

*"I have been taking lessons from Pat Smith during the summers for my entire life. There is nothing but positive things I have to say about Pat.*

*He is amazing at teaching people of all ages, and everyone he teaches absolutely loves him. Taking lessons from Pat has made my game immensely better. When I was younger, the only thing I wanted to do was hit forehands and out power people. It would work at a younger age, but it got to the point where that wasn't going to work. Pat would tell me that eventually people were going to be able to hit harder than I could, so we had to start switching my game.*

*Pat always preaches being an all-court player, being able to do a little bit of everything, so you won't be predictable to your opponent. When I would only hit forehands, I was a very predictable player, so my opponents always knew how to beat me. When we started changing my style to an all-court player, I noticed results right away. My game is still based around my big forehand, but now I mix in chip-and-charge, serve and volleys, just to name a couple, and it helps keep my opponent off balanced.*

*The thing that was going to separate myself from my teammates in college is doubles. I didn't play doubles in high school because I wasn't allowed to play both in high school and I played number 1 singles. This is where Pat made the biggest impact on my tennis game. The things that Pat taught me, from knowledge to skills, on the doubles courts is almost indescribable. The fact that I played number 1 doubles as a freshman over kids that had been playing college doubles for multiple years is astounding, and I owe all of that to Pat.*

*The knowledge that Pat has on the tennis court is just amazing, and I wouldn't be where I am today without Pat. I really appreciate what Pat has done for me, made me a better tennis player, and just a better person."*

*Geoffrey Diehl*