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## **Tennis event to benefit Sudden Cardiac Death fund**

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TUCSON - The Sixth Annual Gootter Grand Slam is coming up soon - this tennis tournament and pro-exhibition raises funds and awareness of sudden cardiac death.

Last week, two high school athletes collapsed and died from a heart attack while involved in sports. A 17-year-old took a tackle to the chest at a rugby match near Denver last Saturday and died in a local hospital.

The cause of death was sudden cardiac arrest due to an enlarged heart - a condition he was born with.

The other incident, three days prior, involved a 16-year-old Michigan teen who collapsed on the basketball court and died moments after making the game-winning layup. He too had enlarged heart.

Sudden cardiac arrest is an issue near and dear to our community, and a big fundraiser is coming up that raises money and awareness for this silent killer.

The Gootter Grand Slam kicks off Saturday, March 26 with a Gala Dinner at Skyline Country Club. On Sunday, the Pro-Exhibition and Tennis Tournament will take place at Reffkin Tennis Center, with UA Football coach Mike Stoops in attendance as a special guest.

Tickets for all events can be purchased at the Reffkin Tennis Center Pro Shop and the Racquet Shack, or by calling: 520-615-6430.

More information on the Gootter Foundation and Sudden Cardiac Death can be found at:  
[www.gootter.org](http://www.gootter.org)