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Summer 2007

2007 USTA NATIONAL CAMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY TENNIS WAREHOUSE

The eighth annual USTA National Campus Championship presented by Tennis Warehouse was held April 26-28 at the Cary Tennis Park in Cary, N.C. For the first time, the 2007 Championship, which is a part of the NIRSA National Campus Championship Series, boasted co-ed teams representing 64 unique colleges and universities from across the country. Half the championship slots were reserved for qualification through one of 17 USTA Campus Championship - Section Events, and the remaining slots were available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The event, the culmination of the Tennis On Campus season, featured the exciting and dynamic World Team Tennis format.

On the opening day of play, the North Carolina sun shone on the tournament favorites as many of the perennial powerhouses easily found their way through their four-team pools and into the Gold Bracket to determine the national champion.

Day 2 of the tournament, however, played host to some very heated battles. In the Gold Bracket, Florida squeezed out a 22-20 win over Texas, and Colorado handled USC, 24-20. At the end of the day, though, it was three-time defending champion Texas A&M, 2003 champion Florida, 2004 and 2006 finalist Virginia and Penn State in the semifinals. Other exciting matches included a win by Illinois over Western Washington, 26-25; Wisconsin-Milwaukee sliding by Lehigh, 23-20; BYU's 25-23 victory over UNC-Wilmington; University of Miami's 23-22 win over Virginia Commonwealth; Ohio University topping Harvard, 21-20; and Emerson squeaking by Wisconsin-Stout, 19-18.

In true championship fashion, the tournament held the best tennis for last. Saturday proved to be an all-day affair of outstanding tennis and a whole lot of fun. The early morning Gold Bracket semifinals were competitive and set up a rematch of last year's final: Texas A&M vs. Virginia. Meanwhile, Illinois pulled out a couple of barnburners to claim the Silver Bracket Championship, beating University of California-San Diego, 22-21, and University of Wisconsin, 28-27. University of California-Davis topped Villanova, 24-19, to claim the Bronze Bracket Championship, and tournament first-timer South Carolina beat Oregon, 26-23, to capture the Copper Bracket Championship.

Thanks to the Championship's presenting sponsor, Tennis Warehouse, participants were treated to great door prizes and giveaways, as well as a \$10 gift certificate to its online retail store (www.tennis-warehouse.com). Tournament enhancements for this year included a free internet hub in the player hospitality tent and, before the



Texas A&M [above] won a fourth consecutive National Championship title, and Virginia [right] was runner-up for the second year in a row. Illinois [bottom] won the Silver Bracket.



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Top to bottom: University of California-Davis claimed the Bronze Bracket Championship. Event rookie South Carolina topped the Copper Bracket.

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National Championship match, a two-hour interactive team training session for tournament participants and team fans with the ever-charismatic Wayne Bryan, father and coach of the No. 1-ranked doubles team in the world, Mike and Bob Bryan. Several tennis industry leaders were also on site to provide information about their programs. Attending organizations were Tennis Warehouse, USTA, USPTA, PTR and Active.com.

When the final rolled around on Saturday afternoon, two familiar combatants, Texas A&M and Virginia, squared off in a rematch of last year's final. This marked the sixth consecutive final for A&M and the third final in four years for Virginia. A&M sprinted out to an early lead, winning men's doubles and singles easily. Virginia fought back in the next three sets, but just stretching the sets to tiebreakers wasn't enough to bring the overall score back to level. Texas A&M proved once again why it has been at the top of the club tennis world for so long, claiming the title with a 30-15 win. The tournament crown was A&M's fourth straight and fifth in six years.

"We really came together when we needed to. Everyone played great and we got it done," said Matt Sumrall, president and captain of the Texas A&M club tennis team. "Each year continues to get harder. The competition keeps getting better. It feels amazing to win each time."

For more information and complete results, visit www.usta.com/tennisoncampus.

