

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 13th and 14th 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 4th 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 4th in both singles and doubles in the boys 10 and under championship.

Jack Kelly won the boys 12 and under doubles title while placing 4th 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 7th in singles, while O'Brien placed 8th.

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 3rd in singles followed by a 6th place finish by Natalie Kitchen and a 7th 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