

GAME SUMMARY

DATE OF GAME: 4/26/09

SPORT: Men's Tennis

TEAM RECORD: 7-2

OPPONENT: Mohawk Valley CC, Utica, NY

SCORE: 8-1

WIN/LOSE: CCRI Wins

LEAD STORY #1: CCRI traveled to Region III to take on the Mohawk Valley Community College Hawks in Utica, NY. The Knights were looking to continue their recent form and hoping complete the regular season on a seven-match win streak. Region III starts with singles, and the Knights took to the courts and secured the overall match result, capturing all six singles positions. Once again, the Knights weren't satisfied with just the singles positions. The first doubles pair of **Alex Cavanagh** (Middletown, RI) and **Nate York** (Smithfield, RI) needed the win to finish their perfect season, and were able to do so decisively. Second doubles also prevailed, but third doubles fell just short, 7-4 in a tiebreak. With the win the Knights improve their season record to 7-2.

LEAD STORY #2: The Community College of Rhode Island took to the courts against the Mohawk Valley Community College Hawks in the last regular season match of the Knights 2009 season. **Alexander Cavanagh** (Middletown, RI) faced off against *Stephen Bentley* in first singles. Cavanagh, who hasn't lost since a 3-set singles defeat in the second match of the season, was looking to finish the season strong. **Cavanagh** jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead in the first set, but Bentley battled back to get the next three games. Cavanagh regrouped and broke Bentley to take the first set 6-4. He then secured the match with a 6-3 second set victory. **Nathan York** (Smithfield, RI) jumped out to a 3-0 lead but then tweaked a nagging shoulder injury and dropped the next four games. He received some treatment from the Mohawk valley trainer, which seemed to do the trick, as he won nine out of the next ten games to secure a 6-4, 6-1 second-singles win over a very talented, and extremely gracious, *Thanh Nguyen*. **Michael Wilbur** (Scituate, RI) faced *Masanari Matsumoto* in third singles. *Matsumoto* may not have realized it was an 11:00 match start time, as he showed up at 11:01, rolled right out to the court without the benefit of a team warm-up. **Wilbur** was able to defeat *Matsumoto* by the score of 6-3, 6-0. **Daniel Rivard** (Scituate, RI) finished the season strong, defeating *Chris Stefanic* 6-4, 6-3. Fifth singles saw **Christopher Izzo** defeat *Josh Darrow* 6-1, 6-1. **Ryan Lavoie** (Coventry, RI) picked up his first singles point of his college career as he dispatched *James Zielinski* in six singles, 6-1, 6-3.

Cavanagh teamed up with **York** in first doubles, defeating *Nguyen* and *Matsumoto*, 8-2 to hold on to their perfect 8-0 record. **Wilbur** and **Rivard** teamed up in second doubles to defeat *Stefanic* and *Bentley* 8-3. **Lavoie** and **Izzo** teamed up in third doubles, dropping a heart-breaker 9-8 (7-4 in the tiebreak) to *Darrow* and *Mike Wilson*.

LEAD STORY #3: The ITA JuCo Men's division III #1 ranked first singles team of **Alexander Cavanagh** and **Nathan York** finished their quest for regular-season perfection, dispatching the Hawks first doubles team of *Thanh Nguyen* and *Masanari Matsumoto* 8-2 in a contest that was much closer than the score indicates. *Nguyen* is a solid player and *Matsumoto* just lacks consistency. Both of the Hawks play big groundies and have good serves, both first and second. **Cavanagh** and **York**'s experience playing all season together proved to be the difference as they were able to take advantage of positioning and key points to defeat their opponents.

COACHES COMMENTS: Today's match was our seventh consecutive match victory after starting 0-2. The guys really had a couple of battles on their hands, especially at the top of the lineup. It was a very hot weekend and we didn't play our best, but still managed to come away with the wins. All-in-all it was a terrific win to cap a terrific regular season. We look forward to our trip to the NJCAA DIII Men's Tennis nationals, May 9-14 in Plano, Texas at host college Collin County Community College.