GRANT INFORMATION

The USTA is pleased to announce that it will continue to provide financial support and resources to colleges and universities interested in "serving up" recreationally based tennis programming on their campuses. The financial support for these grants comes via the USTA's partners at NIRSA and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). Offering a USTA Tennis On Campus program through your recreational sports department will enhance the college experience for many athletes, promote a healthy lifestyle, increase social and networking opportunities for the student population, and increase regular use of campus tennis facilities.

Two grants are available through NIRSA and two grants are available through ITA:

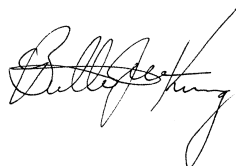
- The *Tennis On Campus Start Up Grant* is available for those interested in developing a new club tennis team or on-campus coed league.
- The *Tennis On Campus Special Activity Grant* is available for those interested in hosting a promotional tennis event designed to generate awareness of tennis opportunities and initiate registration in leagues or a club team on campus.

Note: Grants are available for NIRSA and ITA member organizations only. If you are not sure whether you qualify, contact your school's recreational sports department or varsity tennis coach. For more information and to apply for these grants, please visit www.usta.com/tennisoncampus.



BILLIE JEAN KING'S TENNIS TIPS, COURTESY WTT

Emotional strength in the game of tennis is everything. From the pros down to the recreational player, finding ways to improve your emotional toughness gives you the advantage over your opponent. Before you can really enjoy and be successful at tennis, you must conquer the fears and doubts in your mind. When you lose a point, don't get down on yourself. If you're nervous during vital points, hit up the middle until you get a shot you can finish for the point. The worst thing you can do in a match is over-think. Just play your own game until your opponent forces you to alter your plan. A match in many ways is like going to school. You're constantly learning more and more about your opponent, your game and your emotional strengths.



2007 USTA/NIRSA TENNIS ACE AWARDS

It is no secret that the USTA's Tennis On Campus program has a great relationship with the NIRSA family. Recently, NIRSA honored several of its members for their dedication to growing tennis on their respective campuses. The winners provided leadership in promoting, organizing or supporting recreational tennis participation on campus and were recognized at the NIRSA Annual Meeting and Conference in Minneapolis this past month. Congratulations and thank you to everyone!

Professional Tennis Ace Award

National Winner: Don Paitrick, University of Mary Washington
Runner-Up: Dave Pearson, Washington State University
USTA Texas Winner: Juan Garza, Texas A&M International University
USTA Middle States Winner: Stephen Koch, Drexel University
USTA Midwest Winner: Scott Anderegg, Marquette University

Institutional Tennis Ace Award

National Winner: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Runner-Up: University of California, Davis
USTA Middle States Winner: Penn State University
USTA Missouri Valley Winner: Drake University
USTA Pacific Northwest Winner: Central Washington University
USTA Midwest Winner: University of Wisconsin, Whitewater



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2007 USTA/NIRSA National Tennis Ace Award Winners (from left): Bill Rivera, USTA Board of Directors; Brandon Jackson, University of Minnesota Club Tennis Treasurer; Jim Turman, University of Minnesota Director of Recreational Sports; Will Haselbauer, University of Minnesota Club Tennis President; Dave Pearson, Washington State University Sport Club Director; Don Paitrick, University of Mary Washington Director of Tennis; Jon Vegosen, USTA Board of Directors.

TENNIS SHORTS

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Whether your tennis plans this summer have you lined up to play every day or just to knock it around occasionally, Tennis Warehouse has the gear for you. Visit www.tennis-warehouse.com today to outfit yourself in the latest apparel and improve your game with the latest tennis technology.

2007 National Campus Championship Photos

Question: Where are all of the photos that were taken at the 2007 USTA National Campus Championship?
Answer: www.clubtennisphotos.com. Prints are available for purchase, too!

Player Blog

Didn't have the opportunity to make it to the 2007 USTA Campus Championship this year? Interested in viewing the event through a player's eyes? Check out the player blog kept by St. Louis University's sophomore captain, Lea Lockhart, to get the inside scoop: www.missourivalley.usta.com/news/fullstory.sps?newsid=422424.

Do You YouTube?

