

To: Sports Department
From: Aaron Ratliff, Boys' Tennis Coach, Denison-Schleswig
Re: Shenandoah JV Tennis Tournament

Denison-Schleswig attended Shenandoah's inaugural JV Tournament and had two players place in its top flight. Grant Fink placed 3rd and Owen Galvin placed 1st. Denison's 7 players were divided into a top flight A and lower flight B which had their own singles tournaments. Other teams included Abraham Lincoln, Audubon, Clarinda, Thomas Jefferson and Shenandoah.

Flight A

Owen Galvin	1st place
1st Round	defeated Audubon's Evan Joens 6-0
2nd Round	defeated Clarinda's #1JV Jayden Hash 6-2
Semifinals	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Grant Fink 6-3
Finals	defeated Shenandoah's Tommy Holcomb 6-0

Owen was athletic enough to defensively get many of his opponents difficult shots back, while offensively putting his volleys away at the net. He works hard to get his points and today it paid off.

Grant Fink	3rd place
1st Round	defeated Thomas Jefferson's Darreck Roche 6-4
2nd Round	defeated Shenandoah's #2 Levi Rystrom 6-1
3rd Round	lost to Denison-Schleswig's Owen Galvin 3-6
Consolation	defeated Shenandoah's #1 JV Hendrix Palmer 6-0

Grant played fantastic today. In his final match he avenged a loss to Shenandoah's #1 JV player the day earlier, by winning 6-0 today. It is a shame he drew into the bottom half of the draw with Owen. They probably would have finished 1st and 2nd, instead of 1st and 3rd.

John Parr

Pigtail	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Jason Sharp 6-2
1st Round	lost to Shenandoah's #1 JV Hendrix Palmer 1-6

Tyson Stoppel

1st Round	defeated Thomas Jefferson's Cole Nichols 6-3
2nd Round	lost to Shenandoah's Tommy Holcomb 2-6

It was good to see John and Tyson pick up wins today. In tournament play that doesn't always happen.

Flight B

Jessie Saldana

1st Round lost to Audubon's Fred Harris 1-6

Jessie hit many good deep shots against his opponent and showed some promise today.

Ryder Lee

1st Round lost to Shenandoah's Trevor Sunderman 0-6

Ryder played good at the net, but his forehand wasn't as consistent as I've seen in the past.

Blaze Palmer

1st Round lost to Shenandoah's Carter Phipps 2-6

Blaze shows so much potential as a beginning player. He has a fast serve and is not afraid to stroke the ball with power. He is going to keep getting better and better.

Comments

After a disappointing 0-9 finish in Shenandoah's dual yesterday, it felt good to win our head-to-head matchups with their top 3 players. It is also good to see our young players experience success. This is a tournament that I hope stays an annual event.