



HIGH PERFORMANCE TENNIS

20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



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The History of the Junior Tennis Champions Center

In the mid 1990s, Ken Brody envisioned building the best tennis training facility in the United States. From his experiences as a tennis player and parent, he saw a better way to promote tennis, replacing long-standing conventions with innovative ideas to attract more talent to the sport. After years of extensive planning and championing support from the community, Mr. Brody founded the Junior Tennis Champions Center in the summer of 1999 as a non-profit organization dedicated to offering premiere tennis instruction and membership. Mr. Brody chose College Park, Maryland, where he attended the University of Maryland as an undergraduate student, to serve as the facility's home.

JTCC began operations with approximately 40 recruited junior tennis players from the Mid-Atlantic region led by a small, diverse coaching staff. Over the past 20 years, JTCC's growth, success and presence in the tennis community has been unmatched. JTCC has proudly produced world-class players, such as Denis Kudla, Frances Tiafoe, Usue Arconada, and Robin Montgomery, from early childhood through their adolescent years. Moreover, JTCC has sent over 270 junior tennis players to college tennis programs throughout the United States, amassing over 20 million dollars in scholarships.

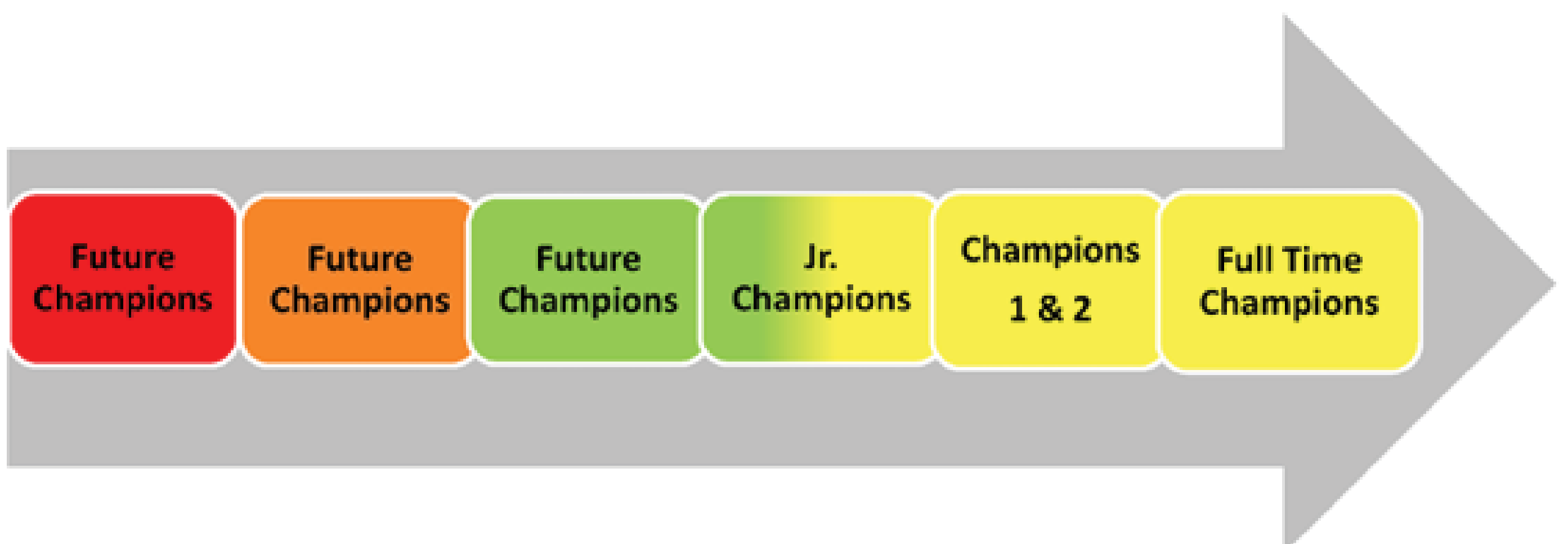
Over the past two decades, JTCC has also celebrated numerous junior Grand Slam titles, 9 Orange Bowl Champions, multiple NCAA Champions, and a presence in the 2016 Summer Olympics. Today, JTCC remains steadfast in its original mission to provide the highest quality of tennis training to everyone, and looks forward to many more years of prosperity.



