

Captain Spotlight



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What got you into Tennis?

In 2005, a girlfriend of mine suggested I join her tennis team, although I had never played before. She put me in the lineup and my poor doubles partner realized, I didn't even know how to keep score! That 1st and last match was a horrible and quick experience. It took me about 10 years and many moves later, when we landed in Nashville, for me to pick up a tennis racket again. After a few months, I decided I needed a fun activity and a way to meet people. I joined a beginners class at a local rec center and I was hooked.

What's the most exciting tennis match you've ever played or seen?

The coolest tennis experience was going to Wimbledon in 1999 when I worked for Turner Sports, so many great players were there to include Steph Graf, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, etc., but the most exciting tennis match I have seen was watching Serena play and win at the US Open finals in 2012.

How many teams have you captained?

I have captained a bunch of teams so far. I love it!! In 2008 I really wanted to join the USTA, but most of the girls that I took lessons with were new like me, and we didn't have a team available. This motivated me to start a team. The reason I love captaining is my teammates, and I've been so lucky to have had the best players on my teams. It makes it so easy when you have ladies who love the game, want to play, are competitive and fun. Most of our players work, have families, and still will rearrange their schedules to make sure a rain "makeup" gets played quickly.

What is your favorite memory as a tennis player?

My best memories of tennis and why I wanted to join, when we moved here, was to meet people. I have met so many wonderful people who I can now call friends, playing with me or against me on the court. You can't beat a beautiful day, hard play and laughs (and hopefully Mimosas at the end).

When I'm not playing tennis...

I'm spending time with my 3 children (Eda, Kylie & Jake) and husband, Mike...or planning league lineups!