



Teams from Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey and South Carolina win titles at WTT Rec League National Qualifier in Bradenton, advance to National Finals

BRADENTON, Fla. (February 24, 2008) - Recreational tennis teams from Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New Jersey and South Carolina won regional championship titles this weekend at the World TeamTennis Rec League National Qualifier at IMG Bollettieri Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

The Bradenton tournament is the first national qualifying event of the year for the World TeamTennis Rec League presented by Advanta. The winning teams in each division advance to the WTT National Finals, Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, in Indian Wells, Calif., where they will battle champions from five other qualifying events.

4.0 DIVISION: The St. Louis area-based team Castnetters won the 4.0 Division title on Sunday afternoon with a 32-29 win over the Macon Mis-Hits of Macon, Ga. However it took a dramatic comeback in their third round-robin match for the Castnetters to even have an opportunity to win the title. Trailing by six games going into the final set against Game Face of Key Biscayne, Fla., the Castnetters rallied to win mixed doubles 6-2 to force the match into Overtime. After winning two games in Overtime, the Castnetters edged Game Fame 7-6 in a dramatic Supertiebreaker to advance to play for the Championship.

The Castnetters are captained by Bob Faust of Robertsville, Mo. Team members include Steve Robertson of Kirkwood, Mo.; Lee Parsons of Pacific, Mo.; Jimmy Walley of Pacific, Mo.; Debbie Hogan of Eureka, Mo.; Mary Ann Williamson of Manchester, Mo.; Liz Gordon of Chesterfield, Mo.; Carol Schwent of St. Louis, Mo.; Ben Lam of Valley Park, Mo.; and Libby Sharp of Kirkwood, Mo.

SENIOR 4.0: The Beach Nuts of Virginia Beach, Va., will be back to defend their 2007 National Title after winning the Senior 4.0 Division title in Bradenton with a 31-23 win over Castnetters Senior 4.0 of St. Louis. The Beach Nuts, captained by Connie Bolling, posted a 4-0 mark in round robin action. Their run to the title included two wins over the Castnetters, most notably an exciting 27-26 (7-6) Supertiebreaker victory on Saturday night. Beach Nuts team members include Bolling, Connie Alig, Kathy Courage, Dwight Bolling, Patrick Alig, Deborah Meadows and Ralph Land; all of Virginia Beach, Va.

3.0 DIVISION: The Bellaggio Blasters of Lake Worth, Fla., won the 3.0 Division with a 3-0 record. This will be the first trip for the Blasters to the national finals. The Bellaggio Blasters are captained by Barry Katzen and team members include Valerie Katzen, Gina Sandman, David Haft, Nancy Frent, Stan Spivak, Barry Schindler and Art Fischer, all of Lake Worth, Fla.

3.5 DIVISION: Familiar faces topped the 3.5 Division standings as the New Jersey Riptides of Middletown, N.J. defending their 2007 Bradenton qualifier title. The Riptides won the division 28-21 victory over Play on Playas of Columbus, Ga., in the finals. The Riptides are captained by Geoffrey Brothers of Middletown, N.J.; and team members include Michelle Brothers of Middletown, N.J.; Nancy Barcas of Wall, N.J.; Tony Browne of Old Bridge, N.J.; D. Francis Gilkes of Belford, N.J.; Bob Pellicone of Red Bank, N.J.; and Peggy D'Amico of Freehold, N.J.

4.5 DIVISION: After splitting a pair of earlier matchups, Team Greenville of Greenville, S.C.) outlasted Sarasota of Sarasota, Fla., 31-24 in the finals to win the 4.5 Division with a 2-1 record. This will be the first trip to the National Finals for captain Michele Jain of Greer, S.C., and her team. Members of Team Greenville are Erin Latham of Greer, S.C.; David Meeks of Mauldin, S.C.; Carol Hayduk of Greer, S.C.; Derek Ogelsby of Greer, S.C.; and Mark Goudeock of Greenville, S.C.

SENIOR 3.5: The Pace Makers of Boca Raton, Fla., will make a return trip to the National Finals after winning the Senior 3.5 Division with a 33-23 over Slo Mo of Longboat Key, Fla. The Pace Makers, who finished the weekend with a 2-1 record, advanced to the 2007 Finals after winning a National Qualifier in Raleigh, N.C. Team members include captain Rami Mayron of Boca Raton; Chuck Ehinger of Jupiter, Fla.; Orlando Pena of Parkland, Fla.; Mary Coban of Boca Raton, Fla.; Kim Shaner of Delray, Fla.; and Trudy Patron of Delray, Fla.

