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FEATURE: PICKLEBALL: ST. PAUL'S NEWEST SPORT

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This year, The St. Paul's Schools offered pickleball as an official sport for the first time ever. Although the game has recently become one of the fastest growing sports in America, many of the details of the game are not well known.

The following are the basics of the game: pickleball is a combination of tennis, ping pong, and badminton. It was accidentally invented by Joel Pritchard and his friends in 1965, as they intended to play badminton but could not find the necessary equipment for the game. The rules are very similar to that of tennis as you must serve diagonally to your opponent, and one team scores once the other has committed a fault. You can play as singles or doubles (singles require one person on each end of the court while doubles require two people on each side).

Despite its relatively recent invention, over three million people now participate in the sport. With COVID-19 still around, its popularity has grown even more thanks to the ability to social distance when playing, making it convenient to those looking for safe outdoor activities. Outdoor sports are much safer than indoor sports since there is more space to play and less confinement, which allows the players to be able to spread out. Therefore, pickle ball's outdoor nature is perfect because it allows for the players to be COVID safe while still being able to enjoy the game.

Although not yet commonly offered as an official sport in many local schools, SPSG has taken the initiative of creating a team this year. Despite most students' inexperience or unfamiliarity with the game, 20 girls joined the team with Mr. Knipp as the coach. A first time pickleball player, Ashanti Jowers '22, was kind enough to offer her experience participating on this team. When asked what her favorite part of being on the team was, she answered, "My absolute favorite part of being a part of the pickleball team was the environment. I remember on the first day Coach Knipp said that pickle ball was one of the funniest sports and that is such a true sentiment. There was always so much laughter and we all loved going to every single practice." When asked to describe her experience, she stated, "... I had the most relaxed and fun experience. There was a lot of encouragement from Coach Knipp and the girls who had played before, so it was not at all stressful. The rules were definitely not something that I'm used to, but I think all the girls picked it up really quick!" She explained that the team did not compete this year as they were mostly learning the basics and playing against each other, but that they hope to compete next year against other schools in the area as pickle ball begins to be offered there as well.

Despite the challenges that come with learning a new sport, this year's team gracefully made school history. Coach Knipp's teaching allowed the girls to have fun while trying something new, which is easier said than done. Hopefully the team will be able to compete next year as the players become more experienced with the game. If this sport interests you, sign up to play next year or find a way to play outside of school. It's a great way to stay active and have fun with friends while socially distanced.



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14 THOUGHTS ON “FEATURE: PICKLEBALL: ST. PAUL’S NEWEST SPORT”



Tamela

MAY 25, 2022 AT 3:34 PM

I didn't know that.



Tiffany

JUNE 4, 2022 AT 9:12 AM

I'm very pleased to uncover this site. I wanted to thank you for your time due to this fantastic read!! I definitely really liked every little bit of it and I have you book marked to check out new stuff in your site.



Brock

JUNE 5, 2022 AT 5:42 PM

I've been browsing online more than three hours today, yet I never found any interesting article like yours.

It's pretty worth enough for me. In my opinion, if all site owners and bloggers made good content as you did, the net will be much more useful than ever before.

**Elizabet**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 1:14 PM

Hey very nice blog!

**Eloy**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 5:46 PM

I am curious to find out what blog system you're working with?

I'm having some small security issues with my latest website and I would like to find something more secure. Do you have any recommendations?

**Tasha**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:14 PM

Write more, thats all I have to say. Literally, it seems as though you relied on the video to make your point.

You clearly know what youre talking about, why waste your intelligence on just posting videos to your weblog when you could be giving us something enlightening to read?

**Jim**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:25 PM

Having read this I thought it was very informative.

I appreciate you finding the time and effort to put this content together.

I once again find myself spending a lot of time both reading and leaving comments.

But so what, it was still worthwhile!

**Mozelle**

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:50 PM

What i do not understood is in reality how you are now not actually much more well-favored than you may be now. You're very intelligent.

You already know thus significantly when it comes to this topic, made me in my view imagine it from so many varied angles. Its like women and men aren't interested except it's one thing to accomplish with Lady gaga!

Your individual stuffs excellent. Always care for it up!



Robby

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:52 PM

What a stuff of un-ambiguity and preserverness of precious familiarity regarding unexpected emotions.



Wilhelmina

JULY 1, 2022 AT 6:56 PM

Hello to every one, the contents present at this website are actually remarkable for people experience, well, keep up the good work fellows.



Juli

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:19 PM

Yes! Finally something about starting a business.



Efren

JULY 1, 2022 AT 7:22 PM

It's nearly impossible to find well-informed people in this particular topic, however, you sound like you know what you're talking about! Thanks



yesbet88

JULY 3, 2022 AT 11:39 AM

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AUGUST 15, 2022 AT 5:30 PM

wow, awesome post. Really looking forward to read more. Will read on...