

Sporting News: Miss Trudgeon reports:

It has been a busy first week at the start of the tennis season. The Open tennis squad has had three close matches against Guildford High, Tormead and Charterhouse. The students have all played with enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to watch such exciting matches. The team had a strong win 6-3 over Charterhouse after a nail biting 5-4 loss against Tormead with the result in the balance until the final set. All the players have committed themselves well and 'Players of the match' were awarded to Kirsten Blom, Ginny Neill and Hannah Larwood.

The U13 and U15 Aegon tennis squads were a bit rusty in their first matches of the season against Guildford High but the standard of the play improved steadily throughout the match and there were many sets taken to tie-breaks! 'Players of the match' were awarded to Alexa Stone and Antonia Kennington.

The U12 and U14 Surrey League squads played their opening matches against Guildford High and Notre Dame respectively. All the students played well and there were some good performances from Kesney Boon, Sophie Roberts, Tayla Boon and Jessica Bull. Unfortunately, they weren't successful this time but it looks like it is going to be a promising season for both squads!

Last Saturday, we held the 'Road to Wimbledon' competition at Prior's Field School. Fifteen students from the 1st-3rd Form played in a singles tournament with the winner guaranteed a place in the county finals. All the students played with enthusiasm in the sunshine. The Kennington twins progressed confidently into the final. Antonia Kennington dominated the first three games but her sister rallied and managed to claim a 7-6 victory after a close run tie break. Well done to Sasha Kennington who progresses to the County final in June.

There have also been some rounders matches in the first week of term. The U12 rounders squads have had fixtures against Tormead and Surbiton High School. The students have started to find their feet and they are beginning to grasp the tactics involved. The U12 A team achieved a 121/2 -8 win against Tormead and it was exciting to see so many of the First Form out representing the school on Wednesday and Thursday.

The U13 rounders team played in the first round of the Jet rounders tournament on Thursday against Burgess Hill. After a slow first innings the students woke up and scored more rounders than their opposition in the second innings but unfortunately they were not able to make up all the rounders scored by Burgess Hill in the first half so the result was 24-191/2. Well done to everyone who played as they showed determination to try and endless enthusiasm until the last ball!

The U15 rounders team travelled to Guildford High School for their first match of the season. They had an exciting first half with a high number of rounders scored by Susannah Moore, Jessica Deans and Phoebe Dee. However, the second innings was a step too far and Guildford High managed to take a commanding lead. Hopefully, as their fitness levels improve the U15 rounders team will maintain their level of skill when batting and fielding. Well done to Rachel Pepper who was awarded 'Player of the Match'.

There are a large number of fixtures over the next few weeks. Please can I ask that all students check the noticeboards carefully to make sure that they are aware of their commitments. Congratulations to everyone who has represented Prior's Field this week!