14	Mountain Range	2
7	Loveland	14	T14	Rock Canyon	2
8	Ponderosa	12	T14	Rocky Mountain	2
9	Highlands Ranch	8	T20	Dakota Ridge	1
10	Lakewood	5	T20	George Washington	1
11	Mountain Vista	4	T20	Liberty	1



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4A Individual results

No. 1 singles Championship: Kalyssa Hall, So., Cheyenne Mtn. def. Alex Weil, Jr., St. Mary's Academy (6-3, 7-6)
No. 1 singles 3rd place: Alex Middleton, Valor Christian, Sr. def. Sarah Schoenbeck, Pueblo West, Fr. (6-2, 6-0)
No. 2 singles Championship: Delaney Nalen, Sr., Kent Denver def. Daniella Adamczyk, So., Cheyenne Mtn. (6-3, 6-3)
No. 2 singles 3rd place: Suzy Xiao, St. Mary's Academy, Sr. def. Megan Londa, Niwot, Sr. (6-2, 6-0)
No. 3 singles Championship: Caitie McCarthy, So., Pueblo West def. Maeve Kearney, Fr., Kent Denver (7-6, 6-3)
No. 3 singles 3rd place: Jessica Metz, Cheyenne Mountain, So. def. Jami Albert, Niwot, Jr. (6-0, 6-0)
No. 1 doubles Championship: Casey Ahrendsen, Fr., Ally Arenson, Fr., Cheyenne Mtn. def. Lauren Richards, Sr., Maura Derr, Jr., Niwot (6-4, 6-3)
No. 1 doubles 3rd place: Maddy Shelton, Sr., Cathryn Harper, Jr., Eaton def. Elizabeth Smedley, Jr., Rachael Prokupek, Jr., Kent Denver (6-4, 5-7, 6-4)
No. 2 doubles Championship: Tory Louis, Jr., Claire Dibble, Fr., Cheyenne Mtn. def. Jisyasa Sharma, Sr., Rachel Haas, Sr., St. Mary's (6-1, 3-6, 6-1)
No. 2 doubles 3rd place: Haley Miller, Sr., Karen Sigg, Sr., Eaton def. Olivia Bansky, Sr., Sophia Hsaio, Sr., Kent Denver (6-3, 7-6)
No. 3 doubles Championship: Megan Dibble, Jr., Chelsey Geisz, So., Cheyenne Mtn. def. Tempel Haifleigh, Jr., Lily Rogers-Masamori, Jr., Kent Denver (6-4, 6-2)
No. 3 doubles 3rd place: Nonie Viel, Sr., Emma Lerner, So., Niwot def. Emily Harper, So., Courtney Leafpren, Fr., Eaton (6-2, 6-0)
No. 4 doubles Championship: Kate Melberg, Sr., Julia Chowdhury, Sr., St. Mary's def. Frauke Aumann, Jr., Geya Kairamkonda, Jr., Niwot (1-6, 6-1, 7-5)
No. 4 doubles 3rd place: Julia Oblack, Sr., Maggie Hime, Fr., D'Evelyn def. Emilie Benedict, Sr., Jackie Pettet, Jr., Valor Christian (7-6, 6-4)

4A Championship Wrap-Up

Cheyenne Mountain coach Dave Adams has been blessed with great players during his tenure as the Indians coach. Perhaps none was greater than Becky Varnum, who won four straight 4A titles from 1995-98 and never lost a high school match. It's certainly big shoes for **Kalyssa Hall** (left) to follow in, but the sophomore seems more than up to the task. Hall claimed her second straight No. 1 singles title, with a 6-3, 7-6 (2) victory over St. Mary's Academy's **Alex Weil**. The thought of joining Varnum is already on her mind and she told CHSAANow.com after the match, "That's my goal." In addition to Hall's title, the Indians also were victorious at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 doubles. Their total of 80 points easily bested second place St. Mary's Academy's total of 53 and helped Cheyenne Mountain to its sixth straight 4A title and 19 overall. **Delaney Nalen**, daughter of former Broncos offensive lineman Tom Nalen, captured the title at No. 2 singles with a 6-3, 6-3 win over CM's **Daniella Adamczyk**. At No. 3 singles, Pueblo West sophomore **Catie McCarthy** (pictured below) became the schools first tennis champion of any kind with a 7-6 (4), 6-3 over Kent Denver's **Maeve Kearney**.