The Tennis On Campus program is excited to see our participants (this is you!) promoting their individual programs in unique ways. Recently, we stumbled across a well crafted YouTube video from the University of Wisconsin Club Tennis Team (www.youtube.com/watch?v=YttJeirpfW8) and thought that there must be more schools out there doing this, too. If you and your club have uploaded content to YouTube, we'd love to check it out and help you share and promote your team. Drop us an e-mail at tennisoncampus@usta.com and let us know about any existing or new content you and your club have.



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PICTURE THIS

Texas Tech's Colin Haley prepares to hit a forehand at the USTA National Campus Championship while sporting the Texas Tech club tennis team's show of support for the Virginia Tech community. Many participants also opted to wear maroon and orange ribbons throughout the event.

If you have a picture you would like to submit for this newsletter's *Picture This*, please e-mail it to tennisoncampus@usta.com.

RECREATIONAL COACH WORKSHOPS

College students are often looking for a summer job, a part-time job or a way to earn extra money on the weekends. Those who are tennis players should consider becoming tennis coaches or teachers.

The USTA offers a six-hour Recreational Coach Workshop (RCW), perfect for those interested in learning the basics of teaching and coaching tennis to beginners, teams and groups. RCWs are interactive, fun, on-court training programs held throughout the country for those interested in working with players at the recreational level.

Why should a college student become a tennis coach or teacher?

- It can be a challenging, interesting and potentially lucrative full-time career.
- It can be a good source of part-time income.

Coaching requires and provides evidence of leadership qualities, motivational skills and an ability to engage with people. All of these are qualities that an employer would look for in any field.

Upon completion of an RCW, attendees will:

- Be able to effectively run entry-level groups and teams.
- Receive access to the latest in transition ball technology and additional coaching resources.
- Be eligible for the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Developmental Coach Classification.

Why not turn a love for the game of tennis into a fun way to earn extra income? For more information and to locate an upcoming workshop in your area, visit www.usta.com/rcw or contact rcw@usta.com.



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SUMMER TENNIS OPTIONS

It's summer. Time to kick back, relax and forget about school for a little bit. While you and your club tennis teammates may be taking vacation, it doesn't mean that your tennis game has to suffer. The USTA, ITA and WTT have several summer tennis options that are sure to keep your game finely tuned and fit your busy schedule:

USTA League Tennis—USTA League Tennis is the country's largest recreational tennis league, helping more than 295,000 players nationwide get on the court, have a good time and step up their game. Many college players find that joining a league tennis team is a great way to continue playing and improving their tennis game during the summer. If several members of your team will be in the same area, you could also form a team of your own. Leagues are available for all ability levels across the entire country. For more information, please visit the USTA League Tennis homepage at www.usta.com/adultseniorleague.

USTA Tournament Tennis—USTA Tournament Tennis is another way to compete during the summer months. Most tournaments take place over a weekend and are run as singles and/or doubles draws. Just like with USTA League Tennis, USTA Tournament Tennis is available across the country. The tournament calendar is always changing to include more events. For more information or to enter a tournament in your area, please visit the USTA Tournament Tennis homepage at www.usta.com/adultseniortournament.

ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit—The ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, presented by the USTA, began in 2003 and now boasts 24 regional circuit events that will take place coast-to-coast during the month of July. This year, these events will culminate at Indiana University, Aug. 11-15, for the 2007 ITA National Summer Championships. The ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit draws many varsity collegiate tennis players but is open to all amateurs, including collegiate club tennis players. For more information or to obtain an entry form for a circuit event in your area, please visit the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit homepage: www.itatennis.com/Summer07/main.htm.

World TeamTennis Recreational League—The World TeamTennis Recreational League program features year-round leagues that have provided playing opportunities for players of all ages and abilities across the United States since 1985. The format is familiar to collegiate club tennis players; it is the same format used for the USTA Campus Championships. Teams may also have an opportunity to qualify for WTT National Qualifiers and the National Championship. For more information or to join a local WTT league, please visit the World TeamTennis homepage at www.wtt.com.

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