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QuickStart Kid Wins First-ever State Title for Covenant School

Charlottesville, Virginia (11/18/2015) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia ([QCV](#)) is extremely pleased to report Briana Boland, a freshman on the Covenant School's Girls' Varsity Tennis Team who learned to play tennis using the QuickStart format, clinched the first-ever Division II State tennis title for Covenant with a hard-fought victory over Hampton Roads Academy. The team is coached by Dave Dahnert, a mathematics teacher in the Upper School at Covenant and a QCV Board member. Briana is the daughter of Becky and Brian Boland. Becky is an accomplished tennis player and also a QCV Board member. Brian is a big QuickStart Tennis supporter, a Go Bananas for QuickStart! role model and Coach of the NCAA-champion UVa Men's Tennis Team.



Dahnert says, "Our team is very balanced, with four seniors, four juniors and two freshmen. They beat Hampton Roads Academy, the three-time defending state champions, with grit, determination and focus in the final. The match came down to Briana Boland in the 5th singles position, but seniors Emily Dahnert and Hayley Fox also won both their singles and doubles matches to help clinch our first state title."

Harrill adds, "I've seen a lot of exciting tennis matches over the years and this one ranks right up there with the best. The overall score was tied at 4-4. In the deciding match, Briana was down 6-9 and serving to stay alive when the momentum suddenly shifted. She rallied to win 11-9. I remember Briana's being pushed around the UVa tennis courts in a stroller and a several years later suggesting her Mom Becky send her and her two little brothers to tennis lessons at ACAC where Jason Grigg was leading the way in adopting the new QuickStart Tennis format. How gratifying it is to have her win a match like this. She's a wonderful young lady and a terrific tennis player and hopefully the first of many successful QuickStart Kids we will see on local high school teams."

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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