

## Introduction

Nicole began her tennis journey at the age of seven when she participated in a summer tennis camp at Tennis West Sports and Racquet Club. She fell in love with the sport right away. Tennis brought her so much pleasure from striking the ball, the strategy, the physicality of it, and having the opportunity to meet new people - young and spry or not so!

Nicole started competing at the age of nine and had success almost instantly. She started competing in United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournaments across El Paso and then moved onto events across the Southwest Section (Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso County) earning a ranking in the top 10 in the Southwest every year from the 10U division to 18U division. She also had the opportunity to represent the Southwest in national individual and team tournaments from 12U - 18U category.

Nicole shined in high school tennis winning the NM State 3A Singles title as an 8th grader, and the Texas 5A Doubles titles twice (sophomore and senior year with Megan Schmulbach). She also helped her team advance to three team state appearances (1 champion, 1 finalist, and 1 semifinalist) playing line 1 singles and line 1 doubles for the majority of her high school career. These successes provided her with much recognition in El Paso as well as the opportunity to play D1 collegiate tennis on a full athletic scholarship at New Mexico State University.

Nicole really enjoyed her time playing college tennis. Being able to be a part of a team of young women that all had similar goals of success on the court and in the classroom was a great experience. She worked incredibly hard day in and day out and showed improvement each year moving up in the line up in singles and doubles. She became a team leader early on earning the respect of her teammates and coaches. She finished with over 100 wins in her college career and with academic honors.

After college tennis, Nicole received the wildcard into the El Paso \$10K Women's professional event three times in doubles, enjoying each experience to play tennis at a very high level. Nicole still plays tennis in USTA leagues, interclub leagues, and national team tournaments when she has the time. She is currently top 75 in singles and doubles in the country in the 35s age category and has goals to start competing in more age category tournaments once her children get older with the hopes of having the opportunity to represent Team USA in international competitions.

Tennis has been so good to Nicole that she has been giving back to the sport since her early years. She has done volunteer work on court as a hitting partner, court monitor, and D1 college assistant coach. Nicole currently volunteers her time working special events and helping secure donations for the Southwest Tennis Foundation and for the past three years attends the US Open to help with Arthur Ashe Kids' Day which is the largest youth activation in the world.

Nicole lives in El Paso with her husband, Alexandre, who is the Director of Tennis and Racquet Sports at Tennis West Sports and Racquet Club (where it all started for her!), and their ten year old twins, Olivia and Quentin. She hopes one day her kids will love tennis at least half the amount she does!

## **Nicole Fintell: Major Tennis Accomplishments**

**1995-2003:** competed in local, section (Southwest-AZ, NM, El Paso), and national junior individual and team tournaments in USTA junior competitive pathway; top 5 every year in the USTA district and section rankings from 1995-2003; two-time #1 in singles in Southwest Section and seven-time #1 in doubles (with Megan Schmulbach)

**1999 (spring):** NM State 3A High School Singles Champion (8th grader competed for Santa Teresa High School)

**1999 (fall):** USTA Greater El Paso Tennis Association Junior Sportsmanship Award

**1999 (fall):** USTA Southwest Junior Sportsmanship Award

**1999:** ranked top 10 in the country in Girls' 14 doubles (with Megan Schmulbach)

**2000 (fall):** Texas 5A High School Team District, Region, and State Champions (Coronado High School)

**2001 (spring):** Texas 5A High School Doubles District, Region, and State Champions (with Megan Schmulbach-Coronado High School)

**2001 (fall):** Texas 5A High School Team District and Region Champions and State Finalists (Coronado High School)

**2002 (spring):** Texas 5A High School Doubles District Champions (with Megan Schmulbach-Coronado High School)

**2002 (July):** Sunturians Amateur Athlete of the Month

**2002 (fall):** Texas 5A High School Team District and Region Champions and State Semifinalists (Coronado High School)

**2002 (fall):** USTA Greater El Paso Tennis Association Sportsmanship Award

**2003 (spring):** Texas 5A High School Doubles District, Region, and State Champions (with Megan Schmulbach-Coronado High School)

