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UAMS Health Hosts 43rd Little Rock Open May 26-June 2 at Rebsamen Tennis Center

LITTLE ROCK — The 2024 UAMS Health Little Rock Open, an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour tournament, kicks off May 26 at Rebsamen Tennis Center in Little Rock and runs through June 2.

Admission is free to this year's tournament.

It is the second 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 Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, UAMS chancellor and CEO of UAMS Health. "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 43rd time Little Rock has hosted the hardcourt men's tennis tournament. This is the tournament's fifth year as an ATP Challenger Tour event, the second-highest tier of tennis competition, which includes singles and doubles play.

"We are once again excited to partner with UAMS to host the Little Rock Open, which will include some of the best tennis players in the world right here in Little Rock," said Chip Stearns, director of the UAMS Health Little Rock Open tournament and director of Rebsamen Tennis Center. "The Little Rock Open is always an exciting tournament, and it is also an opportunity for Central Arkansas to celebrate the great game of tennis while supporting a worthy cause." Matches will be held on the following days:

- Sunday, May 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (qualifying)
- Monday, May 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (qualifying and first round)
- Tuesday, May 28, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (first and second round)
- Wednesday, May 29, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (first and second round)
- Thursday, May 30, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (round of 16)
- Friday, May 31, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (quarterfinals and doubles semifinals)
- Saturday, June 1, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (semifinals and doubles final)
- Sunday, June 2, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (final)

The Rebsamen Tennis Center will also host children from the Boys and Girls Club of Arkansas on May 29 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 May 30 at 5 p.m. It is free for everyone. No registration is required.

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