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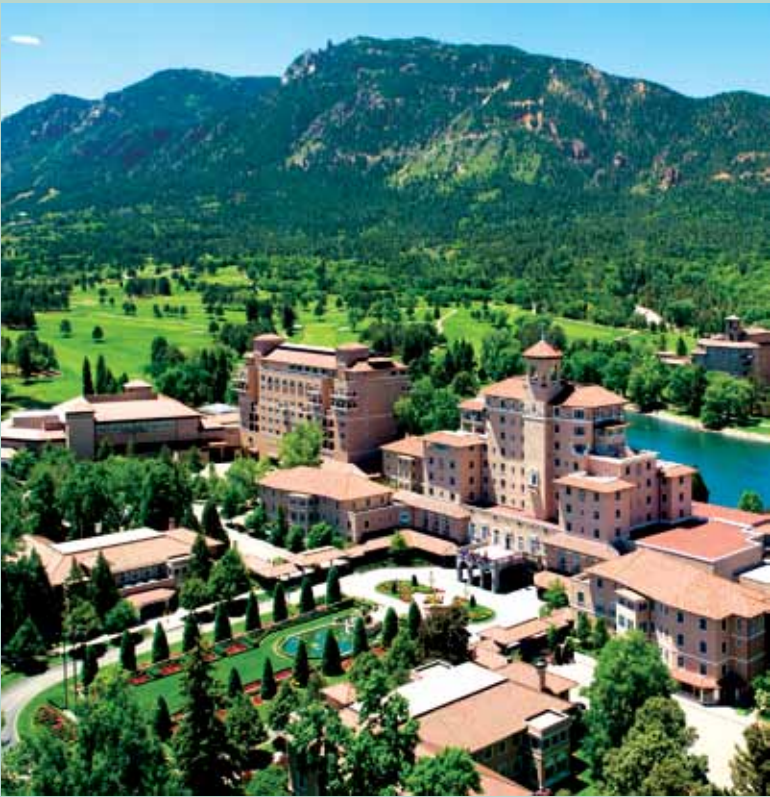


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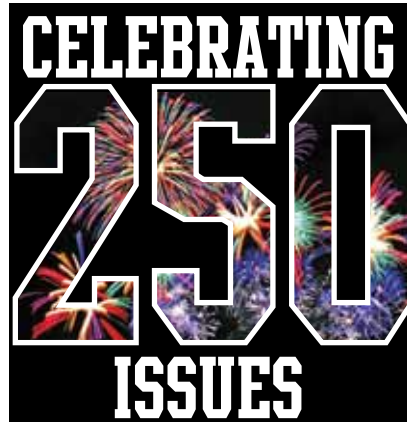


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Née *High Bounce* in 1976, Colorado Tennis newspaper has grown from its humble four-page launch to become one of the most respected regional tennis publications in the country. And while most tennis magazines have been lost to history, Colorado Tennis has managed to weather the tide of change.

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Digital	0	0	0
Total	16,767	16,373	16,373
Print	0	0	0
Digital	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
Print	1,280	1,300	1,300
Digital	1,280	1,300	1,300
Total	13,047	13,047	13,047
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THIRTY-NINE YEARS IN THE MAKING, COLORADO TENNIS CELEBRATES ITS 250TH ISSUE
NÉE HIGH BOUNCE IN 1976, COLORADO TENNIS HAS GROWN FROM ITS HUMBLE FOUR-PAGE LAUNCH TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED REGIONAL TENNIS PUBLICATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

TOMFASANO



Americans were celebrating the nation’s 200th birthday in 1976 when a newspaper dedicated to the sport of tennis in Colorado was born. Born in an era when Americans dominated at the professional level, its existence is a testament to the explosion of tennis popularity in and around the region.

The newspaper was the brainchild of 2013 inductee into the Colorado Tennis Association Hall of Fame, Gil Roberts, president of the Colorado Tennis Association from 1975-77. In addition to hiring the first permanent staff for the CTA, he also brought on board Ann Jones, who was charged with launching High Bounce. That first 4-page issue hit fewer than 1,500 mailboxes in May 1976, and included, among other features, a front page story on the opening of a new public tennis facility in Cherry Creek’s Pulaski Park in Denver, Gates Tennis Center.

In its nearly four decades of publishing history, High Bounce has survived name changes (it became “Colorado Tennis” in 1991), format and design changes, nine editors, technological revolutions and a fundamental shift in the way readers engage with media.

Six words — The Official Publication of Tennis Lovers — sit under the Colorado Tennis masthead every issue that today gets mailed to 17,000 USTA households and more than 23,000 tennis advocates across the Rocky Mountain region. Digital readership pushes the overall circulation to nearly double that number.

The publication, which almost didn’t survive the 1970s due to high production costs, carries on today despite the ever-changing world of the newspaper industry. In fact, Colorado Tennis is one of just a handful of regional tennis publications left in the whole country.

“Some have been converted to digital-only newsletters and e-blasts,” says Colorado Tennis editor Kurt Desautels, who has been in that position for 14 years and is the newspaper’s longest-standing editor. “Most have simply gone by the wayside as the newspaper model has been replaced by the internet/social media landscape.”

Despite the change in the way people engage in news and information, which has shuttered a great number of small, niche publications, Colorado Tennis has found the right formula to stay the course. The evidence: this publication that you hold in your hands marks the 250th issue in its history.

What follows is a retrospective of High Bounce/Colorado Tennis from three of its former editors, and its current one.



LINDA BERRY
EDITOR, 1978-1981

LINDA BERRY

Linda (1982-88, 47 issues as editor) says she was never a tennis player, but she was a writer and that's what she brought to the editor's position.

"You don't have to play tennis to write about tennis. If I'm writing about somebody, I'm writing their story," said Berry, who was hired by former Colorado Tennis Association and Intermountain Tennis Association executive director Becky Lenhart. "I had to think of the stories, write the stories, type them up and proofread them. It was a one-woman job, and then I'd drive over to Wheat Ridge to deliver the stuff to the typesetter."

Berry, who lives in Aurora and is currently a novelist and playwright with six mystery novels to her credit, said her tenure as Colorado Tennis editor was during a transitional time. "If I'm remembering right, the Intermountain Tennis Association administration came to our office at the same time," Berry said. "There were just a lot of changes going on in that period. Another thing that sounds so antique right now, when I left they immediately went to an in-house production. Computers came into their day. When I started, I was typing up the copy and taking it to a typesetter. I remember really being mad at having to learn how to use a computer."

Berry said the March 1986 12-page issue contained a front-page photo of current Colorado Tennis Association Executive Director Fritz Garger and tennis legend Arthur Ashe, stories about learning tennis in school and enjoying it for life, tennis programs for the disabled, junior wheelchair sports camps, ranking regulations, super seniors profile and collecting old tennis racquets for the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation.

The June 1985 issue featured tournament officials, improving a player's game and tennis clinics.

"Usually Becky and I would come up what the cover story would be," Berry said. "It was the absolutely essential thing for tennis players. They had to have it."

Berry said she really enjoyed her experience as editor, as well as the challenge of trying to make the newspaper interesting and essential to the readers.



LEE HART
EDITOR, 1992-95

LEE HART

Lee (1992-95, 20 issues) remembers league tennis being all the rage when she was in charge. "League tennis was kind of the big thing then. My philosophy as a journalist is to tell the story through the lives of people who are influenced by it," said Hart, the founder and president of a public relations agency called Brand Amp in Salida. "I was looking for those human interest stories from the teams to get other people interested in joining leagues and playing more tennis."

Hart said she was also there during the time of the five-year, \$50 million initiative to grow the sport. "There was a lot of emphasis for that," said Hart, who started as an editor for Colorado Tennis and then left that position to become the marketing director for the Intermountain Tennis Association. Hart said she not only concentrated on writing about leagues, but also promoting the USTA schools program and how tennis could be a positive impact on players' lives beyond the exercise and the sheer joy of playing the sport.

Hart recalls a Sports Illustrated cover story ('Is Tennis Dying?', May 9, 1994) on the sad state of the game, and how the officials in the tennis industry came together and rallied around to be more united. "It all started from that Sports Illustrated story, and it really was the driving force in a lot of the marketing initiatives at that time," Hart said. Hart said Colorado Tennis played an important role in tennis around the state during that time.

"I think anytime you can reach your stakeholders and keep spreading the love, it plays an important role overall," Hart said. "Tennis is a tight community, and people like seeing their names and pictures and seeing what their friends are up to and seeing the standings."

Hart said she was satisfied with what the newspaper accomplished during her tenure as editor. "It was super fun. It was a challenging time, and a really rewarding time," Hart said. "It was fantastic."

HIGH BOUNCE/COLORADO TENNIS HISTORY

Year	# Issues	Editor (# Issues as Editor)
1976	6	Ann Jones
1977	6	AJ (12)
1978	9	Linda Reed
1979	9	LR
1980	9	LR
1981	4	LR (31)
1982	5	Linda Berry
1983	7	LB
1984	7	LB
1985	7	LB
1986	7	LB
1987	7	LB
1988	7	LB
1989	7	Larry Sessions (7)
1990	7	Susan Turetzky (7)
1991	6	Jim Franklin
1992	7	JF (12)/Lee Hart
1993	8	LH
1994	8	LH
1995	8	LH/Brett Chalmers
1996	8	BC
1997	7	BC
1998	7	BC
1999	7	BC
2000	6	BC/Kurt Desautels
2001	6	KD
2002	7	KD
2003	7	KD
2004	7	KD
2005	7	KD
2006	5	KD
2007	5	KD
2008	5	KD
2009	5	KD
2010	5	KD
2011	5	KD
2012	5	KD
2013	5	KD
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BRETT CHALMERS

Brett's (1995-2000, 35 issues) last issue as editor was in February 2000 when Colorado Tennis underwent a complete redesign that included hiring beat writers from different parts of the state to tell the regional story of tennis in Colorado.

"The February 2000 edition was really our attempt to take it to another level with the design, with great reporting," Chalmers said. "It was really fun to be able to see that start off as I was ending my tenure. It was an attempt to expand the paper from being Denver-centric. We always had regional reports, but that was really an important thing that I was really proud of. Grand Junction, Fort Collins, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Boulder, all the different areas, tennis was at a really neat place."

Chalmers looks at his time as editor of Colorado Tennis with pride.

"It's still the best years of my career. I feel like it was yesterday that I was doing it," said Chalmers who lives in Denver and consults and freelances in the enterprise software industry. "Tennis was hopping in Colorado in just a tremendous tennis community that I had a chance to really get to know and talk to them all the time from the pros to the players and the facility owners. It was just literally the best years of my career. We did a front cover dedicated to Columbine. People were hanging memorial stuff all over the tennis court."

Chalmers said it was an amazing time to be editor of Colorado Tennis. "I created the first Colorado Tennis website from scratch. Knowing website development and the stuff I do today, it's just amazing the difference in technology," Chalmers said. "We introduced email and different things as part of that website. We were still laying the paper out by hand, and driving it up to Longmont to be printed on the big printers. People would send in ads and I'd paste them up. With the digital age, those things that we did have gone away."

Chalmers recalls that a young phenom named Tiger Woods put golf on the map, and tennis had to compete with that sport at the time. "Tennis in Colorado absolutely held its own here," Chalmers said. "I remember at the time one of the big stories was the amazing junior talent that was popping up in Colorado. Chad Harris, I believe, was third-ranked in the USTA for his age group. That was a real golden era in junior tennis. Cory Ross was very good at the time, and Alicia Salas, as well. Junior tennis was just so much fun, and I loved covering the USTA league events. People were just having genuine fun and really caring about winning on top of it, and they lived for the tournaments and moving onto Sectionals."

Chalmers said Colorado Tennis is such an important way for USTA members around to state to stay in touch with the sport. "Tennis reaches into every corner of the state, and to have a publication that unifies all the information that's important to the tennis players, but also people like seeing their names and faces in the newspaper as well," Chalmers said. "It enhances readership. Having different correspondents and articles from around the state, what it ends up doing is unifying the sport on a state level and bringing everybody together. It's nice having that one unifying source of information that has something in it for everybody."



