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I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY HERE TO THANK ALL THE STAFF OF USTA OKLAHOMA ESPECIALLY OUR LEAGUE COORDINATORS YOUR FAVORITE TENNIS PRO THE FACILITIES AND EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD TO KEEP US SAFE AND STILL PLAYING

We always knew how lucky we are to live in Oklahoma, but if you are an Oklahoma tennis player, we have a few extra reasons to feel lucky! Incredibly, during a global pandemic, USTA Oklahoma has managed to resume safely playing the sport we all love! It is true, the tournaments, both Adult and Juniors, Adult Leagues, and JTT look a bit different. Our facilities look a bit different, and there are many modifications to keep us safe, but we are PLAYING!

Currently, we are planning to hold Adult District Play off events in August and September. These District events include the spring and Summer leagues that are currently playing. While there are no longer Sectionals and Nationals in this 2020 tennis seasons, we feel extremely grateful to play a District event!

Our Junior tennis season is back in full swing! We have a reduced schedule but are happy to be able to offer Junior tennis opportunities at every level.

I would like to take the opportunity here to thank all the staff of USTA Oklahoma, especially our league coordinators, your favorite tennis Pro, the facilities, and everyone who has worked so hard to keep us safe and still playing!

As always, I know we can count on the Oklahoma tennis community to continue to be an example of how to safely play organized USTA tennis to the rest of the country. Thank you all for your flexibility, diligence, and commitment to our sport.

Here is to a happy, healthy, summer and fall on the courts!

Mary Jo Tasker



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OKLAHOMA TENNIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENT



OKLAHOMA TENNIS FOUNDATION RECEIVES RECORD-BREAKING \$100,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS



Carmen Bond, Oklahoma Tennis Foundation Executive Director, announced today that \$50,000 will be donated to OKTF for college scholarships and another \$50,000 for player development scholarships. According to Bond, “We are overjoyed to receive these generous gifts!! It will be exciting to see the positive impact they will make on deserving junior tennis players across the great State of Oklahoma.”

The Hirst/Starkey Family and the Braver Family will fully fund the Wayne Hirst College Scholarship Fund, which will be need-based and available to senior varsity tennis players. Hirst, a 3-time State High School Doubles Champion, grew up in Oklahoma City and was a 2-time NAIA All-American at East Texas State University. For 5 consecutive years, he was selected to play for the prestigious Gordon Cup Team senior event. In 2000, Hirst was chosen for the International Friendship Cup played in Myazaki, Japan. He was also inducted into the East Texas

University Hall of Fame and the Missouri Valley Tennis Hall of Fame.

Rob Braver remembers, “Wayne Hirst was a great Junior player who often hitchhiked to tournaments, and most likely hitchhiked home. If housing hadn’t been provided by local tennis enthusiasts, Wayne wouldn’t have been able to play competitively and develop his skills. In speeches throughout his life, Wayne expressed gratitude for all those who helped him along the way. This scholarship in memory of Wayne represents his love of the game and his desire to give back to the game.”

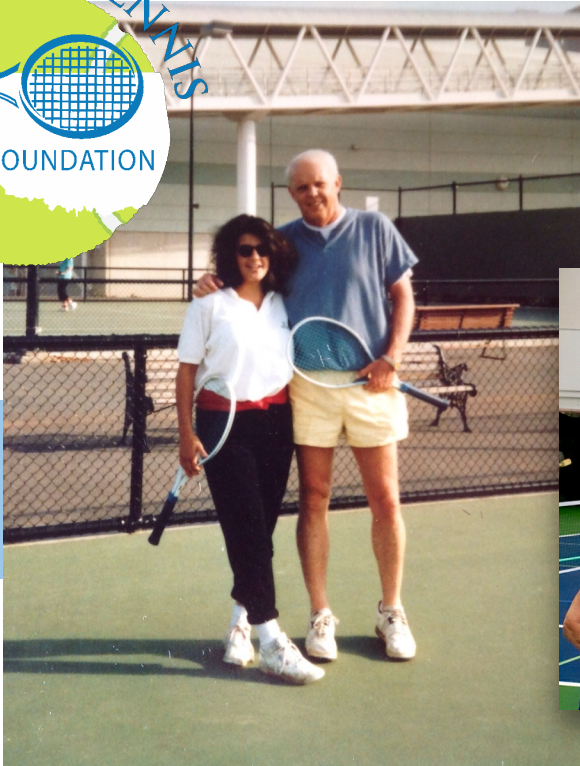
Wayne used his business, Hirst Imports, to give back to the community through charitable functions he developed. Those entities include Tulsa’s Philbrook Museum of Art; Community Literacy Centers (serving 27,000 people); and numerous scholarships to students in the Oklahoma State University Hotel & Restaurant School.

