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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DOCTA Open Junior Tennis Soars**

IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Durham, NC. – July 25, 2014 – The Durham-Orange Community Tennis Association (DOCTA) premier tennis tournament, the DOCTA Open Junior Tennis Challenge kicks off this weekend, June 25-27, 2014 at four sites, including the main site at Rock Quarry Tennis Court (behind Duke Regional Hospital). Tournament participation reached an all-time high with 217 participants from across North Carolina. Established in 1998, the mission of the DOCTA is to promote and encourage diverse and inclusive tennis participation, program and leadership development in Durham and Orange Counties.

With 326 tennis matches this weekend, John McLean, board chair said “We are excited about junior tennis, especially having our first boys and girls 10s event in the tournament”. As the organization grows youth and adult tennis in Durham and Orange Counties through Play Tennis North Carolina, the tournament will have a major economic impact in the City of Durham, McLean said.

The weekend’s event will prove to be a thrill as top players across the state compete for singles and doubles championship awards. Tournament highlights for the doubles championships are featured in the media report for July 25. Tournament sponsors Durham Parks and Recreation, Omega Sports and Wal-Mart – Glenn Road helped to make the event a success.

DOCTA is currently offering neighboring churches and other community groups the opportunity to participate in free lessons through its Tennis with Character Program at Elmira Tennis Courts on August 2 and 9. Youth ages 6 to 18 are welcomed to participate by registering at 919-547-4354. September will feature an Obesity Awareness Tennis Play Day event.

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