BRETT CHALMERS
EDITOR, 1995-2000

A BRIEF HISTORY OF COLORADO TENNIS	
1976:	The first issue of High Bounce makes its debut in May. 1,500 copies were printed.
1989:	High Bounce changes format (8.5x11)
1991:	High Bounce is re-branded Colorado Tennis , returns to 11x17 format.
2000:	Colorado Tennis moves to a new tabloid format, shrinks to 11x14. The official website of Colorado Tennis newspaper, COLORADOTENNIS.com, is born.
2002:	The Colorado Sanctioned Tournament Schedule makes its return in a separate-cover publication.
2003:	COLORADOTENNIS.com is redesigned and relaunched.
2006:	Colorado Tennis changes its frequency to become a quarterly publication, and changes to its current 10.75x12.75 format. That same year, the Big Book of Colorado Tennis (which includes the annual Colorado Sanctioned Tournament Schedule) is born, and USTA Colorado's monthly email newsletter, BLAST! , hits inboxes for the first time.
2008:	Digital issues of Colorado Tennis are made downloadable from COLORADOTENNIS.com.
2011:	A web-based version of the paper — compatible with tablets, phones and computers — is created and made available online.
2014:	Colorado Tennis merges Fall/Winter issues (see page 29), COLORADOTENNIS.com migrates to the USTA's web platform.



KURT DESAUTELS
EDITOR, 2000-Present

KURT DESAUTELS

Kurt (2000-Present, 79 issues) says the technological explosion of the last 20 years has radically changed newspapers forever, but the latest technology hasn't changed the way he approaches his job.

"When I arrived at Colorado Tennis in January 2000, I embraced one underlying principle — inform, enlighten and inspire," said Desautels, who spent six years at the Vail Daily before taking the editorial helm here. Whether we're pasting pages to a cardboard sheet or pushing stories to a tablet over the internet, the focus has to remain on the content. This paper was born as a local publication, and I believe the reason it has survived for 250 issues and nearly four decades is because we find good stories to tell."

Desautels started his newspaper career in the early 1990s, and spanned the transition from paste up layouts to digital desktop design. By the time he arrived at Colorado Tennis, the industry had already begun to move to web-based content, which has since shattered the traditional newspaper subscriptions model. In addition to fundamentally altering the news cycle, web-based publishing has also pushed content providers to be broader in scope.

"Unfortunately for tennis enthusiasts across the country, too many regional publications couldn't weather the transition to the internet age," said Desautels. "They tried reinventing themselves to be attractive to a much larger audience, and moved away from their niche. When a local tennis publication jumps into coverage of the international pro game, they're now competing against the world. We don't try to rub shoulders with Tennis magazine or Sports Illustrated. As custodians of local tennis news, we remain focused on tennis here at home."

Desautels remembers a conversation with Garger that he had during the early part of his tenure. "He told me not to get too wrapped up in USTA-related stories. He told me that as the governing body of tennis in our state, and as the official publication of the Colorado Tennis Association, my audience should be anyone who loves tennis."

Desautels took that advice to heart, and leaned on connections in the Colorado tennis community for help.

"What I came to realize very quickly is that the USTA doesn't own tennis. There are nearly a half-million tennis players in this state, 100,000 of which are pretty enthusiastic and play a dozen times or more a year. To limit our focus to the 23,000 members who compete in USTA-sanctioned leagues and tournaments does a disservice to the everyday tennis player who doesn't care whether a certain program or tournament bears the USTA Seal of Approval. They love the sport, they want to find camaraderie and when they pick up Colorado Tennis they want to read about their neighbors."

Desautels wants readers to be inspired, to be proud that the stories Colorado Tennis publish are taking place in their own back yards.

"The stories I tell inspire me," says Desautels. "The reason I have spent the last 14 years doing this is that at the end of the day, I'm able to tell my extended tennis family about great things going on and how our sport is making a difference in the lives of our citizens," Desautels said. "That's really my

great joy.”

As to how the media landscape continues to change and alter the way content is delivered, Desautels says that USTA Colorado has tried to embrace new technologies while staying true to the print medium.

“In addition to launching the digital version of Colorado Tennis a few years ago, we’re also heavily invested in social media (Facebook, Twitter) and almost ready to launch our new website built upon the USTA.com template. I try to stay current on various social media platforms, which will become easier once my kids explain them all to me,” says Desautels. “It’s going to be especially important to be able to push content in a wide pattern as our players embrace new technologies.”

To that end, USTA Colorado has expanded its use of social media outlets and the internet, but Desautels said the goal is the same. Next year, USTA Colorado will condense its print offerings from four quarterly issues to three, while still publishing the Big Book early in the year.

“We are relying heavily on new media to be able to grow the sport in our state,” says Desautels. “We’re bringing younger players into the game, and we have to be able to reach them at their level.”

Having said that, however, Desautels readily admits that he’s a print guy at heart. “I grew up reading the Rocky Mountain News every day. There’s something uniquely satisfying about holding a newspaper in your hands that doesn’t translate when you’re reading on a tablet or computer screen. It’s in the smell, the feel, the sound of the thing. It’s in the way newsprint rubs off on your fingers. That tactile sensation is particularly nostalgic these days now that newspapers and magazines are disappearing at such a rapid pace.”

Desautels said that whatever form Colorado Tennis takes in the future, the mission will remain the same: to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Colorado.

“It’s always been and always will be, at its heart, focused on our tennis community,” Desautels said. “We work hard to find stories that will inform, enlighten and inspire our readers. That’s the philosophy.” 🧡

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Save the Date: Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala, January 24

Join USTA Colorado and the Colorado tennis community for the 14th annual Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, January 24, where four inductees will be enshrined into the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame (see **Class of 2013**, p14) and 24 USTA Colorado Annual Awards will be presented to recognize sportsmanship, achievements and service to the tennis community (p15).

High School Coaches workshop set for February 8

The United States Professional Tennis Association will be hosting a **High School Coaches Conference** aimed at helping Colorado prep coaches improve their coaching skills. If you are a high school coach, a volunteer or just a tennis enthusiast, the workshop is a chance to learn from the area's full-time tennis professionals. The USPTA will be hosting the High School Coaches Workshop from 8-5pm on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Life Time Fitness in Centennial. High school coaches will receive great information on many topics including group drills, mental toughness and doubles strategies. This workshop will also cover certification on concussion recognition and CHSAA rules. For more information or to register please contact Nora Harrison at nharrison10s@gmail.com.

Colorado Gives Day 2013 coming December 10

Mark down December 10 for the fourth annual Colorado Gives Day, an initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, Colorado Gives Day has taken place during a 24-hour period each winter since 2010. Donations are accepted through the website ColoradoGives.org, with a goal to inspire and unite Coloradans in supporting local nonprofits.

The Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation will be a beneficiary of this year's event. In past years, the CYTF has received substantial funding from the event, which has helped fund the Foundation's efforts to introduce tennis to children in underserved communities across the state.

Update: USTA Colorado website release slated for early 2014

If it seems like you've been waiting for years for the new COLORADOTENNIS.com website to be released to the public, you're not imagining things. After nearly a year delay due to technical issues that have interrupted development, USTA Colorado is gaining confidence that the new site is nearing an official unveiling. The timeframe is currently tentative, but all signs point to the first part of the year.

Big Book out in January, Colorado Tennis returns in 2014

The 2014 Big Book of Colorado Tennis is in production, and will mail early in 2014. Last year's publication "sold out", so be sure not to put the new issue in your recycle bin. It could go for big money on eBay or at a Christie's auction. The next issue of Colorado Tennis newspaper will arrive in your mailbox and at the state's finer tennis facilities in April. Remember, you can stay in touch with all things tennis in Colorado by stopping by our website, reading the digital edition of our publications or following us on Twitter. And please drop by the USTA Colorado Photo Galleries on Facebook. It's fun seeing so many of your smiling faces enjoying the many benefits of tennis. See you again next year!

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PowerShares returning to Pepsi Center, February 19

Denver will host tennis legends Andy Roddick, James Blake, Jim Courier and Mark Philippoussis at the Champions Showdown to be played Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 7pm at the Pepsi Center. The one-night tournament will feature three matches; two one-set semifinal matches, followed by a one-set championship match.

Presented by The Cancer Treatment Centers of America, the Champions Showdown will mark the PowerShares Series tournament debut of Blake, who retired from the ATP Tour at the 2013 US Open. Blake, along with his former US Davis Cup teammate Andy Roddick, are both debuting this year on the 12-city PowerShares Series tennis circuit, featuring champion tennis players over the age of 30. In the 2012 Jeep Championships in Denver, John McEnroe defeated Michael Chang in the finals to take the title.

"I am excited to be a part of this tournament with the tour rookies, Andy and James, as well as the big hitting Aussie," said Courier, the two-time French and Australian Open champion, former world No. 1 and the current US Davis Cup captain. "Last year's event in Denver was a big success and it's sure to be another night of high-quality tennis next February. I am going to have to be on top of my game if I want to beat these guys."

Tickets are on sale now, USTA members get discounts at PowerSharesSeries.com, TicketHorse.com, the Pepsi Center box office, Colorado's Dick's Sporting Goods Store Kiosk or by calling 866/461-6556 (use code USTA10). Event tickets starting at \$25 are available at each of the ticketing outlets above to all consumers. VIP Player Experience packages are available online at PowerSharesSeries.com, by email to VIP@insideoutse.com, or by phone at 253/315-4299.

James Blake ended his 14-year ATP career, that saw him win 10 singles titles and reach a career high ranking of No. 4, at the 2013 US Open. Blake is best known for playing singles for the US Davis Cup team in helping the United States win the 2007 title — the first win for a US team since 1995.



Andy Roddick was the top American man in professional tennis over the last 10 years, winning the 2003 U.S. Open while also posting runner-up finishes at Wimbledon in 2004, 2005 and 2009. He achieved the world No. 1 ranking in 2003 and guided the United States to the Davis Cup title in 2007 — the first championship for the US in 12 years. He concluded his sure-to-be Hall of Fame career at the 2012 US Open.

Jim Courier won a pair of French and Australian Open singles titles in the early 1990s when he became the first American to reach the No. 1 ranking since McEnroe in 1985. Courier was also the youngest player to reach all four major singles finals in a career when he reached the Wimbledon final in 1993 at age 22. He also guided the US to Davis Cup titles in 1992 and 1995 and currently serves as the US team captain.

Mark Philippoussis rocked the tennis world with one of the most ferocious serves the game has seen that earned him the nick-name of "Scud." He reached the final of the US Open in 1998, falling to Patrick Rafter, and at Wimbledon in 2003, losing to Roger Federer. He also helped Australia win the Davis Cup in 1999 and 2003.

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Nicole earned the No. 1 US ranking in 14s, 16s and 18 singles, capturing numerous National titles along the way. While at Pine Creek, she won the Colorado 4A Girls' High School State title at the No. 1 position four times, from 2001-04, only the third person to ever accomplish this feat.

Ranked as high as No. 3 in NCAA Division I rankings while at the University of Southern California, Nicole was named Pac-10 Rookie and Player of the Year in 2005 when she captured the Pac-10 title. She was named Athletic All-American at USC in 2005, and again in 2006 and '07 after transferring to Texas Christian University, where she graduated Cum Laude in three years.

Nicole held a WTA Tour ranking of No. 476 in the world, winning two Pro Circuit titles in 2004.

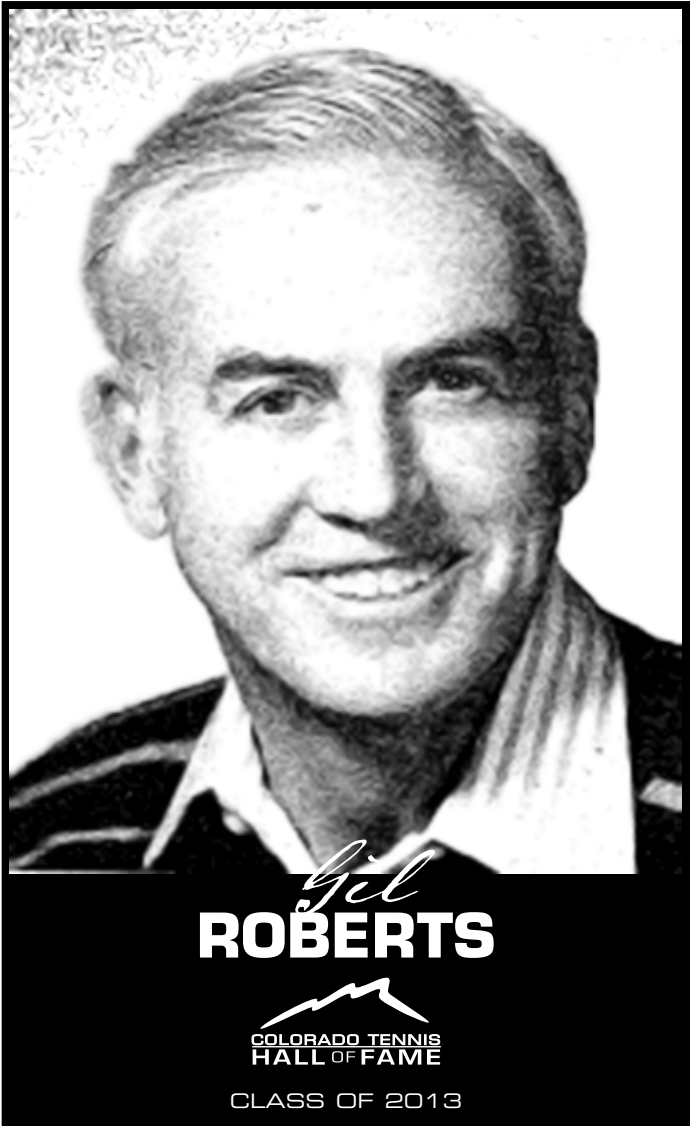


After dabbling in the sport in the 1970s, Rita got reacquainted with tennis in 1988 at age 62.