In addition to Wayne’s dedication in philanthropic areas, Wayne held civic

leadership positions on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Restaurant Association and Quail Creek Country Club and served as president of the Oklahoma City Petroleum Club.

Carmen Bond also announced the establishment of a \$50,000 scholarship fund that honors Bill Rompf, Oklahoma Hall of Fame member; former Executive Director and VP of the IMG/Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy; and Director of Tennis and VP, International Tennis Hall of Fame. Rompf scholarships will be need-based and provide funding for instruction, programs, equipment, and tournament travel and play expenses for talented OKC junior players who have already proven their ability and success in the sport, yet lack the adequate financial means to participate and reach their potential on a sectional and national level. This funding would be based on need, aspiration, potential, character, citizenship, academic achievement, sportsmanship, and desire. It would bridge a financial gap that is out of

OKLAHOMA TENNIS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENT CONT.



Wayne Hirst and his daughter Kari Hirst-Starkey in 1990 in Melbourne, Australia where Australian Open is played!



control in order to reach their best and achieve their tennis dreams.

Rompf is well known in Oklahoma and USTA tennis circles for developing hundreds of High School and State champions, over 100 MVTA Sectional champions, and over 75 National Juniors champions in both singles and doubles, many ranking as high as No. 1 in the USTA during the 1970's and 80's in OKC, including 7 USTA National Sportsmanship Awards. He is a member of the Choate School, Iowa, and Missouri Valley Tennis Hall of Fames and holds several industry awards. His players

represented OKC nationally and internationally, including hundreds of college scholarships. Rompf's

Krunch and Paul Kloberdanz, and Bryan and Meredith Geiger/Walton to name a few.



students included the Braver brothers (Rob and Joey), Mary Norwood/Rompf, Brian Devening,

Rob Braver, one of Rompf's very first Oklahoma City students when he began in OKC in 1972 stated, "Rompf had a dream to produce top national junior tennis players out of the OKC area, and he did that. His students have achieved incredible success both on and off the court, and many are still playing and teaching the game with the tools, ideals and character they learned right here in OKC.

This scholarship continues his legacy of junior tennis excellence, and I am very proud to be a part of it."

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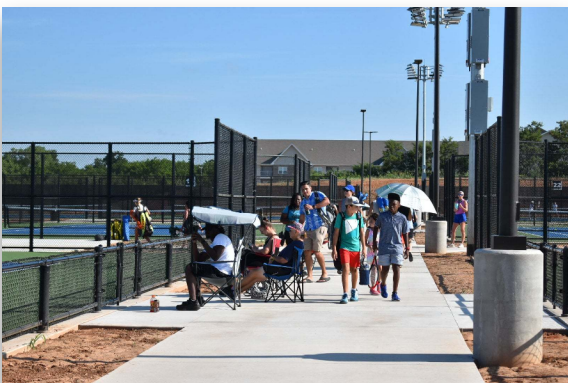
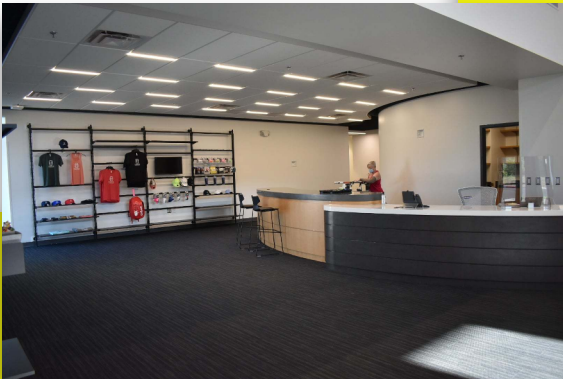


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Located in Edmond, Oklahoma, Edmond Center Court is considered as one of the top public facilities in the country. Conveniently located off 15th and Kelly, Center Court has 24 outdoor courts including two stadium courts with seating, 6 indoor courts, as well as a state of the art 31,000 square foot clubhouse. Edmond Center Court has become the pride of the local tennis community through the facility construction by the City of Edmond, Edmond Public Schools, and the ongoing support of the Edmond tennis community.