PLAYER PATHWAY

The JTCC Player Pathway, established by JTCC's founders, serves as the principle method for developing tennis players of any level. The pathway provides a structured plan, incorporating various teaching methods and devices to support a player's progress. This model works in unison with a player's assigned team, led by a mentor, and has been instrumental in JTCC's successful development of players, from childhood through the adolescent and adult years.

Growing the Game



Growth Mindset



Pathway Success:

Since 1999, JTCC has trained thousands of junior players, many of whom begin at an early age. JTCC's Player Pathway success has attracted players from around the country and world. Each year, players gradually transition through JTCC's training programs to maximize their potential.



1 Olympian

Denis Kudla represents the United States in the 2016 Summer Olympics

8 World Top Ten

8 Players ranked in the Top 10 ITF Junior World Rankings

\$20 Million +

JTCC players collectively achieve over \$20 million in college scholarships

75 + Titles

Over 75 National and ITF Titles, including 9 Junior Orange Bowl Champions



OUR HOME

JTCC welcomes players from around the world, providing world-class tennis training. The organization is guided by JTCC's 'Four Pillars' of training and commitment to providing tennis for everyone in the community.



Facility Details & Awards

Ken Brody Tennis Center

15 Indoor Courts
17 Outdoor Courts
Hard Courts
Red and Green Clay
1 Stadium Court

USTA National Outstanding Facility

Voted by the USTA as the
2001 and 2013 Facility of the
Year

USTA Mid-Atlantic Best Tennis Facility

Recipient of the USTA's Mid-
Atlantic 'Best Facility of the
Year Award'.



PHILOSOPHY



JTCC



FOUR PILLARS


JTCC's mission is founded on the 'Four Pillars' of training. Each 'Pillar' serves an equally important role in a player's journey through the JTCC Player Pathway. JTCC's goal is to develop well-balanced individuals with a strong sense of community service, competitive spirit and life-long learning skills.

Character Development



- Leadership**
- Mentorship**
- Sportsmanship**
- Community Service**

Tennis Skills



- Point of Contact**
- Technical Stroke Production**
- Tactics and Strategy**
- Tennis Specific Movement**

Athletic Skills



- Aerobic Endurance**
- Balance & Flexibility**
- Agility & Speed**
- Strength & Power**

Mental Performance



- Goal Setting**
- Resiliency**
- Imagery**
- Trust**



Meet our Senior Staff

Vesa Ponkka



President

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Vesa Ponkka is the President and Senior Director of Tennis at JTCC. He is widely regarded as one of the top junior developmental coaches in the world. Vesa frequently speaks at coaching seminars in the United States and throughout the world. He was honored as the 2011 USOC National Developmental Coach of the Year and 2013 Junior Developmental Coach of the Year by Tennis Industry Magazine.

Vesa's students have competed at the National, ITF, NCAA and Professional level, achieving top accolades including the #1 ITF Junior World Ranking, multiple #1 USTA National rankings, and a multitude of NCAA All-American distinctions. He played a significant role in the development of current ATP professionals, Denis Kudla and Frances Tiafoe, during their formative years at JTCC.

As one of JTCC's founders, Vesa has shaped the organization's training philosophy and structure. Under his leadership as President, USTA selected JTCC as the best high-performance training center in the United States twice over the past five years. Ponkka continues to lead JTCC into the future, promoting the center's Long-Term Athlete Development (LATD) and Long-Term Progressive Training (LPT) methods. He holds PTR, USPTA and USTA High-Performance certifications.

Megan Moulton-Levy



General Manager

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Megan is a 10 year veteran of the WTA Tour. During her playing career, she reached the Round of 32 at all four Grand Slams, achieved a WTA top 50 Doubles ranking, and captured the WTA Monterrey Doubles title in addition to 10 ITF Pro Circuit Doubles titles. In singles, she reached a #237 WTA ranking and was the champion of an ITF Pro Circuit Singles event.