She captured her first national championship title at age 79 in the 75s division, amassing dozens of first and second place national and international finishes since then. She achieved the No. 1 ITF world singles ranking in 2008 in the 80s division.

In 2012, Rita completed a Golden Slam in Women's 85 Doubles by capturing all four national championships — clay, grass, hard court and indoor, and came one match shy of a repeat in 2013. In 2011, Rita held the No. 1 singles ranking in the nation in women's 85 singles rankings, and was atop the same rankings in both singles and doubles in 2012.

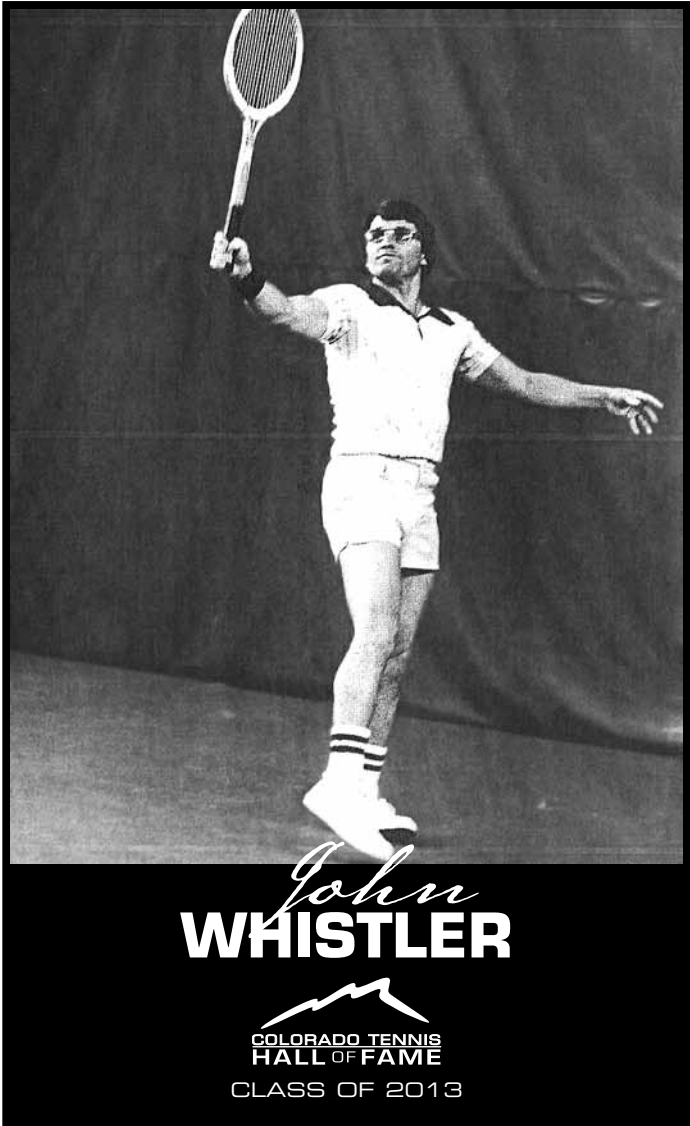
Each year, USTA Colorado hosts the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala & Colorado Tennis Annual Awards Celebration. In addition to the formal induction ceremony for the incoming class of the Hall of Fame, USTA Colorado recognizes those players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and facilities who have 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.



Under Gil's guidance during his three years as Colorado Tennis Association president (1975-77), individual membership more than doubled and club membership nearly tripled.

He professionalized the organization — opened an office, created the position of executive secretary, and then, to keep Colorado USTA members informed, started a newspaper — *High Bounce* (1976).

Gil went on to represent Colorado at the sectional level, working to create more cohesiveness in the region, thus giving the Intermountain section a stronger voice at the USTA national level. He served the USTA in various leadership capacities from 1976-1985, including time on the executive committee and chairman of the Junior Davis cup committee.



At Denver East High school, John captured the high school doubles championship in 1955, helping the angels win the team title. He matriculated at the University of Colorado, captaining the tennis squad his senior year.

John captured the 1963 Denver City Open singles crown and was runner up in 1962, '64 and '67. He and fellow Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer Jim Landin amassed an impressive eight total doubles titles in the Denver City (1963, '65, '68, '69 and '73) and Colorado State Open (1965, '68 and '73) .

From 1952 to 1976, John and his father Rick, won every Father/Son tournament they entered accumulating numerous titles in Colorado majors as well as four USTA national titles.



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For the past 37 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.

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Committing to a no-cut policy takes more than the belief that tennis is a lifelong sport that everyone should have access to playing. It takes the passion and drive to commit to the time, energy and resources needed to make a no-cut policy work.

For Laura Ecton (holding the racquet, at right), Poudre High School's coach, the decision was easy and she was just announced as part of the USTA 2013 No-Cut Coach All-Star Team.

Laura's a Colorado-grown netter, with her passion for the sport initiated by her mother, Evie Hoeven-Arterburn. Laura played tennis at Poudre High School and then at Colorado College, where she developed a passion for mathematics, as well. She went onto graduate school at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Knowing she could be a teaching professional, she instead decided she could make a larger impact in a classroom and on the tennis court. Teaching math and introducing any kids interested to tennis was the right route to go and she's thrilled at the difference she's able to make.

"It's particularly enjoyable when I get to work with students who are also on the team!" she admits.

Having coached for 24 years now, Laura has given the gift of tennis to hundreds of young people in an era where many kids feel they have to specialize or be highly skilled at a young age.

"I just want to give the kids the ability to learn a lifelong sport," she explains.

It's a philosophy she deeply believes in, having been able to play with her mom (who still plays at 80 years young) and now her husband, Kraig, and four daughters, Kwynn, KayL, Koy and Ky. The multi-generation play is something that is unique to tennis and she's proud to be growing the sport with her dedication to help anyone with an interest in trying to play.

Having a no-cut policy isn't without challenges, however. She averages between 50-70 players each season and says that clear expectations have to be communicated as court time can be a challenge. She also said she relies on the help from volunteers and parent support. But in the end, she knows it is well worth the time and effort.

"It's something they can appreciate their entire life," Laura said of learning tennis.

Dan Lewis, Junior Leagues Director, feels that Laura is like a mom to all of the young people. "She's so passionate about the kids she works with — both on and off the court!"



LAURAECTON



LUKELORENZ

Perfect practice makes perfect. It's a motto Luke Lorenz, the 4A high school No. 1 singles champion from Discovery Canyon, lives by.

Currently checking out colleges in Boston (Bentley, Benson and Bryant), this two-time winner of the USTA Colorado Junior Sportsmanship Award has a strong appreciation for his past and a contagious enthusiasm for his future.

Picking up a racquet as an 8-year-old in Nebraska, Luke was hooked.

"I played other sports but I loved the game right away," he said.

While parents Mark and Olivia were not tennis players, he believes he inherited some of his father's mellow nature which has served him well on the court.

"It works for some people to be a hot head," he jokes. "Just doesn't work for me. I don't really think my personality was learned — it just is who I am by nature."

In terms of personal role models, Luke admires the play and sportsmanship exhibited by Federer.

"He's someone to respect on and off the court." In terms of his success on the tennis court, he is quick to point out that he hasn't gotten to this level alone. "I feel very privileged to have their support," he says of his parents. "It's definitely been an investment of time and money." Luke also credits his longtime coach, Mike Humphrey, who has been instrumental in his development.

Grinding through what he describes as "a bit of burn-out" a few years back, he said that his love of the game and his commitment to work as hard as possible earned him the state title (the first in his school's history) and the opportunity to play at the collegiate level.

Playing tennis, however, is the way to help support another goal of Luke's — a career in the investment world. With many doors open, he's picking between some of the top business schools in the country.

"I'd love to get my degree in finance and tennis is way to hopefully get some scholarship help," he explained. He's also enthusiastic about the fact that tennis and golf are activities he will get to use in the business world as he grows in his career.

In terms of the role tennis will play after college? "Tennis is a lifelong sport. It will always be something that I enjoy," he said.

For some dedicated players, the passion for tennis came from spending hours on the court as a child. And for others, like Josh Neugebauer, it was the fact he couldn't find a court to play on that planted the seed. Turns out, it's a pretty good thing for a whole bunch of kids in the small urban community of Edgewater that he was deprived!

Growing up in Waubay, South Dakota, in a town of just 600 people, there were no tennis courts — not even in adjacent towns.



photo courtesy of Josh Neugebauer

JOSH NEUGEBAUER

"There were only 20 kids in my graduating class," he said. "I remember always wanting to play tennis but there wasn't anywhere to go."

It wasn't until his college days at Division III tennis powerhouse Gustavus Adolphus, a small liberal arts college in Minnesota, that Josh finally got to play on tennis courts. After moving to Colorado, Josh got hooked on the sport and got involved in drills, leagues and tournaments at Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness, and has become an active player and board member of the Lakewood Tennis Association. Tennis became a passion, one that he wanted to share with young people who might not otherwise have had the chance.

"I wanted to give my sons Alex and Anders the opportunity to be exposed to tennis so I started researching," he explained. "I realized that starting a program was possible." Living in the small diverse community of Edgewater west of Sloan's Lake in west Denver, he knew exactly where he wanted to start.

Since Edgewater was looking for ways to ramp up their youth sports programs, Neugebauer found the city to be welcoming. But putting the time and energy into growing a 10 and under program required hard work on and off the court. It was a commitment he was willing to make. About 125 kids have had the chance to play on the Jefferson High School Courts and learn the basics of the lifelong sport since Neugebauer began the program three years ago. It's a program that he anticipates will continue to keep growing and he sincerely appreciates the partners involved who help make it happen.

"I'm most proud of the fact that this program has brought tennis to many local kids who otherwise would not be exposed to this great sport."

Neugebauer is encouraging others who want to begin youth programs in their city to reach out to him. He can be reached at 720/218-3322 or jneugeba@gmail.com. 🏸



photo courtesy of Kathy Elliott

KATHY ELLIOTT

You can't say "Grand Junction" and "tennis" in the same sentence and not include the name Elliott. For Kathy Elliott, the second of 11 Elliott children, her life has revolved around the court since an early age.

"All of us Elliott kids started playing around the age of six," Kathy recalls laughing about her life lived on a tennis court — both playing and teaching. "Well, we are all really imposters compared to Sandra's ability," she says of her sister's accomplished play.

After 15 years coaching Greeley West, Elliott returned to active tennis duty in Grand Junction where she and her family continue to be actively involved in the sport, prompting USTA Colorado to award her with the prestigious 2013 Bud Robineau Award for a lifetime of service to the tennis community.

Kathy radiates a genuine appreciation for the sport that's given her so much and continues to keep her actively involved with family and friends. Along with five of her family members, she's committed to Elliott Tennis, which offers junior leagues, drills and beginning tennis lessons. She coordinates play at the Grand Junction Tennis Club with her mother, inaugural Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Lena Elliott. In addition, she and her brother, David, coach the tennis teams at Grand Junction Central High School. Kathy teams up with her sister, Sandra, to teach adult lessons at Colorado Mesa University's Maverick Pavilion. And while all of that is more than most people can handle, Kathy agreed to be the USTA Colorado Adult League Coordinator, as well.

