

College of the Desert Wins Both the Men and Women's Dual Team Titles

The College of the Desert men's tennis team defeated Fresno 5-1 in the 2009 California Community College Athletic Association Dual Team Tennis Championship on Thursday, May 7 at Natomas Racquet Club. This is the Roadrunner's 13th men's state championship title, winning last in 2007 against Chabot.

COD won convincingly, only giving up one loss to Fresno's number one seed Joao Nogueira. The final matches came down to the #2 seeded Hank Bessinger of Fresno against Marcelo Alecio from COD and the 5th seeded Taavi Himmist from FCC against Bruno Araujo from COD. These were both very close matches taking three sets to decide. Himmist and Araujo had three match points in the final set, Araujo pulling it out with a comeback, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(3). There was no need for doubles matches with COD gaining their necessary five wins in the singles play alone. Fresno City has now fallen in the men's dual team state championship two years in a row.

The College of the Desert women's victory against Sierra was not as easily won with a final score of 5-4. The teams entered into doubles play with three victories each and the key match was the doubles between Brittanie Miller with Makinzie Clark against Alexandre Farrar and Stephanie Tomita. The state title came down to this match with all others being completed and Farrar and Tomita pulled it out, 6-3, 6-2.

The individual singles and doubles championships will begin Friday, May 8 and finish up on Saturday, May 9.

Men's Singles

Joao Nogueira (FCC) d. Tiago Hayaski (COD) 6-4, 6-2

Marcelo Alecio (COD) d. Hank Bessinger (FCC) 6-7(1), 6-1, 6-4

Francisco Tuardo (COD) d. Bartos Micher (FCC) 7-5, 6-1

Alonso Leon (COD) d. Troy Kellenberger (FCC) 6-0, 6-0

Bruno Araujo (COD) d. Taavi Himmist (FCC) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6(1)

Nico Comber (COD) d. Brad Fernandez (FCC) 6-2, 6-3

Women's Singles

Alexandre Farrar (COD) d. Brittanie Miller (SC) 6-1, 6-3
Jacqueline Rouquet (COD) d. Makinzie Clark (SC) 6-2, 6-2
Krystle Tran (SC) d. Stephanie Tomita (COD) 6-2, 6-2
Marina Sales (COD) d. Mackenzie Martin (SC) 6-2, 6-4
Asako Komatsu (SC) d. Paulina Partida (COD) 6-1, 6-1
Jennifer Andrade (SC) d. Lauren Eller (COD) 6-3, 6-1

Women's Doubles

Rouquet/Sales (COD) d. Miller/Clark (SC) 6-4, 6-3
Farrar/Tomita (COD) d. Tran/Martin (SC) 6-3, 6-2
Komatsu/Andrade (SC) d. Partida/Eller (COD) 6-1, 6-2