Prior to embarking on her professional tennis career, Megan graduated from the College of William and Mary with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. To date, Megan holds the record for combined singles and doubles wins. and was the #1 doubles and #7 singles ranked player in the NCAA national rankings. She is a 6-time All-American, 2006 NCAA Singles Championship Semi-Finalist, and 2007 NCAA Doubles Championship Finalist. Megan is also a two-time recipient of the prestigious ITA Arthur Ashe, Jr Award for Leadership and Sportsmanship.

She has served in coaching roles for WTA professional players, including 2018 US Open Champion, Sloane Stephens. As General Manager, Megan brings her wealth of experience to JTCC's player development programs. Megan is a PTR certified teaching professional.

Ali Agnamba



Senior Director of Junior Champions

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A native of Togo, Ali is the Director of the Junior Champions Program, the first stage of high performance training for junior players ages 7-11. An original member of JTCC's coaching staff, Ali has overseen the development of all JTCC players who have transitioned through the Player Pathway, including current ATP Professionals, Denis Kudla and Frances Tiafoe, and countless NCAA All-American players. Prior to his arrival at JTCC, Ali served as a practice partner for Venus and Serena Williams. He is the long-time mentor of Robin Montgomery, the highest ranked American female junior player in the world and 2019 Orange Bowl Champion and 2020 Australian Open Quarter-Finalist.

Among Ali's many career achievements, his greatest personal achievement is playing for the Togo Davis Cup team and representing Togo in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Ali is a USPTR and USPTA High Performance certified coach.

Komi Oliver Akli



Senior Director of Champions

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Oliver oversees the transition of players through JTCC's Player Pathway. He provides comprehensive evaluations for each player, deciding when to advance players to the next stage of development. Oliver has played a major role in the development of all of JTCC's high performance players, including Denis Kudla and Frances Tiafoe. He trained Treat Huey, who reached an ATP #18 Doubles ranking and Raveena Kingsley, who reached the top 200 in the WTA Singles rankings. Oliver continues to work with Denis Kudla and Frances Tiafoe at JTCC. Many of his mentees have transitioned to either the professional tour or to playing at the highest level of NCAA College Tennis. His daughter, Ayana Akli, was named the 2020 Big 10 Freshman of the Year as a member the University of Maryland Women's Tennis Team, becoming the first player in the university's history to earn the distinction.

In his personal achievements, Oliver was a member of the Togo Davis Cup team and represented Togo at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Oliver is a PTR certified teaching professional.

Asaf Yamin



Director of High Performance

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Asaf oversees JTCC High-Performance Champions program. Most of the players in this group train are JTCC full-time student-athletes. Prior to joining JTCC in 2014, Asaf served as a National Junior Coach, Youth Olympic Coach, and Fed Cup Assistant for his native country, Israel. During his extensive tenure working with high performance players from around the world, Asaf has mentored top 100 WTA players, top 10 ITF players, and the #1 ranked U14 player in Europe.

Asaf is an ITF level 2 certified coach and PTR certified coaching professional. He was a top ranked junior tennis player in Israel before fulfilling his national military duty by joining the elite unit of the Israel defense forces at the age of 18. Asaf is a PTR certified teaching professional.

Mira Vlcek



Co-Director of Junior Champions

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Mira is the Co-Director of the Junior Champions Program. Originally from the Czech Republic, Mira received a tennis scholarship to play for Division I Norfolk State University, where competed at the #1 position and served as team captain. He became Norfolk State's first player to be named Rookie and Player of the Year in the MEAC conference. At JTCC, Mira mentors many junior players who compete nationally, internationally and at the collegiate level. His coaching philosophy is based off the simple motto: Never Stop Learning

Prior to joining JTCC, Mira achieved his Masters of Business Administration from Old Dominion University where he was also an assistant tennis coach for the men's tennis team. Mira also worked in finance as an internal auditor for Dixons Retail before pursuing a career in tennis. Mira is a PTR certified teaching professional.