4A Team Results

1	Cheyenne Mountain	80	T10	Centaurus	4
2	St. Mary's Academy	53	T12	Holy Family	2
3	Kent Denver	50	T12	Discovery Canyon	2
4	Niwot	42	T14	Montrose	1
5	Pueblo West	25	T14	Pueblo South	1
6	Valor Christian	24	T14	Steamboat Springs	1
7	Eaton	22	T14	Windsor	1
T8	Air Academy	7	T14	Alexander Dawson	1
T8	D'Evelyn	7	T14	Colorado Academy	1
T10	Mullen	4	T14	Fountain Valley	1

YOURGAME

THE PERFECT MANUAL FOR WOMEN'S LEAGUES? LOCAL AUTHOR SERVES UP THE INSIDE SCOOP ON LADIES LEAGUE TENNIS

KRISTY JENKINS
USTA SCHOOLS COORDINATOR

Mary Moses serves up an ace of a book, in *Drama, Drinks and Double Faults*. A slam on every tennis gal's ego as no one is spared the jokes in this short but sweet read.

In her first book, this Colorado author gets down and dirty with her witty anecdotes and serves up a side of sarcastic humor, poking fun at the crazy world of women's tennis, especially league tennis. It is a fun read about all the drama we players despise but also can't seem to live without.

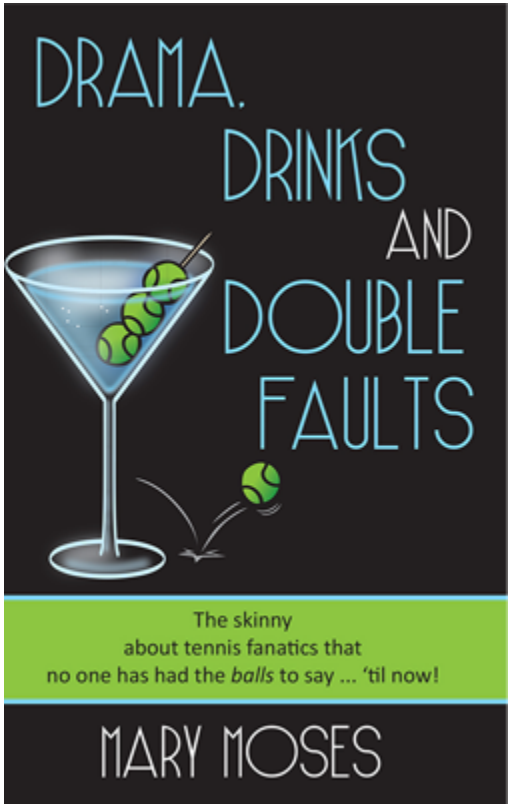
Those truly inside this land of Lululemon-matching tennis skirts, ponytail styles, doubles partner nightmares, and 3.5 vs 4.0 ratings will be laughing out loud at many of Moses' spot on descriptions, labels and stories. Those not quite so immersed will either embrace the truth and ask, "Could this really be me?", or go running scared and decide to take up pickleball.

This book could almost be used as a league captain's team building manual. When putting together a top team (nationals or bust) one needs to think about not only the ability of the player but also their style and personality. There is a lot at stake! If putting together a team, the best combinations for doubles may be a "One and Done" paired with "The Vanilla" or "Human Backboard". The "Put a Sock in it" is always good to have since she may irritate opponents, but they can't help but like her. And who wouldn't want the "Ponies" on your team?

If you aren't quite sure about these labels you may want to check out the book. You can find it around town at many of our local tennis clubs as well as online at WhatAboutTennis.com.

When I asked Moses recently what compelled her to write this book she replied, "I was motivated by witnessing and being a part of this *underworld* of women's league tennis. For years I had this desire to capture what was going on in the minds of these players. How funny, and maddening it all is. And at the end of the day, you wouldn't trade it for anything. I felt that even though deep down we realize how dysfunctional it is, we would also never admit it. So why not be the one to lay it all out there, laugh at it, and embrace it?"

Moses does this quite well in *Drama, Drinks and Double Faults* but also throws in a few great quotes and some post-match drink recipes....because we all know one of the best parts of league tennis is the "after party" social with our girls!



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FRITZGARGER

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This is the heart of the tennis season in a number of ways – even though tennis players enjoy the sport year round. There is all kinds of league activity, tournament play is occurring at venues throughout the state and the recreational (non-sanctioned) participants are hitting balls at public and private facilities alike. We have a very active tennis community.