Edmond Center Court clubhouse is a fully equipped pro shop featuring tennis racquets, accessories and multiple lounge areas with flat screen televisions. The tennis shop offers stringing services to its customers and the general public servicing not only tennis racquets, but also racquetball and badminton racquets.

Center Court offers programs for both juniors and adults. Private lessons, junior classes and camps are offered as a part of their junior development. Adult programs, include USTA and recreational leagues, private lessons, clinics and drill groups.

For more information please go to:
www.edmondcentercourt.com



MISSOURIVALLEY GOLD STAR WINNERS FROM OKLAHOMA



In honor of the 100th anniversary, the USTA Missouri Valley will be recognizing 100 deserving tennis providers, players, partners and more across their section throughout the year. Selected nominees will be given a Gold Star award, recognizing them for the contributions they are making to support and grow the game in the USTA Missouri Valley based on specific program areas and attributes.

Oklahoma award winners for June were Jenny Crow and Sergeant Major Kenneth Powell

Tell us a little bit about what you do and how you got into this position.

Crow: I currently teach elementary physical education at Adams Elementary in Norman, Okla. and have served in this position for 15 years. After receiving an athletic scholarship (competitive swimming) at the University of North Texas I went on to complete my degree in Kinesiology. I then returned to my hometown of Norman to coach the high school swim team and teach physical education. Having been a competitive swimmer most of my life I make it a priority to introduce lifetime sports to my students during PE in which they can feel successful and enjoy throughout their life. After being introduced to and implementing the Net Generation curriculum, tennis quickly became a favorite part of PE for students and for me!

Powell: I retired from the Army in 1994, after almost 24 years of service. I was hired by Tulsa Public Schools upon retirement. I started teaching high school Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at Memorial High School in 1994. JROTC is a leadership program that teaches students how to be better citizens in life. It is an elective credit, 4-year program, but students do not have to be in it for all four years. First and above all it is not a recruitment class - there is not a requirement to go into the military. I have always loved teaching - even in the military you have to teach new things.

Why do you do what you do? What is your favorite part of what you do?

Crow: Serving as a physical educator gives me the ability to impact students' lives in a positive way by forming positive relationships, introducing them to a variety

of physical activities in which they can feel successful and educating them on the benefits of leading an active lifestyle throughout their lives. It is my hope that each student leaves my classroom feeling confident, competent and loved.

Powell: I love to see every student walk across the stage on graduation, and to see them start a new chapter in their lives. Some go in the military and some go to college right off and others go to work then to college but all are making a difference in their, and others, lives. We have students that have gone on the military and have become high ranking officers and we have one the is working in the Department of Homeland Security. The program is not just for the ones that are very smart and athletic it is for everyone that wants to have discipline and be very structured in school.

How do USTA programs assist you in your community? What advice do you have for those who'd like to run a program or get more people on the court?

Crow: The amazing support my students and I have received from USTA staff (Laura Puryear and Becky Riggs) has been crucial in the success of my program. Having little to no tennis background - teaching a tennis unit before Net Generation seemed daunting. With the knowledge and support provided, tennis has quickly become my students' most popular and successful unit each year. The community partner in our area has also served as a resource by providing additional classes for students wanting to go further in the sport. My advice to people wanting to start a program would be, "Go for it!" The support and resources you

receive will set you up for nothing but success. While I feel it more appropriate for me to be thanking you for transforming my physical education program and providing students with an opportunity otherwise not possible to them I'd like to thank USTA Missouri Valley for this honor.

