

Sep. 21 Tennis



Steinert's Kristen Mallpas returns a shot during today's first doubles backdraw finals at the Mercer County Tournament. Mallpas and Rachel Peters beat their Nottingham counterparts for the win (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr./purchase photos at dennissymons.com).

Steinert has nice showing at Mercer County Tournament

Sep. 21: The Steinert High girls tennis team had a solid showing in today's Mercer County Tournament, as three flights took top-three finishes in their back draws.

At first doubles, Kristen Malpas-Rachel Peters claimed their BD semifinal over West Windsor-Plainsboro South in a 9-8 tiebreaker, then defeated Nottingham's Kelly Mercado-Michelaine Juillet, 8-0, in the BD finals.

At third singles, Dana Braddock won her BD semifinal against Hightstown, 8-5, before falling in the finals to Hun, 8-3.

At second doubles, Taylor Wright-Murka Jean Charles lost their BD semi to Staurt Country Day, 8-4, but bounced back to take third place with an 8-2 win over Pennington.

On Monday's opening day action, at first singles, Gaby Bennett dropped a BD tiebreaker, 9-8, to Pennington, after falling to Hightstown's third seed in the main draw. At second singles, Samantha Plant won 6-0, 6-0 over her Stuart foe in the first round, then fell to Princeton's second seed in the main draw.

Malpas-Peters beat Hightstown 8-0 to reach their BD semis, and Wright Jean Charles beat Allentown 9-8 in a tiebreaker to reach the BD semis.