

Mahogany Tennis Classic 40th Anniversary 2026

This year's 40 Anniversary Mahogany Tennis Classic was amazing! The event was held in Greenville, NC and hosted by the Greenville Tennis Association. All 6 member organizations (Ebony Racket Club-Raleigh, Fayetteville Wizards - Fayetteville, Goldsboro Acers - Goldsboro, Greenville Tennis Association - Greenville, Magic Express Tennis Club - Durham and the Wilmington Seagulls - Wilmington) competed for the team championship trophy; as well as individuals. The best part of it all was reuniting with friends. Mahogany is always like coming "home" wherever the championships are held; and spending time with your tennis family. Congratulations on a wonderful event, even with all the rain! Well done!

This year the Magic Express Tennis Club tied in third place with Goldsboro as the Greenville Tennis Association brought home the "Gold". Joining this year's great Magic Express - Durham team were the legends, Femi David-Yerumo, Effie Jefferson, John McLean III, and Bruce Parker. However, they were flanked by some young superstar club members who play with the Durham-Orange Community Tennis Association (DOCTA) Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Program. This included Ben Iroba, Nena Iroba, Christian Gilliam, Lauren Gilliam, Kyle Jara, and Kaylynn Mason.

They may have lost the team championship, but they brought home their own "GOLD" - Christian Gilliam (Boys 10-12 Finalist), Nena Iroba (14-16 Singles Champion and Women's Doubles Champion); Kayleen Mason (14-16 Singles Finalist, Women's Doubles Champion and Mixed Doubles Finalist); and John McLean (Men's Legend Singles Champion and Mixed Doubles Finalist). Those that did not bring home a trophy added to the 21 points in match wins for Magic Express. Great team effort everyone!