The Bradenton qualifier is the first of six WTT Rec League qualifying events. The next WTT National Qualifier will be April 18-20 in Las Vegas, Nev. Other qualifiers will be held this year in Kansas City, Mo.; Raleigh, N.C.; Wilmington, Del.; and Irvine, Calif.

Date	UPCOMING WTT NATIONAL QUALIFIERS	Registration Deadline
4/18/2008	Darling Tennis Center - Las Vegas, Nev.	4/4/2008
7/18/2008	Plaza Tennis Center - Kansas City, Mo.	7/4/2008
8/22/2008	Millbrook Exchange Tennis Center - Raleigh, N.C.	8/8/2008
9/19/2008	DuPont Country Club - Wilmington, Del.	9/5/2008
9/26/2008	Heritage Park - Irvine, Calif.	9/12/2008
10/31-11/2/2008	WTT NATIONALS – Indian Wells Tennis Garden – Indian Wells, Calif.	n/a

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WTT Recreational League:

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WTT Recreational League National Qualifier – FINAL RESULTS IMG Bollettieri Academy in Bradenton, Fla. – Feb. 22-24, 2008

3.0 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

1. Bellaggio Blasters (Lake Worth, Fla.) won the division with a 3-0 record.

Barry Katzen (captain), Valerie Katzen, Gina Sandman, David Haft, Nancy Frent, Stan Spivak, Barry Schindler, Art Fischer, all of Lake Worth, Fla.

2. Pickett (Cobleskill, N.Y.) finished 2nd in the division with a 2-1 record

Don Pickett (captain), Cobleskill, N.Y.; George Schlottnner, Delanson, N.Y.; Mike Friedman, Voorheesville, N.Y.; Joan D'Orazio, Schenectady, N.Y.; Laurie Roche, Niskayuna, N.Y.; and Lucy Holet, Glenville, N.Y.

3. Mizner Mixer (Delray Beach, Fla.) finished 3rd with a 1-2 record

Mitch Rubin (captain), Joyce Eidelkind, Laurel Wayne, Becky Davis, Geraldine Whyte, Holger Stotz, all of Delray Beach, Fla.

4. WeLuv10s (Columbus, Ga.) finished 4th at 0-3

Eddie James (captain), Charlene Marie Brewer, Keith Randy Brewer, Peter Hoffman, Jacqueline Trimuel, Michael Wagenti, Phillis Zeigler, all of Columbus, Ga.; Carol Jenkins, Hixson, Tenn.; and Derick Pugh, Phenix City, Ala.

3.5 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

1. New Jersey Riptides (Middletown, N.J.) won with a 3-0 record, defeating Play on Playas in the finals 28-21.

Geoffrey Brothers (captain), Middletown, N.J.; Michelle Brothers, Middletown, N.J.; Nancy Barcas, Wall, N.J.; Tony Browne, Old Bridge, N.J.; D. Francis Gilkes, Belford, N.J.; Bob Pellicone, Red Bank, N.J.; and Peggy D'Amico, Freehold, N.J.

2. Play on Playas (Columbus, Ga.) finished 2nd with a 2-1 record

Todd Mason (captain), Dwan Groom, Stephanie Lee, Oliver Davis, Chris Womack, Mark Thompson, all of Columbus, Ga.; Angel Degree, Phenix City, Ala.; Lisa Brunson, Cataula, Ga.; and Brian Johnson, Ellerslie, Ga.

3t. Net Force One (Baltimore, Md.) – finished with a 2-1 qualifying record; lost in semifinals to Play On Playas 25-24

Esther Wang (captain), Montgomery Village, Md.; Margaret Rubino, Washington, D.C.; Michele Archibald, Annapolis, Md.; Jasen Gohn, Bethesda, Md.; and Joe Marci, Silver Spring, Md.

3t. Seven Oaks Blue (Raleigh, N.C.) – finished with a 1-1 qualifying record; lost in semifinals to New Jersey Riptides 35-21

John Emerline (captain), Jeanne Wainwright, Dean Williams, Marita Mitschein, Kim Hand, and Ed Setaro; all of Raleigh, N.C.

