The Scots College defeat Sydney Grammar School 12-0

The start of play was delayed due to persistent early morning rain, but once play did get under way the boys made a promising start winning all 3 doubles rubbers. Myles Della Cioppa and Arthur Lee played solid, consistent doubles throughout their straight sets win. They served well and kept their unforced errors to a minimum, which led to their opponents making errors and as a result they gave away too many free points.

Adam Malouf and Gyan Ainkaran continued their impressive form with a 2 set victory. After being down a break of serve in the first set, the boys stepped to break back and went on to win the first set in a tightly fought affair. They started the second set as they finished the first with some strong serving, and aggressive ground strokes. They also dominated the net and played some nice volleys to finish the point. This combination allowed the boys to run away with the second set and record a strong win against a very spirited pair.

Chris Noon and Ethan Hill comprehensively outplayed their opponents in all areas completing a straight sets victory. They served well, made a high percentage of returns and set up camp at the net, which ensured they were in good position to put away the volley when the opportunity presented itself. This was a strong all around performance by the boys.

Myles Della Cioppa played some excellent tennis in his singles encounter. The first set was tightly fought with both players producing some excellent shot making. Myles managed to get on top with some strong ground strokes and consistent play eventually breaking down his opponent and winning the first set. The second set saw Myles completely take over and with a combination of good serving and consistent play from the baseline he ran away with the second set without dropping a game.

Adam Malouf continues to improve each week and he did so again on the weekend. He hit his targets well with his serve and moved his opponent around with good ground strokes and after selecting the correct ball he hit an aggressive approach shot to the corners of the court, moved forward and put away the volley regularly. It was a strong, mature performance and Adam should be proud of his efforts.

Gyan Ainkaran had the closest match of the day with his encounter going to a third and deciding set. After dropping the first set, Gyan found himself down a match point in the second set. This is when Gyan stepped up to another level. He knuckled down, played consistently and leveled the match at a set all. In the third set, Gyan
played consistent tennis to come away with a well deserved win.

Ethan Hill played well from the start in his singles encounter. He played consistent tennis from the baseline with strong groundstrokes and kept his opponent off balance with his slice backhand. This combination saw Ethan dominate from the outset and he didn’t let up on his opponent, resulting in Ethan not dropping a single game, which is a very rare achievement.

Chris Noon stuck to his game plan well during his straight sets singles victory. He used his slice serve to great effect opening up the court and then moving his opponent around with his forehand. The second set saw his opponent fight back and play some excellent tennis but Chris held him off with his experience and ability to stick to his plan.

Arthur Lee played well in his straight sets win. The first set was very closely fought with both players having opportunities to win it. Arthur held firm though through consistent hitting from the baseline and hitting his targets well with a high margin for error. The second set was more comfortable with Arthur continually putting his opponent under pressure with his strong groundstrokes, which resulted in his opponent making errors.

It was a strong all around performance from the team which now sees them unbeaten after 4 rounds of the competition. It is an excellent result for all of the boys as they have worked very hard and it is pleasing to see their efforts are being rewarded with good performances on the weekends.

Thanks,

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