Taka Bertrand



Senior Tennis Coach/College Advisor

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Taka serves as a Senior Tennis Coach and College Advisor for JTCC junior players. Prior to JTCC, Taka spent 7 years as a collegiate tennis coach, serving as Head Coach for the Men's and Women's Tennis Teams at the University of Chicago, Head Women's Tennis Coach at St. John's University, and Head Women's Tennis Coach at Yale University. At the University of Chicago, Taka led the team to two UAA conference titles and the 2012 NCAA Championship Finals for the first time in program history. Taka currently advises JTCC student-athletes and families with the college recruitment process.

Taka graduated from Vanderbilt University with a bachelors degree in Economics and minor in Spanish. During her collegiate playing career, she was named SEC Freshman of the Year and SEC Player of the year, and was also honored as the 2007 Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame Female Amateur Athlete of the year. At JTCC, she works with players who compete at the sectional and national level. Taka is a PTR certified teaching professional.

TC Costello



Senior Director of Fitness

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TC is an NCSA certified strength and conditioning specialist who has worked with all levels of professional and collegiate athletes, including the first round pick of the 2010 NHL draft and numerous ECHL players. At JTCC, he works with all high performance players, including Frances Tiafoe, Mitchell Frank, Denis Kudla, Alison Riske, Andrew Fenty, and Usue Arconada. He is currently responsible for Frances Tiafoe's fitness program and trains him at JTCC in between his professional events.

Prior to joining JTCC, TC was the former Assistant Fitness Director of Network Hockey where he spent over four year training athletes. TC is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he was a standout on the Men's Ice Hockey Team and a three-time American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) All-Star Team selection.

Peter Lee



Director of Mental Conditioning

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Peter is an Optimal Performance Consultant with more than a decade of mental skills education experience. He serves as JTCC's Mental Conditioning Coach and creates personalized training programs for JTCC's students. Prior to JTCC, he served as a mental conditioning coach for many athletes and teams, ranging from elite juniors to professionals. Among his clients are members of the NCAA, NFL, NHL, NBA, MLB, ATP, WTA, PGA, LPGA, Junior Olympics, and Professional Motorcross. He has also worked with ultra-distance and marathon runners, mountaineers, and Crossfit Competitors.

In addition, Peter has extensive experience working with members of the United States military. He has coached active military, Special Forces, Full Combat Units, and army medical staff. Peter also provides mental conditioning services for business executives, public speakers, musicians, and actors. Peter received his bachelors degree in Human Development and Family Studies from the University of Vermont and Masters degree in Counseling and Sport Psychology from Boston University.

ADDITIONAL STAFF COACHES & EXPERTS

JTCC Senior Staff is complemented by the following coaches and experts who provide year-round support to JTCC's juniors and members.



CO-DIRECTOR

Director of the Champs
II Program



CO-DIRECTOR

Director of the Champs
II Program



COACH

Tennis Coach for the
Champs I and II
programs



COACH/FILA REP

Tennis Coach and JTCC
Fila Representative



MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Conditioning and
Nutritional Advisor



