

THE SW SPOTLIGHT

SouthWest Region - OTA

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Ancaster Tennis Club

Club of the Quarter

This year, with the help of the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Future Fund, and the Tennis Canada Rogers Covered Courts Program, we were able to convert 5 outdoor courts into the Rogers Tennis Dome during the Winter Season. This has allowed us to offer an enhanced level of programming for Juniors of all levels while remaining true to our Mission of "creating positive experiences and strong community through tennis."

- ATC Coach Mustapha Jamal



Sylvia Mergl

Featured Player

Sylvia is an 88-year-old longtime member from Pelham. Although having only started tennis in her 50s, she has accumulated a number of awards and continues to play regularly here at White Oaks. Sylvia is also an accomplished softball player. She played for Team Ontario, starting in the 50+ age division playing all over the U.S. and Japan. She continued to play until recently, stopping only because of the lack of teams in her age division (80+)!!

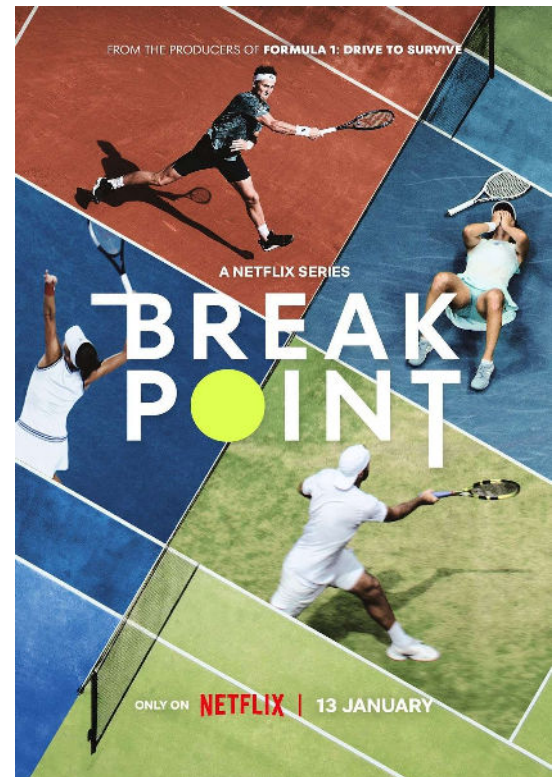
- White Oaks Tennis Director Giovanni Rodriquez



Break Point Review

By Bill Pinto of Fort Erie Tennis Club

"The Break Point documentary is a fast paced behind the scenes account of the personal experiences professional tennis players share with the tennis fan. In contrast to the more generic network TV broadcast accounts of tennis tournaments that fans generally view, Break Point provides the good, the bad and the ugly parts of the game through rarely seen camera angles, player interactions, player interviews and fan experiences. I saw the series as a no holds barred account of the fast paced and exciting world of professional tennis."



Chatting it up with our SW Chair, Rosemary:

Let's send a bouquet this month to a very special initiative taking place at the St Davids Public School in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Since the start of the new year, at least 50 young players have been gathering in one of four sessions on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. They're under the direction of certified instructor Karen Wright, with support from over a dozen volunteers. The volunteers are undertaking to become Community Tennis Facilitators, which is a new TPA program.

The players receive instruction in all the basics of tennis, but there's a special emphasis on having fun, making new friends, and experiencing the benefits of playing our game as a group ... just as adult players do. The final event of the 7-week schedule is a tournament, for which excitement is building. This will be followed by another 7-week session, after which the program will be able to move outdoors to the neighbourhood courts in the St Davids Lions Club Park. This is a rapidly growing village, with dozens of new families ready to have tennis as part of their community life.

- 1) What tennis player had the nickname "The Rocket"?
- 2) What was the 5th set score in the longest professional tennis match ever between Isner and Mahut?
- 3) What court surface is the fastest?

Keep an eye out for the answers on the next SW Spotlight!