

Smith Vs. Wellesley

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Each season, the match between rival Wellesley College and Smith is a greatly anticipated one. This year, Smith faced Wellesley with the hopes of securing a number two ranking in NEWMAC, but with one of their leading players, Ruth Linz, unable to compete because of injury. With a new number one and two doubles combination, Smith fought its way to a win at number one and three doubles. The newly paired Jane Nyland and Katy Walker lost to Wellesley in a tie breaker (7-1) at number two doubles, but gave an incredibly impressive fight, armed with some outstanding net points. The singles play was yet another testament to Smith's growing confidence on court. First years Macailagh Herman and Jane Nyland were the first off the courts, bringing in wins at fifth and sixth singles. They were followed by the wins of juniors Katy Walker, Ashley Kilgore and Lauren Kemp (who pulled on a win in a third set tiebreaker). With a total of 7 points to Wellesley's 2, Smith captured a much needed win to secure a number two seed in the upcoming NEWMAC tournament scheduled for the weekend of October 24th. The pioneers once again proved to be resilient and spirited, even amongst the factors of injury and last minute line up changes. Go Smith!!

Smith vs. Wellesley (Results)

Doubles:

1. Lauren Kemp vs. Alex Barrows Smith 8-2
Ashley Kilgore Emily McDonald
2. Katy Walker vs. Hana Freymiller Wellesley 9-8(7-1)
Jane Nylund Kirsi Hakkinen
3. Cami Whitney vs. Erica Fitzhugh Smith 8-2
Mariel Elguero Kelly Turner

Singles:

1. Lauren Kemp vs. Hana Freymiller Smith 7-5, 2-6, 7-6(10-8)
2. Ashley Kilgore vs. Alex Barrows Smith 6-3, 6-4
3. Cami Whitney vs. Emily McDonald Wellesley 7-5, 0-6, 1-6
4. Katy Walker vs. Kelly Turner Smith 7-5, 6-0
5. Jane Nylund vs. Shine Chen Smith 6-2, 6-4
6. Macailagh Herman vs. Carly Fair Smith 6-2, 6-3

Final Score

Smith College 7

Wellesley College 2