SENIOR ROY LEDERMAN SIGNS WITH STANFORD

Two-time Individual State Champion Roy Lederman is one of the most sought after high school tennis players in the country. Ranked #1 in Florida and top ten in the United States, Roy will play for college tennis powerhouse Stanford after graduating from Pine Crest. In front of his friends, family, teammates and the Pine Crest coaching staff, Roy signed his letter of intent to attend Stanford next Fall. The signing ceremony was held in Stacy Auditorium with the senior class in attendance as well as athletes who were also signing from swimming, lacrosse and baseball. Director of Tennis, Kasey Hamaway gave a humorous and heart-felt speech about Roy’s successes and experiences. In addition to his state championship titles, Roy also led the 2012 team to the history making State Championship title and was named the Miami Herald, Sun Sentinel and Dairy Farmer Player of the Year.

BOYS TEAM WINS CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

The Champions League concluded the season with a play-off tournament at Saint Andrews on Saturday, December 1st. The boys team won the championship trophy, and the girls finished in third place. In singles, the individual winners on the boys team were Chris Kotite in the #1 position, Ryan Berman in the #4 position and Barrett Riley in the #6 position. Romeu Pradines and Bobby Genovese were the runners-up in the #3 and #5 positions respectively. In doubles, the boys took 1st place at the #3 (Ross Miller and Conor Zimmerman) and #4 (Bobby Genovese and Ryan Zimmerman) positions. The boys finished second at the #1 (Eddie Hauser and Chris Kotite) and #2 (Romeu Pradines and Barrett Riley) positions. In singles on the girls side, Sophie Shapiro and Sabrina Wittich took home the gold in the #1 and #2 positions respectively. In doubles, Sydney Sullivan and Sophie Shapiro won at the #1 position. An end-of-season celebration was held on Tuesday, December 4th for both teams and included tennis games, pizza and the presentation of trophies to the players. Congratulations Panthers!

COURTSIDE WITH KASEY

I recently sat down with the Kronrad family to talk about their love of tennis, goals and favorite parts of the game. Fourth grader Skylar says, “The Coaches are really nice, and I like playing with my friends.” Her goal is to play on the Middle School Tennis Team in a few years, and her favorite players are Venus and Serena Williams.

Third grader Ryan says, “I play because I want to get better and earn my dark green grip”. Jordyn, in Kindergarten, says her favorite part of tennis is playing games. We love having the Kronrads at the tennis courts—they are practicing hard and improving every day! Keep up the great work!
TOURNAMENT UPDATE

- Seventh grader Chris Kotite won his first Boys 14 Tournament by winning The Ross School Tennis Academy Championship in East Hampton, New York.
- Fifth grader Dimitri Politano finished 3rd in the Maccabi Games Singles Round Robin for 5th/6th graders at the Jewish Community Center.
- Sixth grader Dax Seidlin won the Singles and Doubles titles at the Deer Creek Super Series in the Girls 12s.
- Sixth grader Demi Snyder was the winner of the Super Series Fall Classic and finished 3rd in the Designated in North Miami.

MEET THE NEW PROS

Pine Crest Tennis is thrilled to introduce our newest Tennis Professionals, Nic Brennan and Hilary Cornelius. Nic, a USPTA Certified Teaching Professional, played for the University of North Florida and was most recently the Head Pro at Palencia Country Club in St. Augustine, Florida. In addition to teaching group lessons, Nic will be hitting with our High Performance players and giving private lessons. Hilary teaches on both the Boca Raton and Fort Lauderdale Campuses and was the Assistant Women's Tennis Coach at FAU. Hilary has a Masters Degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology from Barry University. Hilary is a Certified 10 and Under Tennis Instructor who is focusing on our beginners. Welcome to Pine Crest Nic and Hilary!

DECEMBER TRIVIA

With the Australian Open approaching in January, this month's trivia will pertain to all things Down Under. Who holds the record for being both the youngest and oldest man to win the Australian Open? How old was he each time? Who is the youngest woman to win the Aussie Open and who was the oldest? Which players hold the record for the most Australian Open wins in the Open Era? Send your answers to kasey.hamaway@pinecrest.edu. GOOD LUCK!

4TH GRADE ROUND ROBIN

Congratulations to Justin Cassius who is the winner of our 4th grade round robin and to Luca Georgescu, our Runner-Up. For the past several weeks, the 4th grade students have been implementing match play into their lessons. The players are learning to keep score, call the lines and use strategy during point play. The round robin format consisted of four games with no-ad scoring.

Congratulations to our four finalists—Morgan Brennan, Justin Cassius, Luca Georgescu and Luke Joannou.

PINE CREST TENNIS

Sportsmanship Award

November Winners:
1st Grade: Caroline Gilbert
2nd Grade: Sam Morse
3rd Grade: Colin Wanless
4th Grade: Ester Kislin
5th Grade: Michael Phillips

The Sportsmanship Award will be presented monthly to one student from each grade who exhibits fairness, respect and outstanding effort. Winners receive a trophy and will be announced in the next month’s newsletter!

Congratulations!

5TH GRADE ROUND ROBIN

The 5th graders have been competing fiercely for the round robin championship trophy.

Congratulations to our six finalists—Sebastian Mustad, Kimberly Mignocchi, Devon Vitale, Micah Zebersky, Dimitri Politano and Gavin Banta. Our overall winner was Devon Vitale. Match play is critical to the development of a player’s game. We always emphasize sportsmanship and giving your best effort every time you step on the court.