Powell (Powell's JROTC Color Guard has presented the colors at Junior Team Tennis Section Championships for the past two years): USTA programs can be very good for every student. We have tennis players in our program and they love to play tennis. The staff is very good with the students and teaches them that they have to have discipline to work hard and learn how to do the things that will help them grow in life and in tennis. Your staff has makes sure that they listen, above all else, to what is going on around them. The big advice I would tell you is tell your staff never, never let a student leave not know what they have accomplished for that day. If you show compassion that you care, you will get more tennis players on the court.

JULY WINNERS

**Angie Koumaris
Lori Swindell**

APRIL WINNERS

**Carmen Bond
Chris Ridgeway
First Serve OKC**

MAY WINNERS

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Tulsa Sports Commission**

For more on Missouri Valley's Gold Star Winners go to:
<https://rb.gy/5qelb4>

Tennis Everyone?

By: Amy Dee Stephens



Courtesy of Edmond Outlook

Edmond is home to a Power

Couple in the Tennis World: David and Lisa Minihan. They met at a tennis championship over 20 years ago, and since then have spent their careers working together in the tennis industry. They are foundational to many metro-area and nation-wide tennis activities.

David was the teaching pro at Westwood Tennis in Norman in the late 1990s. When he and Lisa married, she also took a job at Westwood—where they both worked happily for two decades. “When our daughters were born, they grew up in a playpen in the pro shop,” Lisa said. “All the customers knew our girls.”

After 21 years at Westwood, and years of commuting from Edmond where the girls attended school, David and Lisa had the opportunity to switch facilities. “I loved Westwood and wasn’t looking to leave, but three years ago, the opportunity to be the director at Kickingbird Tennis Court opened up. I saw the plans for the new Edmond complex they planned to build, and I

“IT’S BEEN A BLESSING TO RAISE OUR FAMILY IN A TENNIS ENVIRONMENT, AND WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF EDMOND TENNIS”

felt I would regret it if I didn’t give it a shot,” David said. “I put the decision in God’s hands and took the job when it was offered.”

Lisa, meanwhile, was thriving as a tournament coordinator and winning national recognition. She took a job at the neighboring Oak Tree Tennis Courts. Instead of competing, the two Edmond facilities work together to share their indoor and outdoor courts. This has allowed Edmond to host larger tournaments, and it has also allowed David and Lisa to continue working together.

The new Edmond Tennis Center, a 30-court tennis center in partnership with Edmond Public Schools, is scheduled to open in early May, with David as the director and Lisa as the contractor managing the tournaments. “We are working long days, but we’re so excited about the future of Edmond tennis,” David said. “We are excited that the new facility increases our resources to grow that sport,” Lisa said.

The Minihan’s daughters, Aspen and Chloe, have also embraced the family business. Aspen is involved in high school tennis, and Chloe plays tennis in middle school. Both are active in their parents’ foundation, Play It Forward, which helps under-served and special-needs children experience tennis. At the new facility, having more indoor courts offers increased opportunity for children with compromised health and temperature needs to try tennis. Following in the family’s service-minded footsteps, Chloe started her own foundation called “Attire for a Smile,” raising money to buy head-to-toe outfits for children serviced by the Hope Center.

“It’s been a blessing to raise our family in a tennis environment, and we are excited about the future of Edmond tennis,” Lisa said.

To learn more, visit www.playitforwardedmond.com or www.edmondcentercourt.com

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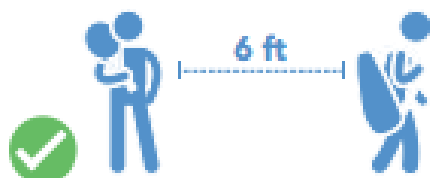


JUNIORS

ADULTS



WHEN PLAYING, PRACTICE THESE SAFETY GUIDELINES:



Try to stay at least six feet apart from other players.

Do not make physical contact with them (such as shaking hands or a high five).



When playing doubles, coordinate with your partner to maintain physical distancing.



Between points, use your racquet and foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent.

Avoid using your hands also when returning balls to another court.



Wash your hands thoroughly or use a hand sanitizer before, during, and after play.



Maintain physical distancing if changing ends of the court.



Clean and wipe down your equipment, including racquets and water bottles.