Fritz Garger, USTA Colorado Executive Director, deeply appreciates all that Kathy has been willing to take on. "Kathy is an exceptional person. She's made such a big difference in every community she's touched — for a variety of reasons, just one of which is her ability to bring people together. She's extremely well organized; she cares, and it shows through the relationships she's developed and the programs she has worked on."

"[She's] truly an amazing person and one with a whole lot of energy and enthusiasm," he added.

The Grand Junction tennis community got a nice gift this summer, as the eight dilapidated courts at Lincoln Park were torn out and replaced with four post-tensioned concrete courts and another bank of four 36-foot courts perfect for the next generation of Grand Junction tennis players to hone their games. 🏸

For anyone who has played at the collegiate level, there is an understanding of the blood, sweat and tears that it took to get there. But for Eric Honert, a Valparaíso University senior who now holds the honor of Most Wins in a Single Season, and Most Career Wins in Crusader history, it's taken even more.

"Eric has one of the strongest work ethics that I have seen in my 28 years of coaching," Coach Jim Daugherty said. "As a senior it has been a pleasure to see him grow into a great leader on and off the court."

Captain of the team, he also holds the titles of Most Improved and Most Valuable — two titles that show a challenging journey. Honert said it took a mental transition to get to that next level, adding that his experience as a freshman mirrored that of many others.

"Initially, it takes getting knocked down to grow up mentally and emotionally."

Proud of the strong camaraderie he has with his teammates, Honert knows that as a leader, he sets the example for the rest of the squad. "Words can only go so far," he explained. "Your actions really prove who you are and you have to give 110%".

Honert said his motives have evolved away from worrying so much about wins and losses. "I started playing for how the sport felt," he said. "Hearing a good hit come off my strings, feeling the ball, seeing it clearly!"



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ERIC HONERT

Those are the feelings he seeks now instead of focusing so much on the outcome.

Honert played No. 1 singles at Ralston Valley, and can look at his success on the court in harmony with goals that he has set off the court. He wants to pursue graduate school and potentially work in biomechanical engineering redesigning prosthetics. He knows that he will keep playing tennis but it will be as an avocation.

Knowing the grind of collegiate play can take a toll physically and emotionally he has advice for young players looking ahead to college play.

"I would tell them to make sure that they have the intrinsic motivation to give it 110% every single time they step on a tennis court." He adds that, "many players have the physical strength but they have to be mentally stable to reach their own potential."

Armed with a unique mental tenacity, Honert looks to add more wins on the court and begin a bright future helping others. "I just want to keep growing as a person," he explained. 🏸

SPOTLIGHT

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BRYAN YOSHIDA IS A RISING STAR BOTH ON AND OFF THE COURT

JONYUNT

The world could use more people like Bryan Yoshida.

The energetic 17-year-old at Lakewood High School is more than just a tennis player and make no mistake the game has given him so much. But as much as he has taken, he has given 10 times more.

Through his efforts on the court, the classroom and in the community, Bryan is destined for great things.

"I just think he's fantastic," said Sharon Naylor, whose son was an incoming freshman on the Lakewood tennis team this season. "He has been a phenomenal role model to my son and I am incredibly grateful that my son was able to start high school with a role model like Bryan to set a course for him."

Yoshida first picked up a tennis racquet when he was seven years old and fell in love with the game, playing with his entire family. It wasn't until he got to Lakewood that his competitive juices began to flow and he decided he would try out for the Tigers tennis team and coach Scott Weaver.

In his first season at Lakewood, Yoshida qualified for the state tournament at No. 2 doubles and then again as a sophomore at No. 3 singles. He climbed to the top of the Tigers' ladder during his junior year, playing at the No. 1 singles position.

"I would love to play tennis in college, it's always been a passion of mine and my favorite sport," said Yoshida, who missed out on state as a junior but returned this past fall as a senior at No. 1. "I would love to start at the club level and maybe move up to varsity, but I'll probably start in club or intramurals."

A college coach would be lucky to have him. Sure his game fits the bill, but the intangibles of being a good person and an even better teammate would only add value.

"As a role model on the team, I just wanted to make sure everyone felt like they were a part of the team and that they were accepted for who they were instead of ostracizing them or hazing them," said Yoshida, who captained the Tigers to a runner-up finish at regionals. "Today, the tennis team is a huge family, but I remember what it was like coming on my freshman year. Now all my best friends are on the tennis team or I met them through tennis."

"I wanted to set an experience for the freshman and sophomores."

Over the summer, Yoshida — also an accomplished flute player — was asked to join the Junior Tennis Team in Genesee for coach Radka Lacjak. Despite being well ahead of the curve of the other players on the team, Bryan's positive attitude and commitment not only to the team, but all aspects of the team including practices, drills and events brought the level

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of the team to a whole new level.

"As a coach, I have been around this area for about 10 years and I see different kinds of kids and the way they behave on the court, if they win or lose and different kinds of sportsmanship. With Bryan his was always positive win or lose," Lacjak said. "It's the little things he does that makes a team so much better, brings that team together and make my job so much easier."

Bryan has transferred his lessons from the court to the classroom and to the Lakewood High community. In addition to carrying a 3.8 grade point average, Bryan is active in student government and was very instrumental in the recent filming of the school's lip-dub version of Katy Perry's smash hit 'Roar' that eventually earned the school a private concert from the rock star.

The sky is the limit for Yoshida, who aspires to own his own business someday after college. Both Denver University and the University of Colorado top his lists of prospective schools and his mother knows that wherever he ends up or wherever life take him, he has the tools in place to make an impact.

"Parents are always going to boast about their kids, because that is what parents do, but if I was to separate myself as a parent and look at him as an individual, I can say that he is very upstanding and I am very proud of him as an individual for the things that he sets himself out to be," said LeBrun, who was a single parent to both Bryan and Katrina.

"There are certain standards I go by in my family and I really encourage him because I believe in him as an individual and he has tremendous potential. I am very proud of the fact, that when he has a difficult moment he has the sense of a purpose of identity of himself and he doesn't like to compromise those views," says LeBrun. "I am so impressed with him, just by how strong he stands for the things he believes in." 🙌

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Of the many things discussed at the Workshop, including how to get more kids actively involved in athletic pursuits and how the tennis industry can help change the sedentary lifestyle of our nation's youth, was the USTA's **Safe Play** Initiative. Safe Play was implemented by the USTA in October in order to ensure a safe and fun environment for participants to develop their athletic skills; provide parents with a sense of security when their child is a part of a USTA event; and deter individuals with ill-intentions from participating in a USTA event. Safe Play is modeled after other national governing bodies' efforts to create safe environments for athletes.

Effective October 1, 2013, any parent, coach, captain, administrator that needs or wants access to TennisLink for player registrations and score reporting must comply with the USTA's background check procedures. These background checks are **FREE OF CHARGE** and must be done through the National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI) website.

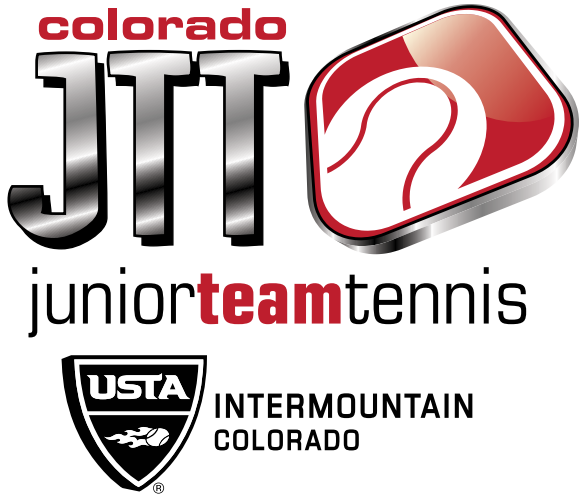
If you are a parent, coach, captain or administrator that needs or wants access to TennisLink for score reporting and/or registrations, you must complete the Safe Play screening.

The steps are:

1. Read the Youth Protection Policies and Procedures
2. Complete the background screen application through the NCSI website
3. Look for an email from NCSI with your Applicant ID # and **SAVE THIS NUMBER**
You will need this number to login into TennisLink for the first time
4. Follow up with NCSI with any additional information they request
5. Once "green lighted" you will receive an email from USTA notifying you that you have been cleared and can now access TennisLink

Please refer to http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/safe_play_background_tearsheet_jtt/ for information on how to complete your screening.

For all questions related to the background screen system, please contact:
The National Center for Safety Initiatives (NCSI)/866/866-7100 or email: clientservies@ncsisafe.com

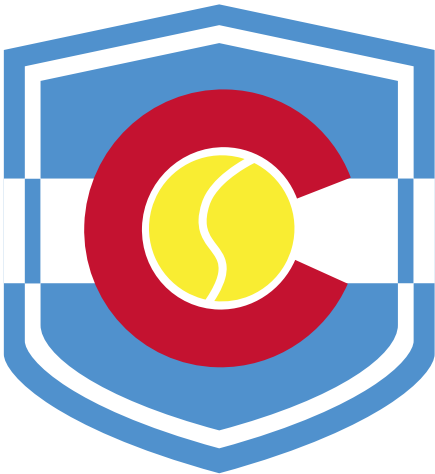


PLAYERDEVELOPMENT

TEAM COLORADO ROSTERS

USTA COLORADO HAS NAMED THE PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2013-14 TEAM COLORADO PROGRAM

The 2013-14 Team Colorado squads have been announced by USTA Colorado . The three teams will meet several times per month throughout the winter, finishing up in May. Team Colorado is USTA Colorado's supplemental junior excellence program for the state's top 12 and under players. The annual viewing day took place in October at Gates Tennis Center.



TEAM COLORADO
ELITE JUNIOR TENNIS

TC 10s Boys

Mason Arado
Nolan Arado
Jack Barker
Tyler Burridge
Caleb Humphrey
Brady Jenkins
Henry Johnson
Phoenix Lee
Jacob Lynn
Thomas Marsh
Max Ramirez
Zach Salfi
Andrew Schell
Carter Smith
Logan Weems

Girls

Grace Agster
Lilianna Chitambar
Zoe Crimmel
Elizabeth Elliott
Beilynn Geiss

TC DEVO Boys

Caleb Aguirre
Alden Alijani
Arjun Barta
Michael Crum
Dayton Fisher
Nico Gonzalez
Nico Jamison
Conor Kaczmarczyk
Nathan Watson

Girls

Gwen Hall
Eliza Hill
Nicole Hill
Karolina Jacobson
Rebecca Lynn
Lauren Manwiller
Morgan Riddle

TC Elite* Boys

Jean-Loup Auzias
David Bomgaars
Riley Burridge
Leonardo Carrillo
John Dick
Nicholas Dietrich
Akhil Gupta
Alexander Ilic
Robbie Metz
Louie Salfi

Girls

Veronika Bruetting
Olivia Desso
Natalie Hamill
Sarah Hamner
Willow Purvis

TC Coaches 10s

Marshall Carpenter
Kendall Chitambar
Leslie Davis
Mike Humphrey
Miikka Keronnen

Devo

Simona Bruetting
Mary Lynn Garger
Randy Ross
Gay West

12s

Carey Brading
Marshall Carpenter
Leslie Davis
Mike Humphrey
Rhona Kaczmarczyk

*Final official rosters will be posted online.

PLAYERDEVELOPMENT

COLLEGE RECRUITING LIST, WINTER 2013
THE LATEST STANDINGS FROM TENNISRECRUITING.NET

Over the years, **Colorado Tennis** has published numerous articles to help young players and parents understand the many variables involved in finding the right college tennis program, but we are frequently asked by parents what more they can do. Beginning last year, we teamed up with **TennisRecruiting.net** to provide Colorado players, parents and coaches with the latest college recruit rankings and college commitments.

