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Another Breakout QuickStart Kid in Charlottesville

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/21/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia (QCV) is pleased to report seven-year-old Joshua Johnson, who is currently ranked #23 in the Boys 10 and Under in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Section, recently won his second 10U tournament. Joshua took his latest title at the Blacksburg New Year Championship by defeating #20 ranked Daniel Ho, 4-2 4-0. He also defeated #34 Ilyas Fahim of Barboursville in the semifinals.

Joshua, who is coached by Christopher "Cubby" Cubbage of Matilda Blue Tennis, started playing in tournaments last August, and is the second QuickStart breakout kid in our area. Cubbage also coaches the first QuickStart breakout, Vivi Hui, who at age nine now ranks #4 in the USTA Mid-Atlantic Girls 10 and Under and is the role model on the "WHY do tennis players like to read?" Go Bananas for QuickStart! card.



Coach Cubby says, "Joshua is a fighter! He scrambles so well that he's able to make amazing gets on balls that seem he has no chance to reach. This ability is very natural to Joshua and this is something that is not typically a learned skill. He is starting to put points together using tactics and shot/rally progressions. We have fun together. He loves to learn and try new shots. Most importantly Joshua has a solid backing from mom and dad and this helps us all stay grounded and having fun."

Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Coordinator adds, "I remember Joshua at age three running around the courts at Fontana while his father, Xandy Johnson,

tried to watch him and teach QuickStart to Joshua's older siblings and a few other kids. Joshua entertained himself by hitting a foam ball against the fence. I remember asking Xandy where his three-year-old got a topspin forehand. I recently looked at some archived photos hoping that I had captured Joshua in action, but to no avail. I have photos of everyone but Joshua. It's going to be FUN to watch Joshua develop."

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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