**2003 (spring):** EPISD Board of Trustees Recognition for State Doubles Title

**2003 (June):** Sunturians Amateur Athlete of the Month

**2003 (fall)-2007 (spring):** full athletic scholarship to play tennis at New Mexico State University

**2004 (summer)-2007 (summer):** competed in Adult tournaments in France, winning 3 tournaments

**2006 (spring):** WAC Women's Tennis Player of the Week

**2007 (spring):** over 100 wins in singles and doubles during time at NMSU

**2007 (spring):** Academic All-WAC Team

**2008-2025:** played in USTA League program and tournaments off and on as well as Women's Interclub League play (Phoenix, AZ)

**2026:** currently top 75 in nation in singles and doubles in Women's 35s age category

## **Giving Back**

**1999 (fall)-2000 (fall):** Adult Wheelchair Tennis volunteer (USTA program)

**2008-2010:** volunteer court monitor for beginner players in tournaments

**2011-2013:** volunteer hitting partner with high performance junior players

**2012-2014:** volunteer coach for a local non-profit organization (SWYTF) tennis program for underprivileged youth

**2013 (fall)-2015 (spring):** NMSU Volunteer Assistant Women's Tennis Coach

**2014-current:** donates time in support of the Southwest Tennis Foundation

**2021(fall)-2023 (spring):** Volunteer P.E. Coach for French Am School in Chandler, AZ

**2023 (fall)-2025 (spring):** UTEP Volunteer Assistant Women's Tennis Coach

**2023-current:** Arthur Ashe Kid's Day Court Leadership Team-annual volunteer role at the US Open

## **Education and Professional Organizations**

**2007:** Bachelor's Degree in Human Nutrition and Food Science, New Mexico State University

**2019:** Racquet Sports Professional Association, certified member

**2022:** United States Tennis Association Roving Umpire and Referee, certified member

**2025:** National Association of Sports Officials, member

**2025:** Women Leaders in Sports, member

**2025:** United States Tennis Association Coaching, certified member

## **References**

**Jerry Pippins**, Coronado High School Head Tennis Coach during my time there 1999-2003; 915.241.8689

**Don Ball**, New Mexico State University Head Coach Womens' and Mens' Tennis during my time there 2003-2007; 575.642.4478

**Ivan Fernandez**, New Mexico State University Head Women's Tennis Coach/University of Texas at El Paso Head Women's Tennis Coach during my time as volunteer assistant (2013-2015 and 2023-2025); 575.640.0037

**Eric Mitchell**, CEO United States Tennis Association Southwest Section was in my current role when I was a junior player (2000-2003) and has been my boss since 2014; 602.692.6482

**Don Ball  
New Mexico State University  
Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach (retired)**

**Selection Committee  
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame**

**It gives me immense pleasure to write this letter of recommendation to the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame for Nicole Fintell. Nicole is an outstanding candidate.**

**I was the head coach at New Mexico State University for 25 years and had over three hundred tennis players during my tenure. Nicole was truly special and consistently modeled sportsmanship and integrity.**

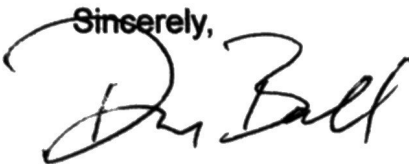
**Nicole was one of those rare players that walked into a program and immediately had an impact. She was playing in a lower position, but her tenacity, drive, and enthusiasm were infectious. It was not long before she was playing near or at the top of the lineup. Nicole is a natural leader who does things, by example. She was always first to practice, always gave a full effort, and always had a word of encouragement for her teammates and a smile on her face. Everyone wanted to play doubles with her. Nicole was a coach's dream. In her sophomore year she was already like an assistant coach as a junior; she was our Captain. Nicole won over 100 matches for us and was WAC Player of the Week during the spring of 2006.**

