



Maccabi Tennis Club Match Reports – 20 February – Round 13 Summer

Summary:

The penultimate round of competition provided some crucial fixtures, with seven of eight Maccabi teams mathematical chances of qualifying for finals.

In sunny and breezy weather, Maccabi teams recorded four wins and four losses.

Women:

Another win for the ladies team, who have already qualified for the finals and have a great chance to win their section.

No scoresheet or match report.

Men:

Section 3

Team name	Maccabi				
Opposition name	Beaumaris				
Section	3				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi	Beaumaris	Set result	Rubber result
	Arthur Kaganovitch	8	5	Win	Win
1	Steve Gostin	6	8	Loss	Loss
2	Alon Karp	7	9	Loss	Loss
3	Sasha Volziker	8	6	Win	Win
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	Arthur Kaganovitch	6	3	Win	
1	Steve Gostin	1	6	Loss	-
2		6	1	Win	Win
	Alon Karp	6	4	Win	
3	Sasha Volziker	7	6	Win	Win
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				-	-
Outcome					
	Maccabi	Beaumaris	Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	4	2	2	Win	Maccabi
Sets	6	3	3	Win	-
Games	55	48	7	Win	-
Points	8	2			

Good win today Arthur served and volleyed his way to a good win, Steven had multiple game and break points (8!) and didn't take one!!! So had his chances

Alon played after a long time out against a very steady player while Sasha played well - Sasha plays great shot, not so great shot, great shot etc!!

In the doubles Arthur and Steve barring a mental lapse in the 2nd combined really well

Alon and Sasha did enough to secure a win

- Steve Gostin

Section 5

Team name	Maccabi #1				
Opposition name	Kooyong				
Section	5				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi #1	Kooyong	Set result	Rubber result
1	Joey Pat	6	8	Loss	Loss
2	Jess Flicker	8	3	Win	Win
3	Leor Bar	5	8	Loss	Loss
4	Errol Dorfan	8	6	Win	Win
1	Joey Pat	5	7	Loss	
2	Jess Flicker	2	6	Loss	Loss
				-	-
3	Leor Bar	6	4	Win	
4	Errol Dorfan	7	6	Win	Win
				-	-
Outcome					
	Maccabi #1	Kooyong	Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	3	3	-	Even	-
Sets	4	4	-	Even	-
Games	47	48	1	Loss	Kooyong
Points	3	7			

We set out this afternoon with high hopes. A win would likely lift us into the top 4 with one week still to play and against a team we should beat in the last week. Disappointingly we just lost by one game. Kooyong fielded a very strong team (they said today they played with their top 4 players out of a large playing group that participate) making our respective matches much more difficult than we had hoped. The singles matches were all close but we only managed to win 2 of the 4. So the doubles was very important – as was the case last week and almost every week. Leor and I had the team win in sight, up 4-1 in the second set of our doubles match, but a couple of loose volleys by the captain saw Leor’s serve broken and the Kooyong pair made a remarkable comeback to be up 5-4 before we refocused to close it out in a tie-break. We needed to win this set 7-5 or 6-4 to draw again for the second time in two weeks but it was not to be. We lost by 1 game.

- Errol Dorfan

Team name	Maccabi #2				
Opposition name	Coatesville				
Section	5				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi #2	Coatesville	Set result	Rubber result
1	Saul Muscatel	8	9	Loss	Loss
2	Jan Tenenberg	4	8	Loss	Loss
3	Darren Seymour	8	9	Loss	Loss
4	Marcus Frajman	8	9	Loss	Loss
1	Saul Muscatel	6	7	Loss	
2	Jan Tenenberg	0	6	Loss	Loss
				-	-
3	Darren Seymour	3	6	Loss	
4	Marcus Frajman	3	6	Loss	Loss
				-	-
Outcome					
	Maccabi #2	Coatesville	Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	0	6	6	Loss	Coatesville
Sets	0	8	8	Loss	-
Games	40	60	20	Loss	-
Points	0	10			

In a very competitive section, we knew that we had to play our best today to maintain our position in the top four. We were confident that we could really challenge the ladder leaders, Coatesville, at our home courts. We were so close – three 9-8 tiebreak sets in singles, but unfortunately, the opposition won all three matches. Saul and I (Marcus) had match points, while Darren was just two points away from winning when a contentious line call changed the course of the tiebreak. This shows how close we were. Jan has had an outstanding season and today was just his first loss. We are still a genuine chance to make the finals so hopefully we can get the job done next week at home to Beaumaris.

- Marcus Frajman

Team name	Maccabi #3				
Opposition name	Beaumaris				
Section	5				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi #3	Beaumaris	Set result	Rubber result
1	Saul Jayes	3	8	Loss	Loss
2	Zvi Schweitzer	3	8	Loss	Loss
3	Matthew Lincoln	9	7	Win	Win
4	Ron Schweitzer	6	8	Loss	Loss
1	Saul Jayes	4	6	Loss	
3	Matthew Lincoln	2	6	Loss	Loss
				-	-
2	Zvi Schweitzer	7	6	Win	
4	Ron Schweitzer	1	6	Loss	-
		2	6	Loss	Loss
Outcome					
	Maccabi #3	Beaumaris	Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	1	5	4	Loss	Beaumaris
Sets	2	7	5	Loss	-
Games	37	61	24	Loss	-
Points	1	9			

Another tough day at the office was predicted, with our no. 1 and 3 being absent and playing the second top team. And a tough day it proved to be. We were competitive and definitely pushed then and had our chances but just weren't able to win the big points.

