

## Carter Wins 14th Palmetto Title to Break Record; Smith Stearns Students Collect Seven Titles at Palmetto Championships

Hayley Carter led the way this past week at the Palmetto Championships (SC State Closed) that was held June 2-7, 2012, in Belton, South Carolina capturing her 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> titles respectively. With those wins she goes down in history as the of the best players to play South Carolina tennis, winning the most SC State Championships by breaking the previous record of 13. She won the girls 18 and under singles championship by defeating Ansley Speaks, 6-2,6-1. For the doubles championship, Carter partnered with fellow academy student Ashley Kitchen to defeat Narcissa Summerall and Tolley Rice, 6-0, 6-1 and win their 4<sup>th</sup> Belton title together.

Carter was not alone in her dominance as other academy students won a total of 7 Palmetto Championships while also having a significant number of top 8 finishes.

Conrad Alford placed 4<sup>th</sup> in both singles and doubles in the boys 10 and under championship.

Jack Kelly won the boys 12 and under doubles title while placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the singles championship.

Cameron Kriscunas and Shannon O'Brien won the girls 14 and under doubles title. Kriscunas was a finalist in the singles championship losing a hard fought match that ended in a third set tiebreaker. Liz Williams placed 7<sup>th</sup> in singles, while O'Brien placed 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hampton Drake won the boys 16 and under singles title and Carsten Fisher won the doubles title.

Natalie Kitchen won the girls 16 and under doubles title by defeating fellow academy students Allie Burak and Sydnee Wheeler in the finals. Burak placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in singles followed by a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish by Natalie Kitchen and a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish by Kate Christensen.

Andrew Schafer was a finalist in the boys 18 and under championship losing a hard fought match to Christopher Cox who plays on the University of South Carolina team. Christian Harris made it to the semifinals of the doubles championship.

Congratulations to all of our Smith Stearns students who competed this week at the Palmetto Championships!

### Smith Stearns Participants

Conrad Alford - B10

Mary Grace Armistead - G12

Jack Armistead - B12

Audrey Bennett - G16

Allie Burak - G16

Colby Burke - B18

Hayley Carter - G18

Elle Christensen - G12

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Kate Christensen - G16  
Diana Colen - G18  
Madison Daniel - G12  
McKenzie Daniel - G12  
Charlie Drake - B18  
Hampton Drake - B16  
Carsten Fisher - B16  
Christian Harris - B18  
Jack Kelly - B12  
Natalie Kitchen - G16  
Cameron Kriscunas - G14  
Robert Loeb - B14  
Sara McClure - G12  
Mary Hampton McNeal - G16  
Morgan McNeal - G18  
Catie Meighan - G14  
Shannon O'Brien - G14  
Katie Rankin - G14  
Andrew Schafer - B18  
Sam Smith - B16  
Sydnee Wheeler - G16  
Liz Williams - G14  
Perry Williams - B18