Use new balls and a new grip, if possible.



Avoid touching your face after handling a ball, racquet or other equipment.

Wash your hands promptly if you have touched your eyes, nose or mouth.



Use only your own towels and water bottles.

Avoid sharing food and touching common surfaces such as court gates, fences, benches, etc.



Use Four Balls or Six Balls

Although unlikely, it's possible that a tennis ball can transmit the COVID-19 virus, as virtually any hard surface can transmit the disease. So here is an extra precaution you can take to keep safe when playing tennis:

Open two cans of tennis balls that do not share the same number on the ball.

Take one set of numbered balls, and have your playing partner take a set of balls from the other can.

Proceed with play, making sure to pick up your set of numbered balls only. Should a ball with the other number wind up on your side of the court, do not touch the ball with your hands. Use your racquet head or feet to advance the ball to the other side of the court.

To see the USTA's full list of guidelines and recommendations, visit:

[usta.com/playersafety](https://www.usta.com/playersafety)

Missouri Valley's New Junior Tournament Schedule



The USTA Missouri Valley staff and Junior Competition Committee (JCC) are happy to announce that all 17 USTA sections have come to a collective agreement as play commences. Leading into the 2021 unified junior tour, all 17 sections have agreed to terms that will help create consistent playing opportunities across the nation. The USTA Missouri Valley is dedicated to working with all sections to ensure unity in the sport's junior competition.

Since all players will be operating off of the same ranking and tournament structure starting January 1, 2021, the USTA sections Junior agreement

aims for equal section L3 and L4 point opportunities, consistent dates for district L5 tournaments, encouraging safe play, and adjusting to the new environment. Each USTA section has agreed to the following:

- Sanction one Level 3 tournament that will count for national points in the 2020 and 2021 rankings
- Sanction up to four Level 4 tournaments for the 2020 national rankings
- Sections can include up to eight Level 4 tournaments in the 2021 rankings
- In June, only levels 6 and 7 tournaments can count towards the

2021 rankings

- Starting July 1, levels 5, 6, and 7 tournaments can count towards the 2021 national rankings
- Starting July 25, levels 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 tournaments can count towards the 2021 national rankings

In the month of June, all USTA Missouri Valley district level 5 tournaments will be awarded level 5 points in the section junior standings list in 2020 rankings and level 6 points towards the 2021 rankings. The USTA Missouri Valley will be providing more information regarding resuming ranking in the coming weeks.

[Click to expand schedule](#)

2020 Summer/Fall USTA Missouri Valley Section Tournament Schedule

Start Date	Division	Event	MV Level	2020 Nat Level	2021 Nat Level	City	State	Site	TID	Deadline
7/25/20	BG12-18	L4 USTA MV #3	4	4	4	OKC	OK	OKCTC	400047820	7/14/20
8/1/20	BG 12-14	L3 USTA MV #1	3	3	3	St. Louis	MO	DDTC	400003520	7/21/20
8/1/20	BG 16-18	L3 USTA MV #1	3	3	3	Edmond	OK	Edmond Tennis Center	400004320	7/21/20
9/5/20	BG 12-14	L4 USTA MV #4	4	N/A	4	Omaha	NE	Koch	400004620	8/25/20
9/5/20	BG 16	L4 USTA MV #4	4	N/A	4	St. Louis	MO	DDTC	400003620	8/25/20
9/5/20	BG 18	L4 USTA MV #4	4	N/A	4	OKC	OK	OKCTC	400005220	8/25/20
9/19/20	BG 12-14	L4 USTA MV #5	4	4	4	OKC	OK	OKCTC	400048120	9/8/20
9/19/20	BG 16	L4 USTA MV #5	4	4	4	Edmond	OK	Edmond Tennis Center	400048220	9/8/20
9/19/20	BG 18	L4 USTA MV #5	4	4	4	Prarie Village	KS	Harmon Park	400047920	9/8/20
10/3/20	BG 12	L4 USTA MV #6	4	N/A	4	Tulsa	OK	RH91	400048720	9/22/20
10/3/20	B 14-16	L4 USTA MV #6	4	N/A	4	OKC	OK	OKCTC	400048420	9/22/20
10/3/20	G14-16	L4 USTA MV #6	4	N/A	4	Omaha	NE	Koch	400048520	9/22/20
10/3/20	BG 18	L4 USTA MV #6	4	N/A	4	St. Louis	MO	DDTC	400048320	9/22/20
11/7/2020	B12	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	St. Joseph	MO	Genesis	400039220	10/27/20
11/7/2020	G12	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Edmond	OK	Edmond Tennis Center	400004520	10/27/20
11/7/2020	B14	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Topeka	KS	Genesis Woodvalley	400003120	10/27/20
11/7/2020	G14	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Kansas City	MO	Clayview	40015020	10/27/20
11/7/2020	B16	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Overland Park	KS	OPRC	400006120	10/27/20
11/7/2020	G16	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Mission	KS	Genesis KCRC	400008220	10/27/20
11/7/2020	B18	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Edwardsville	MO	Edwardsville	400003720	10/27/20
11/7/2020	G18	L4 USTA MV #7	4	4	4	Kansas City	MO	BHCC	400006620	10/27/20

