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Hello everyone,

In this newsletter, you will find information regarding our summer camps, staff changes and exciting plans for the upcoming season. We have worked hard the past 3 years to focus on recruiting more young players into the sport, identifying the players that would be interested in pursuing competitive tennis and developing their skills. We are now into the next phase of our plan where we will move our players up through the system to be well positioned to become National and International level players. This is an exciting time for ACE Toronto. We look forward to having you on this journey with us.

## SUMMER CAMPS





Summer Camp Coaching Team: Craig, Zach, Irfan, Morgan, John, Marko, Natalie, Hernan, Erika, Luis, Madeline

Our summer camps have been packed with loads of activity at the club. As always, it's great to see the kids taking advantage of their summer days through improving their tennis, having fun and making new friends. We have had visiting players join our camps from Saskatchewan, British-Colombia, the United States, Jordan and Israel to name a few. It's always a pleasure to have players from away join our tennis family in the summer.

An exciting week of tennis is just around the corner with the top women in the world coming to Toronto for the **Rogers Cup**. All players registered in our competitive camps (u9-u10, u12-u14 and u16-u18) for the week of August 7th-11th will be provided a ticket to the tournament and we will be going as a group to enjoy the event. This has become a tradition at ACE Tennis and the kids and coaches look forward to it every year.

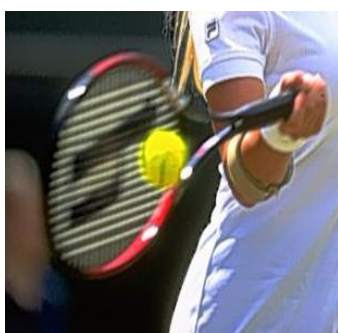


Harley Patrick Ax Huibers (Winner) & Maya Gutkowski (Finalist)

We are running tournaments every weekend throughout the summer including a U8 and U9 circuit.

## 2017 - 2018 PROGRAMS

# **NEW** COMPETITIVE PROGRAM FOR COMMITTED PLAYERS



We are very excited about our plans for the upcoming season. Like every year, we keep working to get better and to improve the quality of our recreational and competitive streams. Here are just some of the exciting changes happening at the academy for the 2017-2018 season:

### **New "High Performance" Program**

For players who compete at a Provincial, National or

International level. These practices will focus on volume training, serve and return practice and match play. A hitting partner will be provided to challenge the players.

### **New "*International Team*" Program**

Head Coach U18 and U9 - U12 Craig Mercer

Overall Program Development and Management: Doug Burke and Pierre Lamarche  
ACE's International Team Program targets players wishing to reach their full potential by providing an option which meets the training requirements and integrated team approach of High Performance players. Players will participate in a semi-private training program designed to complement the afternoon group training content and address individual needs. Head coaches will assign an assistant coach to implement the structured Team Program, and will monitor the program with the player's private coach. Players will also receive tennis specific on court movement training, individual fitness, annual plans, coaching at selected tournaments, access to a mental training program and use of ACE Replay. Extra individual training will be available. Minimum participation is for 2 x per week (2 x tennis with 2-3 players which includes fitness). Programs can be customized to add additional training based on player needs.

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# PROGRAMS

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Rachel Krzyzak  
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## New Partnership with Striation 6 Exercise and Performance Centre

We are excited to welcome in a new era of fitness training at ACE Toronto. Effective September 2017 Brad Thorpe and his team from Striation 6 Exercise and Performance Centre will oversee the fitness training division at our Toronto facility.



With over 25 years in the sports performance and personal training industries Brad has consulted with the Toronto Blue Jays, Volleyball Canada Centre of Excellence, Hockey Canada's Program of

Excellence, Pakmen Volleyball Club, University of Toronto's Family and Community Medicine Program, the Stop Concussions Foundation. In addition to his consultancy work, Brad's methods are used by a number of professional athletes competing in the NBA, MLB, NFL, UFC, FIVB and the NCAA as well as a number of Team Canada and Provincial Team athletes.

To find out what others are saying about Brad Thorpe and his methods [click here](#).



### **Craig Mercer - On-Court Involvement**

Craig will be coaching in the Futures, Champions, Provincial, National and International programs. With 17 years of coaching experience Craig holds a Master of Sports Management degree, is a Tennis Canada certified Coach 3 and Club Pro 3 and has coached provincial and national Champions. Formerly ranked #3 in Canada as a junior and top 20 in Canadian Men's Open tennis, Craig's background as a player, coach and leader provides him with a well-rounded perspective.

### **Luis Gomez - Competitive Tennis**

Luis will be exclusively focusing on competitive players coaching in our Futures, Champions, Provincial, National and International Teams. A level 2 coach from the Italian Tennis Federation and the Lawn Tennis Association (UK) Luis' was ranked top 5 as a junior in Ecuador.



### **Morgan Lever - Full-Time**

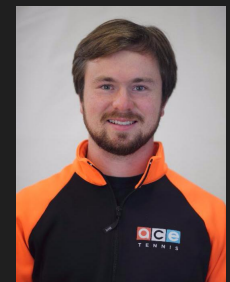
Morgan has been coaching part-time with ACE Toronto since January and will now be part of our full-time coaching staff. We are confident that the kids in both the progressive (recreational) and Competitive streams will be very happy to hear this as Morgan has done such a great job. We are thrilled to officially welcome Morgan as part of the team.

A certified Club Pro 1 with Tennis Canada and a CanFit Pro certified fitness trainer with 10 years of tennis coaching experience, Morgan competed at the junior Provincial and National level as a junior in Ontario.

## **STAFF**

### **Zach Johnson**

As of August 12th Zach will no longer be coaching tennis full time and will be pursuing a career in mental training. Zach has worked at ACE Toronto since 2010 and has developed his coaching skills greatly throughout his tenure contributing mostly to our recreational programs and younger competitive players. We wish Zach all the best in his career and thank him for his contribution to the kids and the academy.



### **Hernan Olaya**

Hernan will no longer be working at ACE Toronto as of September. We would like to thank Hernan for his work with the competitive players this year as our fitness trainer. Hernan will continue to provide fitness training for elite athletes in Toronto

and abroad.



## PARENTS MEETING

Please contact Craig Mercer at [craig@acetennis.ca](mailto:craig@acetennis.ca) if you would like to discuss options for your child for this upcoming year, or if you have any questions about the programs.



Toronto Tennis City is Toronto's most unique tennis destination located at Yonge and Davisville. The club provides its members with year round access to red Italian clay courts with state of the art LED lighting, a beautiful club house and a complimentary REPLAY video analysis system. The club offers first rate adult programs and service oriented staff. Toronto Tennis City is also home of ACE Tennis Academy, Canada's #1 school for junior players.



ACE TENNIS BURLINGTON operates out of Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sportsclub. The Cedar Springs Club boasts state of the art fitness facilities that compliment its 11 indoor tennis courts. It also offers full member recreational services including access to pools, a basketball gym, and a restaurant. Physiotherapy, medical services and massage therapy are also available on site.



Ace players and coaches benefit from the Ace Replay system which provides them with the opportunity to access a video replay of the player's practice, lesson or match play. The Ace Replay system provides an opportunity for match analysis, an understanding of player's behavior in pressure situations and evaluation through analytics.



All Canadian Sports Management Inc. is a 40 year old company which has specialized mostly in the field of tennis through strategical planning for tennis development, creation and management of sport facilities, the creation and operation of events, research and development. All Canadian also operates Canada's top tennis developmental school ACE Tennis and has ownership in ACE REPLAY, a new video replay system.

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