**Student athletes have a very trying schedule, especially in season. We often traveled four days a week, competing three days a week, and then there was practice. Nicole excelled in the classroom. (ALL-WAC Academic Team 2007)**

**I have followed Nicole's professional life; she is a great friend. She has excelled in her positions for the USTA but always has had time to help both the NMSU and UTEP Tennis programs. She has been an inspiration for local aspiring tennis players.**

**Nicole has my highest recommendation.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and "B".

**Don Ball**

17 MARCH 2026

Dear Members of The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee,

I am pleased to recommend Nicole Fintell for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. I have known Nicole for over 20 years, as her coach, colleague, and friend. Beyond her remarkable athletic achievements in tennis, Nicole exemplifies integrity, sportsmanship, and teamwork in tennis and in life. She has been and always will be a dedicated ambassador for tennis in El Paso and categorically fits the criteria for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

I first met Nicole in 2002 when I assisted Don Ball in her recruitment to be a scholarship Tennis student-athlete at New Mexico State University (NMSU). Nicole accepted her scholarship to NMSU and was a great asset to the NMSU tennis team and to her teammates. Her commitment, hard work, and dedication to tennis earned Nicole spots in the top of the line up for both singles and doubles, and with her compassion and respect for others, she quickly became a tremendous leader of the team. Her teammates knew that they could depend on Nicole on and off the court, and she helped the players (used to playing an individual sport) develop into a cohesive group of teammates who genuinely wanted to fight for each other and support each other.

A few years after Nicole played for NMSU, she commuted from El Paso to Las Cruces to serve as the NMSU Volunteer Assistant Women's Tennis Coach. I had become the Head Women's Tennis Coach by then and was thrilled to have Nicole working with the team again in this new role. She adapted to the role easily and earned the respect of the players who accepted her and listened to her as one of their coaches. Ten years later, I was honored when she offered to help me at UTEP as the UTEP Volunteer Assistant Women's Tennis Coach and did not hesitate to bring her in as one of the coaches. Even with her full-time work with the USTA and her important family responsibilities, she made time for the UTEP tennis team. Again, the players respected her, accepted her, and listened to her as a coach and as a mentor. The UTEP players felt especially supported by her when she coached them during matches against UTEP's I-10 rivals, her alma mater. When UTEP dropped the tennis team, she helped the players and coaches with whatever they needed as they transitioned to their new schools or decided what to do.

Nicole has always had an infectious positive attitude and outlook on life, and she has a special ability to make others feel valued and comfortable around her. Her positive attitude has helped her become a competitive tennis player, who views mistakes as challenges to learn from and overcome. By making others feel valued and comfortable, she invites them into her positivity, which influences their own tennis, lives, and communities. Nicole is a great tennis player from El Paso who will continue giving back and sharing her love of tennis and El Paso with others. Nicole Fintell represents El Paso's best. I wholeheartedly recommend her for The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Ivan Fernandez  
Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach  
Saint Leo University

March 15, 2026

El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

It is my distinct honor to recommend Nicole Fintell of El Paso, Texas, for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. As CEO of the United States Tennis Association Southwest Section, I have had the privilege of working with, coaching and observing many outstanding contributors to our sport. Nicole stands out as someone whose accomplishments, character, and dedication to tennis have made a lasting impact on the El Paso tennis community.

Nicole's tennis achievements reflect years of dedication, discipline, and competitive excellence. Through her participation in tournaments, league competition, and community tennis activities, she has consistently demonstrated the determination and sportsmanship that define the highest standards of our sport. Her accomplishments on the court are impressive, but what makes them particularly meaningful is the way she has represented the city of El Paso with pride and integrity.

Beyond her personal achievements, Nicole's passion for tennis is evident in her continued commitment to growing the game. She has been an active and positive force within the local tennis community, supporting events, encouraging participation, as a USTA Southwest Section employee and helping elevate the visibility of tennis in the region. Her enthusiasm for the sport is genuine and contagious, inspiring players of all ages.

