

Round 10 Winter Pennant Match Reports

Playing on an afternoon with perfect conditions for tennis, Maccabi enjoyed a relatively successful afternoon with 5 teams winning and 4 losing. It was a crucial afternoon with many teams either battling to keep their seasons alive or attempting to cement a finals spot.

Highlights:

- Grade 2 won an very tight contest in order to stay in top 4 contention.
- Grade 7 are only a win off a guaranteed finals spot following a big win.
- Both Grade 8 teams enjoyed much needed wins.
- Grade 9 put on a doubles masterclass to achieve their first doubles victory of the season.

Grade 2 Vs Kooyong

Won 2-5-53 to 2-5-44

Fredman and Kaganovitch

6-1 6-7 7-5

5-7 3-6

Drori and Goldberg

6-0 5-7 3-6

6-1 6-3

On a glorious sun drenched afternoon, the grade 2 mens team started on fire in their match against kooyong, winning the first set of each doubles 6-0 and 6-1. What promised to be a quick route turned into a marathon affair, finishing under lights in the cold, but thankfully with a win by 9 games.

Arthur Kaganovitch and Joel Fredman hung on in a long 3 setter, claiming the last 2 games to claim a 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 victory. Meanwhile, Assaf Drori

and luke Goldberg, playing their first doubles together, started off on fire but faded to go down in 3 right sets.

Tied up at 1 rubber apiece, Assaf and luke turned up the heat to steamroll kooyongs no. 1 pair in 2 quick straight sets. Arthur and Joel unfortunately went down in 2 long sets, however by that stage we were well ahead on games, claiming a much needed win to stay in the top 4 and contention.

Joel Fredman

Grade 5 Vs Kooyong

Lost 0-1-27 to 4-8-55

M. Needleman and Kaplan

0-6 1-6

3-6 6-7

Gostin and Pat

1-6 7-6 2-6

4-6 3-6

Our opponents came to play!!!

In Harv/max first rubber they didn't miss a serve or volley with one player only having 3 second serves for the whole match!!

Steven/Joey in their first rubber also weathered a serving barrage also and fought back to play great tennis to take the 2nd set 7/6 in a tiebreaker

In the third just couldn't maintain the momentum and lost 6/2

In the reverse rubbers both pairs fought very hard just couldn't get over the line

Steve/Joey in their 2nd rubber probably won more points but lost the match 4&3!!!!

Steven Gostin

Grade 7 Vs Overport Park

Won 3-7-49 to 1-2-36

Volziker and Kenley

7-5 6-4

6-3 6-2

Needleman and Kleytman

6-4 6-4

6-2 2-6 4-6

Travelled to Frankston with the goal of consolidating a top four spot. Playing one of our strongest fours we were confident of getting the job done in perfect conditions. David Kenley/Sasha Volziker took on their number one pairing and had a steady 7-5 6-4 victory whilst Adam Needleman/Steven Kleytman were always ahead winning 6-4 6-4. Kenley/Volziker easily beat their second pairing 6-3 6-2 whilst Needleman/Kleytman were satisfied losing 6-2 2-6 4-6 in a tight contest. Overall a 3-1 victory and only a win off a guaranteed finals spot. A good day.

Adam Needleman



Grade 8 Section 1 Vs Kings Park

Won 2-5-36 to 2-4-37

Bar and Zulman

2-6 1-6

6-2 6-3

Lincoln and D.Flicker

6-2 6-4

6-2 2-6 1-6

Coming into the game we needed a win to retain a realistic chance of making finals. Playing the bottom team most would assume we would have had an easy win but that was far from the case. Damon was very solid at the net while Matt produced the big shots we know he is capable of. David and Leor started slowly but crucially played well in their second rubber. In the end we won by a set and as a result still have hope for a finals place.

David Zulman

Grade 8 Section 2 Vs East Malvern

Grade 8, section 2: 4 rubbers, 8 sets, 56 games defeated East Malvern 0 rubbers, 2 sets, 35 games.

Zvi Schweitzer and Ron Schweitzer 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 & 6-4, 6-1

Alan Datt and Geoff Rosenberger 6-2, 7-6 & 6-4, 1-6, 6-0.

In another must win game, we were in third position 18 points clear of the fifth team who we were playing today. A win and we create plenty of separation, a loss in the finals look in trouble. And it turned into a big win, we were able to secure all four rubbers meaning we have plenty of breathing space with four games to go.

Zvi and Ron as the number one pair were neck and neck in the first set, but just fell behind in the tiebreak to lose the set. They came back strongly in the second and third set to score a convincing win. Meanwhile Alan and Geoff as the number two pair had a convincing win in the first set, but The second set proved to be very tight. With some skillful shots they were able to win the tiebreak and the rubber.

So we were two rubbers to zero up, but still plenty of work ahead of us.

So the reverse doubles began and Zvi and Ron soon found themselves in big trouble losing the first four games. They managed to turn things around, winning the next 11 games before dropping a game at five love up and then when the next game to take out the set and the rubber. Meanwhile Alan and Geoff won a tight first set, only to lose their way in the second set before coming back strongly and winning the third set.

So a great result for the team winning four rubbers to zero creating plenty of separation from the 5th team. But still aware that there's still a lot of work to be done.



Photo courtesy of Josh Datt, the official photographer of the grade 8 section 2 team. Josh has committed to continue travelling with and photographing the team as it continues to make its way to the finals and (hopefully) a major assault on the pennant.