For more information go to:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/stay-current/missourivalley/new-junior-tournament-schedule.html>



Catch-All Junior Info Site



There is a ton of information about USTA junior tennis. To help parents, players and coaches find what they are looking for, USTA Oklahoma has created a catch-all google site that houses all relevant information that pertains to USTA Oklahoma and Missouri Valley junior tennis. You will see such things as rules & regulation documents, "How To" information, Youth Progression, the new Junior Pathway and much more.

[Click here](https://bit.ly/3a3KRGr) or click on the below link to view the site.

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For additional information, please reach out to David Minihan at minihan@ustaoklahoma.usta or Casey McKenzie at McKenzie@ustaoklahoma.com.



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BRAD LUND YOUTH PROVIDER OF THE MONTH
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BRAD LUND NAMED SECTION YOUTH PROVIDER OF THE MONTH

"My role with our tennis academy has been as rewarding as anything I have been tied to."

This year, USTA Missouri Valley is shining a spotlight on impactful members of the tennis community as they recognize a Youth Tennis Provider of the Month. The July recipient of this award is Brad Lund, Director of Tennis Development for Britton Christian Church Tennis Academy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

According to BCCTA's website, "what began as an outreach ministry for the kids of our community has become a multi-faceted tennis ministry which is producing great tennis players and even more outstanding kids."

"Even though founded in 2011, we started the "competitive" side of things about four years ago and it has really taken off," said Lund. "I would have never dreamed this would have happened."

As the Director of Tennis Development, Lund serves as the primary line of communication with parents regarding weekly schedules, orders equipment and apparel and registers players for USTA tournaments. As he puts it, "at the end of the day, [my job is to] ensure all of our students are put in a position to succeed, on-and-off the court." He also coaches and oversees BCCTA's Junior Team Tennis squads as well as a weekly drill group of six to eight year-olds known as the Cubs.

"Personally, I think the key has been our approach to Junior Team Tennis," said Lund. "Our approach is different than the vast majority. We let the players name the team, have captains and mandatory practice, etc. Uniforms are head-to-toe, and we host a year-end banquet. Everything is run like a traditional youth sports team."

Lund says he got involved about a decade ago when a friend asked if he would help with his church's new program. Soon he found himself in charge of his own group of kids each Tuesday afternoon and it snowballed. He says he's proud of the strong retention rate at BCCTA.

"Individual sports traditionally don't have as good a retention rate as they should," said Lund. "Kids and families have more extra-curricular activities available to them than ever before. But to know that more than 80 percent of our full-time students have stayed with the sport and BCCTA tells me we are doing something right and that they are enjoying success."

BCCTA Executive Director Jessica Braver-Reineke said, "Brad's dedication to our kids is outstanding. He's the first one at the courts and the last to leave. He spends countless hours creating opportunities not just for the kids of the BCCTA but for kids across the city. He is in constant contact with our parents

to make sure everyone is prepared for the months's activities. One of Coach Brad's strengths is his organizational skills. You won't find anyone else who better organizes a tennis group. In addition, he prides himself on creating the best uniform combinations; our teams always look the best. Look good - play good! He works with parents and coaches to provide rides, snacks, and thoughtful tennis programming to develop our players on and off the court. Brad truly cares about the kids of the BCCTA."