Equally important is Nicole's unwavering integrity. She competes and engages in the sport with honesty, humility, and respect for others. These qualities embody the true spirit of tennis and reflect the values that athletic institutions like the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame seek to recognize and celebrate.

Nicole Fintell's contributions to tennis and her positive influence on the El Paso athletic community make her a truly deserving candidate for the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. She represents the very best of what athletics can offer—achievement, dedication, sportsmanship, and leadership.

It is with great pride and confidence that I offer my strongest recommendation for Nicole Fintell's induction. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Eric Mitchell  
CEO

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# High Schools Report

El Paso Times  
Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999 5C



J.R. Hernandez / El Paso Times

Nicole Fintell is making her name known on the Coronado High School tennis team. Fintell, who won the Sun Bowl Junior Open on Monday, is 15 years old.

## Coronado tennis standout ready to shine

By Paul MacKinnon  
Special to the Times

**N**icole Fintell is too young to join the United States Air Force, but that still hasn't kept her from aiming high.

As a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Santa Teresa High School, Fintell won the 1999 New Mexico State 3A girls singles title, the first such title of any kind in that town. But, while her accomplishments on the tennis court continue to mount, those who know her best say her greatest attributes are as a friend and overall terrific person. But, still, to be a state champion...

"That was an incredible feeling," the 5-foot-5, left-handed Coronado High freshman said. "I felt like I was representing all of Santa Teresa. A lot of the middle-school kids didn't even know about (winning state), but the high school kids did because it was like the

### Fintell file

► **Who:** Nicole Fintell.  
► **Age:** 15.  
► **Classification:** Freshman.

► **School:** Coronado High.  
► **Family:** Parents are Marsha and David Fintell; sister Jennifer,

17; brother Jason, 11.  
► **Aspiration:** Be a pro tennis player, coach or physical therapist.

first state title there in anything. I made a lot of new friends."

A major accomplishment, but one her father, David, took in stride. "It was a good accomplishment, she enjoyed it," the sixth-grade history teacher at Carol T. Welch school said. "I've never seen her so excited after a match. But I wasn't shocked, because I know she's a great player."

But she was a player who got a bit of a late start, picking up the sport as a 7-year-old when her mom Marsha enrolled her in classes at Tennis West Academy. Fintell won her first tournament at age 9, and has progressed into one of the top high school players

in the area, ranked 95th nationally in the 14-and-under division.

She knocked off the No. 39 player on the way to a consolation finals appearance at the National Indoors Tournament in St. Louis and teamed with doubles partner Megan Schmulbach to finish sixth at the U.S. Clay Court Championships last July in Plantation, Fla. She beat Schmulbach Monday in the Sun Bowl Junior Open.

And, with that continuing success, comes the overbearing cockiness that accompanies all great athletes, or does it? Nicole Fintell was chosen all-middle school girl by the Santa Teresa faculty and was also named Squirt of the Day

(for sportsmanship) at the National Indoors Tournament.

"Nicole is so sweet, funny, caring, she's just fun to be around," the 15-year-old Schmulbach said. "She'll talk to anyone even though they don't know her. Everyone just loves her."

And vice-versa for Fintell, who made the move to Coronado High, in part, to be able to be around her good friend Megan.

"One of the reasons I wanted to go to an El Paso school was to be with my tennis friends," Fintell said. "I really wanted to play doubles with Megan. We've been planning that one out once we were 10 years old."

Fintell and Schmulbach have had to hold off on that dream for the moment, as both are ineligible to compete for a year after transferring to the West Side school from outside the district.

But, Fintell said Coronado coach Jay Pippens has plans for the two to do great things next year at the state level.

"I think they could have a shot," David Fintell said. "There's a chance they could make waves next year, or the year after that, or the year after that. Whenever."

Fintell hopes tennis will take her to some stellar college campus — Duke, North Carolina, UCLA and Southern Cal spring to her mind — with a professional career, hopefully, in the offing.

