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UNITED STATES WINS **MAUREEN CONNOLLY CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Dallas...The United States team defeated Great Britain for the 39th Maureen Connolly Challenge Trophy match 5-4. The event was held at Devonshire Park in Eastbourne, England on June 24th, 2015. The USA won in a very exciting "shoot out" tie break.

The Maureen Connolly Challenge Trophy is an annual competition between the United States and Great Britain for Girls 18 & under. This year the match format was a total of 4 singles and 2 doubles with a tie break 'shoot out' consisting of up to 3 match tie breaks (first to 10) being played if the match is tied at 3-3. The United States leads the competition in victories 25-13 (one tie).

The United States team members were sponsored by the USTA (United States Tennis Association). The members were: Claire Liu, Sofia Kennin, Kayla Day, Raveena Kingsley. The co-captain's of the USA Team were Leo Azevedo and Jamea Jackson

The members of the British team were: Freya Christie, Anna Brogan, Emily Arbuthnott and Jodie Burrage. The co-captain's of the British Team were Judy Murray and Iain Bates.

Elizabeth Jeffett, Event Chairman, presented the beautiful silver cup to the U.S. team. She said, "it was one of the most exciting matches in the history of the event! While the juniors were on court, former Challenge Trophy players, Sloane Stevens and Heather Watson were playing nearby on center court in the Aegon Internationals!"

Iain Bates, co-captain of the British Team said "this was another fantastic match in the history of the Maureen Connolly Challenge Trophy. The tennis was extremely exciting and for the result to come down to the final tie-break created a special atmosphere and an event that all the players and coaches will remember for a long time to come."

This is one of the many events sponsored by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation to further junior tennis development.