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Go Bananas! Role Model to Play at Wake Forest

Ivy, Virginia (9/19/2023) – QuickStart Tennis of Central Virginia, Inc. (QCV) is thrilled to report former QuickStart kid and Go Bananas! role model (WHY do tennis players wear sunscreen?) Brendan Boland has committed to play on the Men's Tennis Team at Wake Forest University beginning in the fall of 2024. The Wake Forest team is coached by Tony Bresky, former UVA Men's Tennis Associate Head Coach who has known Brendan since he was born and watched him develop into an accomplished junior player.



Brendan is a Tennis Recruiting Network Blue Chip Recruit, ranked #1 in Arkansas, #5 in the Gulf States region and #57 nationally. He recently won a bronze ball in Doubles at the USTA Boys 18s National Championships. He is ranked #1 in Arkansas, #8 in the USTA Southern Section and #41 nationally by the U.S. Tennis Association.

Lynda Harrill, QCV Founder, says, "Brendan, the son of Becky and Brian Boland, was born and raised in Charlottesville. I take full credit for getting Brendan and his siblings interested in tennis through the kid-sized QuickStart Tennis format. That led to a lot of driveway tennis and canvassing the local neighborhood for tennis partners.





"We have lots of photos to document Brendan's progression in tennis—from the driveway where he and brother Bryce destroyed many portable QuickStart nets to his first tournament at Boar's Head Sports Club in 2012 to using younger sister Brooke or chairs as net substitutes at UVA Men's Tennis matches. He always had a racquet in his hands and a big smile on his face. We are so proud of all he has accomplished.

"It has been pure pleasure to see Brendan develop as a player. We look forward to seeing him play for Wake and beyond. Brendan is poised to do great things on and off the court."

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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 Albemarle, Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Franklin, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Henry, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Nottoway, Orange, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, and Rappahannock counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Danville and Martinsville. Through tennis, we create happy, healthy, active and literate kids in the communities we serve.

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