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Selvig Back from UTSA Tennis Camp in Denver

Sam Selvig, 13, a student in District 196 Community Education tennis program, represented USTA (United States Tennis Association) Northern at the National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) Leadership Camp July 21-27, in Denver, CO. Selvig was one of the 40 kids selected out of thousands of applications to participate at the camp being held at the University of Denver. Selvig has been playing tennis since 3rd grade, and most of his experience playing competitively is Regional Rallies.

The NJTL camp focuses on the life lessons of Arthur Ashe, emphasizing the social and academic development of its participants. The Tennis Leadership Camp was developed in 1984, providing an educational and motivational tennis experience for NJTL participants who could not otherwise afford such an opportunity. The weeklong session emphasizes character and leadership development, good sportsmanship, physical fitness, proper nutrition and other healthy attitudes.

His coach, Patty Mraz, says, "Sam is enthusiastic, coachable, friendly and brings that to the court every day," Mraz says. "He is willing and eager to learn and enjoys playing with others of all ages and ability levels. He is a good role model to younger kids and extremely respectful."

Before Selvig left, he was excited to perfect his second serve. What is the secret to the second serve that pros taught him at camp? The grip. Selvig also said that he learned more about how to use his forehand effectively. While out in Colorado, Selvig said the coolest thing was the Air Force Academy and seeing how everything worked at a military college.

District 196 Community Education congratulates go out to Sam and we wish him luck with his tennis career. For more information about tennis programs visit www.district196.org/ce or call 651-423-7920.

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