"The goals she sets will take her there, the hard work," personal coach Lee Henson said. "She's just got to take it step by step. Play well regionally, sectionally, nationally and then, internationally."

### Tennis: Sun Bowl Junior Open

## Friends put on show in girls' 16-under final

By Paul MacKinnon  
Special to the Times

It was championship Monday as 15 titles were contested at the Sun Bowl Junior Open Tennis Championships. The three-day affair ran Saturday through Monday at the El Paso Tennis and Swim Club.

Doubles partners Nicole Fintell and Megan Schmulbach put on the show of the tournament with a two-hour match in the finals of the girls' 16-under singles final. The two split the opening sets before Fintell claimed the match in a see-saw final set, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

"I was just trying to fight, to keep the ball in play," the left-handed Fintell said. "In

the second set, I was going for too much. In the third, I mixed it up more, played some angles, going for my inside-out forehand when I had the opportunity."

After dropping the second set, Fintell trailed 3-1 in the third before running off four straight games for a 5-3 lead. But then it was Schmulbach's turn to come back, fighting off a match point to draw even at 5-5.

But, serving to tie the set at 6-6, Schmulbach couldn't hold on as Fintell finally broke serve to win the match.

► **Monday's results 2C**  
► **A look at Fintell 5C**

"I was up 40-15, so I just blew it," Schmulbach said.



Schmulbach

No hard feelings after the match, though, as Fintell and Schmulbach didn't drop a game in two matches to win the 16-and-under doubles title.

In boys' action, 11-year-old Matt Ellis and 16-year-old Oswaldo Lopez claimed four of the five singles titles.

Ellis downed Ryan Hooker 6-3, 6-2 to win the 12-and-under before outlasting Christian Martinez 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in the title game of the 14's.

Lopez handled Jason Kobren 6-2, 6-3 in the 16's championship before cruising past Michael Parker 6-1, 6-3 in the finals of the 18's.

"It's tough to go out after a lot of matches, continue to psyche yourself up again," said Lopez, who won the same double at the Thanksgiving Tournament at Americas High.

Ellis had an even tougher go, fighting through a 1½-hour match to complete his double with a win over Martinez in the 14's.

"You've got to get one match done so you can get on to the next match and take care of that one," said Ellis, who got a half-hour rest before completing his doubleheader sweep. "Your



