




## Carter Wins 14th State 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 one 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.

**Robert Loeb** was a finalist in both singles and doubles in the boys 14 and under division.

**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.



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**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**

**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**



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