Dream Weaver (Lancaster, Pa.) – finished with a 2-1 record

Phil Weaver (captain), Lancaster, Pa.; Bonnie Weaver, Lancaster, Pa.; Maggie Smethers, Mountville, Pa.; Andy Loose, Lancaster, Pa.; Valerie Milholin, Landisville, Pa.; and Russ Gross, Dover, Pa.

Macon Points (Ft. Valley, Ga.) – finished with a 2-1 record

Judy Mangum (captain), Ft. Valley, Ga.; Caroline Edenfield, Forsyth, Ga.; John Wharton, Centerville, Ga.; Ed Mayoralgo, Centerville, Ga.

Indy Tough Love (Indianapolis, Ind.) – finished with a 2-1 record

Benji Algase (captain), Judy Banks, Cari Steinke, Sherwin Bocade, Rick Schiebinger, all of Indianapolis, Ind.; Elizabeth Cooper, Bargersville, Ind.; and Steve Wright, Brownsburg, Ind.

The Racketeers (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.) – finished with a 1-2 record

Brad Fondiler (captain), Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla.; Gary Reif; Kevin Baisley; Tracy Garoppo; Pam Kane; and Katherine Cashman, all of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

First State Racquets (Wilmington, Del.) – finished with a 0-3 record

Taya Dianna (co-captain), Alison Moran (co-captain), Lexy Malone, Ekaterina Swearingen, Cindy Weick, David Weick, and Leo Serrano, all of Wilmington, Del.; Ulysses Minks, Bear, Del.; Milos Markis, Newark, Del.

Team Teddies Place (Sarasota, Fla.) – finished with a 0-2 record

Rachel DellaDonna (captain), Gina Warren, David Warren, Cynthia Trautman, Julie Ann Lannon, Dan Sullivan, Eric Houck, all of Sarasota, Fla.; and Tim Hamilton, Osprey, Fla.

Instagators (Orlando, Fla.) – finished with a 0-3 record

Fredrick Strahsburg (captain), St. Cloud, Fla.; Jacqueline Moore, North Port, Fla.; Judy Robertson, Sarasota, Fla.; Lucia Shoemaker, Venice, Fla.; Anna Bacher, Sarasota, Fla.; and Doug Chalaire, Venice, Fla.

4.0 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

1. Castnetters (Robertsville, Mo.) advanced to the finals with 3-1 record; won the division with a 32-29 victory over Macon Mis-Hits in the finals.

Bob Faust (captain), Robertsville, Mo.; Steve Robertson, Kirkwood, Mo.; Lee Parsons, Pacific, Mo.; Jimmy Walley, Pacific, Mo.; Debbie Hogan, Eureka, Mo.; Mary Ann Williamson, Manchester, Mo.; Liz Gordon, Chesterfield, Mo.; Carol Schwent, St. Louis, Mo.; Ben Lam, Valley Park, Mo.; and Libby Sharp, Kirkwood, Mo.

2. Macon Mis-Hits (Warner Robins, Ga.) advanced to the finals with a 4-0 record; lost 32-29 in the finals to Castnetters.

Carol Fallon (captain), Warner Robins, Ga.; Pam Spencer, Warner Robins, Ga.; Mitch Bracewell, Fort Valley, Ga.; Stephen Lawrence, Warner Robins, Ga.; and Randy Dean, Macon, Ga.

Amateur Aces (St. Charles, Mo.) – finished with a 3-1 record

Suvit Nopachai (captain), St. Charles, Mo.; Amit Pachauri, St. Louis, Mo.; Ken Stratton, St. Charles, Mo.; Tracey Tebbe, Aviston, Ill.; Janice Fraser, Belleville, Ill.; and Erika Fraser, Belleville, Ill.

Indianapolis Loves (Indianapolis, Ind.) finished with a 3-1 record

Doug Gernert (captain), Fishers, Ind.; Scott Cooper, Bargersville, Ind.; Tina Chukuvdebe, Jeff Schimmelpfenning, Rania Abbasi, and Shannon Risacher, all of Indianapolis, Ind.

Game Face (Key Biscayne, Fla.) finished with a 2-2 record

Juan Zubillaga (captain), Karla Mihm, Isabella Otero, Josefina Gorostiaga, all of Key Biscayne, Fla.; Oscar Mas, and Santiago Mas, all of Miami, Fla.