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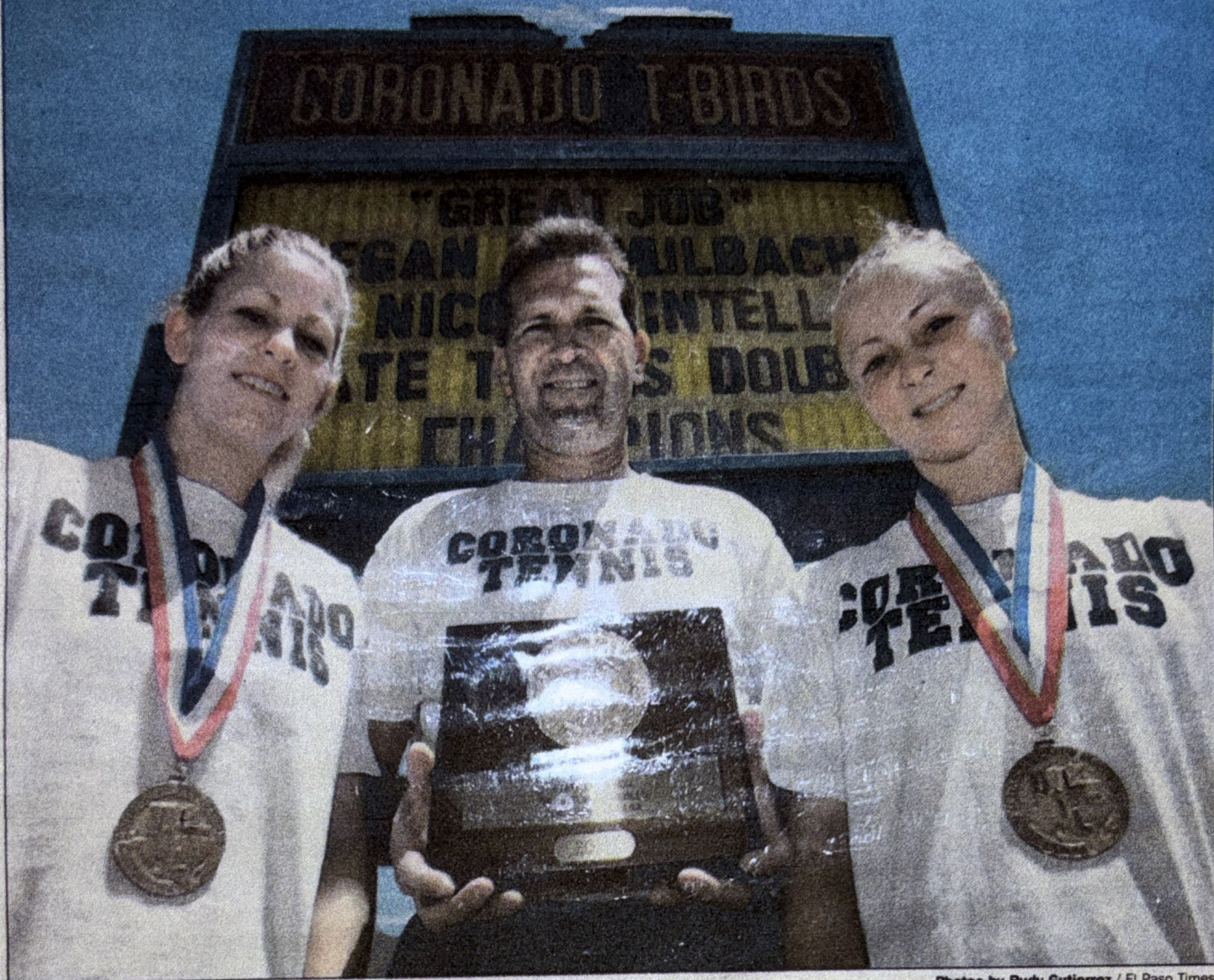
Nicole Fintell won the girls' 16-and-under singles final Monday, defeating Megan Schmulbach 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

brain, your arm, your wrist, they just get tired after a while."

Alberto Contreras beat Andres Contreras 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 to win the 10-and-under boys' title.

Stephanie Rivera won the girls' 10's by default.

Lisa Lopez (6-1, 6-4 over Tawsha Nathanson) won the 12's and Alessandro Jordan (6-4, 6-2 over Andrea Adamson) took the 14's.



Photos by Rudy Gutierrez / El Paso Times

Coronado sophomores Megan Schmulback, left, and Nicole Fintell wore their doubles tennis state title medals while coach Jerry Pippins displayed their championship plaque. The marquee behind the threesome proclaims the doubles team's achievement.

# Super sophs look for repeat

## Coronado tennis duo hopes to defend state title



Megan Schmulback, left, and Nicole Fintell have become celebrities at Coronado.

By Matthew Aguilar  
El Paso Times

It's been a dream week for Nicole Fintell and Megan Schmulback.

The Coronado sophomores — already something of celebrities as they walk down the halls at

school — have been the subject of celebration since conquering the state and winning the 5A doubles championship last week.

You drive down appropriately named Champions Drive and there's the big marquee that shouts kudos to the 10th-graders and their coach, Jerry Pippins. You walk into the classrooms, and there's a party in their honor, complete with cake and ice cream. And you listen to the morning announcements, and there's the student council president offering congratulations on behalf of the entire school.

"Everyone keeps telling us how awesome an achievement it is," Fintell said.

Now, the question is obvious: Can they do it again?

You would think this dynamic duo would be favorites again next year. Pippins admits Fintell and Schmulback will be a tough pair to beat a year from now, as experienced, talented juniors

"Based on what I've seen," Pippins said, "they'd have an excellent chance to repeat."

