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November, 2008: FORMER 78 SOFTBALL PLAYER, HANNAH BERNER, GOES BIG 10, DIVISION 1 TENNIS



Hannah is currently a senior at Beacon and is a nationally ranked player with endorsement arrangements with Dunlop for racquets and Diadora for tennis shoes. She is planning to play Big Ten tennis next year at Wisconsin.

The Berners are a long time 78 family. Hannah's dad, Dan, continues to coach 78 basketball, and her brother Daniel is a talented baseball and basketball player who is sharing his talent and knowledge by helping to run one of our basketball clinics this year.



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Countdown: Badgering Berner

by [Alana Marcu](#), 7 November 2008

[Hannah Berner](#) disappeared from the USTA junior scene as a sophomore in high school. Her decision to leave New York and head down to the Adams Flynn International Tennis Academy in Pembroke Pines, Fla., was one she believed would enhance her tennis game physically and mentally.



[Hannah Berner](#) chose the Badgers
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After spending two years at the tennis-intensive academy, doing online schooling, training for most of the day, and traveling all over the Caribbean and South America to play ITF tournaments, the focused teen returned to her home in Park Slope, Brooklyn, to get back on the college track and gain the recognition her new game deserved.

"Coaches didn't know who I was until Clay Courts," Hannah says. With no ranking - and no evidence of recent USTA play - Berner received a wild card into the Nationals where she needed to showcase her abilities.

"It was at Clay Courts that Brian [Fleishman, head coach at [Wisconsin](#)] saw my game," said Hannah. "He said he liked my serve and volley - and I liked that he picked out a specific part of my game."

While [Cornell](#) and [Penn](#) seemed like appealing prospects for Hannah, the choice became clear after her recruiting trip to Madison.

"My mom went to Cornell and I consider academics a top priority," says Hannah. "But I just felt a bit at home when I visited Wisconsin."

Hannah is also looking forward to the college experience available at a Big Ten school filled with athletic pride.

"I feel humbled to play in the Big 10, and I feel as if I belong with the team. The girls are very passionate and I feel passionate."

Tennis became part of Hannah's upbringing from the early age of three. "My dad and my grandpa would always play in front of me, and I just wanted so badly to play too," she says.

Hannah played basketball, tennis, and golf until the age of eleven when she realized she had to choose one sport. "It was too hard to juggle all of them," says Hannah, "But the feeling of winning my first Level 3 made me want to go with tennis." That feeling stuck with Hannah and seemed to follow her throughout the 14s where she hit her highest ranking of #15 in the nation.

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Class of 2012 - Boys

- 1st** C. Harrison
 - 2nd** S. Vinsant
 - 3rd** B. Fratangelo
 - 4th** J. Efferding
 - 5th** A. Halebian
 - 6th** M. Rinaldi
 - 7th** R. Asami
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When asked about her game, Hannah classifies herself as a scrappy player until going to Florida where she developed into more of an all-court athlete. Hannah says, "My coach Brian said my game was creative."

Happy with her Florida experience, Hannah is also glad to be back in New York finishing her senior year. "I don't regret going to Florida at all, but I reached a point down there when I realized I needed more balance in my life again. It became a job, and I forgot why I loved playing." This thought coming after a bad loss at a tournament in Barbados.

Hannah currently attends the Beacon School on the Upper West Side in New York. She trains with [Randy Mani](#) at Tennisport and the [St. John's men's team](#) in Queens. Before heading off to Wisconsin to represent the Lady Badgers, Hannah says she hopes to make Super Nationals - and keep improving her game.



Berner learned a lot in Florida
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Off the court, Hannah enjoys sculpting and drawing and is proud that she is taking "advanced arts studio" at school.

Undecided about a major and not too worried about the future, Hannah Berner is truly a fresh, enthusiastic teenager ready to embark on her much sought-after goal. She loves meeting new people and traveling. When asked about plans of turning pro, Hannah says that's still a possibility after college

"I played a \$10,000 pro tournament in Columbia, and I loved the feeling of all the little kids asking for my autograph."

The last time she remarked she loved a feeling, she reached top 15 in the nation.

3... 2.. 1.. Blast Off!

After more than a dozen articles and four weeks, the Countdown is now officially over.

This article marks the fifteenth and final one in our *Countdown to Signing Day* article series. We hope you have enjoyed all the content that our contributors have put together. Take a few minutes to [review all of our articles](#).

But now, the big week is upon us. Next week is Signing Week - and TennisRecruiting.net brings you even more extensive coverage. Come by all week for national roundups, Blue Chip commitment announcements, and much more!

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PLAYER RECORD



Hannah Berner

Brooklyn, New York
Senior
Class of 2009



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WEEKLY RANKINGS

Recruiting Lists		
National:	98	↓
Middle Atlantic:	7	
New York:	5	
TennisRPI:	147	↓
Sched. Strength:	103	

HIGHEST RANKINGS

2008 Recruiting:	96	(10/8)
TennisRPI:	142	(10/24)
2007 Recruiting:	57	(3/14)
TennisRPI:	201	(1/5)
2006 Recruiting:	40	(5/3)
TennisRPI:	14	(3/31)
2005 Recruiting:	46	(11/2)
TennisRPI:	32	(12/9)

SCHOOLS OF INTEREST

School	Interest Level	Offer?	Visit Date	Signed LOI?
Wisconsin	VERBAL	Yes		No
Commitment:	Wisconsin			

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Overall Record:	15-13
vs. Blue-Chips:	0-4
vs. 5-Star:	3-3
vs. 4-Star:	5-4
vs. 3-Star:	5-0
vs. 2-Star:	1-0
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