

CONFLICT & RESOLUTION

BIRD, PLANE OR TENNIS BALL



IN QUESTION:
LET CALL

CONFLICT During a point in play, my opponent called a let. She called it because she was distracted by a very high lob from the adjacent court and thought it might land onto our court. Ends up, the ball hit the fence between our courts and never came over. I told her because the ball did not interfere with our point, it should not be a let and the point is mine. Was that the correct call?

RESOLUTION If the ball does not actually come on to the court, there is no justification for a let call. Whether it's a bird, plane or tennis ball high in the sky, it does not warrant a let. You are correct – it's your point.

HAVE A COURT CONFLICT? EMAIL YOUR QUESTIONS TO EDITORIAL@TENNISVIEWMAG.COM FOR PUBLISHING CONSIDERATION.

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GAVIN LAMBERT meets **JOHN ISNER**

In most ways, Gavin Lambert of Tampa, FL, is like any other 8-year-old boy. He has a passion for automobiles, collecting thousands of matchbox cars. He enjoys school, especially math, and aspires to become a policeman one day. For now, though, he

loves to play outside with friends and ride his bicycle.

Gavin's bicycle is a special-made, three-wheel design with training wheels to provide extra balance. At age 5, he was diagnosed with Friedrich's Ataxia, a debilitating, degenerative neuromuscular disease that affects coordination, balance and energy level. As he battles the disease, he gains strength from professional athletes. He recently met

▲ Gavin Lambert with John Isner signed ball and racquet. FARA Ace for a cure 2013.

John Isner at the Ace for a Cure, a FARA charity event hosted by Roger Cypriano of the Avila Golf & Country Club in Tampa.

"The most fun was when Isner signed the racquet and ball and gave it to me...He is sooooo tall. He can hit the balls that are really high up, which is

cool. I would love to be that tall."

Since the diagnosis, Gavin's balance and scoliosis have worsened. In time, his symptoms may affect his mobility, speech and hearing while posing a risk for diabetes and cardiac disease. To learn more about Friedrich's Ataxia, visit curefa.org.



Nadal Inspired

► **BEN VELASCO** fell in love with tennis in high school. Now, as a student at the University of Central Missouri studying vocal music performance and criminal justice, he hits the courts and relishes "the adrenaline rush" that infuses him before a match or a practice. He views the court as a refuge to "let it all out" without disturbance and "a great way to just forget everything" in stressful moments.

Representing their shared Spanish heritage, Ben's favorite ATP player, Rafael Nadal, inspires him with a "passion for the sport that is contagious." Different from Nadal's style, Ben says, "I'd try to get to the net as quickly as possible. I can volley and use overheads as a huge asset to my game."

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