Whatever happens next year, the two girls will forever have the gold medals to drape around their necks. It is an achievement that seems Schmulback was born to realize. She has been swinging a racket since she was barely strong enough to hold it up.

Schmulback went to the summer camps and received instruction from expert coaches. It seems she was meant to play before big crowds and for meaningful titles.

"My second home was Tennis West," she said. "I was on the news at age 6. My dad grew up with it and he inspired me to play."

It was her dad's surprise appearance in Austin just before the final match with Humble that fired Schmulback up.

"It helped a lot," she said. "He's always provided a lot of sup-

port."

Fintell, meanwhile, split her time between tennis and basketball as a youngster. She was always athletic and always energetic, but she wasn't always sure that tennis would be her primary sport.

"I played both, then I realized I liked tennis more," Fintell said. "(But) I had to work really hard at playing tennis."

At the state tournament, spectators mistakenly thought the duo were seniors. They are mature and ultra-talented, so the mistake is forgivable. But the two still have two more years, and they're looking to make the most of it.

Both want to continue playing tennis in college. Fintell wants to study to be a massage therapist.

But more immediately, they want another gold medal.

"It's such a great team, we don't know how coach Pippins is going to play us next year," Schmulback said. "But we want to go back and defend our state title."

Fintell agreed.

"I'd love to do that," she said.

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# T-Bird pair wins state doubles title

By Matthew Aguilar

El Paso Times

It was part talent, part determination and a whole lot of guts.

Coronado sophomores Megan Schmulbach and Nicole Fintell won the 5A tennis state doubles championship Tuesday with a 6-2, 7-6 victory over Humble's Jana Cucciniello and Tina Hoang in Austin.

The Thunderbird duo overcame Austin's intense humidity and senior-laden opposition to add another gold medal to Coronado's wildly successful tennis program.

"They were excited," Coronado coach Jerry Pip-

pens said. "You win it, I think it's something special."

Coronado easily won the first set, but had to struggle in the second. Schmulbach and Fintell were down in the second set before coming back to win.

The duo improved its season record to 31-0 and its 2000-2001 school-year record to 53-2.

Schmulbach and Fintell seemed to learn from Monday's 7-6, 5-7, 6-3 semifinal victory over Coronado's Woodlands. In that match, the pair squandered a 4-1 lead to lose the second set 5-7. When it was faced with another pressure situation Tuesday, they responded with a maturity that belied their age.

After winning the first set easily, Schmulbach and Fintell got off to a slow start in the second set, falling behind 5-2. The sophomores battled back to tie it 6-6 and, when the Humble team sailed a shot into the net, the pair won 7-6.

"The first set, we were really on, attacking everything," Fintell said. "The second set, they attacked more and we were a little tentative. When we closed it out, we thought, 'My gosh, we just won state!'"

Schmulbach said her nerves flared up as their glorious moment approached.

"I wasn't nervous until the last three points of the tiebreaker," she said. "Every-

time Nicole would hit a shot back, I'd be out of breath and my legs would be shaking. When we won, I just sat there for a minute and thought, 'Oh my gosh.'"

Pippens said the crowd was stunned to find out that Schmulbach and Fintell are sophomores.

"Some of the people were asking where they were going to school (next year)," Pippens said. "When I told them that they didn't know yet, they said, 'It's late,' assuming they were seniors."

Both were thrilled with the outcome.

"It feels fantastic," Fintell said. "I always hoped that we could do it, but it's neat that we could make it here and



Jack Plunkett / Associated Press

**Coronado's Nicole Fintell** volleyed the ball during the UIL 5A girls' doubles championship match Tuesday in Austin. Fintell and partner Megan Schmulbach won the state doubles title Tuesday in Austin.

win it."

Schmulbach was just as excited.

"I think Nicole and I played

one of our best matches we've ever played," she said.

