



VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY



Message From Pat and Dennis

When we return from the US Open each year, we are always very glad to be home. Although the tennis is superb, and New York is very exciting, we are happy to be on our beautiful Island, eager to get to work with the VDM Tennis Academy players. As we watch many current and former students compete in the slams, we constantly compare them and their success routes with our current crop. Each year we carefully evaluate all aspects of their development to come up with the most likely pathways to help each player reach his/her goals and maximize potential while enjoying the process.



Sweet Briar ITA Summer Circuit Travel Team 2007

Playing tournament tennis is not for everyone, but everyone who wants to succeed in tournament tennis must clearly understand that it takes a lot of hard, repetitive work to get really good. Talent takes you only so far- dedication and discipline take you the rest of the way. The rewards are great even if you fall short of playing in the US Open. You have fun getting physically fit, you make friends who will last a lifetime, and you learn life skills that include showing courage under pressure, decision making, and working methodically to achieve goals.

This year we have an enormously talented, wonderfully intelligent and kind group of Academy students from many nations. We expect great things from them, and look forward to keeping you posted with their results as well as our alumnae news throughout the year.

Coach Jolene Watanabe-Giltz Makes New York Buzz WTT History with a Finals Appearance



The NY Buzz team of Rik deVoest, Ashley Fisher, Greta Arn and Gabriela Navratilova, coached by VDM Academy Head Pro Jolene Watanabe-Giltz, fought back after some tough close losses early in the season to make the playoffs against the Delaware Smash. The Buzz won every set against a tough Delaware team featuring Liezel Huber and Angie Haynes. The highlight for the Buzz was the semifinal win upsetting the Philadelphia Freedoms. The Buzz had to come from behind to win and defeat a team that featured two players who had been ranked number one in the world (Lisa Raymond and Daniel Nestor!) Rik deVoest beat Niemeyer 5-2 in the final set to secure the upset win putting the New York team in the finals against Sacramento. Unfortunately the fairy tale run ended there and the team fell in overtime 24-20. All in all it was a very exciting and rewarding season through a tough three week schedule with matches literally every night in a different city. The team played hard together and proved that *with teamwork all is possible.*

Marcio qualifies at 75K



Krysty Marcio is back in action on the WTA tour. At our Kaelin/Diadora 10K she reached the round of 16. The former top US junior also qualified at a 75K in Washington DC, and won MD singles and doubles matches.

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL!!

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Summer-September Tournament results:

Antal, Ashleigh

Papa Johns Qtrs G/14 singles, W U/14 doubles
Raleigh Racket Club G/14 singles 3rd place

Bahr, Alex

Sweet Briar Jr Championships W B/16
VDM Jr Championships SF B/16

Begley, Elizabeth

Scotland ITF Qtrs singles, SF doubles
National Clays QF Backdraw
Mexico ITF F singles, W doubles
Texas Excellence W singles

Counts, Wes

Festival of Flowers SF B/16 singles
Cardinal Junior Classic F B/16 singles
Beaufort Summer Splash SF B/16 singles

Czura, Ellie

VDM Jr Championships SF G/10

Fisher, Carsten

VDM Jr Championships W Backdraw B/12

Gerber, Caroline

ITA Chapel Hill QF
Winner VDM Jr Championships G/18

Green, Michelle

Georgia Open, Rome F singles
Florida National F doubles
Kaelin Diadora 10K F Qualifying doubles
Atlanta ITF rd of 16

Halaj, Erik

WC Tournament for Futures F Cons. Singles
VDM Jr Championships SF B/18

Hsu, Hung-Yuan

Ti-Tsu Cup Winner singles, F doubles
VDM Jr Championships W B/16
Atlanta ITF Q doubles

Kelly, Chris

Martin Downs Super Series SF singles B/18
Jupiter Ocean Bay F singles B/18

Kelly, Kyle

Martin Downs Super Series F singles B/16
Jupiter Ocean Bay SF singles B/16

Kelly, Megan

Van Der Meer Jr Championships F G/10

Lin, Steven

Ti-Tsu Cup F singles
Van Der Meer Jr Championships F B/18

Mafa, Zeynep

Ntl Turkey Championship SF singles G/16
Winner Van Der Meer Jr Championships G/14

Pasareanu, Alex

Ontario Provincials W Doubles B/16
Ntl Selection Tournament W singles B/14
VDM Jr Championships W B/18
Atlanta ITF rd of 16 singles

Rajani, Saadgi

Super Series Natl Winner doubles
Talent Series Natl Winner G/18 singles
Wilson Woodhouse Winner doubles G/16
Van Der Meer Jr Championships F G/16

Tobe, Alrissa

Champion Bluffton Today Open
Champion Bluffton Splash
BullFrog Carey, NC Rd of 16 G/16
*Also won the Sportsmanship Award



Walton, Kendall

VDM Jr Championships W Backdraw G/14

Wong, Keri

Southern Closed G/18 W dbls, Cons. F singles
Ntl Fed Cup Team Finalist
Winner Interscholastics
College Station ITF W singles, F doubles

Woodson, Jared

VDM Jr Championships W B/12

Yavari, Bijon

VDM Jr Championships W Backdraw B/18

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Alums:

Ditty qualified for doubles at Wimbledon



At the US Open Julie won 2 qualies matches, then qualified in singles and won 1st rd singles and doubles matches in the Bali WTA event. Her second rd opponent was Lindsay Davenport, who won the tournament. She met Lindsay 1st rd after qualifying in the first of 2 tournaments in China. She qualified again this week, has beaten Poutchek in the 1st rd, and hopefully will continue to advance.

Huber Wins Wimbledon Doubles, Reaches # 1



Liezel Huber and Cara Black secured the #1 World Doubles ranking by winning Wimbledon again!

Donald Young - Wimbledon Jr Champ



Donald's phenomenal junior success has started translating to success at the tour level with a Challenger win at Aptos, followed by ATP tour match wins in New Haven and US Open.

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