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Nishesh Basavareddy & Alexandra Eala **Win The “Little Mo” Grand Slam**

Dallas, Texas - Nishesh Basavareddy (Carmel, Indiana) and Alexandra Eala (Makati City, Philippines) won the “Little Mo” Grand Slam at the PGA National Resort & Spa last week. This was the first year the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation offered a player this unique chance to win the “Little Mo” Grand Slam. Nishesh and Alexandra both received the tallest trophy ever given in junior tennis – a 6’ tall trophy.

This year marks the *60th anniversary* of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly's Grand Slam win in 1953. Maureen was the first woman to win the Grand Slam - winning all four majors in one calendar year. She is still the *only American woman* and the youngest at age 18 to have accomplished this magnificent feat. Although her career only spanned three years, many premier sports writers consider Maureen to be the finest of all female players. To put the significance of her achievement into perspective, only five players have won the "Grand Slam" in singles.

These two players won the first leg at the “Little Mo” Internationals in Colorado Springs, Colorado in July and the second leg at The West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, New York. The third and final leg at the PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach, Gardens, Florida from December 6-11.

The “Little Mo” Internationals in Florida featured 375 players from 40 countries. These players are the youngest and brightest stars of the future.

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NISHESH BASAVAREDDY – Born May 2, 2005 (8 years old)

From Carmel, Indiana, Nishesh Basavareddy is in 4th grade and goes to Prairie Trace Elementary where he is in advanced Math and Language Arts. He grew up playing both soccer and tennis, and at only 6 ½ years old decided to focus solely on tennis. Nishesh “loves running around and hitting the ball.” His long term goal is to work hard and become the best player he can be. In addition to tennis, Nishesh’s hobbies include reading and playing video games as well as playing soccer and basketball. Some of the things Nishesh loves about “Little Mo” tournaments are meeting new kids, having fun, receiving “Mo” coins and going to the player parties. His favorite “Little Mo” memory is meeting the Bryan Brothers at his first “Little Mo” Internationals in Forest Hills, New York. Nishesh want to win the “Little Mo” Grand Slam because he wanted to take home that 6-foot trophy! Nishesh recently won the “Little Mo” Nationals in Austin, Texas in October. Since he won the “Little Mo” Grand Slam in addition to his Nationals title, he won the “Little Mo” Golden Slam.



ALEXANDRA EALA – Born May 23, 2005 (8 years old)

Alexandra is in 3rd grade and goes to the Immaculate Conception Academy, an all-girls school offering Mandarin as part of its curriculum. Alex first started playing tennis at age 4 after seeing her brother play competitively. Right now, Alex “just wants to enjoy the game” as well as win more trophies, especially the 6-foot “Little Mo” Grand Slam trophy. Alex’s hobbies include swimming and Kumon, and she recently started baking. Alex enjoys meeting other kids through “Little Mo” as well as traveling to play in the different “Little Mo” tournaments in the U.S. Her best “Little Mo” memory is winning five “Little Mo” International trophies this year.

