

Court Report

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BETC Juniors dominate at State

Submitted by Jim Robison

State High School tournaments were held over the weekend of May 24-25. Twenty-four juniors from BETC qualified for this year's state tournaments, resulting in many top 8 finishes and two state champions!

4A Tournament – Columbia Basin Racket Club & Hanford High School, Richland, WA

Girls Singles

Summer HS senior and two-time state champion Jade Lancaster and Kentwood's Erika Ito were both expected to compete for this year's

singles title. Erika managed to squeak past Jade in a third-set tiebreaker in the final of the West Central/Southwest District singles final held at BETC one week earlier. Ito continued her great play at state, losing just 3 games in 3 matches on her road to the final. Erika split the first 2 sets 6-4, 5-7 before taking control of the third set and winning 6-2 against Thomas Jefferson's Nancy Cabanas to win her first state championship. Jade also won easily in her first 2 matches before a semifinal matchup with Cabanas. Jade won the first set 6-4 and was 2 points from the win in the second set tiebreaker but lost it 5-7. Cabanas went on to win the third set. Lancaster's final match was the 3rd-6th place loss against Maddie Egan from Rogers HS. Jade has finished her high school career but will continue to play as a freshman next year at Seattle University. Erika will look to defend her title next year. Congratulations to both girls!

Boys Singles

BETC was well represented in the 4A singles with 4 players qualifying for this year's tournament. Newport HS Sophomore Amol Koli had one of the most dominant state tournaments in the history of Washington high school tennis. Amol lost just 9 games in his 4 wins including a 6-1, 6-1 beatdown of Jackson's Brady Thomas in the final. Well done Amol! Kentwood player Alex Boupharath dominated his first 2 opponents 6-0, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-0. Unfortunately for Alex, this set up a semifinal

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4A State Champion Erika Ito



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battle with Koli. Alex gave Amol his toughest test of the tournament, losing 4-6,2-6. Francis Viloría of Kentridge won his opening match 7-5,7-5. Unfortunately, Francis was forced to with-



4A State Champion Amol Koli

draw from the tournament due to an injury. Sumner player Richard Mark qualified but lost his first 2 matches.

Girls Doubles

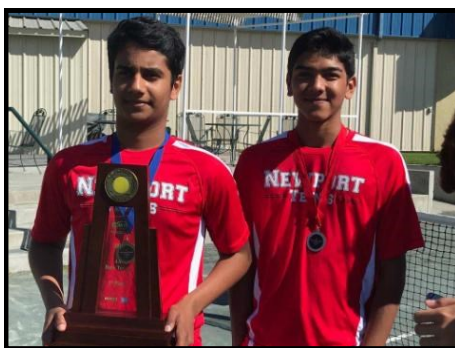


Ally Peterson and Mia Rosa

Mia Rosa and Ally Peterson had a big win against Newport's #1 doubles team in their opening match in a 3rd set tiebreaker. The Thomas Jefferson duo continued their winning ways on their next round before falling in the semis to a strong team from Lewis & Clark HS. The girls lost in their next match, resulting in an impressive 6th place finish. Their placing, combined with teammate Nancy Cabanas' 2nd place finish in singles brought a first state title to Thomas Jefferson High School and their long time coach and BETC member Andrew Buchan.

Boys doubles

Newport's Arnav Sahu and his partner won 3 matches in straight sets to make the Boys Doubles final. The boys lost 6-7,3-6



Newport teammates Amol Koli and Arnav Sahu

to finish in 2nd place. Mount Rainier HS brothers Julian and Lucas Orint won their first match before losing to the Newport duo in the second round. The boys went on to win two matches in the back draw before losing a close match in the 4th-7th place match. Decatur's Elden and Jacob Buchan qualified but failed to win a match. Brandon Bourgeois and Timothy Tran of Kentridge also made the tournament but lost their two matches.

2A Tournament – Nordstrom Tennis Center, Seattle, WA

Girls Singles

Foster HS player Ana Rios had a dominant run to the girls singles final, winning 6-0,6-0; 6-0,6-1 and 6-4,6-1 in her first 3 matches. In the final she met up with an equally dominant Faith Grisham from Columbia River. Ana fell a little short in that match, losing 2-6,2-6 but still finishing 2nd in the state.

Katy Nguyen from Liberty HS qualified for state but lost two tough matches.

Boys Doubles

Liberty HS brothers Calvin and Colby Vuong finished in 3rd place in their impressive debut in state competition. They lost only 4 games in their first two matches before a semifinal matchup against the eventual champions from Mark Morris HS. The Vuong brothers battled the champs to a 1st set tiebreaker but fell just short and then lost 2-6 in the second set. The Liberty pair bounced back to easily win 3rd place 6-1,6-2 over the team from Columbia River.

Boys Singles

The 2A Boys Singles was loaded with players from BETC this year. Foster's Abe Rios, Jared Zaugg from White River and Kyle Hebbeler from Lindbergh all managed to win their 1st round matches and 2 out of the 3 placed in the top 8. Abe Rios' only loss came in the second round to the eventual state champion from Sehome HS. That loss set up confrontation with Hebbeler, with the winner moving on to the 4th/7th place match and the loser going home. Rios managed to hold off Kyle for a close 6-3, 7-5 victory. Waiting for Abe in the 4th/7th was Jared Zaugg who had also won his loser-out

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match. Abe managed to win that battle with another 6-3,7-5 victory to take 4th place. Jared fell to 7th.

