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**UAMS Health Hosts 42nd Little Rock Open
at Rebsamen Tennis Center**

LITTLE ROCK — The 2023 UAMS Health Little Rock Open, an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour tournament, kicks off May 28 at Rebsamen Tennis Center in Little Rock and runs through June 4.

Admission is free to this year’s tournament.

It is the first year for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to host the tournament with proceeds supporting the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute’s Bone Marrow program.

“We look forward to the opportunities that come with UAMS Health hosting the Little Rock Open, an event that has been a big draw for the city for years,” said Michael J. Birrer, M.D., Ph.D., vice chancellor and director of the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute. “We are also thankful for the support that the Cancer Institute’s Bone Marrow program will receive from the event and hope it will also help draw more attention to the importance of these transplants and therapies in fighting cancer.”

It is the 42nd time Little Rock has hosted the hardcourt men’s tennis tournament. This is the tournament’s fourth year as an ATP Challenger Tour event, the second-highest tier of tennis competition, which includes singles and doubles play.

“We are once again happy to welcome some of the best tennis players in the world to Little Rock,” said Chip Stearns, director of the UAMS Health Little Rock Open tournament and director of Rebsamen Tennis Center. “Central Arkansas has been phenomenally supportive of tennis through the years, so we feel the Little Rock Open is a time to celebrate our love for the sport. This year is also special as we welcome UAMS Health to the tennis community, and we are certainly thankful for their support.”

Matches will be held on the following days:

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- Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (qualifying)
- Monday, May 29, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (qualifying and first round)
- Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (first and second round)
- Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (first and second round)
- Thursday, June 1, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (round of 16)
- Friday, June 2, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (quarterfinals and doubles semifinals)
- Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (semifinals and doubles final)
- Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (final)

As of May 9, sponsors of the tournament include:

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The Rebsamen Tennis Center will also host children from the Boys and Girls Club of Arkansas on May 31 from 4-5:30 p.m. for a tennis enrichment session. During the session, children will learn tennis techniques and rules from some of the tournament's participants and volunteers. The tennis center will provide each child with a free racket.

There will also be an International Day family tennis clinic on June 1 at 5 p.m. It is free for everyone. No registration is required.

For more information about the UAMS Health Little Rock Open and to inquire about sponsor and volunteer opportunities, visit LittleRockOpen.com.

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