Ron Schweitzer

Grade 9 Vs Monash Uni

Won 3-7-55 to 1-3-40

Dommernfeld and Goodrich

3-6 6-0 4-6

7-6 6-4

Rabinov and Pollack

6-3 5-7 6-4

6-1 6-3

Playing at Monash Uni, we knew we needed to get a win. The doubles combinations were Joel and Ben, and Daniel and Miguel (who filled in for us this week).

In the 1st doubles, Joel and Ben played well to get out to a 6-3 lead. However in a tighter second set, we trailed 2-5 as we hit a fair few errors, before levelling it at 5all. By this stage in the other doubles, Miguel and Daniel started off being 3-1 down. They pushed back to 3-3 and lost the next 3 games ending the set 6-3. At the break, before the second, they had a little pep talk about not giving away too many easy points and it paid off. They started hitting all of theirs our shots in. They were relentless, forcing a third set as they didn't drop a game.

Back in the 1st doubles there was a huge service game on Ben's serve with multiple deuces, but unfortunately we could not hold. Joel missed one of only 3 backhands volleys today, which would have made it 6-5 and with all the momentum, however it wasn't to be. The opposition closed out the set 5-7 and then continued their momentum leading 3-0 in the final set.. However, we were not about to lye down without a fight, as we levelled things up at 3all. By this stage, we could tell that one of the opposition players was physically struggling, so we put the foot down. By the time we had 5-4, his partner was also physically struggling and we ended things winning 6-4.

For Daniel and Miguel their muscles got tighter and they were back playing how they played the first set. In the end poor execution led to more errors and ended up losing the third set 4-6.

In the reverse doubles, Ben and Joel continued were they left off, winning the opening set 6-1. However, due to some slopyness and tiredness, they trailed 0-2. Even though Ben and Joel were both broken in this set, we managed to close it out 6-3.

For Miguel and Daniel seeing as they had some time before the reverse doubles they had a conversation of things to improve on before the reverse doubles:

More Serve volleying , Net play - finishing points quicker , Hitting deeper returns and follow through hitting.

They took all of the above in mind and it proved to work. This time they were 3-1 up before momentum swinging as they lost the next two games before winning the next two., From here on, It was even Steven's throughout the set. Daniel and Miguel then broke 6-5 up, but the Monash pair continued to push forcing a tiebreaker. Daniel and Miguel won the set in a tiebreaker. Halfway through the following set, on the sidelines there was talk about putting on the lights. However, Daniel and Miguel won 6-4 so no lights were needed.

Overall: Today was more of a mental battle as it was a physical battle. A big thanks to Miguel who was available to play today. This was our first doubles win, so maybe he is our lucky charm! This was Joel and Ben's best doubles display for the season, and this has to be the minimum level required.

Open mixed section 2 v MCC

Lost 3-4-37 to 3-5-46

Singles:

1. Lauren Yarrow: played exceptionally well and had so many good rallies!! The set started off game for game but then she took over and won 6 games in a row!! Great effort score was 8-2!!

2. Yael Gigi: was up against a tough opponent with some great rallies!! So close in score and she ended up clinching the set 8-5!! Great effort!!

3. Michael Yarrow: Had a tough match! He did the best he could given he hadn't played in a while and managed to get a game! Still good effort as he tried his best, score was 1-8!

4. Steve Yarrow: Also had a tough match where his opponent just played better on the day as a result score was 1-8 but good effort!

Doubles:

Lauren and Michael : had very tough match as it showed in the first set down 1-6 but put up a fight in the second set going game for game! Wasn't victorious in the end as their opponents just played a better game second set score was 5-7 still a great effort!!

Yael and Steve : Had some great rallies but lost the first set 1-6 but made a big turn around taking out the last 2 sets as they strategised and didn't give up!! Scores were 6-2 6-2 for the 2nd and final set!!! Great effort!!!

Overall everyone played as best as they could on the day and turned out we just lost by a set!!

Hopefully next time will be a different result!!

Lauren Yarrow

Section 2 Women's Doubles vs St. Louis, Aspendale

Lost 4-0

We had great weather for tennis on Saturday. We were playing first team on the ladder. St. Louis ladies are experienced tennis players and it was a big challenge for us to play against them.

Anat Steinberg played with Vicky Dryburgh with a lot of enthusiasm and positive attitude. They tried their best and had some good rallies considering the fact that it was their second time playing competition. They manage to win two sets.

Ema and Anat had some good rallies especially in the second match. It seems the holiday has rusted some of the tennis skills but hopefully we are back to normal next week with better results.

Good game experience for Maccabi team and will continue improving in the future.

Well done ladies.

Anat Vernik

Final score:

1. Anat S. / Vicky 1 - 10

2. Anat V./ Ema. 0 - 10

3. Anat S./ Vicky 1 - 10

4. Anat V./ Ema 1 - 10

Open doubles Section 3 Vs Macleod

Lost 0-0-19 to 4-8-50

R Schattner and C Fredman

3-6 0-6

1-6 1-6

Dueib and Rushford

3-6 1-6

5-7 5-7

After our first win for the season last week, the Men's Open Doubles squad, , playing top team, Macleod, again had trouble in putting 4 on the court . Paul&David were ill, Nathan was injured in action last match, and Sam is away- However, Josh Dueib again filled in admirably as reserve, with another new recruit from previous summer season, Adam Rushford. Although Captain Clive Fredman and Robert Schattner were back as a regular pair, they could only pick up a few games in each rubber . The

day's highlight was the creditable narrow loss 5-7, 5-7, to the top pair, by Adam and Josh . We look forward to our next win!!

Clive Fredman