

Tennis Alberta Team Reporting

U16 Indoor Nationals

1. Program goal/objectives:

Send the top players in the U16 category to compete at Nationals.

2. Coaches:

Josh Sundwall

3. Athletes in program:

Girls: Mia Kupres, Alex Jewitt, Hailey Murphy

Boys: Joshua Oboniye, Tyler Waddock, Arthur McCarthy, Arshjot Bhatti

4. Schedule

March 22nd-March 27th, 2019 in Verdun, Quebec

5. Results

Name	Singles Result	Doubles Result
GIRLS		
Mia Kupres	Consol Semi-final	Round 2
Alex Jewitt	Consol Round 4	Quarterfinal
Hailey Murphy	Consol Round 3	Quarterfinal
BOYS		
Joshua Oboniye	Consol Semi-final	Quarterfinal
Tyler Waddock	Consol Round 4	Round of 16
Arthur McCarthy	Consol Round 2	Round of 32
Arshjot Bhatti	Consol Round 2	Round of 32

6. Highlights

- 3 players in running for sportsmanship award
- As a province, our level is competitive. Apart from top 4-5 players, everyone representing Alberta has the ability to finish top 15-20. More match experience & confidence will help us achieve this in the future.

7. Recommendations

- Reach out to clubs earlier to ensure we get the practice courts we need
- Supporting teammates. We did a poor job of cheering on our teammates. It was not intentionally rude, just needs to be promoted for future events. Both the BC & Ontario teams stood out in this regard and you could see how much it meant to players during tight matches.

- Valuing pre-tournament practices. I think we should make it mandatory to attend 2 team practices prior to the tournament starting when we travel out of province. Some of our team came out flat in their first rounds and those players were the ones who only practiced once/didn't bring much intensity.
- Arriving earlier with the intention to practice hard/acclimatize will give us an edge, but we need to promote that culture leading in & communicating the importance via TA as soon as the team is selected. That way parents have ample notice.
- Many parents expressed interest to me in having TA coaches travel with all players as a team, vs having some parents accompany & some not. This could be a really good way to promote the right culture & team feel, and to help the players gain confidence traveling on their own as they will for ITF's and college etc.