

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

Denison-Schleswig attended Shenandoah's Friday Night Lights JV Tournament on April 24. Denison's 19 players were divided into a top flight A and a lower flight B which had their own singles tournaments. Once eliminated from the singles tournament, all players entered one doubles tournament. Other teams included Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Shenandoah. In flight B, Denison's Edgar Ortiz placed 1st and Jayden Ghislandi placed 4th. In the doubles tournament, Denison-Schleswig swept all three places. Roman Bygness and Ethan Totten placed 1st, Diego Cid and Ryan Hennings placed 2nd, and Javin Baker and Cesar Cardona Jr. placed 3rd.

Singles Flight A

Ethan Olsen

1st Round	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Ryan Dmyterko 6-3
2nd Round	lost to Shenandoah's Matt Holmes 3-6

Ryan Hennings

Pigtail	defeated Thomas Jefferson's Preston Wade 6-2
1st Round	lost to Denison-Schleswig's Roman Bygness 2-6

Roman Bygness

1st Round	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Ryan Hennings 6-2
2nd Round	lost to Shenandoah's Levi Rystrom 3-6

Cesar Cardona Jr	lost to Abraham Lincoln's Jeriemiah Humbert 4-6
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John Parr	lost to Shenandoah's Will Berning 0-6
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Ethan Totten	lost to Shenandoah's Tommy Holcomb 4-6
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Diego Cid	lost to Abraham Lincoln's Dylan Mahrt 2-6
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Javin Baker	lost to Shenandoah's Matt Holmes 2-6
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Singles Flight B

Edgar Ortiz 1st Place

1st Round	defeated Shenandoah's Will Stevenson 6-0
2nd Round	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Ethen Smith 6-4
Semifinals	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Caden Kolln 6-4
Finals	defeated Shenandoah's Carter Phipps 6-3

Edgar's variety of serves was particularly effective.

Jayden Ghislandi 4th Place

1st Round	defeated Shenandoah's Ethan Chapman 6-3
2nd Round	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Logan Mower 6-4
Semifinals	lost to Shenandoah's Carter Phipps 3-6
Consolation	lost to Abraham Lincoln's Caden Kolln 6-7 (2)

This was a terrific tournament for Jayden, a freshman new to tennis. He narrowly missed a 3rd place finish losing in a tie breaker.

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Pigtail	defeated Thomas Jefferson's Kaden Holloway 6-0
1st Round	lost to Denison-Schleswig's Brody Skarin 2-6

Brody Skarin

1st Round	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Tag Okwer 6-2
2nd Round	lost to Shenandoah's Carter Phipps 3-6

Ricardo Lopez lost to Abraham Lincoln's Caden Kolln 0-6

Lazaro Rivera-Acosta lost to Shenandoah's Terin Courtier 3-6

Santi Lopez lost to Abraham Lincoln's Ethen Smith 3-6

Daimian Garcia lost to Shenandoah's Carter Phipps 3-6

Jorge Romualdo lost to Abraham Lincoln's Logan Mower 3-6

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Doubles Tournament

Roman Byness/Ethan Totten 1st Place

Pigtail	defeated Abraham Lincoln's Smith/Mower 4-2
1st Round	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Rivera-Acosta/S. Lopez 4-2
Semifinals	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Baker/Cardona Jr 4-0
Finals	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Cid/Hennings 4-2

Roman and Ethan are both first year tennis players but their athleticism keeps them in points and they have a tremendous future ahead of them.

Diego Cid/Ryan Hennings 2nd Place

1st Round	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Stoppel/Lee 4-2
Semifinals	defeated Shenandoah's Holcomb/Berning 4-3
Finals	lost to Denison-Schleswig's Bygness/Totten 2-4

Diego has such an effective serve and Ryan has developed a weapon with his backhand.

Javin Baker/Cesar Cardona Jr. 3rd Place

Pigtail	defeated Shenandoah's Chapman/Stevenson 4-0
1st Round	defeated Denison-Schleswig's Olsen/Parr 4-1
Semifinals	lost to Denison-Schleswig's Bygness/Totten 0-4
Consolation	defeated Shenandoah's s Holcomb/Berning 4-2

Javin and Cesar fell down in their 3rd place match 0-2 but then railed off the next 4 games. Javin, a first year player, is a force at the net and Cesar keeps getting better every time he plays.

Final Comments:

Single elimination tournaments can be quite painful. One and done is not fun, but the JV players pick up valuable experience in playing tournaments from this event. We were fortunate to get a taste of success and we will be a better team because of this experience.