



# Mount Vernon

*An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown*

## Mount Vernon Hosts Statewide Tennis Tournament

*Meet Up Event brings 60 young athletes to City for day of matches*

MOUNT VERNON, July 28, 2022 – Competitive sports have a long history of bringing disparate groups of people together for a single cause. It was in this spirit that Mount Vernon recently welcomed about 60 young athletes to the City for a one-day tennis tournament.



*Alex Beuhrer of Mount Vernon High School participates in the Meet Up Event earlier this month.*

Conducted under the auspices of the Northeast Ohio Tennis Association and organized by Steve Tier, president of the Kokosing Valley Tennis Association and a tennis coach at Mount Vernon High School, the Meet Up Event featured tennis teams from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Geneva, Watkins Memorial, Zanesville and of course Mount Vernon.

Participants also had the opportunity to hear from one of the best tennis players to ever come out of Mount Vernon, Steven Ryuse, who spoke to the athletes about his experiences finding success at tennis at Ohio State University and in the Big Ten Conference during the 1970s, and what he has learned since then as a tennis coach.

“Tennis is a great vehicle for so many things,” said Tier. “Once you learn the skills, you can play the game for life. It can also serve as an icebreaker. Tennis has allowed me to go places and meet people that I otherwise would not have encountered.”

This marked the second time Mount Vernon has hosted the Meet Up Event, which featured tennis players from 12 to 18 years old playing in doubles matches. The games were played at Mount Vernon

Nazarene University and in the Mount Vernon City Schools’ fieldhouse.

Tier described it as a cordial event.

“Players had the opportunity to play against athletes they rarely get to compete against,” he said. “And they also got to know them as people, and see that – like them – they come from all kinds of diverse backgrounds.”

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### **ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:**

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our

citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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