PINE CREST TENNIS SENIORS COMMIT TO NATION’S TOP SCHOOLS

Senior Members of the Pine Crest Tennis Team will head to some of the top schools in the country this Fall. Carlos de Bracamonte is committed to Amherst, Blaine Willenborg is committed to The Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and Alex Jaffe will attend M.I.T. Four year Team Manager Matt Arkin will attend Stanford. Congratulations to these incredible student athletes. Go Panthers!

COACHES CORNER

10andUnder Tennis
Under new USTA rules, children under the age of 10 who compete in USTA tournaments will play on a smaller court using modified racquets, balls and scoring. Children 8 and under will play on a court size 36’ X 18’ with a net height of 2’9”. They will play the best of three games first to seven points. Children ages 9 and 10 will play on a court that is 60’ X 21’ with a net height of 3’. They will play the best of three sets first to four games with third set first to seven points.

TENNIS FUN FACT...
The size of a regulation tennis court is 78’ X 27’ with a net height of 3’.

PINE CREST TENNIS FAMILY FUN DAY A HUGE SUCCESS
On January 28th, over 75 tennis players hit the courts for the First Annual Pine Crest Tennis Family Fun Day. Moms and dads partnered with sons and daughters while brothers and sisters teamed up with friends for a morning of tennis games, drills and camaraderie. 2011 State Champion Roy Lederman and 2010 State Champion Blaine Willenborg along with Senior Co-Captains Alex Jaffe and Carlos de Bracamonte were on hand to inspire and encourage our younger tennis players. After two hours of amazing tennis set to great music, everyone relaxed with Jamba Juice and a delicious courtside lunch. The day concluded with an exciting raffle. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Trevor Hoffman won a free week of Pine Crest Tennis Summer Camp; Marisa Cefola won a Wilson tennis racquet; Bobby Genovese, Julian Giraldo and Debra Lieberman were all winners of a free 30 minute tennis lesson. Thanks to everyone who came out for this great event!

KIDS DAY AT THE DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS—MARCH 3RD
Join the Pine Crest Tennis Pros for Kids Day at the Delray Beach International Tennis Championships (ITC) on Saturday, March 3rd. The ITC is the world’s ONLY combined ATP World Tour event featuring Andy Roddick, John Isner, and the Bryan Brothers AND ATP Champions Tour event featuring tennis legends Ivan Lendl, Michael Chang, Mats Wilander and Pat Cash. Kids Day activities include 10andUnder Tennis Activities, games, bounce house, sand art and more! Following the Kids Day activities, we will enjoy the Singles and Doubles ATP World Tour Semifinal matches. Kids Day Activities take place from noon—1:30 followed by semifinal action in reserved seating. We will be leaving Pine Crest by bus at 10:30 a.m. and will return at the conclusion of the semifinal matches. Price is $85 per person and includes bus transportation to the ITC, Stadium Court Reserved seating, lunch, t-shirt and Kids Day activities. Please call the Pine Crest Tennis office at (954) 492-4159 for more information or to reserve your ticket. Space is limited—please reserve by 2/27. It promises to be a great day!
PINE CREST TENNIS TALK

NET NOTES
Recently, the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes were introduced to 10andUnder Tennis during their regular school day. They hopped like frogs, posed like flamingos and flapped their arms like humming birds. They pushed balls back and forth to each other and ran through alligator alley—all drills designed for young children just learning the game of tennis. Laughing, playing and having a great time, these children improved their balance, agility and eye-hand coordination. Check out the photos of our youngest tennis stars in action! USTA Updates from January tournaments...Ines de Bracamonte made it all the way to the semi-finals of the Martin Luther King Classic in Coral Springs. Sergey Golovnev made it to the semi-finals of the South Broward Junior Local Open and to the round of 16 at the David Park Junior Super Series. Dax Seidlin made it to the round of 16 at the David Park Junior Super Series as well. Solomon Slatkoff reached the quarter finals of the Ives Local Winter Championships.

COURTSIDE WITH KASEY
I recently sat down with brothers Jonathan and Michael Valdes. Jonathan, in third grade, and Michael, in second grade, are new to Pine Crest this year but are already seasoned tennis players. They both love the exercise they get and the fun they have at after school tennis. Jonathan says, “The highlight of my day is coming to tennis after school.” Jonathan’s favorite thing about tennis is the feeling he gets when he hits a good shot. Michael loves running for the ball and says that “tennis is the perfect thing to do after school.” Keep up the great work Jonathan and Michael!

TRIVIA
Congratulations to fourth graders Charith Reddy and Ethan Jones as well as Alex Stern of Pine Crest Boca who correctly answered that in 1986 Wimbledon made the switch from white tennis balls to yellow. And the reason why...yellow balls are easier to see on television. Congratulations Charith, Ethan and Alex — You all won a Pine Crest Tennis t-shirt!

FEBRUARY’S TRIVIA QUESTION...
Who is the only professional player to win the Golden Slam? (The Golden Slam is winning the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open along with Olympic Gold in the same year).

PINE CREST TENNIS SUMMER CAMP
Hit the tennis courts with the Pine Crest Tennis Pros this summer! Children ages 4 and up can have tons of tennis fun playing games, swimming and learning new skills with their Panther friends. Pick the days or weeks that work best for you.

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Pine Crest Tennis Sportsmanship Award
January Winners:
1st Grade: Rebecca Adler
2nd Grade: Jake Fucci
3rd Grade: Haley Strauch
4th Grade: Devon Vitale
5th Grade: Logan Stern
The Sportsmanship Award will be presented monthly to one student from each grade who exhibits fairness, respect and outstanding effort. Winners receive a trophy and will be announced in the next month’s newsletter!

ASK THE EXPERTS!
First grader Dani Snyder wants to know:
After the racquet spin at the beginning of the match, what are the choices for the person who wins it? The winner of the racquet spin has three options:
1. To serve or receive first.
2. The choice of side to begin the match.
3. The decision to defer the choice to their opponent.

Thanks for your great question Dani!