The doubles quarterfinals basically went to plan, with the seeds advancing to the semifinals, with one exception. The team of Claire Fahey and Matt Ronaldson had a walkover, as Chapman and Lumley were forced to withdraw after Chapman’s head injury during his match against Rob Fahey on Sunday afternoon.

The first match was the all- Aussie team of Steve Virgona and Kieran Booth versus Tuxedo’s Josh Dodgson and the R&T’s Barney Tanfield. It was easy to see that Steve and Kieran like to hit a “heavy” ball. Josh and Barney fought back every step of the way, but the Aussies were just too strong.

The second match pitted the perennial doubles team of Cam Riviere and Tim Chisholm against T&R’s top amateur Jeremy Wintersteen and Middlesex’s finest Leon Smart. There were a lot of laughs on court for this one. Cam and Tim looked to be having a blast out there. Wintersteen and Smart on the other hand were under fire most of the day. They just couldn’t match the accuracy of the Cam/Tim machine.

The final match of the day was Ben Matthews and James Stout versus T&R’s favourite (*Eng.*) tennis pro Tony Hollins and Neil Mackenzie. Neil and our boy put up a good fight against the third seeded Rackets Champion and English pro. In the first set, it looked like the unseeded team might have a chance, but their opposition tightened the screws as the match progressed.

Next stop: doubles semi-finals on Wednesday!