Physical Literacy

I encourage our readers to take a look at the articles of our Editor, Kurt Desautels, in his column, *The Last Word*. Kurt always has something both entertaining and meaningful to say about our sport (other sports at times) and our association. His articles in the previous and current edition of *Colorado Tennis* address some issues related to youth sports in general – and from my perspective, his comments are very insightful.

Kurt introduces the topic of Physical Literacy in his article. USTA Colorado will be looking at ways to utilize this concept and tie our sport into the equation and provide a solution that could have an incredibly profound impact on individuals, communities and our society as a whole. Colorado tennis has all the ingredients to make meaningful change happen – the key will be how to best combine everything we have (collectively – all tennis industry and community partners) to make it all come to fruition.

Comparison of Tennis in Colorado to Other Sports

Our sport, and in particular the program offerings of USTA Colorado and facilities across the state, provide all kinds of avenues for people of ALL ages, ALL backgrounds, ALL skill levels to experience the recreational/competitive aspects of tennis and benefit from it. To reiterate this is not merely a reality for our youth but also adults and seniors.

The opportunities are there for participants to enjoy the sport as an individual (singles), in doubles; as well as opportunities to be a member of an even larger league team. Every conceivable 'format' is available. That's simply not true for just about every other sport.

Moving Forward

The point here is that in Colorado, the tennis menu is extensive and provides opportunities to virtually anyone who wants to participate at any stage of their life – regardless of their skill level. We have a recreational/competitive access point for

everyone! Our goal as we move forward will be to refine elements of programs to be sure, but the bigger issue will be how we coordinate the promotion and delivery of tennis even more effectively via private clubs, public parks, schools and other organizations. And an integral aspect of our success will come down to how effective we are with our messaging, marketing and promotions. A key part of that equation will be our joint collaboration with all facilities that offer tennis programs and others in the tennis industry.

USTA Colorado will be reaching out to facilities and industry leaders across the state (again public and private) with the goal of enhancing our partnership to expand our reach and bring more people to the game. The impact this 'game' has on the lives of our youth, adults and seniors is meaningful and real. The benefits are broad in scope and affect our well-being as it relates to all aspects of 'life' – academic, emotional, mental, social, psychological and physical. It's time we (the tennis industry in Colorado) take hold of our opportunity to be the leader in community wellness and develop a message that truly resonates with the general public so people get engaged with our sport.

Until then

More to come – but until then, as most of our readers are already involved in the game and benefit from it – ENJOY! And while competition can be a very good thing – be mindful of common courtesy and play the game with highest level of sportsmanship possible. We can't control the outcome of any given match – but every player can control their actions and behavior and exemplify proper sportsmanship/etiquette both on and off the court.



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HOW YOUTH SPORTS ARE FAILING TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN
THE FUNDAMENTAL SKILL OF PHYSICAL LITERACY

KURT DESAUTELS
EDITOR, COLORADO TENNIS

In my previous column (**The Last Word**/Spring 2014), I dipped a toe into the ongoing challenges that youth sports face as nearly three-quarters of young participants abandon organized athletics by the age of 13. A smorgasbord of studies have been conducted to identify the underlying reasons, but ultimately it comes down to a handful of factors — having fun, continuing to improve, developing confidence and maintaining friendships.

Organized youth sports seem to have an “elitism” problem, where top players who can afford to make the financial commitment to further developing their skills get to continue along a trajectory aimed at landing them a spot in the pro ranks. The vast majority of young athletes and their families aren’t really able to commit the resources or the time to such endeavors, and are left to navigate the recreational opportunities left to them as they grow older. Unfortunately, few entry-level and/or purely recreational programs exist for kids once they enter middle school, and by the time they enter high school, there are even fewer opportunities for kids to learn new sports or compete on a base level. Perhaps more importantly, kids stop having fun in this model. If youth sports is anything, it should be fun.

Essentially, youth athletics should be a microcosm for life — they should be creating an atmosphere and community where its participants are learning just as much about life as they are about attaining skills that allow them to be competitive. This does not mean a youth league/program/offering cannot be competitive or in touch with culture, it just means their values have every child’s best interest at stake, not just the elite and standout athletes. Most youth programs embrace this model...at first. But far too many programs abandon these values in favor of a hierarchical system that prizes competition and winning over life lessons.

