



## ... Lend Me Your Ears

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### TINNITUS

Or ringing in the ears, does not cause hearing disorders, it may accompany decreased hearing and other ear symptoms such as pressure, unsteadiness or dizziness. Often, it occurs alone.

Tinnitus arising from the inner ear frequently indicates more permanent and serious disease. Exposure to a sudden loud noise - a gunshot or explosion, for example results in tinnitus that subsides to a low level of ringing for an extended period of time. Disorders affecting the cochlea (hearing center) of the inner ear can cause tinnitus.

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# SANTANGELO CLAIMS OFSAA TENNIS GOLD

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Alessandro Santangelo was just three years old when his grandma introduced him to tennis.

"She played a lot, so she got me into it and I loved it," he said. "Now when I'm playing, that's when I'm happiest. Anything that is bothering me, when I'm playing tennis, it's not in my mind."

Santangelo has had plenty of reason to be happy lately. Entering the OFSAA tennis tournament as the fourth seed, the Georgetown District High School student won all four of his matches, defeating Benjamin George 8-3 in the final to claim the gold.

Both George and Santangelo recorded upsets in the semis to earn their place in the final. After exchanging early breaks with the No. 2 seed Tim Zelikovsky, who he had struggled against in the past, Santangelo came through with another break while leading 7-6 to advance. Meanwhile

George, seeded third, knocked off the tournament's top-ranked player.

It was Santangelo that would carry the momentum through to the final, though. He got an early break to take a 3-0 lead and held serve the rest of the way to claim the gold medal.

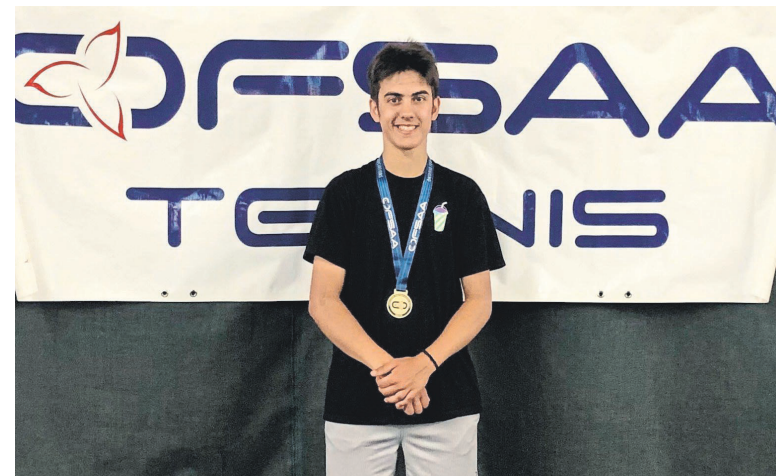
"I was trying to be really aggressive and went for all my shots," the Grade 10 student said. "Sometimes that doesn't work, but I was really focused and playing well and I was making all my shots."

That strategy helped offset a service game that was hampered by an abdominal injury.

"I was just trying to get my serves in and then work the point," Santangelo said.

It worked. He won his first two matches handily, 8-2 and 8-3.

OFSAA continued a strong spring for Santangelo. In May, he went to the Cayman Islands for his first International Tennis Federation (ITF) tournament. Though he lost his first singles



Georgetown District HS photo

Georgetown District High School's Alessandro Santangelo won all four of his matches, knocking off the No. 2 and No. 3 seed along the way, to claim the OFSAA tennis gold medal.

match, he teamed up with the Netherlands Stian Klaassen to win the doubles titles. The duo didn't lose a set in their four matches, taking the final over an American pair 6-4, 6-1.

The victory earned Santangelo his first ITF points, allowing

him to enter the world junior rankings.

"It's also good for the university resumé, but I still have two-and-a-half years to go," said Santangelo, who hopes to either earn a scholarship or turn pro following high school."

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