

GAME SUMMARY

DATE OF GAME: 3/18/09

SPORT: Men's Tennis

TEAM RECORD: 1-2

OPPONENT: Harford Community College (Bel Air, MD)

SCORE: 7-2

WIN/LOSE: CCRI Wins

LEAD STORY #1: CCRI traveled to Harford Community College in Bel Air, MD with a full complement of players available to play. In a rematch of the Monday contest which saw a travel-weary team succumb to the Owls 6-3, the Knights looked to rebound – and rebound they did! Doubles started the day with CCRI's sophomore Alex Cavanagh (Middletown, RI) and returning sophomore Nathan York (Smithfield, RI) in first doubles facing Josh Meier and Josh Hicks – freshman Michael Wilbur and freshman Daniel Rivard (both of Scituate, RI) in second doubles facing Josh Hays and Chris Blackwell – and returning sophomore Christopher Izzo (Warwick, RI) and freshman James Lachance (Cranston, RI) in third doubles facing Ben Wade and Steve Heagy. Cavanagh and York jumped out to a 7-0 lead before dropping two games and finally closing it out 8-2. Wilbur and Rivard also jumped out to an early lead, this one of 7-3, before also allowing 2 more games before closing it out, 8-5. Izzo and Lachance had the most competitive match of the day, clinching their 3rd doubles contest 9-7.

LEAD STORY #2: To say that the Knights would hopefully carry that momentum into singles was an understatement! Riding the wave of success in the doubles matches, the singles player went on to capture 4 of the 6 singles positions. Alex Cavanagh faced off against Josh Hicks in first singles, jumped out to an early break and never looked back and cruised to an easy 6-1, 6-2 victory. Nate York faced Josh Hays in second singles and handled him easily, 6-2, 6-1. Mike Wilbur took the court against Harford's third Josh (Meier) and dropped that contest 6-2, 6-3. Dan Rivard faced Chris Blackwell in fourth singles, dropping the match 6-1, 6-1. James Lachance took to the court in fifth singles, against Harford's Steve Heagy (with their Monday match still undecided) and raced to a 6-1 first set, finishing off Heagy this time, 6-4 in the second. Chris Izzo took the court in sixth singles against Ben Wade who had beaten Mazon Dickerson in a challenge match Tuesday. Izzo defeated Wade 7-5, 6-3. Ryan Lavoie rounded out the CCRI singles day in a seven-singles contest against Dickerson and fell 7-6 (6), 6-1. Lachance and Heagy then completed their Monday match with the Owl taking two straight games to finish 6-3, 6-4.

LEAD STORY #3: The rematch was successful! Facing the Owls from Harford Community College for the second time in three days, the CCRI Knights more than reversed the 6-3 score, coming out on top 7-2 this time. Starting with the three doubles match victories and riding that momentum through 4 of the 6 singles contests, the Knights were able to get on the winning track. Hopefully we can carry this momentum through the rest of our Southern swing – back to Gloucester on Thursday and then through Montgomery Rockville on Friday.

COACHES COMMENTS: This was a great bounce-back win against a very good team on their home courts. We will look to carry this momentum forward through the rest of this trip as well as through the rest of the season.