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MEN'S 4.5 TEAM WINS LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tucson, Ariz. — The USTA Middle States Section men from Delaware were crowned champions at the 2011 USTA Adult League 4.5 National Championships, held Oct. 28-30, at the Jim Reffkin Tennis Center.

The Middle States men from Wilmington, Del. defeated a group representing the Southern California Section from Tarzana, by a score of 4-1 in the championship match. Earlier in the day, they defeated a team from the Pacific Northwest Section in the semifinal round.

The Middle States team is captained by Christopher Kyper and features John Ellis, Trevor Anderson, Jared Howat, Joseph Ferry, Alex Tanzio, Oliver Jones, Ryan Gargullo, Nicholas Gallagher, Russell Chamberlin and Jason Goldman-Petri. The team plays out of the Penn Oaks Racquet Club in West Chester, Pa.

On the women's side the Northern California team, from Stanford, defeated the group representing the Texas Section, from Tyler, by a 3-2 score in the finals. In the semifinals, the Northern California ladies defeated a team from the Southern Section.

This year's USTA League 4.5 Adult National Championship has drawn the top 34 teams (17 men's and 17 women's) from throughout the nation.

USTA League is celebrating its 31st anniversary this year. Established in 1980, it has grown from 13,000 participants in a few parts of the country in its first year, to over 779,000 players across the nation today, making it the world's largest recreational tennis program.

The USTA League was established to provide adult recreational tennis players throughout the country with the opportunity to compete against players of similar ability levels. Players participate on teams in a league format, which is administered by the USTA through its 17 Sections. The league groups players by using six National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels, ranging from 2.5 (entry) to 5.0 (advanced). USTA League is open to any USTA member 19 years of age or older. It features Adult and Mixed Doubles divisions, as well as a Senior Division (age 50) and a Super Senior Division (age 60).

About USTA Middle States *The USTA is the official governing body for tennis in the United States. Incorporated in 1924, USTA Middle States (USTA MS) is one of 17 USTA sections encompassing Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey (exclusive of a 35-mile radius around New York City) and northwestern West Virginia. USTA MS is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to carrying out the goals of the national association within its region, particularly with respect to promoting tennis opportunities for juniors and adults of all abilities and all cultural backgrounds.*

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