

Captain Spotlight

Tennessee Captain

Nashville, TN



What made you get into tennis?

After being my wife's (Michelle) team sponsor over the last decade (joke) and watching her grow as a tennis player and enjoy the game along with her tennis tribe, I made a decision one night to post on my Facebook page asking my friends who might be interested in playing on a men's tennis team with me. To my surprise, I had about 8 guys immediately tell me they would play. That was in the Fall of 2017 and we created a 2.5/3.0 men's team that plays out of Brentwood Swim and Tennis Club at Wildwood. Since, then we have been able to grow that team into about 35 guys who play on a regular basis. We even had to split the players up and created an additional team that now plays out of Wildwood.

Since that initial team, I have captained 6 other teams over the last 2 years and we have qualified for state twice. That is exciting, but what I enjoy the most, is the friendships tennis has created for me and all our teammates. Where I used to joke about all the social aspects of my wife's tennis tribe, I now understand and embrace the social friendships it creates.

Who Is Your Favorite Professional Player?

I would say my favorite tennis player is Roger Federer. However, I grew up watching John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors battle it out which, at that time, was great to watch.

What is your favorite tennis experience?

My best tennis experience was proudly watching my wife accept the USTA Captain of the Year award and surprising her at the event by attending along with our son, Cooper. It's awesome that we get to now support each other as tennis captains. She is so very helpful with me as a captain and I'm lucky to be able to ask for her advise to assist me and our team.