



VAN DER MEER TENNIS ACADEMY

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



The Legacy Continues – and the Future is Bright

Dennis & Pat Van der Meer
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Doubles Specialist

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Justin Clark
Aurandrea Payne
Jordan Phelps
Brooke Wrigley
Academy Coaches

Van Der Meer has been recognized as one of the **Top 5 Tennis Academies in the U.S.** across multiple articles and channels, proof that the culture and training system built by Dennis and Pat continues to shine.

But we're not stopping. 2026 will be a year of innovation and growth, including:

- AI Smart Cameras installed on 4 courts for advanced video analysis, performance tracking, and line calling
- Upgraded outdoor LED lighting at Shipyard for enhanced night-time play & tournaments
- Ongoing facility, court, and gym upgrades to elevate training and player experience

Carrying the Torch Dennis & Pat Lit

Dennis and Pat didn't just build a tennis academy. They changed the tennis world. They inspired generations, elevated coaching standards globally, and created a place where champions, in sport and in life, are made.

Together, we carry that mission forward and honor their legacy by making Van Der Meer one of the best tennis academies and facilities in the world - a place where potential becomes reality.

Happy Holidays and thank you for being a part of the Van Der Meer family!

ACADEMY TRAINING

Make your plans now to train with the best over breaks. College Players - unsupervised housing is available for ages 18+ to rent. Condo rentals are also available for families with kids under 18. Train for a week or longer. Kick it up a notch with our World Class Coaches. Take your game to the next level on court at the world-famous Van Der Meer Tennis Academy. Visit vdmtennis.com or call our Sales Department @ 1-800-845-6138 for more info & the application form.



FALL 2025 AWARDS

We believe that balancing fitness and mental toughness with strokes and tactics make great players. Our staff voted the following players most consistent in overall effort and performance in the following areas for the Fall Semester:

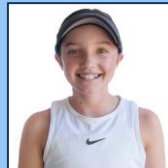


GORDON GALLAGHER
COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

USTA #61 IN THE NATION
IN BOYS 18'S & #2 IN CT
5 STAR RECRUIT



LINCOLN DILLE
FITNESS STAR



GEORGIE BATEMAN
FITNESS STAR

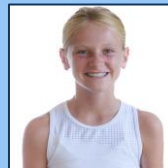


ISHA MANCHALA
COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR

USTA #1 IN THE NATION
IN BOTH 12U & 14U
EARNED A SPOT ON THE
TEAM USA NATIONAL TEAM



CHRISTIAN ARNOLD
MOST IMPROVED



PENELOPE LANG
MOST IMPROVED

JUNIOR CAMPS

Holiday, Spring and Summer Junior Camps for kids aged 12 up. Younger kids playing yellow ball tournaments with a UTR of at least 2.5 can apply, but videos are required for coaches to review. Our very popular camps were full last year, and we expect the same for this year. We have video sessions to be sure your strokes are developing soundly, mental toughness and fitness components to be sure your mind and body are strong. Sign up early to get a spot, online or through the sales office.



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TEAM VDM CHAMPS



EARLY COLLEGE SIGNINGS

We are excited to share that more student-athletes have truly adopted a mindset of hard work and dedication, and the early college signing results reflect that progress.



GORDON GALLAGHER
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY



BELLA PAYNE
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



JOHN GENTEK
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE



ANDREW KINNEAR
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