1A Tournament – Yakima Tennis Club

Girls Singles

Sophomore Zoe Rose from Charles Wright Academy in Tacoma finished in 3rd place by beating Emma McLaren of Chelan 6-1,6-1 in the 3rd/6th place match. Zoe, last years' state runner up, rolled through her first 2 rounds without dropping a game. She lost her semifinal to the eventual state champion.

Boys Singles

Vashon HS singles player Towner Anderson dropped only one set in winning his first 2 matches on his way to the state semifinals. Towner lost the semi 0-6, 5-7 and then lost his final match to place in 6th place.

Congratulation to all the players who qualified for state this year!



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Return Serve like Andre Agassi

Submitted by Bill Bartlett

Recently the BETC tennis pro staff had a chance to attend the 2019 USPTA tennis conference held in Kirkland WA. One of the guest speakers was Hank Pfister. He reached the semifinal of the Australian open three times. One of his tips that stood out for me was on return of serve percentages.

Hank's main point was that the most effective return of serve in singles is to hit them cross court and hard. This hard cross court return of serve tends to force your opponent to send it back cross court where you are already standing. On a second serve, Hank recommended, to hit aggressively down the line with the idea of attacking the net. He said Andre Agassi was a great example of a player who almost always hit his



return of serve hard and cross court. Andre would also occasionally catch his opponent off balance by hitting a second serve aggressively down the line.

To improve your game, return serve like Andre Agassi. Hit most of your return of serves hard and cross court. Occasionally hit your return aggressively down the line and look to approach the net. You will then be able to break serve more often.

**Quarterly
Dues**

Quarterly Dues will be charged
June 15 and are due July 1.



Lesson Program News

Submitted by Allan Overland



Juniors: Summer tennis is here! We are excited to once again offer a full range of great camps, classes and workouts for this year. Remember, when it comes to [summer tennis camps](#), the caliber of coaching makes a real difference. Juniors can highly benefit by working on a regular basis with BETC pros whose experience includes playing and coaching at the NCAA Division I level, USTA High Per-

formance certification and Elite Professional USPTA certification.

Month-long price includes team T-shirt, pizza party, scheduled matches, Friday outdoor "play days" in July and entry to the Auburn Valley Junior Tournament. Players can also get in on the After Camp Match Play Workshop, with coaching from a former ATP world ranked professional, JJ Jackson.

For our 10 and Under students, we now offer an Orange Ball and Red Ball Camps. For more information, check out the [summer lesson program brochure](#), which is available online at [betconline.net](#) and at the club's front desk. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to contact me at allan@betconline.net, or by phone at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 31).



Upcoming Summer Tournaments

Dates	Tournament	Entry Deadline
June 28-30	Boeing Summer Intermediate Classic	June 23
July 26-28	Boeing Summer Junior Advanced	July 19

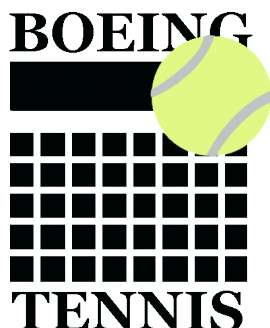
[Register online at betconline.net](#). Contact Tournament Director [Allan Overland](#)

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ADULTS

Level 1 (Beginner, Club Rating 1.0-1.9)

Class	Time	Instructor
A1 Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Robison

Level 2 (Advanced Beginner, Club Rating 2.0-2.4)

Class	Time	Instructor
A2 Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Robison

Level 3 (Intermediate, Club Rating 2.5-3.0)

Class	Time	Instructor
A3 Monday	9:30 AM-11:00 AM	Bartlett
A3 Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bartlett
A3 Sunday	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Robison
A3 Tuesday	8:00PM-9:30PM	Nam

Level 4 (Advanced, Club Rating 3.0-3.5)

Class	Time	Instructor
A4 Monday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Bartlett
A4 Tuesday	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Overland
A4 Wednesday	9:30 AM-11:00 AM	Bartlett
A4 Friday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Nam
A4 Saturday	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Bartlett

Level 5 (Elite Advanced, Club Rating 3.5 and up)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
WW	Fri	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Overland
WW	Sat	1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Overland
A5	Thurs	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Overland



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10 & Under Tennis (QuickStart)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Red 1	Sat	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Robison
Red 2	Sat	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Robison
Orange 1	Sat	11:00 AM-Noon	Robison
Orange 2	Sat	Noon-1:00 PM	Robison
Green	Sat	2:00 PM-3:30 PM	Robison

Level 1 (Beginner)

Class	Time	Instructor
J1 Saturday	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Bartlett

Level 2 (Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
J2 Saturday	Noon-1:00 PM	Bartlett
J2 Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Bartlett

Level 3 (Advanced Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
J3 Monday	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Bartlett
J3 Wednesday	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Bartlett
J3 Friday	4:30 PM-6:00 PM	Bartlett
J3 Friday	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Bartlett
J3 Saturday	10:30 AM-Noon	Bartlett

Level 4 (Advanced)

Class	Time	Instructor
HS Vars. Sat	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Overland

High Performance

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
HP 2	T/Th	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Jackson
HP 3	T/Th	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Jackson
Matchplay	Thur	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Jackson

SUMMER CAMPS

Class	Day(s)	Time
Red Ball	Mon-Th	2:00 PM-3:00 PM
Orange	Mon-Th	3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Rookies	Mon-Th	2:00 PM-3:00 PM
Challengers	Mon-Th	11:00 AM-12:30 PM
Champs	Mon-Th	12:30 PM-2:00 PM
Match Play	Tues/Th	2:00 PM-3:30 PM