

August 2026 Youth Athlete of the Month Tennis

Athlete: Violeta Pisarczyk

Instructor: Luis Soto

Violeta Pisarczyk is a 14-year-old student in Empowerment Academy and a participant in Sunrise's Tennis program.

Comments from her Coach:

Violeta is a talented and dedicated athlete. We celebrate her not just for her achievements, but also her resilience, character, and determination. Violeta suffered a severe wrist injury last year. Through relentless hard work and unwavering commitment, Violeta made a remarkable return, stunning the tennis community by reaching the finals of an 18-and-under Level 4 tournament in her very first event back.

Violeta continued to excel across multiple age divisions, finishing as a finalist at several tournaments and earning 4th place in Minneapolis. Her momentum culminated at the USTA National Clay Court Championships, where her outstanding performance propelled her to career-high national rankings.

Violeta's journey is a testament to perseverance, courage, and an unwavering pursuit of excellence. Her comeback reminds us that setbacks can become the foundation for even greater success. Please join me in recognizing Violeta—a true competitor whose best is still ahead.

Athlete: Paul Bauer

Coach: Luis Soto

Paul Bauer is a 16-year-old student in Enlghtium Academy and a participant in the Sunrise Tennis program.

Comments from his Coach:

Paul Bower's accomplishments reflect not only his success on the court but also the dedication, discipline, and perseverance that have made those achievements possible. Through countless hours of training and a commitment to continuous improvement, Paul has consistently elevated his game to compete against many of the nation's top junior players. His accolades include a USTA Level 3 tournament championship in Lakeland, a Level 3 finalist finish at IMG Academy, third place in a Level 3 team event, fifth place in a highly competitive Level 2 tournament in Orlando, and the opportunity to compete in both singles and doubles at the USTA National Clay Court Championships. Each milestone is the product of sustained hard work, resilience, and a determination to perform at the highest level of junior tennis.

Paul demonstrates sportsmanship every time he steps onto the court. His respect for opponents, officials, and the game has earned him Sportsmanship Awards at both the IMG Academy Level 3 tournament and the Level 2 tournament in Orlando, distinguishing him not only as a talented competitor but also as a role model among his peers. His combination of athletic achievement and exemplary character makes him an outstanding representative of the sport and a deserving candidate for future opportunities.