BOYS

CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN
2014 186	Jesse Ruder-Hook	Denver	2015 1007	Garet Davis	Loveland	2016 1321	Arie vanVuuren	Boulder	2018 589	Jack Alexander	Littleton
2014 187	Zachary Fryer	Centennial	2015 1015	Trace Collins	Parker	2016 1373	Alexander Roerty	Fort Collins	2018 593	Ryan Neale	Parker
2014 203	Luke Lorenz	Colorado Springs	2015 1041	Carter Pentz	Niwot	2016 1413	Michael Brown	Greeley	2018 631	Carter Harrington	Aurora
2014 408	Connor McPherson	Centennial	2015 1074	Jacob Fell	Longmont	2016 1447	Jacob Maxwell	Parker	2018 684	Skyler Gates	Littleton
2014 418	Jonathan Kaufman	Centennial	2015 1116	Jason Nguyen	Superior	2016 1505	Drew Parsons	Denver	2018 696	Quinn Bermingham	Denver
2014 422	Galen Arney	Boulder	2015 1254	Randy Hurshman	Grand Junction	2016 1613	Jordan Boucher	Broomfield	2018 772	Illijah Bailey	Centennial
2014 575	Eric Kwiatkowski	Parker	2015 1290	Jameson Lumpkin	Loveland	2017 140	Ethan Hillis	Centennial	2018 844	Bradley Ma	Colorado Springs
2014 741	Steven Alcala	Pueblo	2015 1319	Dakota Burns	Pueblo	2017 241	Draden Hoover	Aurora	2018 847	Henry Hawk	Boulder
2014 743	Vignesh Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2015 1355	Joseph Robertson	Denver	2017 327	Ben Antonsen	Highlands Ranch	2018 865	Ethan Schacht	Boulder
2014 843	Adam Rivera	Littleton	2015 1358	Joseph Martinez	Greeley	2017 396	Kai Smith	Denver	2018 899	Evan Nuss	Castle Rock
2014 869	Nicholas Farmen	Highlands Ranch	2015 1370	Joseph Bove	Castle Rock	2017 548	Frederick Edwards	Bayfield	2018 964	Carter Holbrook	Boulder
2014 885	Matthew Matsuyama	Castle Rock	2015 1379	Cody Carlton	Castle Rock	2017 660	Ryan James	Denver	2018 987	Brooks Savage	Boulder
2014 901	Matthew Jacobberger	Colorado Springs	2015 1397	Aaron Gossage	Grand Junction	2017 684	Stefan Hein	Littleton	2018 995	Drew Hill	Greenwood Village
2014 908	David Rosencrans	Aurora	2015 1457	Jimmy Amundson	Littleton	2017 685	Niko Hereford	Denver	2018 1019	Tanner Jones	Colorado Springs
2014 973	Canyon Hill	Colorado Springs	2015 1463	Baylor May	Monument	2017 714	Robby Hill	Greenwood Village	2018 1021	Stone Heyman	Englewood
2014 1004	Michael Rosencrans	Broomfield	2015 1487	Azur Ali	Boulder	2017 721	Stefan Orton-Urbina	Colorado Springs	2018 1051	Connor Larson	Boulder
2014 1024	Brock DeHaven	Boulder	2015 1490	Jackson Martin	Boulder	2017 731	Erich Nuss	Castle Pines	2018 1053	Connor Campbell	Colorado Springs
2014 1076	Patrick Gray	Greenwood Village	2015 1541	Neil Orton	Colorado Springs	2017 768	Tom Hudson	Golden	2018 1103	Laird Stewart	Englewood
2014 1122	Mohammed Mohey Al Dein	Antonito	2015 1542	David Lee	Glen Haven	2017 788	Dylan Zumar	Aurora	2018 1140	Everett Martin	Boulder
2014 1167	Jason Ferry	Lafayette	2015 1590	Marcus Hock	Arvada	2017 799	Matthew Chavez	Mead	2018 1145	Christian Ridings	Colorado Springs
2014 1227	Drew Pasma	Longmont	2015 1596	Craig Moddelmog	Windsor	2017 819	Dillon Leasure	Carbondale	2018 1181	Jordan Wagner	Littleton
2014 1316	Satvik Saini	Longmont	2015 1620	Keller Hartline	Lafayette	2017 852	Vinay Merchant	Englewood	2018 1265	Benjamin Murray	Englewood
2014 1318	Zachary Inman	Colorado Springs	2015 1679	Scott Nolan	Fruita	2017 893	Devin Harper	Westminster	2018 1319	Arjun Gupta	Severance
2014 1324	Chad Curd	Centennial	2015 1701	Daniel Crews	Greeley	2017 947	Aaron Weil	Highlands Ranch	2018 1336	Zack Fox	Littleton
2014 1385	Joshua Eafanti	Westminster	2016 158	William Gold	Denver	2017 1036	Xavier Pacheco	Englewood	2019 25	Richter Jordaan	Cherry Hills Village
2014 1388	Erik Schulze	Longmont	2016 186	Casey Ross	Littleton	2017 1062	Graham Blanco	Boulder	2019 44	Nicholas Lorenz	Colorado Springs
2014 1397	Shea Claflin	Canon City	2016 305	Alec Leddon	Boulder	2017 1068	Patrick Ross	Littleton	2019 305	Christian Holmes	Littleton
2014 1422	Naish Gaubatz	Colorado Springs	2016 528	Kevin Adams	Englewood	2017 1106	Coulten Davis	Colorado Springs	2019 388	Kosta Garger	Englewood
2014 1434	Chandler Erickson	Arvada	2016 535	Allen Fu	Longmont	2017 1155	Daniel Phan	Denver	2019 547	Sam Nassif	Denver
2014 1498	Randall Ball	Boulder	2016 574	Max Petrak	Golden	2017 1230	Cameron McGregor	Littleton	2019 557	Carter Logan	Denver
2014 1499	Griffin Kosonocky	Fort Collins	2016 590	Jackson Hawk	Boulder	2017 1268	Jacob Stringer	Longmont	2019 571	Teague Burger	Steamboat Springs
2014 1516	Jordan Greenhut	Aurora	2016 657	Colton Hill	Colorado Springs	2017 1293	Samuel Hoelscher	Lakewood	2019 594	Alexander Ilic	Aspen
2014 1551	Connor Banks	Centennial	2016 764	Erin Norwood	Englewood	2017 1340	David Zhao	Superior	2019 657	Beck Chrisbens	Boulder
2015 93	David Mitchell	Castle Rock	2016 805	Ben Blea	Littleton	2017 1419	Nicolas Savignano	Centennial	2019 660	Andrew Jeffries	Littleton
2015 209	Ignatius Castelino	Superior	2016 806	Blake Parsons	Denver	2017 1430	Joshua Fields	Franktown	2019 742	Jackson Holland	Windsor
2015 230	Spencer Lang	Longmont	2016 826	Cuttler Esson	Boulder	2017 1488	Garrett Suttter	Denver	2019 815	Andrew Seehausen	Lonetree
2015 432	Fletcher Kerr	Denver	2016 887	McCulloh Mease	Littleton	2017 1507	Adam Chehadi	Louisville	2019 833	Oliver Greenwald	Denver
2015 652	Harshil Dwivedi	Greenwood Village	2016 920	Chanon Penvari	Aurora	2017 1514	Will Dennen	Castle Rock	2019 842	William Coors	Denver
2015 671	Tommy Mason	Boulder	2016 934	Joshua Hunt	Castle Rock	2017 1535	Jack Ferry	Lafayette	2019 870	Jackson Klutznick	Denver
2015 694	Noah Reiss	Littleton	2016 936	Vamsi Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2017 1678	Spencer Wolff	Broomfield	2019 954	Henry Cox	Parker
2015 718	Lucas Martin	Fort Collins	2016 941	Gabriel Pagat	Fort Collins	2018 70	Kasper Smith	Boulder	2019 1013	Cal Hegstrom	Grand Junction
2015 801	Joseph Adducci	Colorado Springs	2016 954	Zhan Su	Louisville	2018 171	Joshua King	Englewood	2019 1061	Harry Carrozza	Colorado Springs
2015 844	Andrew Pollack	Louisville	2016 973	Derek Wright	Superior	2018 173	Tom Melville	Boulder	2019 1068	Mason Lewis	Broomfield
2015 851	Keenan Kaltenbacher	Colorado Springs	2016 980	Jackson Johar	Fort Collins	2018 234	Brett Finan	Broomfield	2019 1071	Ben Bramwell	Parker
2015 870	Maxwell Weiner	Fort Collins	2016 1019	Jake Becker	Centennial	2018 262	Jack Moldenhauer	Denver	2019 1083	Christopher Du	Highlands Ranch
2015 879	Dante Alcala	Pueblo	2016 1117	Ram Yuppala	Denver	2018 326	Mitchell Johnson	Cherry Hills Village	2019 1089	Dario Alcala	Pueblo
2015 949	Austin Gruszczynski	Highlands Ranch	2016 1122	Davis Meyer	Castle Rock	2018 344	Charlie Franks	Denver	2019 1111	Cam Cramer	Niwot
2015 971	Matthew Harris	Grand Junction	2016 1141	Andrew Gillette	Arvada	2018 451	David Kijak	Aurora			
2015 981	Colby Jimenez	Denver	2016 1164	Noah Forman	Golden	2018 516	Daniel Guiot	Denver			
2015 994	Ryan Beckstrom	Parker	2016 1296	Spencer Clauson	Boulder	2018 553	Patrick Seby	Denver			

GIRLS

CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN
2014 33	Mira Ruder-Hook	Denver	2015 1144	Maddisen Farver	Broomfield	2017 281	Casey Zhong	Highlands Ranch	2018 687	Julia Pentz	Niwot
2014 144	Kathryn Hall	Greenwood Village (MICHIGAN)	2016 8	Rebecca Weissmann	Loveland	2017 295	Alex Pessoa	Denver	2018 709	Camila Gomez	Bogota
2014 192	Alexa Brandt	Broomfield (BRADLEY)	2016 87	Kalyssa Hall	Colorado Springs	2017 429	Shawnea Pagat	Fort Collins	2018 821	Cassandra Sehic	Highlands Ranch
2014 213	Alex Middleton	Columbine Valley	2016 100	Tate Schroeder	Centennial	2017 449	Sadie Moseley	Denver	2018 831	Taylor Thulson	Glenwood Springs
2014 356	Bria Smith	Denver	2016 329	Caroline Kawula	Cherry Hills Village	2017 481	Stephanie Broussard	Colorado Springs	2018 841	Savannah Mease	Littleton
2014 562	Paige Crews	Greeley	2016 337	Gloria Son	Aurora	2017 624	Madison Wolfe	Monument	2018 842	Darby Warburton	Littleton
2014 591	Rachael Scheper	Greenwood Village	2016 459	Daniela Adamczyk	Colorado Springs	2017 675	Maeve Kearney	Englewood	2018 939	Alexandra Djournaliev	Loveland
2014 621	Natalia Dellavalle	Denver	2016 518	Natalie Munson	Longmont	2017 703	Sara Schoenbeck	Pueblo West	2018 1004	Emily Wilkins	Greenwood Village
2014 657	Kristin Jensen	Colorado Springs	2016 548	Jessica Metz	Colorado Springs	2017 832	Morgan Bullen	Denver	2019 176	Morgan Hall	Colorado Springs
2014 659	Glenna Gee-Taylor	Louisville	2016 555	Tara Edwards	Littleton	2017 906	Maleeha Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch	2019 531	Josephine Schaffer	Greenwood Village
2014 713	Kaitlyn Motley	Fort Collins	2016 574	Kristen Kirby	Thornton	2017 1005	Tiffany Parobek	Lone Tree	2019 597	Amanda Schlatter	Cherry Hills Village
2014 778	Katie Li	Boulder	2016 623	Lauren Lindell	Parker	2017 1040	Claire Cox	Parker	2019 625	Shelby Graber	Parker
2014 856	Kayl Ecton	Fort Collins	2016 728	Natalie Hagan	Lone Tree	2017 1200	Murphy Harr	Arvada	2019 664	Trisha Somasundaram	Superior
2014 876	Eva-Lou Edwards	Bayfield	2016 730	Kendra Lavallee	Highlands Ranch	2017 1202	Jennifer Phan	Thornton	2019 669	Sophie Pearson	Longmont
2014 972	Andrea Motley	Fort Collins	2016 879	Sarah Casey	Monument	2018 68	Amber Shen	Broomfield	2019 671	Emma Eckenhausen	Denver
2014 982	Jazmin Gillette	Wheat Ridge	2016 951	Allison Snyder	Highlands Ranch	2018 274	Annika Bassey	Denver	2019 688	Isabel Pan	Highlands Ranch
2014 999	Paige Klump	Golden	2016 1016	Hanna Fernley	Greenwood Village	2018 282	Anshika Singh	Greenwood Village	2019 689	Samhita Bheemireddy	Highlands Ranch
2014 1014	Renee Phillips	Westminster	2016 1017	Sarah Megilligan	Pueblo West	2018 322	Mariela Hollines	Cherry Hills Village	2019 693	Alexandra Bush	Greenwood Village
2015 75	Nicole Kalthorn	Colorado Springs	2016 1050	Gabriella Hesse	Colorado Springs	2018 400	Tatum Burger	Steamboat Springs	2019 803	Lindsay Lynch	Englewood
2015 85	Gabrielle Schuck	Colorado Springs	2016 1051	Tara Teslow	Fort Collins	2018 404	Seraphin Castelino	Superior	2019 847	Alexis Stepp	Westminster
2015 280	Alexandra Weil	Cherry Hills Village	2016 1093	Bailey Koronich	Timnath	2018 475	Sarah Fleming	Grand Junction	2019 857	Trini Somasundaram	Superior
2015 675	Julia Mannino	Greenwood Village	2016 1137	Reilly Cornell	Highlands Ranch	2018 480	Ky Ecton	Fort Collins	2019 872	Madissen Allen	Centennial
2015 832	Isabella Melena	Arvada	2016 1138	Lauren Petty	Colorado Springs	2018 513	Heather Volls	Colorado Springs	2019 895	Willow Purvis	Denver
2015 839	Emma Jo Wiley	Fort Collins	2016 1149	Joanna Kempton	Littleton	2018 514	Emily Strande	Centennial	2019 955	Amanda Hedges	Highlands Ranch
2015 861	Meghan Beer	Castle Rock	2017 15	Samantha Martinelli	Denver	2018 568	Micha Handler	Englewood			
2015 913	Kylie Simons	Colorado Springs	2017 116	Jessica Aragon	Fort Collins	2018 639	Natalie Bronsdon	Highlands Ranch			
2015 1129	Paige Stockton	Lakewood	2017 139	Madison Gallegos	Aurora	2018 652	Rachel Nguyen	Westminster			



