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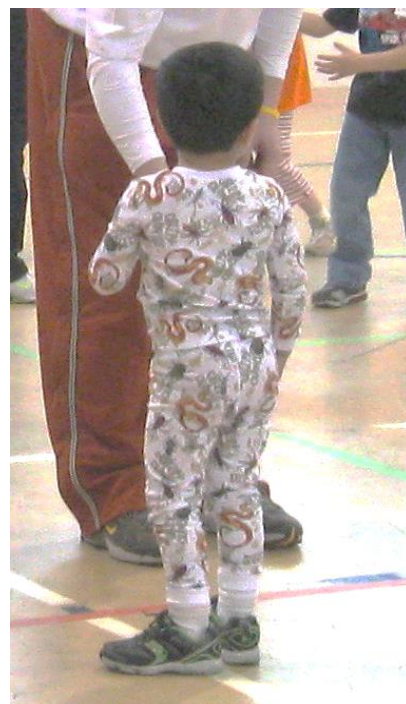
Local QuickStart Kid Wins Eddie Herr Doubles Title

Charlottesville, Virginia (12/20/2021) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is beyond thrilled to report Ilyas Fahim recently won the Boys 16s Doubles Title at the prestigious [Eddie Herr International Junior Championship](#) at IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL. Ilyas and partner Tygen Goldammer defeated the #2 seeded duo (5-7; 6-4; 10-6) to clinch the title. They had previously defeated the #1 seed in the semifinals. Both of their final two matches were decided by third-set tiebreaks. Their first three matches were impressive two-sets where they dominated. Ilyas and Tygen were the #7 seeded team.



Ilyas (pictured at left) is the son of Sherrie and Mourad Fahim of Barboursville. His Dad was a Top-10 junior in Morocco, played for Radford University for four years, and although he is a full-time software engineer, he is a PTR-certified pro and has coached the Woodberry Forest tennis team since 2014. Ilyas' older brother Zavan is also an accomplished tennis player who will play for George Mason University starting in fall 2022.

QCV QuickStart Coordinator Lynda Harrill says, "I remember the first time I saw Ilyas. It was at a QuickStart Tennis Birthday Party we hosted in the gym at ACAC in March 2010. Ilyas, then age 4, came in his pajamas because he was too excited about going to change into tennis clothes.





“A year later he played doubles with his Mom at the QuickStart Family Classic in tennis clothes. His Dad played with Zavan. And now Ilyas is an Eddie Herr Doubles Champ. What a great story -- from PJs to Eddie Herr Champion in about 12 years. He’s been ‘going bananas’ for tennis ever since we first met him. Congratulations Ilyas!!! We are so proud of you!”

Please visit our [website](#) to learn more about what QCV is doing to promote physical activity, healthy eating and early childhood literacy kids in our service area.

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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. QCV’s service area includes, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick Pittsylvania, Prince Edward, Powhatan and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville, plus under a special arrangement, King George County. We currently serve 213 schools with 99,000 kids, 15 parks & recreation departments, three Boys & Girls Clubs and two YMCAs, in 31 Virginia counties and independent cities. We have also gotten tennis into PE classes in 37 additional schools with 16,000 students in Virginia communities outside our service area.

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