



# CAPTAIN SPOTLIGHT

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## **When I'm not playing tennis...I'm**

I'm either working or sleeping. As a pilot for Fed Ex, I do travel extensively and have played tennis all over the world. I have a number of coaches I take lessons or clinics from in the US, plus Coach Hugo in Panama and Coach Fabio in Brazil. My goal is to take away something new from every learning experience.

## **How did you get into tennis?**

A good friend got me into tennis 10 years ago, I've been hooked ever since and have played USTA for the past 9 years. I started captaining my first year of USTA, and have continuously been one ever since. I've probably captained 50 teams by this point.

## **What is the most exciting match you've ever played?**

The most exciting match I've ever played in and also captained was at the 40+ 3.0 State Tournament in Chattanooga in 2018. There was only one other team in our flight, so we had to play them four times over the weekend. Doing our first match on the doubles court next to me, our top doubles player rolled his ankle and was out for the rest of the tournament. We lost the match 0-5. A few reinforcements headed over from Memphis, who almost turned back when they heard the score! We came back the next two matches and won them 3-2. So, during the final match, I was playing doubles with my regular partner. Our match was taking some time to finish, so the other courts finished. Both teams were spectating our court! At some point someone let us know that the match was tied 2-2, the state championship down to our court. Since we lost the first match 0-5, we had to win to clinch. Of course, it went down to a 3rd set tie break and the final score was in the teens. We went on to Sections in Mobile and ended up in the finals against Alabama. Most definitely the most exciting match and best season of captaining I've had.