According to BCCTA's records, 54% of its players are members of a minority group and 59% are on free and/or reduced meal programs at their respective schools. As Lund looks to the future of BCCTA, his goal for the program remains true to why he started in the first place. He relishes his role in providing an experience for players to compete at whatever level they want, regardless of their socio-economic status

"I would have never imagined this would have turned into the venture (or adventure) it has become," said Lund. "I have been fortunate to be involved in professional and amateur sports my entire career, but my role with our tennis academy has been as rewarding as anything I have been tied to."

Courtesy of www.usta.com

Oklahoma Player Attended Prestigious Camp in Florida



13-year-old First Serve OKC player Will Berry was awarded a full scholarship to participate in the IMG Tennis Academy this July.

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As we continue to grow campus and refine our developmental methodology, our goal remains steadfast: Help the most dedicated and passionate maximize their inherent potential."

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WILL BERRY FROM FIRST SERVE IN OKLAHOMA CITY MADE QUITE AN IMPACT AT CAMP HE WAS INVITED BACK TO IMG ACADEMY BY NICK BOLLETTIERI HIMSELF

Q & A

Do you play Junior Tennis in Oklahoma? Where do you play, do you play Junior Team Tennis, USTA tournaments?

Yes at Will Rogers Tennis Center. I've played tournaments at Oklahoma City Tennis Center, Kickingbird in Edmond and many more around the Oklahoma City area.

When did you leave for the camp?

July 14

When did the camp start and finish?

IMG Academy Camp started for me Sunday July 19th and I checked out August 1st 2020 about noon.

What was your first impression of the IMG Academy Campus?

The campus was big first of all. I realized how much it has to offer. It was such a nice athletic facility, and learning campus.

What did the typical day at camp look like?

Tennis, sleep, & eat. Mainly focus on my goal to be the best tennis player that I can be on the court and off as well. It was nice working my technique and skills.

I hear Nick Bollettieri himself called you on the phone and he really never reaches out to players. Can you tell us more about that conversation?

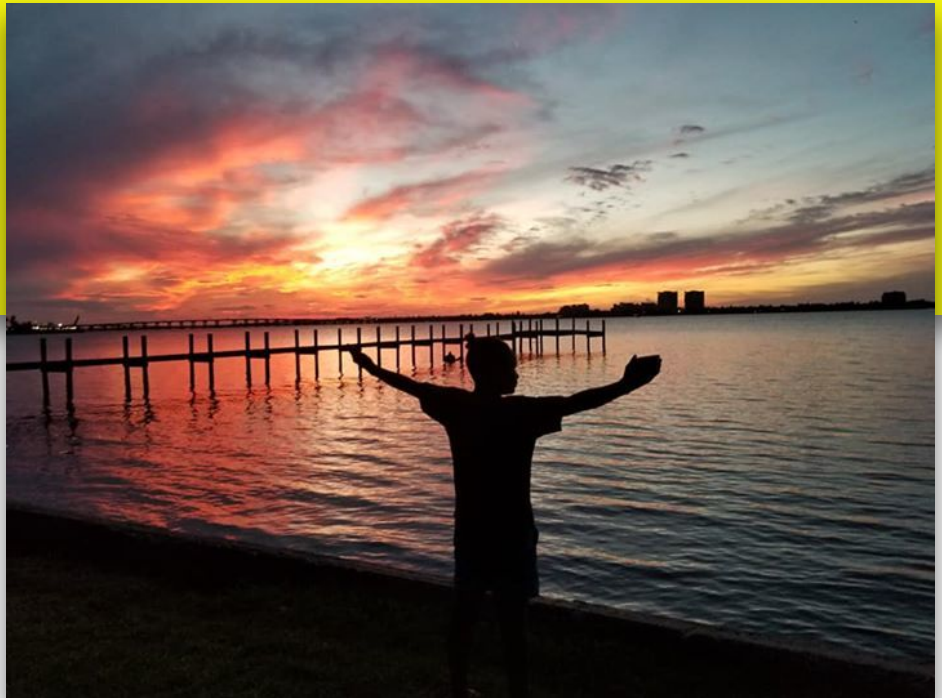
Yes.. I was super surprised. We had a really good FaceTime conversation. He offered me online lessons.. I'm super thankful. I was really caught off guard he sent his right hand man, and a coach to come get me. Lol

Did you meet other players that you will keep in touch with?

