

The 2020/2021 season of tennis was a mixed bag with 2020 influencing the season in more ways than one. Despite overcoming Covid restrictions to ensure that the season ran as smoothly as possible, the beginning of the season suffered many interruptions due to inclement weather and cancellations of rounds.

February 2021 a decision was made to play the season as per the draw and make up the lost opportunities of 2020. This was a huge success with all matches bar one round and an Opens match between two schools coming to fruition.

The season was a first with the tennis competition being divided into 3 separate age divisions. Under 14, 15 and Opens similar to other summer MCC sports.

The finals series was not without its challenges as schools needed to send different age divisions to various venues across the city. In the end everyone played their part to ensure games went ahead and the students became the focal point of the finals.

Grand finals were played at Illawarra Tennis Centre at Rockdale. Lewisham had all three teams in grand finals an incredible effort. Kogarah had the Opens and Under 15s teams playing, while Ryde were playing in their first tennis grand final in the Under 14s.

With rain pouring throughout the week, the outlook for Grand Final day was bleak. However, without a spare round to rely on we did everything in our power to ensure the matches went ahead.

Despite our best efforts, which included squeegeeing the courts throughout the morning, the rain was far too heavy and the safety of our players needed to take precedence over all else. The first round of matches were abandoned after 15 minutes of play and unfortunately play did not resume.

Congratulations to Lewisham for winning the Aggregate trophy and Opens competition. Kogarah won the Under 15s competition while Ryde won their first tennis competition in the Under 14s.

Despite being a frustrating end to otherwise a positive season of tennis, the three strongest teams who finished first in their respective age groups went home with the silverware.

Thank you to all sports masters and coaches for their effort throughout the season. Thank you to Mark Hildebrandt for everything you do in the role of MCC secretary. Your experience is invaluable.

While the representative sporting model in 2022 is uncertain, I'm sure it will be a success due to the tireless efforts of everyone that's been involved in the past.

Thank you
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