

# Over the Net

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It is well into the New Year and the new edition of "Over the Net" is finally here! In this column, I will cover the February - March Endorsements. Two interviews with top boys 16U players Andrew Newell and Wyatt Demulling are also included!

Starting with the Boys 12U Endorsements, 3<sup>rd</sup> seed **Phillip Deaton** upset 1<sup>st</sup> seed **Peter Murphy** in a nail-biting 7-6; 2-6; 10-8. **Peter Murphy** then teamed up with **Dominik Jakovljevic** to defeat **Phillip Deaton** and **Lucas Pastor** 8-3. In Boys 14U, unseeded **Adam Guo** closely defeated #2 seed **Zachary Fleischman** 7-6, 6-4. **Adam Guo** and **Zachary Fleischman** then paired up together for doubles but lost to **James** and **Thomas Yu** 8-2 in the 14U doubles final. In Boys 16U, #2 seed **Wyatt Demulling** defeated #3 seed **Daniel Park** 7-6(6), 7-5. #2 seeds **Hunter Egger** and **Jeremiah Kalmus** then defeated **Wyatt Demulling** and **Andrew Newell** 8-2 for the doubles trophy. To wrap up the boys, #4 seed **Mitch Stewart** had a solid win over **Connor Garnett** 6-0, 6-0. In doubles, #2 seeds **Connor Garnett** paired up with **Jeremiah Kalmus** to defeat non-seeds **Sam Malech** and **Michael Stephenson** 8-0.

Now to the Girls Endorsements! In 12U, unseeded **Kaitlin Tan** defeated unseeded **Anna Kern** 6-2, 6-2 for the Girls 12U title. **Kaitlin Tan** then teamed up with **Taylor Andersen** to defeat **Anna Kern** and **Carina Popa** 8-0. Unseeded **Ivana Ilic** defeated unseeded **Crystal Xu** 7-5, 6-3. First seeds **Katherine Fleischman** and **Nicole Knudtson** then defeated unseeded **Brooke Fager** and **Ivana Ilic** 8-6 for the 14U doubles title. In Girls 16U, **Paiton Wagner** defeated **Madisyn Bryant** 6-3, 6-0. In Girls 16U doubles, #1 seeds **Chloe Goyette** and **Sabrina RossNeergaard** defeated unseeded **Nicole Knudtson** and **Paiton Wagner** 9-8. #2 seed **Vivian Glozman** defeated #1 seed **Michelle Wang** 6-1, 6-1 for the 18U singles trophy. In doubles, **Vivian Glozman** and **Michelle Wang** then paired up to defeat **Sabrina Demerath** and **Michelle Lui** 8-3.

Here are some special interviews with top 16U players **Andrew Newell** and **Wyatt Demulling**!

Interview Questions:

1. How old are you?
2. When did you start playing tennis?
3. Where do you practice?
4. What is your best memory of USTA tennis?
5. What tips would you give to younger, aspiring tennis players?



**Andrew Newell** - USTA/PNW B16U ranking of 2 and National ranking of 103.

- 1) I am 16 years old.
- 2) I practice in the Lewis and Clark College high performance academy and train on the side at Club Green Meadows.
- 3) I train anywhere from 2-4 hours each day.
- 4) My short term goal would be to reach top 20 in the country for B16U and in the long term, top Division I college tennis, and potentially professional.
- 5) My advice for the younger players would be to try to improve on something every day even if it is something like effort and hard work.



**Wyatt Demulling** – USTA/PNW B16U ranking of 3 and National ranking of 174.

1. I am 16 years old and will turn 17 on June 17th.
2. I mainly practice at Boeing Employees Tennis Club where my coach JJ Jackson works. I also go to Mercer Island Country Club once a week and hit in the Level 5 group on Mondays.
3. It mainly depends on the day of the week – some days it will only be an hour and a half and other days it will be 3-4 hours plus fitness off court.
4. My main goal in tennis is to play on the ATP World Tour, ever since I started playing tennis it has always been my dream/goal to play on the tour.
5. My advice to younger players would be to never give up, set a goal for yourself on court or off and work your way to achieving it. The hard work will pay off but don't expect it to come overnight, it will take time. Lastly, try your best in every moment and fight until the last ball!

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