

## Smith vs. Wheaton Wrap up

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Hard work truly does pay off, and the Smith Tennis team learned this on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after an exhilarating win over Wheaton College. Going in to this match, we knew that Wheaton had beaten MIT, whom we had recently lost to, which made our win all the more rewarding. The rain was pouring down on our drive to Wheaton, so we knew we would be indoors. When we arrived and began our warm-up, we immediately took notice of the increased speed of the indoor-court surface and the dim lighting that we weren't used to. Regardless of these disadvantages, Smith Tennis got right into their doubles matches, showing Wheaton no mercy.

At #1 doubles, juniors Katy Walker and Lauren Kemp defeated Ashley Kriwinsky and Darby McDermott 8-4. At #2 doubles, junior Ashley Kilgore and sophomore Ruth Linz defeated Jamie Weiss and Mia Mathias 8-3. Cami Whitney and Mariel Elguero paired up at #3 doubles, defeating Emily Dana and Caitlin Amaral 8-6, in a very exciting match.

After Smith swept Wheaton in doubles, winning all three matches, the exciting singles play began. On the first court, Lauren Kemp was defeated by Ashley Kriwinsky, but not without a fight. Kemp remarked after her match, "I'm not sure I've ever played someone who moved as well as Ashley did." Spectators watched Kriwinsky as scrambled to *every* ball that came on her side of the court, and though she defeated Kemp, there was much to be learned from this match. The final score was 3-6, 1-6. At #2 singles, Ashley Kilgore fought her way to victory, in a long, challenging match, with a final score of 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. At #3 singles, Ruth Linz came out onto the court strong and playing some impressive tennis. Unfortunately, in diving for a ball, Ruth stepped the wrong way, injuring her knee, ending up in her having to retire the match. Cami Whitney pulled out an awesome win at #4 singles, winning the first set 6-3, and coming back from 1-4 in the second set to win it 7-5. At #5 singles, Katy Walker, used her aggressiveness, power and consistency to bring her to a three-set victory of 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Finally, Jane Nylund played a tough match at #6 singles, against a consistent opponent, with a score of 1-6, 4-6.

On the bus ride home, after much celebration, captain Ashley Kilgore, commented, "I am so proud of this team for pulling this match out." Smith Tennis drove back to their home truly happy, and truly proud because it was very obvious on the court that their hard work and dedication at practice in the past week had really paid off. Bring it on, Wellesley!