

GAME SUMMARY

DATE OF GAME: 4/04/09

SPORT: Men's Tennis

TEAM RECORD: 3-2

OPPONENT: Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY

SCORE: 9-0

WIN/LOSE: CCRI Wins

LEAD STORY #1: CCRI traveled to Long Island, NY for a pair of early Spring matches. The Friday match scheduled against Suffolk County Community College in Selden, NY, however, was not to be. Arriving at the courts to a chorus of thunder claps and lightning flashes, the first match was clearly going to be a washout. Day 2, scheduled against Nassau Community College of Garden City, NY offered a little more promise. The courts had small puddles as we arrived, but the wind, the lack of new rain and the work of the players and coaches quickly served to disburse the puddles to the point that the wind could take care of the rest. The Knights and the Lions took the courts in doubles to give the additional courts more time to dry. The Knights battled the Lions and some tricky wins to take all three doubles contests. Once completed, the two teams squared off in singles, where, once again, the Knights swept the host Lions.

LEAD STORY #2: The Knights won a match 9-0 for the first time in at least six years, sweeping the Lions of Nassau Community College in Garden City, NY. Battling tricky winds, threatening rain clouds, chilly temperatures and lots of interesting sounds, the Knights kept their composure to carry the match. The match took place next to a baseball stadium, complete with blaring heavy metal music. There also seemed to be some sort of shooting range nearby. Finally, there was an occasional siren that sounded like an air raid siren! Through it all, the Knights remained focused and were able to accomplish their goal of getting above .500 on the season.

LEAD STORY #3: The Community College of Rhode Island Knights took to the courts against the Nassau Community College Lions in the fifth match of our 2009 campaign. **Alexander Cavanagh** (Middletown, RI) teamed up with **Nathan York** (Smithfield, RI) in first doubles, dropping the first game and then reeling off 8 straight to defeat *Jeff Freeman* and *Brian Arcuri*, 8-1 in the 8-game pro-set format. **Michael Wilbur** (Scituate, RI) and **Daniel Rivard** (Scituate, RI) teamed up in second doubles to defeat *Adrian Smith* and *Jesse Rushes*. The Knights won the first 8 games and went to shake hands, but the Lions thought it was a 10-game pro-set so the teams played another 4 games with the Knights prevailing 10-2. **James Lachance** (Cranston, RI) and **Christopher Izzo**

(Warwick, RI) teamed up to defeat *Luis Noreiga* and *Leslie Tang* 8-3 in third doubles. **Cavanagh** then faced off against *Freeman* in first singles, dispatching him 6-0, 6-1. **York** posted the mirror score against *Arcuri* in second singles, winning 6-1, 6-0. **Wilbur** faced *Smith* in third singles, defeating him in a score of 6-4, 6-2. **Rivard** finally broke through in fourth singles, winning 6-3, 6-2 over *Reshes* of NCC. **Lachance** had the longest and most evenly contested match of the day, outlasting *Noriega* in fifth singles 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. **Izzo** completed the sweep, posting a 6-1, 6-3 victory over *Tang*. **Ryan Lavoie** (Coventry, RI) actually faced the toughest competition on the day, falling 6-4, 6-1 to NCC's *Naga Gorthy*.

COACHES COMMENTS: This was a terrific win to advance our record over .500 on the season – and to post our third straight victory after opening the season 0-2. The guys showed that they could battle the elements as well as our opponents. We look forward to our next match against SUNY Delhi of Delhi, NY.