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QuickStart Kid, Ilyas Fahim, Wins Three ITF Titles in Iran

Charlottesville, Virginia (2/14/2022) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is pleased to report QuickStart kid Ilyas Fahim recently won the singles title and two doubles titles at two International Tennis Federation (ITF) junior tournaments in Kish Island, Iran. There are 650 ITF junior tournaments in 140 countries each year.

In the first tournament, Ilyas, the #8 singles seed, won four two-setters on his way to the singles title where he faced the tournament's #1 seeded player. After losing the first set in a close tiebreak, Ilyas won the final two sets, 6-3 6-3 to win the title. In doubles he played four matches to claim the title with a 6-4 6-0 victory with his partner Yunes Talavar, whom he'd bested in the singles semifinals. Yunes lost in the doubles finals in 2021 to Ilyas who played with his brother Zavan. (tennis is a small world!).

In the second tournament Ilyas fell in the singles semifinals to the #2 seed and eventual tournament winner, but he and Talavar won the doubles title. Three of four titles in two weeks — quite a feat!



Lynda Harrill, QCV founder, says, "Watching Ilyas grow as a player has been wonderful. Winning the prestigious Eddie Herr International Tournament doubles title a few weeks ago was big but winning three ITF titles in two weeks is a gamechanger that bodes well for Ilyas' future in our sport.

"We at QCV were so proud of Ilyas for his Eddie Herr win late last year and his determination to improve and excel, our Board recently unanimously approved a sponsorship to cover his tournament entry fees for the remainder of 2022. It is so rewarding to see his hard work and his parents' support and sacrifices pay off. We look forward to more great things from this talented young man."

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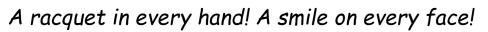
Want to be a great adult?
Play tennis! Read books! Eat healthy! Have FUN!!!
Be a QuickStart kid!

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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