FITNESS

Physical Fitness and
Flexibility Coach

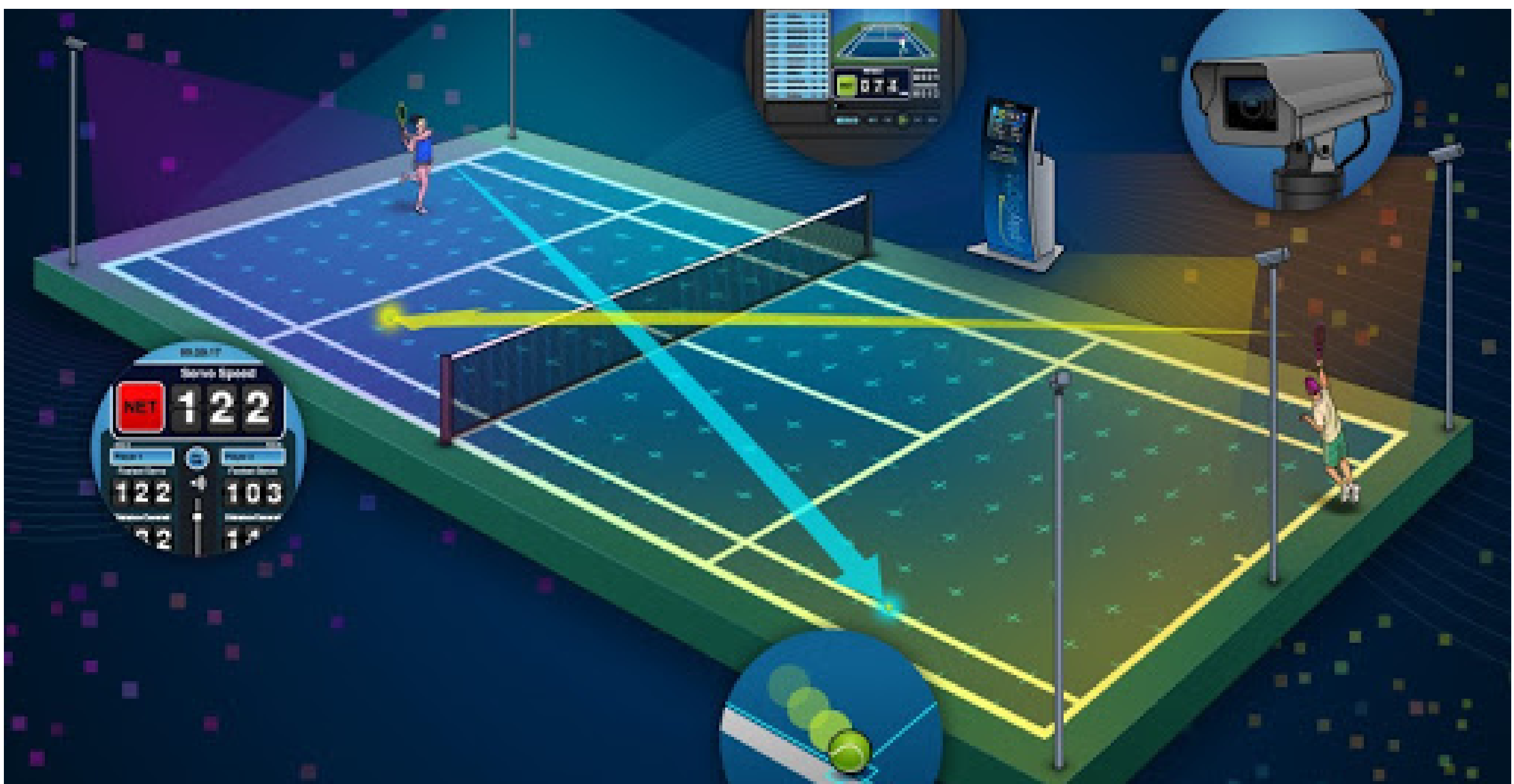


COURT TECHNOLOGY

Four of JTCC's fifteen indoor tennis courts are equipped with PlaySight technology. PlaySight is engineered to provide state of the art tennis analytics through video and audio resources.

PlaySight's value is widely embraced by the tennis community, from recreational players to touring professionals. The technology is also widely used by NCAA College Tennis, offering live video streams of college matches to a broad audience.

JTCC is proud to be an original partner of PlaySight, and continues to use the technology as a part of its junior training.





