

Welcome to the January edition of “Over the Net!” This is the month to declare your tennis-related New Year’s resolutions, to set new goals and restructure your training regime. For me, it is the launch of my fifth and last year of writing this column. The friendships I’ve developed through interviews and cheering at matches, have enriched my own game. Hopefully this column has brought the junior champs players in our four state region closer together. This edition of “Over the Net” will cover three of January’s top PNW tournaments.

From January 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, the Club Green Meadows Club in Vancouver, WA hosted a large champs tournament with some very high level competition. Starting in Boys’ 12U, **Danny Denike** beat **Bojan Soskic** 6-2, 6-2. In Boys’ 14U, **Adam Shinomiya** defeated **Andrew Schuller** in a close 7-5, 6-3, and in Boys’ 16U, **Tye Loan** beat **Luke Lemaitre** 6-2, 6-1. In Boys’ 18U, **Avinash Vemuri** barely defeated **Andrew Newell** 2-6, 6-4, 10-5. In Girls’ 16U, **Melisha Dogra** beat **Abigail Denike** 6-3, 6-1. Lastly, in Girls’ 18U, **Emily Rees** defeated **Kali McCollister** 6-0, 6-1. Great job to everyone who participated in this tournament, and congratulations to the victors!

Only one week later, Capital City Tennis in Tumwater, WA hosted a New Years’ Championship tournament. In Boys’ 14U, **Caden Samkutty** barely beat **Jacob Sleight** in a split-set match: 7-6(2), 3-6, 1-0(1). In Boys’ 16U, **Tye Loan** beat **Emmett Moore** 6-3, 6-3, and in Boys’ 18U, **Hunter Egger** defeated **Oscar Burney** in a close 6-7(6), 6-2, 1-0(3). Meanwhile, starting with Girls’ 12U, **Zehra Suko** defeated **Caroline Hannah** 6-2, 6-1. In Girls’ 14U, **Chloe Chu** beat **Jade Lancaster** 6-1, 6-3, and in Girls’ 16U, **Viv Daniel** defeated **Jaiya Virk** 6-1, 6-1. Lastly, in Girls’ 18U, **Chloe Goyette** beat **Sabrina RossNeergaard** 6-2, 7-5. Congrats to everyone who trekked out to participate in this tournament!

Finally, here are the results for the January Championship Level 3 where the points attained count for both your PNW and National rankings. The Tualatin Hills Tennis Center served as the host and thanks to **Jim Rankin** for all his hard work. In an unusual Boys’ 10U finals, **Alex Chaldyshev** defeated his brother **Mike** 4-0, 4-1. In Boys’ 12U, **Philip Deaton** snagged the title after defeating **Colton Smith** 6-4, 6-0. In Boys’ 14U, **Theodore McDonald** barely defeated **James Yu** 7-6, 7-5, and in Boys’ 16U, **Adam Guo** beat **Jack Katzman** 6-2, 6-4. In Boys’ 18U, **Wyatt Demulling** defeated **Oscar Burney** 6-2, 6-3. Moving on to the Girls’ tournaments, in 10U, **Valerie Glozman** defeated **Kaitlyn Ye** 4-1, 4-2. In 12U, **Yumi Toulegenova** beat **Annaliese Angier** 6-2, 6-0. In Girls’ 14U, **Elizabeth Stevens** barely beat

**Kaitlin Tan** in a close 7-5, 6-4 to claim the title. In Girls' 16U, **Vivian Glozman** defeated **Luna Crawford** 6-1, 6-1, and in Girls' 18U, **Bess Waldram** beat **Samantha Hampton** by default. Congratulations to everyone in this tournament!

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