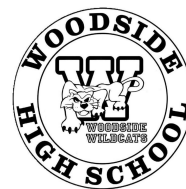


# Woodside High School

## Spring Athlete Senior Recognition

### Boys Tennis

### Spring 2020



**Congratulations to WHS boys tennis seniors Markus Brugger, Zach Brosius, Jack Cryan, Kyle Sweeney, Danny Sochoux, Ronan Morrill**

### Tennis Profiles

#### **Markus Brugger**

Markus anchored our top doubles team. From a team morale standpoint, the performance of #1 doubles is just as important as #1 singles, and Markus consistently delivered. He also delivered with his leadership. He did a great job of recognizing situations where the team (which had no official captains) needed someone to step to the forefront and lead, and in those situations, he always stepped up with conviction and delivered.

#### **Zach Brosius**

Zach has the energy of 3 normal players compiled together. As the season went on, his strokes became more and more consistent, and he was on a steady march up the doubles ladder before the season was cut short. I remember an opposing coach remarking (in reference to our doubles team clinching the overall match with their doubles win) to his players: "They just wanted it more." I knew that he was talking about Zach's tremendous energy level.

### **Jack Cryan**

Jack wasn't supposed to be on this team (he was mathematically eliminated in tryouts). I expanded our roster limit in order to get him on the team because I knew what he would bring culturally. I was 100% right. Day in and day out, Jack brought a positive, friendly, upbeat attitude. He is also highly coachable, welcoming instruction and implementing it with full sincerity. Any organization built to last is HR-driven (culturally-driven), and any such organization will actively seek out the Jack's of the world.

### **Kyle Sweeney**

Kyle was our lock-down #2 singles player. He had plenty of close matches, but always came out on top. The main reason for that (in addition to natural athleticism) is his complete calm under pressure. The intensity of a situation will oftentimes cause some shakiness in players, but Kyle didn't get that memo. Kyle always responded to that intensity with his own intensity, tackling the situation and his opponent head on in a deliberate, calculated, calm manner. His opponents could not match that, so they broke. It was a pleasure to watch.

### **Danny Sochoux**

Danny first picked up a racket 18 months ago, which is amazing considering where his game is currently at. What's even more impressive is his maturity level. He is secretly an adult, in the sense that he has the emotional intelligence of a mature adult. There's a subtle nurturing aspect to his personality which benefited our team, particularly the younger players. What a great team asset.

### **Ronan Morrill**

Ronan held down our #2 doubles spot, never taking a loss. More importantly, Ronan is (in my opinion) the only player able to match Danny's level of emotional intelligence. His communications with me illustrated his ability to easily place himself in someone else's shoes. This ability will continue to serve him well for the rest of his life. It should be no surprise that Ronan consistently displayed great sportsmanship, regularly applauding nice shots by opponents. Add in a really fun, playful sense of humor, and you've got a full, well-rounded package.

**Woodside Athletic Department**  
*Study hard, practice hard, play hard!*