All four singles went on and all players started well and were ahead early. Unfortunately 3 of the 4 were not able to carry their early form far enough into the match. Matt however was able to keep pressing, saving a match point and then powering on to record an excellent victory. That meant that we were still alive in the doubles - all we had to do was win both doubles and the victory would be ours.

Both doubles teams started well, with Zvi and Ron powering their way to a victory in the tie break 7-2. Meanwhile Saul and Matt went close in the first set, just losing some vital games at the end. So the second set was underway and we were still a chance. Somehow, it didn't work out that way; the opposition upped the ante, and try as we may we weren't able to keep up the pressure.

Some good signs though. Matt's win was very impressive with his form in the last few matches going from strength to strength, Saul has come back much stronger after overcoming injury concerns in the first part of the season, and Zvi and Ron were again good in the doubles following on from their impressive doubles victory the last time they played together. All augurs well for next season.

- Ron Schweitzer

Section 8

Team name	Maccabi #1				
Opposition name	Dendy Park				
Section	8				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi #1	Dendy Park	Set result	Rubber result
1	David Kenley	8	0	Win	Win
2	Yakov Eydlish	7	9	Loss	Loss
	Roman				
3	Maevsky	4	8	Loss	Loss
4	Jarrold Kenley	8	6	Win	Win
1	David Kenley	6	4	Win	
4	Jarrold Kenley	4	6	Loss	-
		6	1	Win	Win
2	Yakov Eydlish	2	6	Loss	
	Roman				
3	Maevsky	3	6	Loss	Loss
				-	-
Outcome					
	Maccabi #1	Dendy Park	Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	3	3	-	Even	-
Sets	4	5	1	Loss	Dendy Park
Games	48	46	2	Win	-
Points	3	7			

After our 6-0 demolition against this team (Hawthorn) last time, we knew they would field a stronger team, and be desperate to turn the tables as well shore up their finals place. David got us off to a good start, playing his typically solid brand of tennis for a dominant victory. Yakov, on the other hand, had a real battle on his hands, his opponent being a bit of a Richard Gasquet type, with big albeit inconsistent shots off both wings. Yakov played a gutsy match, mixing up the rhythm with lobs and drop shots. He was unlucky not to break him in a crucial late game, but could be proud of his efforts in a narrow loss. Roman got off to a flyer with some superb strokes and a 3-0 lead, but his opponent responded strongly and prevailed. Meanwhile, Jarrod belied his laconic demeanour and showed his huge potential with some great shotmaking, at both the baseline and the net, and took us to 2-2 at the break.

The Kenley clan paired again at no. 1, and took out a tight and entertaining first set. Realising their hold on the last finals spot was slipping, the opponents hit back strongly and equalised, with all 4 players playing some great tennis. The Kenleys showed their class in running over the top in the third.

Meanwhile on court 7, the echoes of some colourful Russian language was ominous, as Yakov/Roman couldn't quite get into the match.

So, a narrow, well-fought loss, but with our place in the top 3 secure, and all final 4 teams of a similar standard, the implications are contained.

Team name	Maccabi #2				
Opposition name	Lauriston 1				
Section	8				
Match results					
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi #2	Lauriston 1	Set result	Rubber result
1	Joel Rabinov	8	0	Win	Win
2	Sasha Aynbund	8	1	Win	Win
3	Miguel Donnenfeld	0	8	Loss	Loss
4	Daniel Goodrich	8	1	Win	Win
2	Sasha Aynbund	6	3	Win	
4	Daniel Goodrich	6	0	Win	Win
				-	-
1	Joel Rabinov	6	2	Win	
3	Miguel Donnenfeld	6	0	Win	Win
				-	-
Outcome					
	Maccabi #2	Lauriston 1		Difference	Result
					Winner
Rubbers	5	1	4	Win	Maccabi #2
Sets	7	1	6	Win	-
Games	48	15	33	Win	-
Points	9	1			

Knowing that we had nothing to lose, this weekend we brought a 'nothing to lose' mentality in.

In singles, we had all four courts available at Mentone. Joel played better than he has recently and ended up winning 8-0. Sasha won the longest match of the day, 8-1. Miguel was feeling unwell and not like his normal self, so he just focused on the doubles, thus handing the opposition a rubber. Daniel played a good opponent, but did more than enough to win 8-1.

In doubles, Sasha and Daniel paired up as the 1st pair, with Joel and Miguel as the second pair. Sasha and Daniel played well, with a score line of 6-3, 6-0, with Daniel serving really well. In the other pair, Miguel served really well and ended up winning 6-2, 6-0.

Overall, a good win. Even though this was against the weakest opposition we have played, the way we played in doubles was great- the way we ought to be playing. It's the first time that I've seen one doubles, let alone both combinations doing everything well. Now, let's focus on getting a win against Monash Uni next week to improve our pride!

- Joel Rabinov

Section 10

Team name	Maccabi					
Opposition name	Monash Uni					
Section	10					
Match results						
Seeding on the day	Player	Maccabi	Monash Uni	Set result	Rubber result	
1	Paul Koltun	5	8	Loss	Loss	
2	Paul Kovacs	8	6	Win	Win	
3	Michael Voyler	8	9	Loss	Loss	
4	Jordan Davis	8	0	Win	Win	
1	Paul Koltun	6	4	Win		
2	Paul Kovacs	6	4	Win	Win	
				-	-	
3	Michael Voyler	7	5	Win		
4	Jordan Davis	6	2	Win	Win	
				-	-	
Outcome						
	Maccabi	Monash Uni		Difference	Result	Winner
Rubbers	4	2	2		Win	Maccabi
Sets	6	2	4		Win	-
Games	54	38	16		Win	-
Points	8	2				

A good win for the team, in the absence of captain Robert Schattner.

No match report.