



# VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY

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### Our Holiday Wish for VDM Academy Students



**Enjoyment** in playing  
**Improvement** of your skills  
**Growth** of your mind and body  
**Resolve** to work hard at all times  
**Discipline** to improve your mental game  
**Heart** to compete and always give your best  
**Courage** to keep fighting and never give up  
**Perseverance** to find a way to win even when not playing your best  
in losing while learning something to help you later  
**Grace**  
**Patience** to find the solution to problems  
**Joy** of winning some hard fought battles  
**Determination** to make hard practice fun  
**Confidence** to try new things

Happy Holidays!

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### COLLEGE SIGNINGS



**MOLLY SANDERSON**  
LANDER UNIVERSITY



**BEAU PELLETIER**  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

### JUNIOR SPRING BREAK & ACADEMY WEEKS

Make your plans now to train with the best over Spring Break. Kick it up a notch with our World Class Coaches. Take it to the Next Level on court at the world famous VDM Tennis Center. Visit [vdmtennis.com](http://vdmtennis.com) or call our sales department for more information.



### JUNIOR SUMMER CAMPS — TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Van Der Meer Academy had an awesome summer - full camps with lots of great match play on all surfaces along with excellent tournament results. Our Academy players won 3 Southern Closed Events - Boys 18's and 14's, and Girl's 14's! Our 16's girls did really well too, despite the draining Arkansas heat. Holiday Camps for 2016-17 are now taking reservations, and the dates for 2017 summer camps are set. Boarding was full last summer, so reservations should be booked well in advance. Visit [vdmtennis.com](http://vdmtennis.com) or call our sales department for more information.



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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### DENNIS VAN DER MEER SC JR. STATE OPEN

**Boys 18-** Will Danzell and Matt Oliver won doubles. Tommaso Rossin made semifinals in doubles and won singles consolation. Jordan Phelps and Colt Tegtmeier reached doubles semifinals.

**Boys 16-** Ryohei Arai won singles and made semifinals in 18 doubles. Nehemiah Molla won singles consolation and made doubles semifinal with Joseph Kvint.

**Boys 14-** Davis Phillips won singles and made doubles semifinal with Michael Oliver. Robert Hagen won 14 singles consolation.

**Boys 12-** Jared Moe made singles semifinal. Magnus Ferreira made doubles semifinal.

**Girls 18-** Olga Zavarotnaya won singles. Anna Letto made singles final and won doubles with Sayda Hernandez, who also made singles semifinal. Francesca Trella made singles semifinal and doubles final with Molly Sanderson.

**Girls 14-** Natalie Basset made singles final and doubles final with Rebecca Stepleman.

**Girls 12-** Maya Shimada made singles semifinal and 10 doubles final.

**Girls 10-** Mika Shimada made doubles final & singles consolation final.

### OPEN REGIONAL ST. LOUIS, MO — 16'S HARD

**Colt Tegtmeier** won two rounds to reach the consolation quarterfinals

### NATIONAL SELECTION HILTON HEAD, SC — 14'S, 16'S CLAY

**Sayda Hernandez** won 14 singles

**Madison Dillon** was a finalist in 16 doubles.

### NATIONAL SELECTION GLEN COVE, NY — 16'S CLAY

**Francesca Trella** reached the round of sixteen in doubles

### NATIONAL SELECTION MONTGOMERY, AL — 16'S HARD

**Anna Letto** reached the QF in doubles & the round of 16 in singles

### OPEN REGIONAL ROSE HILL — 12'S CLAY

**Emily Ruckno, Brooke Wrigley, and Alex Ruckno** competed

**Brooke Wrigley** reached the consolation singles final and the main draw doubles final

**Emily Ruckno** placed third in doubles

### OPEN REGIONAL AUGUSTA, GA — 14'S HARD

**Robert Hagen, Natalie Basset, and Rebekah Stepleman** competed

**Robert** reached the quarterfinals in doubles

**Natalie** reached the round of sixteen in singles



## FITNESS CORNER — FIRST SEMESTER FITNESS STARS

We believe that balancing fitness and mental toughness with strokes and tactics make great players. Our staff voted the following players most consistent in overall effort and performance in the gym and on court fitness for the Fall Semester



**TOMMASO ROSSIN**  
MALE FITNESS STAR



**ANNA LETTO**  
FEMALE FITNESS STAR



**ABEL ASFAW**  
MALE MOST IMPROVED



**REBEKAH STEPLEMAN**  
FEMALE MOST IMPROVED

