

St Mary's paints the town's tennis courts red



The winners of the St Mary's Invitational Tennis Festival, St Mary's School Waverley, with the SA Wheelchair Tennis players. Back: Adrienne Damant, Kathryn Rohde, Lyndsay Faure, Imaan Hassim, Alison Sanders and Kristal Klingenberg. Front: Evans Maripe, Lucas Sithole, Kgothatso Montjane, Sydwell Mathonsi and Patrick Selepe

THE PAST weekend was an outstanding one for the tennis players of St Mary's School Waverley.

Red was indeed the colour of victory as all three teams emerged as winners in their respective tournaments.

The first team was defending their title in the St Mary's Invitational Tennis Festival against seven schools, at their home grounds in Waverley, while the B and C teams battled it out in the B-league Inter-high Tennis tournament.

The two teams dominated in the B-league tournament: the B team won their section at St Stithians, beating St Peter's, St Stithians, Fourways and Redhill on their way to the top spot. The C team won their section at St Andrews, beating hosts Holy Rosary, HeronBridge

and Dainfern.

Both St Mary's teams beat Helpmekaar and Roedeana when it came to the finals, with the C team – made up of Ashleigh Ridge, Jessica Morris, Annabel Tennick and Catherine Merry – emerging victorious by two games.

Adrienne Damant, Roxanne Lowe, Rotimi Adentunji and Lize-Karien van Zyl of the B team took second place.

Back at home, the first team faced some stiff competition in the Invitational Festival, which started on Friday and concluded on Sunday afternoon.

Alison Sanders, Lyndsay Faure, Imaan Hassim, Katherine Rohde and Kristal Klingenberg played their hearts out over the weekend, and their efforts certainly bore

fruit, but the finals against Northcliff were tense.

The school's star player and captain, Alison Sanders, kept her composure despite her opponent venting her frustrations quite vocally, and finally won the game by keeping cool, collected and focused, and by dishing out incredible powerful and direct shots.

The tournament began with an impressive demonstration by the South African Wheelchair Tennis players, and concluded with St Mary's Waverley, Northcliff High and St Andrew's in the top three of the final standings.

Meisieskool Oranje took fourth place, St Mary's Kloof fifth, Pretoria Girls sixth, and Menlopark seventh, while the Somerset Girls were in last place.