TENNISRECRUITING.NET

TennisRecruiting.net is the premier website for competitive junior tennis, offering arti- cles, rankings, and networking features for players interested in playing college tennis. The site ranks players by graduation year for direct comparison of players who will be competing for scholarships.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS IN BLUE

JUNIORCOMPETITION

CHANGING FORMAT FOR FUTURES, CHALLENGER DIVISIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING TOURNAMENT "PRODUCT"
NEW COLORADO RULES DESIGNED TO PUT FUN BACK IN TOURNAMENTS, MAKE SCHEDULING EASIER ON PARENTS

Beginning this January, Colorado's tournament offerings for entry-level and intermediate junior players are going to look a whole lot different than in years past. In an effort to provide a better tournament tennis experience for youth players in Futures and Challenger events (these changes will not affect the Championship division), USTA Colorado will require all sanctioned events to abide by new rules mandating the number of guaranteed matches, scoring modifications and scheduling formats. The changes put Colorado at the forefront of a growing movement across the country that challenges the age-old standard of forcing inexperienced competitors into a lose-one-and-you're-done scenario. In trying to make the sport more appealing to junior players and to encourage them to experience tournament competition, the USTA is working with its Sections and Districts around the country to adopt new rules that create a more welcoming environment for players, parents and coaches alike.

1. MULTIPLE MATCHES

The first mandate requires all Futures and Challenger tournament directors to provide multiple matches to competitors. Nobody likes to lose in the first round of a single elimination tournament, especially first-time tournament players or those unaccustomed to competitive play. In the Futures division, tournament directors will offer either round robin or compass draw play, which will guarantee players numerous matches. In Challenger play, competitors will be guaranteed two matches (although some Challenger tournament directors will adopt the Futures model of offering round robins and compass draws). The net effect of this first regulation will be to increase the amount of tennis a young competitor gets in his/her first tournament experience, win or lose.

2. SCORING MODIFICATIONS

The second mandate follows on the premise that relatively inexperienced youth players shouldn't be playing best two-out-of-three standard sets. USTA Colorado has instituted a new design in which match scoring will be adjusted according to the age of the division. Future-level tournament directors will run compass or round robin draws utilizing a variety of options ranging from short sets (first to 4), one-set formats or timed formats (10s divisions only). All Futures events will also utilize no-ad scoring for all matches. For Challenger divisions, the only additional requirement for 2014 is that all events offer a minimum of two matches.

3. SINGLE-DAY SCHEDULES

The third mandate completes the Futures package by requiring all tournaments to complete pool play in a single day. Directors would then conduct advancement play on a separate day (could be the next day or later in the week). The rationale behind this requirement greatly aids parents whose children are now committed to just a single day of tennis, rather than for an entire week to accommodate a traditional elimination draw. As mentioned above, Challenger events will be under no such requirement to complete their draws in a single day, but it is USTA Colorado's expectation that there will be some tournament directors that employ all three modifications for their Challenger events.

NEXT: CHANGING THE TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE



INTERMOUNTAIN
COLORADO

HOW THE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT FORMAT CHANGES WILL AFFECT THE "TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE"

WHEN KIDS ARE HAVING FUN AND PARENTS ARE LESS STRESSED, GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

BENEFITS TO PLAYERS

Kids competing in Futures tournaments are typically unaccustomed to competitive tournament play. Following a nationwide study that showed that more than one-third of first time tournament samplers never played in another tournament, it became apparent that the product just wasn't working for that level player. By instituting these directives, USTA Colorado anticipates that entry-level tournament players will find the experience far more welcoming and exciting. More matches is more fun, and playing in an all-day event against a variety of opponents provides a much more social atmosphere than a lose-one-and-you're-done experience. For new players, it means more time with friends, meeting new people and just hanging out between matches. It's fun and easy for players to see who else is playing and how everyone is doing. It also gives players the flexibility to commit to other family/sports/school/etc. opportunities.

Compass draw formats are tailor-made for the tournament sampler, who get real tournament experience without the expense, time and travel commitments of traditional week-long tournaments. Matches tend to get more competitive after each round, since players of similar skill levels tend to gravitate towards the same brackets. So, when you lose, your matches get easier and when you win they get harder.

BENEFITS TO PARENTS/RELATIVES

Finding time to be a parent is hard these days, and the traditional week-long tennis tournament format certainly didn't help those parents who were new to tennis. By condensing a tournament to a single day (perhaps two, given advancement play), parents have a concrete idea of what sort of time commitment they are signing up for, and that gives them the flexibility to plan around the event.

But even more important as a parent, you want your child to succeed, and the compass draw format keeps matches competitive, allowing better players to play tougher matches and less-skilled players to play easier matches. This keeps kids from getting discouraged and helps them feel successful.

BENEFITS TO COACHES/FACILITIES

Compass draw tournaments are a perfect way for junior players to practice the skills they are learning from their coaches. For many tennis coaches who want to watch their pupils compete in their first tournament, it can become a challenging prospect if they have to remain flexible for an entire week in order to counsel their charges prior to and after the match. With the new formats, coaches can help players recognize mistakes and correct them over the course of a day of matches. This repeated feedback from coaches can greatly benefit young players who are experiencing competitive tennis for the first time.

The major benefit for host tennis facilities comes both in terms of overall participation numbers and the streamlining of event management. As more and more children are enticed to step into tournament play, facilities will reap the financial benefit because of a larger pool of players.

PARTNER FACILITIES/2014

The following tournament directors and tennis facilities have committed to run the new format for their junior events in 2014. This list consists of all events posted as of press time. Please check back in the 2014 Big Book of Colorado Tennis for a complete listing of Futures and Challenger events that will adopt the three format changes (multiple matches, scoring modifications and single-day schedules).

2014 JUNIOR FUTURES PARTNER FACILITIES

- Aurora Parks & Recreation
- Broomfield Swim & Tennis
- Gates Tennis Center
- Lewis Tennis
- South Suburban Parks & Recreation

2014 JUNIOR CHALLENGER PARTNER FACILITIES

- Aurora Parks & Recreation
- Boulder Country Club
- Crestmoor Community Association
- Gates Tennis Center
- Highlands Ranch Community Association
- Ken Caryl Ranch
- Lewis Tennis
- Meadows Racquet Club
- Pinery Country Club



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PREPCOMPETITION

SENIORS GO OUT WITH A BANG AT 2013 COLORADO STATE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CREEK SWEEPS, KENT CRUISES, FRYER AND LORENZ EARN FIRST NO. 1 TITLES

5A REPORT: Despite putting five players/teams into the finals, Fairview couldn't knock Cherry Creek from its perch atop the Boys 5A Team Championship stand, as the Bruins won their state best 39th team title. Fairview could have overtaken Creek by sweeping all five of the matches, but the boys from Englewood put on a show, dropping only two sets en route to a sweep of the titles, the first time it's been done since 1998. Cherry Creek's dominance earned them Colorado High School Boys Tennis Team of the Year honors (see page 14). Cherry Creek will seek its 40th team

title in 2014, but will have to do without their top two singles players, Zach Fryer and Connor McPherson, who will graduate in May.

BOYS 5A HS RESULTS:

- SINGLES**
- 1) Zach Fryer, Cherry Creek def. Ignatius Castelino, Fairview; 6-4, 6-4
 - 2) Connor McPherson, Cherry Creek def. Ben Antonsen, Mountain Vista; 6-1, 6-2
 - 3) Ethan Hillis, Cherry Creek def. Thomas Mason, Fairview; 6-4, 6-4
- Doubles**
- 1) Harshit Dwivedi/Jake Miller, Cherry Creek def. Brock DeHaven/Max Petrak, Fairview; 6-4, 4-6, 6-2
 - 2) Erin Norwood/Matt Gross, Cherry Creek def. Randall Ball/Andrew Pollack, Fairview; 7-6, 6-3
 - 3) Teller Hoskins/Ben Schlichting, Cherry Creek def. Steven Bummer/Truett Davis, Regis Jesuit; 6-0, 6-3
 - 4) Jacob Bendalin/Wyatt Dale, Cherry Creek def. Charlie Strand/Jake Kearney, Fairview; 6-2, 3-6, 6-1

Rank	Team	Points
1	Cherry Creek	98
2	Fairview	73
3	Mountain Vista	46
4	Regis Jesuit	22
5	Chatfield	20
6	Fossil Ridge	19
7	Grand Junction	13
8	Monarch	10
9	Denver East	8
10	Arapahoe	5
11	Legend	3
12	Boulder	2
13	Fruita Monument	2
14	Castle View	1
15	Chaparral	1
16	Cherokee Trail	1
17	Columbine	1
18	Legacy	1
19	Ralston Valley	1
20	Rock Canyon	1

4A REPORT: Kent Denver entered championship Saturday having locked up the team win by advancing players into all seven title matches. With an opportunity to tie Cherry Creek's record-setting, sweeping performance, Kent looked like a solid bet after quickly winning the No. 2 and No. 3 singles titles. But a pair of defeats to Colorado Academy at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles ended Kent's run at history, and then came the stunning upset at No. 1 singles by Discovery Canyon senior Luke Lorenz over nationally ranked Kent junior David Mitchell, his first win against the 2011 4A champion in eight matches. To understand just how improbable the win was, Lorenz lost to Mitchell 6-1, 6-0 in the Intermountain Section Easter Circuit consolation finals this past March. But after falling to Mitchell just one week prior to the state championship, Lorenz executed the perfect game plan en route to his first high school title (and the USTA Colorado award for top male high school player, see page 15).



Fryer caps Creek sweep

For the first time since 2005, a Cherry Creek Bruin stands atop the 5A field at No. 1 singles. Zach Fryer's impressive play throughout the championship helped the Bruins complete a sweep of the titles en route to an all-time high team point total [98]. Cherry Creek is the only high school team to sweep the Colorado State Tennis Championships, having accomplished the feat in 1974 (led by Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer John Benson) and back-to-back in 1997-98 (led by Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer Chad Harris).

Photo by Kurt Desautels/USTA Colorado

BOYS 4A HS RESULTS:

- SINGLES**
- 1) Luke Lorenz, Discovery Canyon def. David Mitchell, Kent Denver; 7-5, 6-4
 - 2) Willie Gold, Kent Denver def. Allen Fu, Niwot; 6-3, 6-3
 - 3) Casey Ross, Kent Denver def. Naish Ganbatz, Air Academy; 6-0, 6-0
- Doubles**
- 1) Kevin Adams/Ryan Beyer, Kent Denver def. Colt Sessions/Aidan Connaughton, Cheyenne Mountain; 4-6, 6-2, 6-0
 - 2) Daniel Ditzell/Seth Miller, Colorado Academy def. Josh Rubin/Niko Hereford, Kent Denver; 6-4, 6-4
 - 3) Peter Hillary/Ethan Pollock, Colorado Academy def. Andrew Thompson/Blake Parsons, Kent Denver; 6-1, 6-4
 - 4) Brad Soderberg/Jack Trueblood, Kent Denver def. Keegan Mehall/Andy Vernier, Aspen; 6-3, 6-0

Rank	Team	Points
1	Kent Denver	91
2	Colorado Academy	54
3	Niwot	50
4	Cheyenne Mountain	25
5	Mullen	21
6	Air Academy	18
7	Aspen	17
8	Discovery Canyon	17
9	Pueblo Central	13
10	Broomfield	5
11	Valor Christian	4
12	Durango	4
13	Silver Creek	2
14	Steamboat	2
15	D'Evelyn	2
16	Fountain Valley	1
17	Greeley Central	1
18	Longmont	1
19	Palmer Ridge	1

Third time the charm for Lorenz

After falling in consecutive attempts to upset 2011 4A champion David Mitchell during the regular season, Luke Lorenz discovered the magic formula against the Kent Denver junior. The senior from Discovery Canyon earned his school's first-ever state championship with a dramatic straight-set victory over one of the nation's top players, 7-5, 6-4.