On-Court Technology

Multi-dimensional video

Instant feedback

Limitless drill creation and storage

Live ball calling

Audio feedback for drill completion

Video replay for fair play

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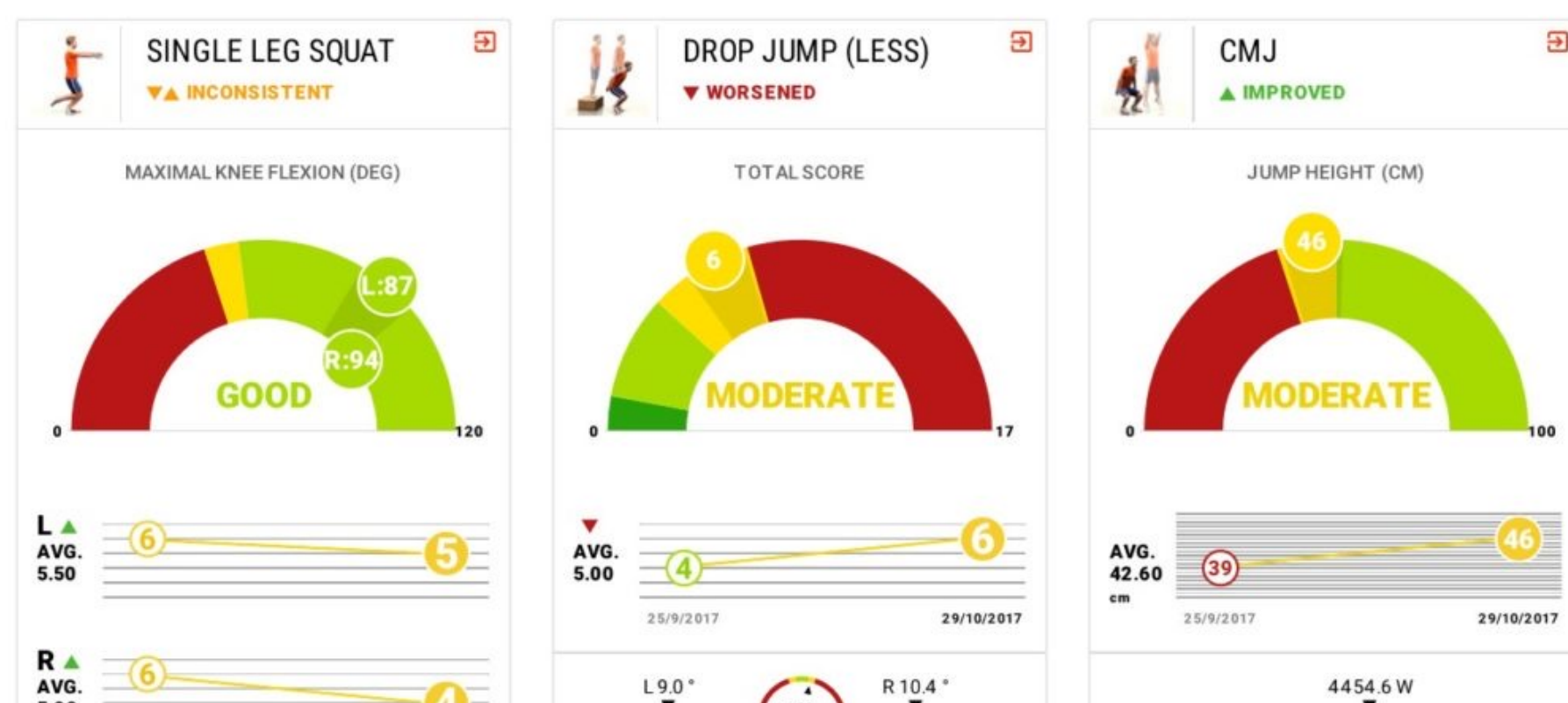
PHYSIMAX INTEGRATION

*Health monitoring
software pioneered in
Israel and used by
professional and amateur
athletes around the world*

JTCC uses Physimax to assess a player's athletic skills and physical measurements. Physimax tracks and analyzes musculoskeletal wellness and performance through machine sensory technology. The collected data provides valuable feedback to each athlete by identifying individual strengths and weaknesses.



RESULTS SUMMARY



APMI SPORTS MEDICINE

In 2018, The Advanced Pain Management Institute (APMI) partnered with JTCC to provide all JTCC members access to the highest quality of innovative sports medical care at APMI's multiple facilities. JTCC and APMI are committed to sustaining and improving the physical well-being of all athletes.



A LOOK INSIDE APMI



The Advanced Pain Management Institute (APMI) offers world-class sport medical treatments, including preventative exercises and rehabilitation.

The JTCC and APMI partnership provides members year-round access to innovative sports medical care, specifically designed for an individual's needs.



THE JTCC SCHOOL

Founded in 2002, the JTCC School provides an accredited on-site school to JTCC Full-Time players. The school provides an academic environment that accommodates a high-performance tennis player's demanding training and travel schedule.

Mark Santangelo serves as the Director of The JTCC School. He oversees the academic progress and timely graduation of all JTCC Student-Athletes. Graduates of The JTCC School have matriculated to many top-ranked institutions throughout the United States.



