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TENNIS-AEGON NATIONAL SCHOOLS CUP

St. Ambrose College tennis players are warming up for their county final against local rivals Altrincham Grammar School in the Cheshire section of the Aegon National Schools Cup.

It is the first year St. Ambrose has entered the competition with teams competing from Year 7 up to Year 10 with St Ambrose's senior team winning through to the final with wins against Lymm High School, The Grange and Altrincham Boys' Grammar B team.

The Year 10 team has only lost one set en route to the final and as St. Ambrose Tennis Coach Alex Evans said: "is leading the way in showcasing what is a relatively new sport to the College."

He added: "Though we play our matches out of Hale Barns Tennis Club, where there are sand based artificial turf courts, we now see up to 30 boys practising week in week out on our own crumb based artificial turf courts and the sport is getting more and more popular week by week."



The team pictured from the front are **Jasper Kearns**, 15, from Knutsford, who plays at Timperley Tennis club and has an accurate back hand slice. Big serving **John Shellien**, 15, from Handforth, who plays out of Prestbury. **James McDaid**, 14, from Heald Green, who plays out of David Lloyd Cheadle and has a powerful forehand top spin drive and the team's number one **Peter Alam**, who is ranked third in the U.K. and plays out of Bolton.

Alex Evans said: "We are very grateful to Hale Barns for their support and to their coach Dave Boucher, who is working with the team, though Peter in particular has his own coaching regime developed with his club and the national elite system."