Don’t misunderstand me, though. I am NOT arguing against competition, or winning, or elite training. My point is this — elite competition does not appeal to every kid, and since youth sports are becoming more and more competitive, the lack of appeal has been seen in the form of children and families choosing to not participate. This is just one of many factors for the decline, but if youth sports are not a place where life-lessons are taught in a fun atmosphere, they will continue to alienate the average family, and youth participation will continue to decline.

So what about tennis? That’s the \$64,000

question I posed in my last column. Want to know why tennis is best-suited among virtually all sports to stop this pattern? The simple answer is because adversity breeds ingenuity. For decades, the most popular youth sports haven’t faced the problem of low or declining numbers. Organizations hang out a shingle and kids flock to participate. Tennis, on the other hand, has had to reinvent itself recently in order to compete for the youth market. It was just two years ago that tennis abandoned a century’s-old tradition of having kids and adults learn and play on the same platform in an effort to help kids learn the game in a more conducive and fun environment. But it doesn’t stop there....

In the last two years, tens of thousands of youth courts have been created throughout the US, along with affiliated programs catering to multiple levels of play at every age group. It’s basically an issue of critical mass. By introducing children at a young age to tennis, they can develop both athleticism and coordination in a fun, social environment, much like their friends experience in youth soccer, t-ball and basketball. But what about the late bloomers, the kids who — for a variety of reasons — don’t explore organized youth sports until later?

As kids get older and drop out of organized sports, the number of opportunities to enter sports as a novice decreases dramatically. Learning to play a team sport requires a team. Organized baseball, soccer and basketball don’t attract novice players in their teens, so it is rare to find many opportunities for beginning players to participate in those sports.

By virtue of being an individual sport, kids of all ages can learn to play tennis. In addition to entry-level, intermediate and advanced divisions at 8 and under, entry-level tournament play is open to participants of any age, with some divisions welcoming seniors 90 and over. So for those youngsters who may be late developing athletes, or for those who just weren’t interested in sports until their teenage years, tennis has an avenue for them to experience the many benefits of

social, recreational and competitive play, while still having the option of playing in a team format, through Team Tennis, high school or collegiate competition or Tennis on Campus. Basically, tennis is one of the few sports that doesn’t have a entry-level age-limit for organized, sanctioned play.

What’s more, as reports continue to pile in on the dangers of concussions in youth athletics (hint: it’s not just football), parents can relax a bit when their kids are on a tennis court, because even though concussions can happen in any sport, they occur so rarely in tennis that most

players through the introduction of player/family-friendly scheduling that includes more matches and shortened events.

For the youngster just venturing into tennis, a tournament may seem daunting, but the ACE format makes that first exposure far less intimidating because the player knows that they will not only be facing other new players, but also that they will play three (or more) matches, regardless of the outcome of any one match. And because so many organizers are incorporating social aspects into their events, players new to the tennis scene

are more inclined to fraternize others — even their opponents! — while swimming or hanging out at a pizza party.