THE MISSION OF THE JTCC SCHOOL

The JTCC School is committed to honoring JTCC's core values of integrity, responsibility and initiative. Keeping in line with JTCC's 'Four Pillars' of training, JTCC students are dedicated to achieving academic success, acquiring new skills, and giving back to the community.

The school administers an accredited Laurel Springs curriculum, and offers a flexible schedule that allows students to learn on-site, at home, and while traveling. The JTCC School is committed to ensuring students fulfill the NCAA Core Requirements and engage in college preparation.

At The JTCC School, students develop confidence in their academics abilities and acquire life skills for future endeavors.



INTEGRITY



RESPONSIBILITY



INITIATIVE



College Tennis

EXCELLENCE





**JTCC Players in Every College Division
Over \$20 Million in Scholarships**

NCAA Team Championships Won with JTCC Players:



University of Virginia
Duke University
Wake Forest University
Vanderbilt University
University of Texas
Emory University



ELITE COLLEGE TENNIS

Top Universities Attended by JTCC Players

Harvard University
Yale University
Stanford University
Duke University
University of Virginia
University of North Carolina
University of Michigan
Brown University
Cornell University
University of Texas
Wake Forest University
Rice University
Vanderbilt University
Georgia Tech
Baylor University
William and Mary
University of Georgia



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

JTCC ALUMNI

Denis Kudla :	US Olympian/ATP #52
Frances Tiafoe :	ATP #28
Vera Zvonareva :	WTA #3
Olga Puchkova :	WTA #34
Trice Capra:	ITF World #8/NCAA Champ
Usue Arconada :	ITF World #3
Raveena Kingsley :	WTA top 200
Robin Montgomery:	ITF World #4
Treat Huey :	ATP Doubles #8
Philip Simmonds:	ITF World #1 (Doubles)
Junior Ore :	ITF World #12
Mitchell Frank :	ITF World #5/NCAA Champ
Lea Ma :	ITF World #19
Luca Corintelli :	ITF World #38
Tara Iyer :	NCAA Champion
Evan Zhu :	USTA National Champion
Andrew Fenty :	ITF World #9
William Woodall :	USTA National Champion
Brian Cernoch :	USTA National Champion
Julian Zlobinsky:	NCAA Champion
Saud Alhaqbani:	USTA National Champion

AMBASSADORS

JTCC is proudly supported by its advisory board and individuals who have achieved at the highest levels of tennis. Our ambassadors include Brian Gottfried, Pat Etcheberry, and Claudio Pistolesi. Each are distinguished members of the tennis community and continue to promote the sport, and JTCC, through their guidance and participation.

"Our strength is in our teamwork, mentorship and leadership"

-Vesa Ponkka, JTCC President

Brian Gottfried
Former ATP
Professional/Coach



Brian was a former #1 ATP doubles and #4 singles ranked tennis professional. He continues to serve the tennis community as a coach and advisor to several organizations throughout the United States.

Pat Etcheberry
World-Renowned
Fitness Coach



Pat Etcheberry is widely regarded as the top tennis fitness coach in the world. He has worked with elite professionals such as multiple Grand Slam champion, Justine Henin. Pat regularly visits JTCC to work with the junior high performance players.

Claudio Pistolesi
Former ATP
Professional



Claudio Pistolesi was a former #1 ITF ranked junior tennis player and Junior Orange Bowl Champion. Originally from Italy, he represented his country on the ATP tour and has since mentored many junior and professional players from around the world.



Player to Watch

Robin Montgomery

ITF World Ranking # 5

2019 Junior Orange Bowl Champion

2020 Australian Open Quarter-finalist

WTA 25K Las Vegas 2020 Champion

AROUND THE WORLD

USTA

Junior competition in
the United States

ITF

Sanctioned
international
tournaments

UTR

Independent,
international circuit



Shaping the Future

Click on the image above to see where JTCC players have traveled to compete in sectional, national and international events.

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LET'S BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER

We look forward to hearing from you and supporting your tennis goals!

We welcome everyone to train at our first-class facility and learn from our expert staff.

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