# A Legendary Weekend in Newport: 2025



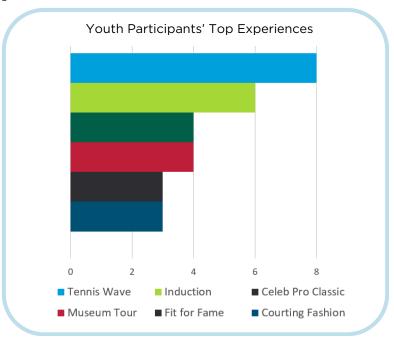
# **Youth Participant & Parent Feedback**

## **Memorable Moments & Top Experiences**

### **Youth Participants' Reflections**

When asked to share about their favorite activities, youth participants reported that they loved meeting tennis legends, learning history firsthand, making global friends, playing on grass courts, exploring the museum, asking pros questions, and experiencing unforgettable moments like the Induction Ceremony.





#### **Parents' Reflections**



We can already see and hear the resounding effect [Be Legendary] has had on [our child], it's something that perhaps years of ordinary life experience could never have instilled in quite the same way. [...] Nothing would be more inspiring than to one day hear the testimonies of adults who were once children shaped by this initiative.

- Jason (parent), Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



[Samuel's parents] haven't stopped raving about the experience! They couldn't stop complimenting you and your team, how organized all the activities they participated in, and how they were treated so wonderfully. THANK YOU! The joy on their faces and Samuel's non-stop enthusiasm throughout the weekend said it all. It truly meant the world to them to share together as a family!

- Angie (partner), Miami, FL, USA



# **Understanding Tennis History: Learning from Legends**

## **Youth Participants' Reflections**



Percentage of youth participants that enjoyed learning about **legendary players** 

Percentage of youth participants that learned more about the **history of tennis** 

Percentage of youth participants that learned about what they can do to **be great** 



The Bryan brothers showed me that you can be a pro and also get a degree. They showed me that it is respected amongst peers to be humble and team focused. Stan Smith allowed me to understand that we can value and enjoy the little things in life.

- Joshua (11), Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



I learned that Gigi Fernandez broke the norms of women's tennis in her culture. [...] She broke those boundaries and [became] a role model to all female athletes wanting to be part of the sport. Similarly Rosie Casals was an advocate for female tennis players during her time as she fought for equality in women tennis. She was part of the original 9.

- Merilen (18), Indian Wells, California, USA

#### **Parents' Reflections**



Percentage of parents that indicated **materials and lessons** enhanced their child's experience

Percentage of parents that better understand **the history of tennis** because of their partnership with the International Tennis Hall of Fame





Amongst all the wonderful experiences during the event, one that truly stood out was [my child] having the chance to play doubles alongside the Bryan brothers. It was far more than just the excitement of being on the court with famous players, it was the moment he realized that he belonged in the company of such great achievers, and that he was accepted in that space. I could see how deeply that experience touched him, and the lasting impact it had.

- Jason (parent), Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



# **Instilling Tennis Values**

Check out the Legendary Weekend Highlight video!



#### **Parents' Reflections**

Parents observed meaningful growth in confidence, leadership, perseverance, and resilience. Children stepped up to ask questions, support peers, handle challenges, and reflect on the lessons of Hall of Famers, leaving them inspired, empowered, and motivated to pursue goals both on and off the court.





Percentage of parents that indicate the Be Legendary program had a **positive impact** on their child

Percentage of parents that reported the Be Legendary program resulted in their child showing increased positive attitude, teamwork, sportsmanship, excitement, and motivation

Percentage of parents that indicate interactions with Hall of Famers had a **positive impact** on their child



One favorite moment was seeing my child confidently asking questions to all the Hall of Fame players. It was inspiring to watch them step up, communicate clearly, and support their peers—showing real growth in leadership and teamwork.

- Danay (parent), Miami, Florida, USA



The impact the Be Legendary program had on my child was she become more confidant in her abilities as person and as a tennis player. She is now more motivated and willing to take on new challenges and not be afraid to step out of her comfort zone and try new things. The Be Legendary program taught her many new things such as teamwork, goal setting and strong work ethics.

- Victor (parent), Indian Wells, California, USA



## **Instilling Tennis Values (continued)**

## **Youth Participants' Reflections**

When asked what values are important to them and how they showed those values during the Legendary Weekend, participants highlighted confidence, perseverance, empathy, respect, teamwork, resilience, dedication, kindness, and sportsmanship. They showed these values through on-court play; offering encouragement; active listening; overcoming nerves; supporting peers; and treating legends, teammates, and opponents with care and positivity.





[I learned] it doesn't matter if you are the strongest or most agile but its the way you think and act whilst playing tennis.

- Ashley (10), London, United Kingdom



Teamwork, communication, friendship, determination, confidence, perseverance, dedication and passion. [...] I will apply all that I learned because I want to be the best tennis player that I can be. And I'll apply all of these values off the court because I want to be a good student and friend.

- Owen (11), Newport, Rhode Island, USA

## **Building Community**

#### **Youth Participants' Reflections**

Participants discovered shared love for tennis, the value of teamwork, communication, and friendship. They learned to embrace differences, step out of their comfort zones, and bond across diverse backgrounds and cultures.



What amazed me was that even though we came from different parts of the [world], we shared one thing in common and that was the love for this sport. This sport brought us together and we all created a bond that made this experience more meaningful that I will never forget.

- Samantha (17), Indian Wells, California, USA



I have never met a more like-minded group of people. Even though we are all at very different points in our lives, we all have goals and ambitions that we are working toward, and that might just have been my favorite thing about this trip. I gained invaluable knowledge from this experience.

- Whisper (15), Dallas, Texas, USA