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ADULTLEAGUES

HONORROLL

ALL HAIL THE 2013 ADULT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Leagues with "USTA" in the name culminate with a National Championship, "ITA" advances to a Sectional Championship, and "CTA" leagues finish up the year at a District Championship.

USTA MIXED 18 & OVER

- 6.0 - PH GREEN (Pinehurst Country Club)
- 7.0 - CCOC BAGGETT (Country Club of Colorado)
- 8.0 - APR GREEN (Aurora Parks & Rec)
- 9.0 - CSRC SCHUERKAMP (Colorado Springs Racquet Club)
- 10.0 - MHCC BLACK (Monument Hill Country Club)

USTA ADULT 18 & OVER

- W 2.5 - FCCC (Fort Collins Country Club)
- W 3.0 - LTF MCNULTY (Lifetime Fitness Colorado Springs)
- W 3.5 - GTC ORANGE (Gates Tennis Center)
- W 4.0 - PH RED (Pinehurst Country Club)
- W 4.5 - CR RED (Castle Rock)
- W 5.0+ - DU GOLD (University of Denver)

- M 3.0 - MHCC ZALEWSKI (Monument Hill Country Club)
- M 3.5 - BRMST ORANGE (Broomfield Swim & Tennis Club)
- M 4.0 - CM GREEN (Crestmoor Community Association)
- M 4.5 - RCC BLACK (Ranch Country Club)
- M 5.0+ - WP GREEN (Wash Park Tennis Club)

USTA ADULT 40 & OVER

- W 3.0 - LTF GESS (Lifetime Fitness Colorado Springs)
- W 3.5 - EM RED (Eastmoor Swim & Tennis)
- W 4.0 - NIWOT GREEN (Niwot Tennis Association)
- W 4.5+ - SSLGT GREEN (South Suburban)

- M 3.0 - MHCC ZALEWSKI (Monument Hill Country Club)
- M 3.5 - CM RED (Crestmoor Community Association)
- M 4.0 - CACI GREY (Colorado Athletic Club Inverness)
- M 4.5+ - WP GREEN (Wash Park Tennis Club)

USTA ADULT 55 & OVER

- Sectionals will take place March 7-9, 2014
- W 6.0 - LEBTC SILVER (Lebsack Tennis Center)
 - W 7.0 - GJTC RED (Grand Junction Tennis Club)
 - W 8.0 - TAG WOW (Tennis Association of Greeley)
 - M 6.0 - MC NAVY (Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness)
 - M 7.0 - ARCA BLUE (Anthem Ranch Community Association)
 - M 8.0 - DTC NAVY (Denver Tennis Club)
 - M 9.0 - GTC NAVY (Gates Tennis Center)

CTA ADULT 65 & OVER

- W 6.0 - TAG WOW (Tennis Association of Greeley)
- W 7.0 - BM RED (Bow Mar)
- W 8.0 - GTC GOLD (Gates Tennis Center)
- M 6.0 - KNO BLUE (Knolls CTA)
- M 7.0 - ARCA GOLD (Anthem Ranch Community Association)
- M 8.0 - DTC RED (Denver Tennis Club)

CTA TWILIGHT

- W 2.5 - SKY YELLOW (Skyline Acres Swim & Tennis Club)
- W 3.0 - BRMST BLUE (Broomfield Swim & Tennis Club)
- W 3.5 - ATC GREEN (Arapahoe Tennis Club)
- W 4.0 - RMTCL SILVER (Rocky Mountain Tennis Center)
- W 4.5 - SSLGT RED (South Suburban)
- M 3.0 - WP BLUE (Wash Park Tennis Club)
- M 3.5 - TTA BLUE (Thornton Tennis Association)
- M 4.0 - HRCA GREEN (Highlands Ranch Community Association)
- M 4.5 - RCC MAROON (Ranch Country Club)

CTA WOMEN'S DAYTIME DOUBLES

- W 2.5 - KC BLUE (Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District)
- W 3.0 - KC RED (Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District)
- W 3.5 - CACI BLACK (Colorado Athletic Club Inverness)
- W 4.0 - APR BLUE (Aurora Parks & Rec)
- W 4.5 - MC RED (Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness)

CTA WOMEN'S SUMMER DAYTIME

- W 2.5 - CPV RED (Castle Pines Village)
- W 3.0 - PRKR YELLOW (Parker Tennis)
- W 3.5 - MEA GREEN (Meadows Swim & Tennis)
- W 4.0 - PH GREEN (Pinehurst Country Club)
- W 4.5 - CK BLUE (Columbine Knolls)

ITA FALL MIXED

- 5.5 - PH BLACK (Pinehurst Country Club)
- 6.5 - CPV BLACK (Castle Pines Village)
- 7.5 - KC SILVER (Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District)
- 8.5 - WC NAVY (Willow Creek Tennis Club)
- 9.5 - WP GOLD (Wash Park Tennis Club)

BLUE indicates team won Intermountain Sectionals



Niwot Ladies Place 3rd at Nationals

Congratulations to the 4.0 ladies team from Niwot Tennis Association who finished third at the 2013 USTA League Adult 40 & Over 4.0 National Championships, held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, Calif.

The Colorado team, captained by Mona Jones, defeated the team from Caribbean, 5-0, in the Playoff match, which they advanced to by going undefeated in their round-robin flight. Niwot lost to the eventual national champions from Eastern in the semifinal round, 1-4.

Pictured (left to right): Lezlie Leier, Darlene Dion, Donna Chitambar, JB Brockman, Mona Jones, Carol Bradford, Robin Galloway, Tanya Saarva (not pictured: Kristi Elting, Lisa Pentz, Punitama Phipps, Michelle Pulley)

CAPTAINSCORNER

WINNING CAPTAINS DRAWN FOR TRIP TO 2014 BNP PARIBAS OPEN

In 2001, USTA Colorado introduced The Captain's Incentive Program to recognize primary team captains for their efforts. Over the last decade, we have made several improvements to the captains' incentive program.



This will be the third year that USTA Colorado will send two lucky captains on a trip for two to the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, CA.

USTA Colorado's guests at the 2014 BNP Paribas Open are **James Hull**, a 5-year captain from Colorado Athletic Club Monaco and **Judy Mickelson**, a 2-year captain from Highlands Ranch/South Suburban. Each will receive a trip for two to the event, plus airfaire and hotel accommodations. Congratulations, and thanks to all the captains.



USTA COLORADO IS PROUD TO SALUTE THE **2,165** CAPTAINS WHO HELPED MAKE THE 2013 COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE SERIES ONE OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE PROGRAMS IN THE NATION FOR THE 33RD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.



2014: SNAPSHOT

Players have spoken, USTA Colorado has listened. Next year, our Adult Leagues Department will be unveiling two new league offerings, and instituting a player-requested format change for the 40 & Over division.

USTA Flex Leagues debut in Colorado

Various USTA Sections added Flex Leagues to their lineups a few years ago, and the response in those areas has been extremely positive. The addition of Flex Leagues to the Colorado League Tennis menu will help fill in the gaps for those players who need scheduling flexibility and/or can't commit to a full-length season. Flex Leagues are also popular for those new to the sport, or player who are new to Colorado and want to check out the local league scene.

40 & Over gets Mixed

In response to player requests, USTA Colorado has added another Mixed Doubles League — USTA Mixed 40 & Over. The format will be the same as the USTA 18 & Over leagues, but specifically for players turning 40 years of age in 2014 and older. The league will play on Saturdays, and will culminate in a national championship.

USTA Adult 40 & Over format change

After an initial year of competition, the USTA Adult 40 & Over league in Colorado will move to a 2 singles/3 doubles format. Once again, player feedback was the driving force behind the move.

ADULT LEAGUES

PSSST! HEY BUDDY....

INSIGHT FROM THE COLORADO LEAGUE TENNIS INSIDER



NOT ALL RATINGS ARE CREATED EQUAL

The 2013 Year-End NTRP Ratings will be released on TennisLink in early December <TENNISLINK.USTA.com>.

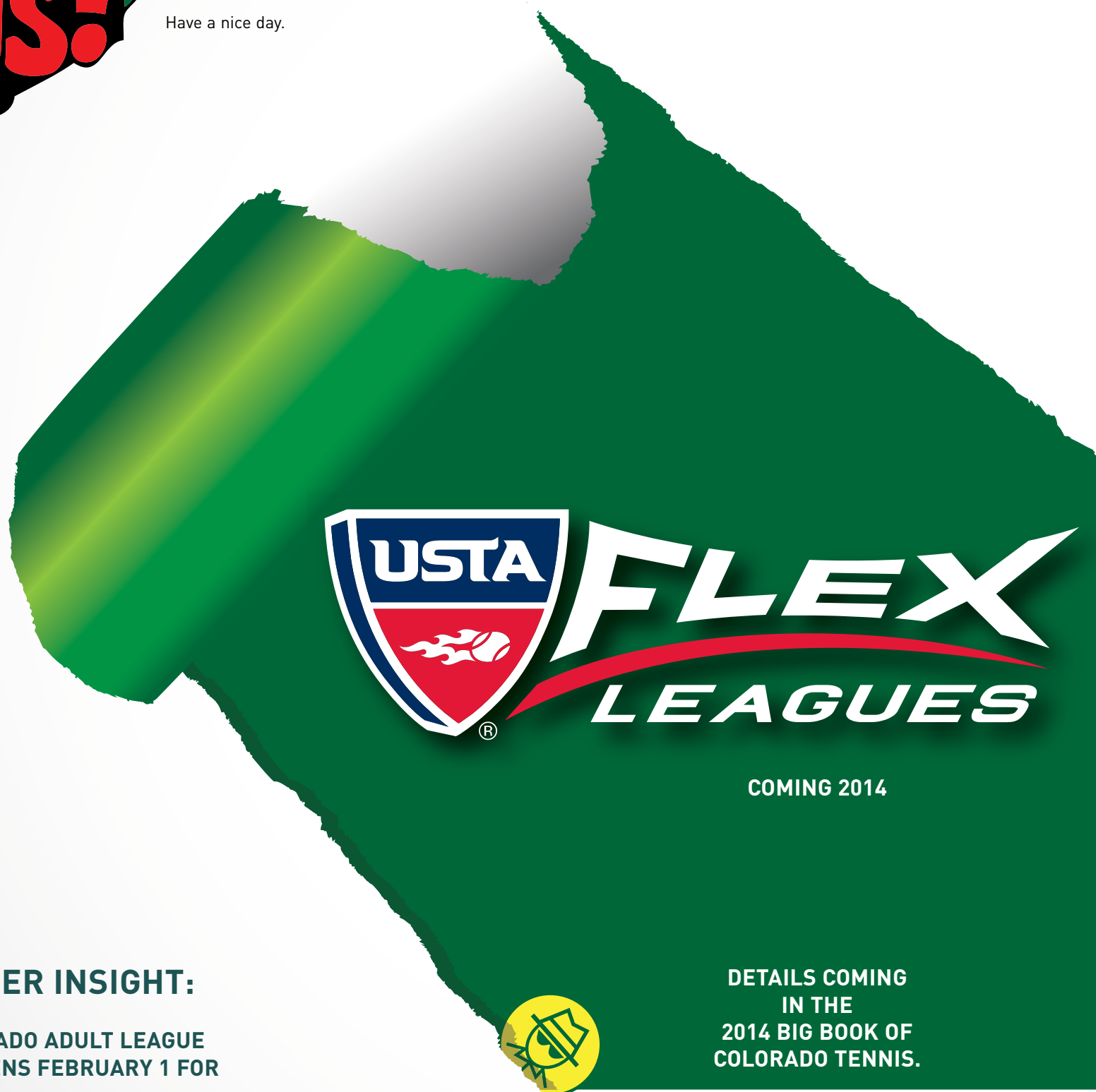
This past summer, USTA Colorado published an explanation to league players that the rating algorithm used by internet site TennisLeagueStats.com did not accurately predict/report player ratings (to the hundredth). The ratings displayed by TLS are "TLS Ratings", not "NTRP Ratings", therefore do not have any bearing whatsoever on USTA-sanctioned league or tournament play. TLS ratings are a novelty.

