



Tennis

MARIST COLLEGE – FINALS DAY

Each week we will have brief team reports each with the aim to cover as many teams as possible. Please see Team Reports below:

First IV Tennis

Our valiant First IV team were ready to finish well in their final matchup of the 2020 AIC Season but unfortunately the weather intervened. **Will O'Connor, Patrick Pearce, Liam Webb** and **Kyle Ephraims** have anchored our top team this year and fought hard for every point for MCA.

TEAM	TEAM REPORT
2 nd IV	The 2 nd IV got off to an evenly matched start as they split doubles matches with their opposition. From there on in, it was smooth sailing for the boys who outclassed their opponents coming away with a comfortable win. The highlight of the round definitely came from Pascal Mulders who played extremely well, coming away with a 6-2 win in his #1 singles match. With this being the finals week and the last round of competition for the boys, they all need to be commended on an excellent season of tennis.
3 rd IV	The 3 rd IV unfortunately went down in a nail bitter. At the end of the day, the teams were locked at 4 sets all however the boys fell just short on winning by 5 games. Nonetheless, the boys showed a fighting spirit as they never gave up and pushed their opposition right up until the edge. Whilst it was not the result that the boys were hoping to finish the season on, they all should be congratulated on an outstanding terms worth of tennis.
11A	The 11A's faced stiff competition against SPC but came out on top 6-2. Jakub Bennett found a way to get across the line 6-4 in his singles as Josh Waite also won in similar fashion. Patrick Newman won convincingly 6-2. In the doubles rubbers MCA were too strong taking 3 of the 4 matches.
11B	The MCA 11B's also battled to a 5-3 win over SPC. Leo Mackie-Smith and fill in Kyle Ephraims provided singles win and the teams doubles prowess got them the rest of the way.
10A	The 10A's knew they were up for a fight when SPC split the opening doubles rubbers. Going into the singles the team was determined to stamp their authority on the match. 4 singles wins later they were in an unassailable position, eventually winning 6-2 overall. Blake Harrold capped an undefeated singles season with an emphatic 6-0 victory.
10B	MCA 10B's served notice early in their match against SPLC but found themselves down 2-0 after the initial doubles. Lachlan Jenkins and Sam Brennan showed their leadership ability with 6-4 and 6-1 singles victories but it wasn't enough as the team went down 3-5



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9A	The 9A's came out ready for a battle! Whilst they showed great competitiveness and a never give up attitude the boys unfortunately went down against their opponents, losing 6 of the 8 matches. The highlights of the day were Edward Price's 7-5 win at #2 singles. As well as Joel Ephraims & William Moon's doubles win of 4-3 with a 5-0 tiebreak to finish it. Special mention also goes to Hughie Hodgetts who battled hard at #1 singles spot, he played extremely well even though his score doesn't represent it.
9B	The 9B's were neck and neck against their strong opponents right up until the last match. Unfortunately, their opponents also came out on top to win with a total of 32 games to 25. Special mention goes to Robbie Power for winning his #2 singles match 6-2. As well as to Cody Radman and Andrew Millnerbower for winning their doubles 4-3 in a jaw clenching 5-4 tiebreaker.
YEAR 8	It was a terrific end to the tennis season for the Year 8's. With the 8A's winning the premiership against St Peter's and the 8B's against St Patrick's. The 8A's won 6-2 in rubbers. A special mention to Henry Lambley who fought back from 5-3 down and saved a few match points to win 7-5. The 8B's finished just short, tying in matches and losing on a game countback by 3 games. Austin Gillett played a great match, winning 6-3. Altogether, a good ending to the short season for our grade 8 teams.
YEAR 7	In the tightest championship match of the day, the MCA 7A's fought back from an 0-2 deficit after the first doubles matches with singles wins to Hamish Davidson 6-2, Thomas Clulow 6-3 and Andrew Woodward 6-3. Each of the final 2 doubles went to a tiebreak and at the conclusion of play matches were tied 4-4 but MCA took the win on a countback of games 31-29. Our 7B's had their work cut out for them in the final round. Despite being outgunned initially, the players battled hard and Ben Mead won a nail-biting tiebreak to take out his singles match. Even after a late doubles win the team weren't able to claw their way back, going down 2-6.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL	Our Primary School teams gave a glimpse of the future in 2020! All 4 teams went undefeated this season and the final round against Iona saw convincing wins across the board. 6A split their first 2 doubles matches and needed a strong singles showing to take the lead. Fletcher Wessling, Will Lambley and Jackson Skinner provided the points that proved pivotal as the team wrapped up the tie 6-2. Toby Campbell and Sam Tealby were dominant in singles, both winning 6-0 as our 6B's were triumphant 7-0. 5A won 8-0 and Oscar White managed to win every single game for the team, 4-0, 6-0, 4-0. Not to be outdone, 5B won 7-1 as Felix Nolan and Owen Aldridge were a perfect 14-0 in games.