



Juniors in the Spotlight

Akhil Chavan

Akhil took 3rd place at the recent Boys 12 & under Grand Prix Tournament held at the Naperville Tennis Club, and has been moving up in the Grand Prix standings, currently in 8th Place in the Boys 12 & under. Akhil's coaches at NTC are impressed with his winning attitude during classes and matches, always eager to listen and learn more about the game, and never getting down on himself.

Yasufumi Terada

Yasafumi and his partner, NTC Alum Matt Walters, were one of the top eight doubles teams at the 2008 Illinois Boys State Tournament. Yasafumi has been enrolled in NTC Comp Training and Academy classes the past five years. He is a very hard working player and is consistently working on improving his game.

Mike Baiocchi

Mike is currently in Wednesday's Comp. Training and the Sunday Academy. He works hard in both classes and is known for his great positive attitude and his love for Orange Soda! Mike was a finalist in the November Lockport Open. He has worked hard to attain a #4 ranking in the USTA NIL District Boys 14's and #6 in the NIL District Boys 16's. He is also ranked #108 in the Midwest Boys 14's.

Sid Swamy

Sid is known as a very hard worker and good listener in NTC's Wednesday Comp. Training and Sunday Academy. He recently won two rounds at the USTA Nationals Boys 14's, Mobile, Alabama and took First Place in the Score Fall Boys Open. He is ranked #163 in the USTA Midwest Section and #27 in the Chicago District

Danny Albert

Currently ranked #20 in the USTA NIL Boy's 14, Danny has become quite committed to his first year of challenges in both USTA and Grand Prix tournaments. He reached the Semifinals of the NTC Winter Open, and his hard work earns him a #2 ranking in the Boy's 16's Grand Prix.

Maggie Wilhelm

Maggie is currently ranked #6 in the Girls 15 Division of the Grand Prix Tournaments. She has had lots of fun this year participating in the NTC Junior Tennis Events, and she recently took 2nd Place in the Jr. High Coed Hybrid Tournament. She is looking forward to working on her game this summer and being with all of her friends at the tennis courts.



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Edline Chen

Edeline is currently ranked #2 in the Girl's Open Division and #5 in Girl's 15 Division of the Gateway Jr. Grand Prix. She took First Place at the March 6 Girl's 15 Grand Prix Tournament at the Wheaton Sports Center. Edeline has also begun to venture out into the USTA Tournament circuit participating in her first Girl's 15's this year.

Zach Wood

Zach is currently ranked #2 in the Boys 12 & under Junior Grand Prix. He has played in several tournaments this year and works hard to make it to the Finals or the Playoffs each time. He is described by his coaches as being Energetic, Enthusiastic, Excited to learn and always seems to have fun when on the courts. You can easily identify him at NTC - he is the one wearing his MARIO tennis shirt.

Maya McKeown

Maya took First Place in the Girls High School Division of the NTC Club Championships. She found it to be a great experience and is looking forward to more tournaments. She played 2nd Doubles for her high school's JV Girls Tennis team and participated this past summer in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis League. She is in Thursday's comp. Training class.

Wesly Lo

Wesly took First Place in the NTC Boys High School Division of the 2009 Club Championships. He is currently ranked #18 in the Northern IL USTA Boys 14s, and tennisrecruiting.com places him as #29 in his grade in IL. He has a great serve and strong volleys and is truly dedicated to playing tennis.

Ryan Slade

Ryan recently took First Place in the NTC Club Championships, Elementary Division. He is currently ranked in 9th place in the Boys 12 & under division of the Gateway Junior Grand Prix. Ryan enjoys tournament matches since he gets to play new people each match. He has played three years at NTC.

Christine Farolan

Christine took First Place recently at the Wheaton Sports Center Jr. Grand Prix Tournament, Girls 15 & under, which places her in 6th place in the division for the Points Race, 2008-2009. She finds that the strength of her game is her serve. Christine is in the Thursday Comp Training class at NTC.



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Gordan Zhang

Gordan took First Place in the NTC Winter Open, Boys 18 Singles. He is ranked #16 in the Midwest Section, USTA, Boys 14 Singles and holds an impressive #43 National Ranking by tennisrecuiting.com. He participated in well over 100 tennis matches in 2008. Gordan is in the Wednesday NTC class.

Max Weber

Max played in his first USTA tournament, the Lockport February Open, and won the consolation bracket, finishing with a 4-1 record. Congratulations and great job! His hard work and true passion for the sport has earned him a #54 ranking in the NITA. Max loves being on the court and competing.

Grace Deetjan

Grace took First Place in the Naperville Girls Open Grande Prix Tournament. She is currently ranked in 1st place in the Girls 15 Division of the Jr. Grand Prix and 4th in the Girls Open Division. She really enjoys competing in the Grand Prix Tournaments and had a terrific first season playing singles on her High School JV team.

Billy Sterrett

Billy has been at NTC several years, currently in the Wednesday Comp Training class and the Sunday Academy. He took Second Place just recently at the Wheaton Sports Center Open. He continues testing his tennis skills at many of the USTA tournaments, and is currently ranked #72 in the Chicago District Boys 16s. Great job!

Taylor Spence+

Taylor plays on her high school varsity tennis team. Taylor started her tennis career at NTC when she was in kindergarten, sharing a court lesson with her brother and sister. Taylor always has fun on the court, but she foils her opponents with fierce determination and strong resolve, a result of her hard work ethics and desire to build strong tennis skills.