Remember, wearing a tall hat and fake beard doesn't make you Abraham Lincoln.

Have a nice day.

TLS ~~=~~ **NTRP**

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OTHER INSIDER INSIGHT:

REMINDER: COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 1 FOR ALL LEAGUES.

DETAILS COMING
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YOURGAME

THERE'S NO "CAN'T" IN TENNIS! THOUGHTS FROM A PSYCHOTHERAPIST ON YOUR TENNIS GAME

I've often stated that "what you think about you bring about" in my columns during this past year. What I may have failed to mention, however, is that the subconscious mind does not discriminate between what you actually do and don't want — it only knows to act upon what is being held in the mind. And to complicate matters even more, the subconscious mind cannot process "negatives". Hence, any thoughts/beliefs or intentions you want to manifest in your life must be stated in the affirmative or you'll fail to get the result you desire.

To illustrate how the subconscious can work for and against us, let's look at two individuals who came to see me in September for help with their weight loss programs. One of these patients insisted on using a diet guide that listed all of the foods prohibited on the plan; the other chose to eat intuitively, and focus only on the foods she desired — and only just prior to mealtime. Because the subconscious cannot discriminate between good and bad, the patient who carried around her list of taboo foods, thought about and craved these foods, 24/7; lacking both the will and intention to lose the weight.

The subconscious works similarly in all things, and athletes in particular, find themselves struggling with this phenomenon as much or more than most. Without the knowledge and know how to appropriately direct their thoughts toward what they do want vs. what they fear, the results fall short of expectations.

Think about this for a moment.... If I ask you to close your eyes and not think about monkeys, what are you going to think about? Monkeys! The fact is, you can't not think about monkeys once the idea has been seeded in your subconscious.

Bringing our attention to the tennis court, let's examine a player

we'll refer to as Bob. Bob routinely jumps out to an early lead in nearly all of his matches, but loses focus somewhere late in the first or early in the second set — most often precipitated by a solo error/mistake. This one variable weakens Bob's resolve and he begins to play it "safe"; his serve and his return lack their normal power and depth. Losing confidence, his game begins to breaks down in other areas. His subconscious screams, "oh no, not again — I can't lose this lead, I can't lose this game, I can't be the one who loses it for my team," are meaningless to the subconscious seeds that have already taken root in the subjective mind.

Many people have good intentions, but unwittingly allow their subconscious to work against them by focusing on what they don't want. Others simply ignore their thoughts and like a garden that's being neglected, weeds of doubt sprout up everywhere. Eventually, these weeds take over, and you're left without blooms.

So, what can you do to prevent this type of consciousness from taking over your mind and your tennis game?

Believe that changes in your tennis match are a NATURAL part of the game and the next point is yours. State (only) the positive — think only positive thoughts and believe that you have already won the game. Determine the vision you want to create...for your game...and your life, and allow these thoughts to seed your garden with desired intentions and goals.

And if all else fails, just remember Cher's directive (to Nicholas Cage) in the movie, Moonstruck: "SNAP OUT OF IT!"

Have a great holiday season and remember to plant the seeds of what you do want; there's no "can't" in tennis...or in life, for that matter! 🎾



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STATE OF THE DISTRICT NEWS FROM USTA COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

FRITZGARGER

USTA COLORADO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings! Thanks are in order for all those involved in promoting and developing the sport of tennis in Colorado! Based on our 2013 participation numbers we had solid growth in a lot of our USTA Colorado programs. One can assume there were more people who picked up a racquet to play the game in non-USTA specific scenarios — which is encouraging as well. We provide and offer our programs to benefit people’s enjoyment of the sport, but our overall objective is not relegated solely to USTA — we are interested in seeing the sport in general grow and prosper.

To that end, our organization devotes significant time and energy in community development and outreach — including a focus on Diversity and Inclusion. Our schools program once focused almost entirely on the in-school component, but has evolved and expanded into before and after school programming with various partners. Meaningful strides have been made which will benefit our youth and communities for years to come.

Our Community Tennis Series this past year was another huge success. Our presence at major festivals statewide with our SportCourt of the Rockies traveling court exposed tens of thousands to the USTA and the sport in general. Our use of the appropriate sized court, racquets, net and correct ball showcased how far our sport has come to be easier to pick up, enjoy and be successful.

For the avid league player and those new to our leagues this year, we had a great year of local league play and playoffs. Based on our participation figures for the year, the changes we adopted this year were highly successful. We knew with concurrent scheduling (i.e. 40 and over with Twilight) and new leagues being added, that the distribution of league participation would vary and be affected. Overall, participation was very solid with a 6% increase in adult leagues and we had an impressive 7.2% increase in junior leagues. The goal with every modification is to enhance the experience for players — those already engaged in our programs as well as new players.

Indeed 2013 ushered in all kinds of changes — from the age divisions of adult leagues to

the use of green balls in 12 and under player divisions (tournament and league — intermediate level) to the adoption of gender neutral divisions for 10 & under leagues (and tournaments where numbers weren’t sufficient). Our 10 & under league participation increased by over 20% this year — so things are moving in a favorable direction!

More changes for 2014

The junior competitive player has been prepped for over a year on the changes coming down the pike in 2014. The National Junior Tournament Schedule is different and National events will have slightly smaller draws than they’ve had in the past. A more prominent “Regional” tournament structure will be in place with Intermountain joining Southwest, Southern California, Northern California, Pacific Northwest and Hawaii Pacific in the West Region. And in the six-state Intermountain Section our tournament structure has been revamped — in a way that accommodates more players and play opportunities (throughout the Section and for each District).

A major focus of the USTA re: their USTA Junior Team Tennis program is the focus on “Safe Play”. While our organization offers a locally branded JTT program and not the USTA National format, we are utilizing the TennisLink system and the Safe Play initiative is connected to that registration system. We support the initiative of providing a ‘safe play’ environment for our youth which is without question of the highest priority. Parents should know that providers of youth programs have instituted protocols to ensure to the best of one’s ability that kids will be safe. USTA Colorado is committed to that precept.

On the Adult League side, we are not making any significant modifications to the leagues offered this past year. We are going to delve into the new arena of “Flex Leagues” to provide a different offering for any and all interested in that structure. Virtually every other Section in the country has USTA Flex leagues. With USTA Colorado joining the fold, our Intermountain Section will be now be involved with a league structure that has been supported and promoted by the USTA National office for years. We are delighted to be a District that will show support to the Section and the National office with this exciting offering.

As I have mentioned in my previous article, we will formally roll out the required one and two day formats for entry level junior tournaments (Futures). The new format will adopt a consistent format for tournaments requiring our directors provide multiple (shortened) matches via round-robin or compass draws in one day (for all pool play) and if necessary a second day for the final rounds that advance from Day 1. The goal is to make it easier and more enjoyable for kids and importantly parents. The guarantee of multiple matches and reduced time commitment of only one or two days should make our tournaments that much more appealing. We need to attract new players and keep them — that’s our goal. These events have been hugely successful (for the few who have run them in Colorado to date and for the many across the country). We hope to not only have all our Futures events but also a high percentage of Challengers (intermediate level) using this format next year.

Look for the 2014 Breaking the Barriers-Revisited project that will highlight the Asian and Latino communities and tennis. The planning is well underway with the goal of providing exposure for those -who have been so instrumental to the development of our sport and for those who have contributed so much and/or have had amazing achievements in the sport. We want to highlight those individuals, families and communities, as well as provide outreach to get more people of all backgrounds to learn of the opportunities provided by the sport of tennis here in Colorado. It’s exciting!!

And just beyond the horizon is our 2014 Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Gala (see story on 14). EVERYONE is welcome to attend and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of people in the world of Colorado Tennis. So set aside January 24th and make it a point to be there. It’s a wonderful celebration and as always the event serves as a fundraiser for the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation. Be a part of a special evening and help Colorado youth at the same time!

Lastly, congratulations to Colorado Tennis on reaching its 250th edition!! As the cover story note, this has been an amazing journey with a number of exceptional people involved in shepherding the publication through the many decades of the past to today. Each Editor has played a pivotal role in the evolution of the publication which has touched the lives of so many. It is a unique periodical and one that has been provided to USTA Colorado members for a long time. Very few states (Districts) or Sections provide such a benefit to its members. And importantly, our circulation now extends well beyond our members and its content is focused well beyond mere USTA programs — but rather highlights and celebrates the people of Colorado and the sport in general. Thanks to all who have been involved.

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THELASTWORD

A SHORT HISTORY OF COLORADO TENNIS

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

KURTDESAUTELS
EDITOR, COLORADO TENNIS

If you happen to notice the spectacular pyrotechnics display on the cover, you may have connected the dots and recognized that this issue that you hold in your hands is special.

But before I tell you exactly why this 250th iteration of **High Bounce/Colorado Tennis** holds such significance, I'm going to explain to you why it *isn't*.

- It isn't special because a quarter-thousand issues have been produced;
- It isn't special because of the USTA or Intermountain Section or even the Colorado Tennis Association;
- It isn't special because of leagues, tournaments or any other sanctioned program.

This particular collection of mashed up tree pulp and ink (unless you're reading this online, in which case its electrons, ones and zeroes) is special because of who reads it. For nearly 40 years, this publication has been the town crier for the Colorado tennis community. And I can honestly tell you that it has been my absolute privilege to have been its caretaker for the last 13.

You readers, and let's not forget advertisers, have kept us going for 250 issues. That's not a lot in some circles. The New York Times is just on the shy side of 60,000 issues, and the Denver Post slots in at around 45,000 issues. But in the tennis world, there aren't a lot of publications that have weathered 40 years. Tennis Magazine will celebrate its 60th Anniversary next year (well over 500 issues published), but rivals Tennis Week and World Tennis all faded years ago. But what sets Colorado Tennis apart, as noted several times in our cover story, is that this publication celebrates the local game, the league match, the prep stars and the rising juniors. It's your game, and this is your publication.

Looking Ahead

Beginning in 2014, Colorado Tennis will move to a three-time per year schedule. We are combining the Fall and Winter issues

into one late-October/early-November issue. The ever-popular Spring and Summer issues will remain, but with a slightly different publication cycle. Spring will publish in April (instead of March), and Summer will publish in July (instead of June). The Big Book of Colorado Tennis will continue to be published at the beginning of the year, but will make the shift to a January distribution instead of February.

We will continue to offer free digital editions of all our publications. If you haven't checked out the digital editions of Colorado Tennis, be sure to visit our newsstand at COLORADOTENNIS.com and give it a try. It's perfect for readers on the go, although it's not as effective as the print version for training puppies or starting campfires. Of course, your mileage may vary.

Internet/Social Media

Finally, after several years in development, USTA Colorado is poised to roll out its completely re-tooled website. The new format, which is built on the USTA's Content Management System platform, will look a lot like the USTA's Section websites (USTA Texas, Southern, Intermountain, to name a few), but with several dramatic enhancements. The new site is expected to roll out to the public in early 2014. It seems like we've been promising you the new site for years now, so it will be exciting to actually be able to show off the new look.

For those of you who like to read and share stories through social media, please don't hesitate to reach out and tag us (@ustacolorado) on Twitter and Facebook. We routinely publish articles and link to stories via social media, and invite you to join the conversation.

Big Book

Work has already begun on the 2014 Big Book of Colorado Tennis. As its editor, I would like to promise you that it's going to be the greatest Big Book ever! But since I don't want to jinx the final product, let's just settle on the fact that the 2014 Big Book will be the newest Big Book ever!

Have a wonderful and happy holiday season. Shop local, play often and thank you for reading.





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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 is a strategic priority for USTA Colorado and one of our core values.

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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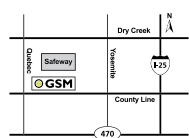
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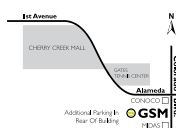
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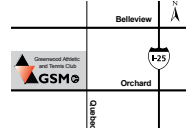
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