

Van Manning

Van is a member of the Columbia High School graduating class of 1976. In 1976 he was the 3A Tennis State Champion in Boys Singles as he was guided and mentored by Coach Charlie Brand. Van received a full athletic scholarship to Sam Houston State University where he was the #1 player for two years. Van transferred to the University of Houston in 1979 in an effort to find stiffer competition and a more competitive and demanding practice routine. During this time U of H was one of the top teams in the Southwest Conference as well as one of the top ranked teams in the nation. In 1981 he graduated from U of H with a Bachelor's degree in Personnel Management. From 1982 to 1989 he held various USTA rankings in the men's open division in both singles and doubles. In 1990 he was ranked #1 in the state of Texas in the men's 30's division. Currently Van freely makes time to work with select high school players with the intent of giving back to the community a small portion of which he has been blessed with. Van would like to thank his Mom and Dad for all of their support and time and also the Langer family for treating him like one of their own.