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Go Bananas for QuickStart! Role Model Now in Top 25 in World

Charlottesville, Virginia (1/29/2019) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report Go Bananas for QuickStart! role model Danielle Collins (WHY do tennis players eat cucumbers?) is now ranked #23 in the world. Coming off a stellar performance at the Australian Open last week, where she fought all the way to the semifinals, Danielle's feisty personality, steely determination and unsurpassed work ethic are drawing accolades for the 2016 University of Virginia Media Studies graduate and two-time NCAA Singles Champion from people like 18-time Grand Slam Champion Chris Evert and many others in the sport.



Lynda Harrill, QuickStart Tennis Coordinator, says, "I met Danielle at the 2013 NCAA tournament, her freshman year, where she played for the University of Florida. It was a chance meeting in a hotel elevator where she told me she was transferring to UVA, and I've been a huge fan of hers ever since. In 2014, she won her first NCAA title after playing with a fractured wrist all season. She had surgery right after she won the title. She came back to win her second title in 2016. Her determination and grit are unmatched. A year ago she was ranked #120 in the world. Two weeks ago she was #35. Today #23. It's such a pleasure to see her doing so well. Go Dan-yell! You're a great role model for kids!"

To follow Danielle, visit her <u>Facebook page</u>. She has a lot more tennis to play.

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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