

Tennis Roundup for Assembly 2021

It has been a pleasure organising and taking fixtures for Year 7- 12 this season. We have played in all conditions and the standard particularly in Year 10 and 12 boys has been extremely high.

Overall, we have played 35 matches. The boys had a winning season with 57%, the girls at 38% and the highest win rate was for the U15 Girls and Boys with a 66% and 60% win rate respectively.

Led by Victor Thorne, Rob Finn and Jack Groom the Senior boys are a force to be reckoned with and displayed a high level of skill in the games they played only losing to Sevenoaks. Victor and Jack also coached the Year 7 and 8 students every Wednesday and their commitment and leadership has been impressive. The girls had less matches and a variety of players and I would like to thank Amelie Bottle for helping me to organise the teams.

The U15 Girls and Boys are extremely competitive, with many talented players especially on the boy's side. Wilf Ross and Sofia Best have written full reports for Year 10 which will be available to read in the newsletter this week. Special mentions are too vast to include in this report.

The U14 Girls enjoyed success in the matches they played with 4 wins out of 6. Well done especially to Paulina Julia Aguilo who brought the usual Spanish sparkle to the Year 9 team. Matches for the boys were cancelled more than played sadly but certainly Barnaby Dear, Issac Warner and Rafe Rayment all demonstrated commitment and potential going forward.

The U14's and U15's enjoyed weekly coaching from Toby West and Brad Franklin from Hotshotz which has certainly helped many of them improve their individual skills and doubles play.

A keen group of Year U13 girls, Phoebe Hart, Jemima Teichman-Derville, Annabel Gwilliam, Jenifer Senior and Eliza Briffa attended tennis practice every Wednesday and I was delighted with their commitment and coachability. Despite not winning a match overall they showed great progress with some individual victories.

The U12's also had some very keen and competitive girls and boys. Issy Franklin, Andrea Ross and Claudia Mason show much potential, as do Oscar Pearce, Finn Dooley and Declan McLoghlin to name a few. Otto Reid who captained the Cricket team this season played when there was no clash and proved his all-round sporting ability.

Well done and thank you to all players for their dedication and commitment.

Mrs C