Oh yes I'll keep in touch with some players. I meant some from Dubai, Miami & New York.

Besides tennis, did you do anything that stuck out while in Florida?

Well being from Oklahoma. I enjoyed the beach, but I can go without sand in my hair when I leave the water. The hour change was not a big deal.



**USTA OKLAHOMA CHAMPIONSHIP HELD
AT THE GREENS/LIFE TIME FITNESS
OKLAHOMA CITY AT THE END OF JULY**

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65 & OVER



CHAMPIONS
65 & OVER

LEAGUES ARE LOOKING A BIT DIFFERENT BUT STILL HAPPENING!!

RUNNER-UP



Tulsa Brody Bunch Team
Vivienne Culver, Bonnie Canfield, Shirley Brody, Janice Green, Debby Lee, Vibsen Lay, Michele Smith, Bonnie Bell, Joann Bodenstab.
Not Pictured: Jan Gordon and Roni Donnelly.



OKC Helen Swope Team
Dianne Soltani, Kay Knight, LindaFaye Pratt, Helen Swope, Jackie Nazim, Gay Harris, Yvonne Gammon, Ramona Allen, Sandra Holt, Marlene Sanders Not pictured : Donna Brown

6.0

RUNNER-UP



OKC Team Casey
Phyllis Reigh, Colleen Stevens, Jenna Hellack, Jo Smith, Sue Smith, Michaele Benn, Denise Cartwright, Judy Fitzpatrick, Glenda Radigonda, Cathy Rowten, Judy Schornick



Tulsa Roberts Team
Joanne Ames, Jo Clark, Nancy Shannon, Debi Smith, Sandy Hurlbutt, Peggy Wolfe, Daryl Eaton, Janice Roberts, Terry Largent. Not pictured: Jussara Costa.

7.0

NO PHOTOS

Pritchard Team
Jeep Pritchard, Wayne Burnham, Steven Dollmann, Brad Richison, Bruce Thompson, Douglas Bromley, Bob Mason, Robin Dean

RUNNER-UP

MEN'S
8.0

Shaw/Riggan Team
William Riggan, Stephan Shaw, Steven Wagner, Ken Coffey, Richard Perry, Paul Marcus Lockwood, Bob Thompson, Stephen Painton, Frank Barry, Rick Hockmeyer, Roger Dabney, Brian Engel, Dick Villafior



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**FALL DAY
LEAGUE**

WOMEN'S

2.5 WOMEN'S FRIDAY 10 AM

3.0 WOMEN'S MONDAY 10AM

3.5 WOMEN'S TUESDAY 10AM

4.0 WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY 10 AM

4.5 WOMEN'S THURSDAY 10 AM

**CAPTAIN'S SIGN UP YOUR TEAM BY AUGUST 15
PLAY STARTS IN SEPTEMBER**

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TULSA FALL LEAGUE

MEN'S 40 & OVER

TEAM FORMAT:

1 COURT SINGLES

3 COURT DOUBLES

MATCH PLAY:

EVENINGS MONDAY-THURSDAY

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LEAGUE'S OFFERED

Women's 18 - 39

Men's 18 - 39

Women's 40 & Over

Men's 40 & Over

Mixed

OKC FALL LEAGUE

Match Time:

4.0's Monday 7:00

3.0's Tuesday 7:00

3.5's Wednesday 7:00

2.5's Thursday 7:00

4.5's Thursday 7:00

Mixed (all levels) Sundays 2:00 and 4:00

**CAPTAIN'S SIGN UP BETWEEN AUG 4-28
PLAY STARTS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7-NOV 13**

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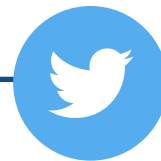


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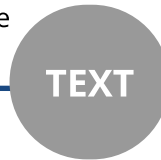
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