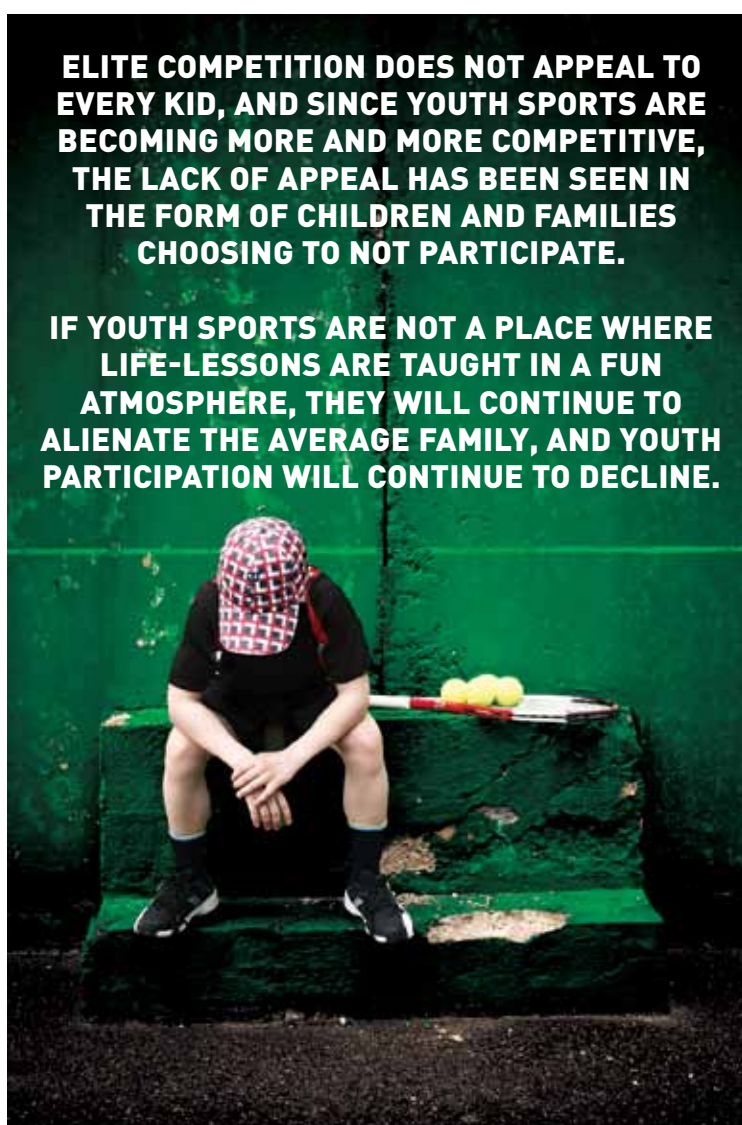
As I mentioned in my Spring column, there is a paucity of athletic talent in our children. I’ve come to believe that this is the underlying problem with several of our nation’s greatest challenges — youth obesity and hyperactivity. As a nation, we decry our diminished position in the world rankings for math and science proficiency, and we mock our educational systems for failing to produce competent standardized test takers, but we seem to be unable to grasp that there is a fundamental skill that our children aren’t required to learn: Physical Literacy.

Physical literacy is as important as the ability to read and write. Just as learning the alphabet is necessary to read, the development of fundamental movement skills and fundamental sport skills is critical if children are to feel good about physical activity. It is, simply put, the mastering of basic movement and sports skills that enable a child to move confidently and with control in a wide range of physical activity

situations.

Although many children develop good physical skills on their own, there are many who do not. Physically skilled children often enjoy vigorous healthy play, while the less skilled are often left out. This can lead to decreased effort and eventual withdrawal from physical activities.

I will expand further on this topic in our Fall/Winter issue, where I will dive deeper into the solutions for the growing problem of physical illiteracy and how tennis can address this problem. 🌀



studies on the dangers of youth sports don’t even include it. So while kids can learn the essence of teamwork from soccer and football and lacrosse, tennis players experience the same life-lessons, the same camaraderie and the same social atmosphere but without the elevated risk of concussions.

But wait, there’s more. In 2014, USTA Colorado implemented the A.C.E. Multiple Match format for all entry-level (Futures) sanctioned junior tournaments. ACE makes the game even more accessible to



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ABOUT USTA COLORADO

Founded in 1955, USTA Colorado is a district affiliate of the United States Tennis Association, and the governing body of tennis in Colorado. Its mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Colorado, coordinating recreational and competitive tennis opportunities for players of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. A not-for-profit organization, USTA Colorado invests 100% of its resources into growing the game.

We provide grants to organizations that want to introduce tennis to their communities and we offer scholarships to junior players who seek to take their game to the next level. We coordinate adult league play for more than 33,000 players across the state, and offer programs for junior players of all ages and abilities. Our sanctioned tournament schedule offers more than 170 events this year, including opportunities for wheelchair athletes.

We are in the parks. We are in recreation centers and in private clubs. We are in schools helping physical education teachers introduce our kids to a game that they can play for a lifetime, keeping them fit and healthy. We believe that fundamental tennis principles like sportsmanship, hard work and personal responsibility translate into every area of life. Through tennis we are helping people realize their potential both on and off the court.

We are more than 23,000 members strong, but our scope is not confined to those players alone. We represent the half-million tennis players in our state, providing information and opportunities to play for each and every one of them. We reach out to all players, including those of diverse cultural backgrounds, mentally and physically challenged athletes, and under-served communities. Diversity & Inclusion are core values and strategic priorities for USTA Colorado.

We invite you to find out more about the lifetime sport of tennis. We will help you find a court, find a program, find a league or find a team. We will help you put the FUN back in FITNESS. So whether you want to learn to play tennis, get back into the sport, or just find more opportunities to play the game, we're here to help.

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