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2016 “Little Mo” Internationals - Palm Springs

The youngest and brightest stars in tennis competed in the 3rd annual “Little Mo” Internationals in Palm Springs, California at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa from March 2-6. This year, 105 players from 14 states across the United States and 10 countries worldwide participated in the “Little Mo” event. Draws and results are posted online: www.littlemopalmsprings.com. Congratulations to the following players who won their division:

Boys 15 - Michael Cabacungan (Rancho Mirage, California)
Boys 14 - Jinta Sasamori (Norwalk, California)
Boys 13 - Christophe LeBlanc (Saint-Bruno, QC, Canada)
Boys 12 - Lachlan Robertson (West Vancouver, BC, Canada)
Boys 11 - Liam Carpenter (Greenbrae, California)
Boys 10 - Kaylan Bigun (Phoenix, Arizona)
Boys 10 (green dot) - Kylian Coiteux (Blainville, QC, Canada)
Boys 9 - Yubel Ubri (Miami Beach, Florida)
Boys 9 (green dot) - Arnav Bhandari (San Ramon, California)
Boys 8 - Taylor Yarnell (Sammamish, Washington)

Girls 14 - Allison Isaacs (Dana Point, California)
Girls 13 - Alexis Golin (Hidden Hills, California)
Girls 12 - Danielle Tuhten (Coquitlam, BC, Canada)
Girls 11 - Alexis Jacobs (Calgary, AB, Canada)
Girls 10 - Chae Rin Youn (Scottsdale, Arizona)
Girls 9 - Akasha Urhobo (Lauderhill, Florida)
Girls 9 (green dot) - Waverly Potter (Calgary, AB, Canada)
Girls 8 - JoAnna Kennedy (Denver, Colorado)

A special congratulations to Tara Chilton (Reno, Nevada) and Jacob Cameron (Tulsa, Oklahoma) for receiving the "Little Mo" Sportsmanship Awards. The Kindness Awards were presented to the Mosejczuk family (Matthew, Dominick, Agnes, and Hubert) and the Moran-Fernandez family (Matias, Sebastian, Gael, and Gerry).

The festivities began with the Opening Ceremony at the Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort & Spa on March 2. The players paraded onto the stadium court waving their country flags proudly. Brayden Davlantes sang the national anthem and former #3 singles player in the world and doubles Grand Slam champion Rosie Casals was the Guest Speaker. We were pleased to have Maureen Connolly's two daughters, Cindy Brinker Simmons and Brenda Brinker Bottum, in attendance during the tournament.

There was a fun player party at Boomer's on March 3 with a rock wall, go-karts, bumper boats, arcade games, and mini golf. All “Little Mo/Big Mo” players also enjoyed a complimentary clinic with Wayne Bryan, father and coach of the Bryan Brothers on March 5. “Little Mo” Tournament Chairman Carol Weyman presented the trophies. KIND Snacks provided healthy granola bars for all players. Babolat provided the balls, grip, and string for the tournament.

The “Little Mo” tournaments are sponsored by MCB in memory of its tennis champion namesake, Maureen Connolly, who was known as “Little Mo” – the first woman to win the Grand Slam at only 18 years of age in 1953. She is still the youngest and the only American woman to have accomplished this magnificent feat. The “Little Mo” is designed to be fun and provide good competition for the younger player at the sectional, regional, national, and international level. The foundation has promoted junior tennis development for the past 48 years and continues to benefit countless numbers of boys and girls throughout the country.