



MURRIETA
TENNIS CLUB

Meet Our New Pro

RICARDO ALMEIDA

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest teaching pro, Ricardo Almeida. Ricardo was born in Portugal, March 17, 1994. He started playing tennis when he was 7 years old and began playing more seriously when he was 14 years old. Since then he has never stopped. Ricardo has played in national and international tournaments in several countries including Qatar, Sri Lanka, and Spain. In Portugal at the age of 17, he was nationally ranked at number 4 in singles and won a national championship in mixed doubles.

At the age of 19 Ricardo came to the USA, and started playing tennis at Jacksonville College in Texas. He played number #1 in single and #1 doubles. While in Texas he started teaching lesson to help grow the game in the community. Ricardo then transferred to Seminole State College, where they reached the finals of the National Championships. After graduating with my Associates Degree from Seminole State, he transferred to Eastern Washington University to play division 1 tennis. Ricardo graduated with a Marketing degree and a minor in International Business. During his second year, he was appointed to be the captain of the men's tennis team.

In the Summer of 2018, Ricardo embarked on a new adventure to teach tennis in Sri Lanka. While in Sri Lanka he gave private and group lessons to players of all ages and abilities. He had the pleasure of teaching many of the top Jr. players in Sri Lanka including the #1 nationally ranked boy in the 12's. While there he realized that he had a real passion for teaching tennis. When he returned to the USA he volunteered as an assistant coach for the Men's tennis team at Eastern Washington University. Ricardo will be teaching Private & Group lessons as well as being a part of our Jr Program & Jr Academy teaching staff.

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