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Katie Volynets Photo Nick Yeh

The Heritage Bank of Commerce Open Tennis Championships encourages competition between professional and amateur players. On Aug. 7, 11-year-old Katie Volynets of Walnut Creek defeated No. 2 Xan Riley of Pennsylvania 7-5, 6-3. Riley was a favorite to win the tournament.

In the quarterfinals, Volynets lost to No. 5 Kelly Chui, 6-4, 6-1.

Volynets began playing tennis when she was 5 years old and is now taking professional lessons under Mark Orwig at Moraga Country Club.

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