

Year 5 & 6 Report

Last week's Round 3 of the AIC Tennis Competition proved more challenging than normal when we were met with significantly water-logged courts at the commencement of play. As a result, our Year 5 Teams were sent home before they even began and our Year 8A team was forced to delay their games whilst the courts were squeegeed and had sufficient time to dry.

Our 6A Team put up a great fight against a very worthy opposition in Villanova. Whilst they were tenacious in their game play, they inevitably lost the round 6 -2. Special mention must go to Ryan Heisel who has proved to be quite the fighter on the tennis court, taking our only singles' win 7 – 5. Tim Watts, Roy Power and Jack Lambley also played well. Our Year 6B Team also demonstrated resilience on the court. They were well-matched with their opponents, drawing 4-4 but eventually winning 31 games – 24. Charlie Kelly and Gabe Pua demonstrated significant strength against their opponents, taking their singles' games 6 – 1. Whilst this was pleasing to see, both Andrew Vetter and Frankie Hain demonstrated determination in their lengthy battles despite going down 4 – 6. Special mention must also go to Frankie Hain, for filling in for our 6B Team when they were a player short.

Year 7 Report

With the courts looking extremely wet it was not a good start to the morning. After some extensive squeegeeing we managed to get on the courts and get some matches on as the boys were keen to get underway. The 7A team produced a very dominant display to white wash their opponents 8-0. The team of Oscar White, Sam Mapledoram, Indy Headrick and Euan Davidson were masterful in the way they played, showing power and finesse when needed. Was great to watch a young team really working well together in doubles and encouraging each other to do well. Your coaches would be proud of you.

7B had a bit more of a struggle with the day going match for match and it all came down to the last match. Carter Gibson filling in for the team and Hamish Ansell winning 4-1 and getting the team over the line by one game 30-29. What a nail-biting finish which had all on the edge of their seats. Great win boys you should be proud of that win and the way you went about the win with humility and empathy for your opponents. It is a real tribute to the way you represent yourselves and the college.

Year 8 Report

After a delayed start, our 8A team managed to defeat Villanova 6 – 2. All players managed to win their singles' events. Special thanks to all of the 8A boys (Fletcher Wessling, Jackson Skinner, Will Lambley and Jack Purcell) and their parents who played an integral role in preparing the courts for the remainder of the day's play. Our 8B Team also proved to be valiant on the day, winning by a convincing margin 6-2. Once again, all boys were victors within their singles' events. Congratulations to Toby Campbell, Isaac McDonnell, Hugh Ambrose and Noah Beck.

Year 9 Report

Both of our Year 9 teams played extremely well and were just to solid all around for our opponents, winning both ties 7-1. The boys really gelled well in the doubles with B team winning all and the A team dropping just one. Big congratulations to Ben Cross who stepped up and played for the A team this week and had a very, hard fought win in the tie breaker. Great wins also by Hamish Davidson 6-0 Andrew Woodward 6-2 and Elliot Schanzl 6-4. Our B team had really good wins from Max Davis and Ignatius Hallman who has been training the house down and deserved a match in the team. Well done boys in showing great humility in your wins.

Year10 Report

10A boys started the day with some tough opposition but it soon became apparent that this was going to be grind after the first two doubles. Our boys showed their strength and dominated the opponents in all doubles matches. A great win to Jake Davidson 7-5 getting the team over the line. Very close match and very entertaining for all those who watched. Henry, Harry and Rory having very close losses on the day but played very well against a very determined opposition.

Congratulations boys on a very hard, fought win.

10B team had a fantastic win 7-1 with all four boys Oliver, Oscar, Daniel & Ashley winning their singles matches. Great win also in the doubles which is really pleasing to see. The boys can hold their heads high with the way they won with empathy and humility. Was a credit to you boys and a role model behaviour for all other boys in how to win with dignity.

Opens Report

4th IV team had a mixture of players and congratulations to Ryan Mendes and Tom Masel who filled in from year 7 to step up and get some important match play in. Our boys going down 7-1 but had a lot of fun.

3rd IV team had a tussle all day and was a match tied to the very end in a fantastic match to watch and the standard of tennis. Great win by Charlie Wilkinson in his singles match and great combinations in the doubles almost getting the win but we fell short on games and losing 26-30 on games. Well done boys you held your heads high.

2nd IV team started with our team losing Will Moon to sickness which brought about a reshuffle of the teams with players moving up from lower teams to fill the void. The boys did not disappoint winning 6-2 with dominant wins by Jack Thorpe, Nelson Mackay and Louie Mulders. With our boys winning 3 of 4 doubles we were able to achieve a very good win against quality opponents.

First IV Match Report

We arrived at Morningside courts to play against a team who we knew would be desperate for a win as they have had a tough draw to start their campaign losing against the 2 heavy weights of tennis Iona and Peters. Matches were even all day and we were privileged to watch two teams who did not want to take a backward step. After the first two doubles we were locked at 1-1 with a narrow loss to Liam Webb and Lachlan Braithwaite and a 6-0 win To Louis Morris and Blake Harrold. We then went into our first two singles matches with Blake in a very close match but finally going down to the no.1 in straight sets. On the other court Mr reliable, Liam was proving to work at his point play and was able to come away with a straight sets win. Locked at 2-2 and into the second round of singles with a great win to Louis Morris in straight sets proving to strong for his opponent and a very close loss to Lachlan 7-6 6-4 to his opponent, 3-3 and into the reverse doubles matches. After an extremely difficult to watch at times match with the number of lobs hit from our opponents and with the short fences proving to be very frustrating at times. Our super pair of Louis and Blake losing their first set of doubles this year in a tie breaker. We were at this stage down on matches 3-4 but up by 4 in games so that brought us to the last doubles needing the set to win the day. It was a bit tense at first going down 0-1 but the boys rose to the occasion winning the next 6 games to win the set and the match for the team. Congratulations Liam and Lachlan in getting us home in a close match and keeping our unbeaten record of 4 games alive and 3 in competition. First time in over a decade.

I would like to thank all involved in the tennis program and it is because of your dedication and hard work we are able to our jobs in preparing the teams each week.

Credit must be given to our generous hosts for the great day and the spirit in which the matches were played, but also the lunch packs provided to the players and staff of the first team. Greatly appreciated and we wish Villa and the coaches all the best for the remainder of their season.