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*During the 2003-2004 Academic Year*

*April 21, 2005*



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*For earning a Grade Point Average of 3.625  
during the 2003-2004 Academic Year*



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Brian Faison, Director of Athletics

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Willmott', written over a horizontal line.

Stacey Willmott, Athletics Academic Program Coordinator

## Aggies' Fintell Advances To Main Draw At Regionals

Courtesy: New Mexico State University

Release: 10/20/2004



Tulsa, Okla. — Sophomore Nicole Fintell (El Paso Coronado HS) won two matches Wednesday afternoon at the Omni Central Regional Tournament to advance to the main draw which begins Thursday.

Fintell defeated Tiffany Smith of Tulsa 6-4, 6-2 and Rebecca Pike of BYU 2-6, 7-5, 10-4.

Senior Sandra Mayr won her first match, defeating Katie Garcia of Nebraska 7-6, 3-6, 10-8, falling to Santie DePort of Tulsa 6-1, 6-3.

"I was very impressed with the way both Nicole and Sandra played," said Aggie head coach Bob Ball. "It's a pleasant surprise to have this many players in the main draw. It's the best we've had in three or four years."

Courtesy: New Mexico State University

**Former El Paso Coronado star Nicole Fintell won both her matches Wednesday to advance to the main draw at the Omni Regionals.**

Isabelle Mignot and Lejla Porobic have already qualified for the main draw



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## Aggie Tennis Sweeps Player of the Week Awards

Courtesy: New Mexico State University

Release: 02/08/2006



Courtesy: New Mexico State University

**Nicole Fintell and Stjepan Beg were named Players of the Week.**

last year and if we don't have the injury bug hit us I think we have a legitimate chance of contending for the WAC title or at least getting to championship match. Boise State is the favorite to win, but our goal is to get to that point and Stjepan is the guy that's helping us get there

Fintell finished the weekend 2-1 in doubles play defeating the No. 2 teams from Idaho and Utah State along with teammate Celine DuFos (Huissen, Netherlands). In singles action, Fintell was undefeated at the No. 3 position. She defeated Idaho's Lauren Shrubs in straight sets 5, 7-5, while defeating North Texas' Megan Schmulbach, 6-4, 6-4. In her last match, she defeated Utah State's Courtney Anderson, 6-4, 7-5. The Aggie women improve their overall record to 5-1 and 3-0 in WAC play.

"It's really exciting to have a kid from the block so-to-speak win this award since she's from Santa Teresa," Ball said. "When she came in I kind of expected her to play at the five or six spot most of her career and she has just worked extremely hard and could play as high as 1 this year. She's also a great doubles player and is really our team leader so if we can continue to compete and get better on the women's side, we also have the goal of being in the finals for the WAC tournament."

The Aggie men take the court again Feb. 12-14 as they head to Las Vegas, Nev. to face UNLV, UC-Riverside and Southern Mississippi and the women host New Mexico, Colorado State and Oklahoma State, Feb. 17-19 at the NMSU Tennis Center.

Las Cruces, N.M. - The New Mexico State men's and women's tennis teams swept the WAC Player of the Week awards for the week of Feb. 6 as junior Nicole Fintell (Santa Teresa, N.M.) earned the award on the women's team and junior Stjepan Beg (Rab, Croatia) received the award on the men's team.

Beg was undefeated in singles and doubles last week as the Aggies defeated Idaho (6-1), Utah State (7-0) and Northern Colorado (7-0). At No. 1 doubles, Beg and doubles partner Brice Magnanou (Montauban, France) defeated Idaho, 8-6, Utah State, 8-6 and Northern Colorado, 8-6. At the number one singles position, Beg defeated Idaho's Timothy Huynh, 6-4, 6-2. The junior defeated Utah State's Johannes Zelle in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4 and Northern Colorado's Pete Weyhrich, 6-1, 6-1. The Aggie men are now 4-0 overall and 2-0 in WAC matches.

"Stjepan is rounding into midseason form early and it looks to me like he's going to be one of the leaders on the men's team," Aggie head coach Don Ball said. "We're much better than we were