Team Thomas (Columbus, Ga.) – finished with a 2-2 record

Mark Thomas (captain), Columbus, Ga.; Josh Reynolds, Columbus, Ga.; Mark Brown, Auburn, Ala.; Joanna Diller, Auburn, Ala.; Tammy Chapman, Waverly Hall, Ga.; and Stacey Mayweather, Columbus, Ga.

Team Mertz (Sarasota, Fla.) finished with a 1-3 record

Brenda Mertz (captain), Nokomis, Fla.; Allison Cunningham, Osprey, Fla.; Michael McDurfee, Sarasota, Fla.; Robert Ness, Sarasota, Fla.; and Nadege Bettini, Nokomis, Fla.

Seven Oaks Gold (Raleigh, N.C.) finished with a 1-3 record

Richard Reeves (captain); Fran Ange, Greg Gulden, Laura Gulden, Cindy Peacock, Carol Muth, Bruce Heinlein, Tina Page, Susan King and Alan King, all of Raleigh, N.C.

Fearsome Force (Parkland, Fla.) finished with a 1-3 record

Amy, Fletcher (captain), Parkland, Fla.; Orlando Pena, Parkland, Fla.; Helen Chong, Boca Raton, Fla.; James Chong, Boca Raton, Fla.; James McMahan; Deerfield Beach, Fla.; and Csilla Bege, Pompano Beach, Fla.

FourPlay (Boca Raton, Fla.) finished with a 0-4 record

Mark Cheadle (captain), Boca Raton, Fla.; Cindy Zimmerman, Lighthouse Point, Fla.; Kenneth Lipnicki, Boca Raton, Fla.; and Donna Everetz, Deerfield, Fla.

4.5 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

Team Greenville (Greenville, S.C.) finished with a 2-1 record; defeated Sarasota 31-24 in the finals

Michele Jain (captain), Greer, S.C.; Erin Latham, Greer, S.C.; David Meeks, Mauldin, S.C.; Carol Hayduk, Greer, S.C.; Derek Ogelsby, Greer, S.C.; and Mark Goudebeck, Greenville, S.C.

Sarasota Slammers (Sarasota, Fla.) – finished with a 1-2 record; lost to Team Greenville 31-24 in the finals

Blair Watkins (captain), Sarasota, Fla.; Michael Price, Sarasota, Fla.; Victor Machado, Sarasota, Fla.; Barbara Soto, Tampa, Fla.; and Marianne Sibille, Sarasota, Fla.

SENIOR 3.5 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

1. Pace Makers (Boca Raton, Fla.) finished with a 2-1 record; defeated Slo Mo 33-23 to win the title

Rami Mayron (captain) Boca Raton, Fla.; Chuck Ehinger, Jupiter, Fla.; Orlando Pena, Parkland, Fla.; Mary Coban, Boca Raton, Fla.; Kim Shaner, Delray, Fla.; and Trudy Patron, Delray, Fla.

2. Slo Mo (Sarasota, Fla.) – finished with 1-2 record; lost to Pace Makers 33-23

Mary Bernas (captain), Longboat Key, Fla.; Gerry Bernas, Longboat Key, Fla.; Virginia Klute, Matthew Kluding, Mark Hirsch, Henry Trautman, Marianne Zentz, Laur Algatt and Mark Amon, all of Sarasota, Fla.

Senior 4.0 DIVISION – FINAL RESULTS

1. Beach Nuts (Virginia Beach, Va.) - won the division with a 4-0 record.

Connie Bolling (captain), Connie Alig, Kathy Courage, Dwight Bolling, Patrick Alig, Deborah Meadows and Ralph Land; all of Virginia Beach, Va.

2. Castnetters (Robertsville, Mo.) finished second with a 2-2 record

Bob Faust (captain), Robertsville, Mo.; Steve Robertson, Kirkwood, Mo.; Lee Parsons, Pacific, Mo.; Mike Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; Bob Beut, Stateline, Nev.; Liz Gordon, Chesterfield, Mo.; Debbie Hogan, Eureka, Mo.; Joyce Young, Stateline, Nev.; and Cindy Harrison, Ballwin, Mo.

3. Aces (Miami, Fla.) – finished with a 0-4 record

Siriporn K. Burke (captain), Mildred Armas, Lincoln Smith, John Kane; all of Miami, Fla.; and Margo Broccolo, Key Biscayne, Fla.