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UVa Coaches Go Bananas for QuickStart! at Tennis Tuesdays

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/13/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](http://www.quickstartcentral.org)) is pleased to report that all three UVa Men's Tennis Coaches, Head Coach Brian Boland, Assistant Coach Dustin Taylor and Volunteer Assistant Coach Scott Brown, joined in the Go Bananas! tennis FUN at Baker-Butler Elementary School with 80+ second graders as part of QCV's new Tennis Tuesdays program that kicked off last month. We don't know who had more FUN, the coaches or the kids.

The kids were given the "WHY do tennis players eat bananas?" Go Bananas! card several weeks ago at the last Tennis Tuesdays session. The tennis role model on that card is Coach Boland, so it was a real treat for them to see the Coach in person. Coach Boland gave the kids a schedule of the 2015 home matches and an invitation to join UVa Cavman's Crew.



The UVA coaches joined PE teachers Tessa Pehanick, John Johnson and Eleni Heesch, program volunteer and Baker-Butler parent Ally Houston, Principal Steve Saunders and QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill in working “on-court” with the kids. Coach Boland showed off his tennis skills and used his best recruiting techniques.

Coach Boland says, “We appreciate having the opportunity and honor to work with these young people. QuickStart Tennis provides these young girls and boys a tremendous platform for enjoyment and learning at the same time. The work QCV has done is truly remarkable. On behalf of the men's tennis coaching staff at the University of Virginia we want to congratulate and thank the USTA and amazing volunteer organizations like QCV for changing lives one young person at a time.”

Principal Saunders adds, “We are honored that Coach Boland, Coach Taylor and Coach Brown came to Baker-Butler. Our students were so excited to meet them, to learn from them, and to play with them. They continue to be very excited about learning to play tennis here at Baker-Butler. The coaches did an incredible job of building positive relationships with our students and school community. Thanks again to QuickStart Tennis for making this very special time possible.”

QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia is an all-volunteer, grassroots Community Tennis Association established in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization to promote, develop and grow QuickStart Tennis in the heart of Virginia for all beginners, especially underserved youth, using the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format.

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