

Let's have fun: Kids take over Robinson

It was all about the kids.

The Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament paused Friday for Kids Day at Sanborn Park, as children aged 10-and-under took over the courts for a range of fun activities.

For the second consecutive year, the pause in tournament play was meant to draw in the next generation of players.

"We are just trying to introduce a sport they can play for a lifetime," Robinson Tournament director Steve Pillon said. "We all love to play and want to introduce it as early as we can.

"A lot of these kids don't get introduced to tennis. We have a lot of things for them. A rally with a coach, a target hitting with prizes, and crafts.



Andrew Wallbank, 4, swings for the ball on Kids Day at the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, at Sanborn Park. (Photo: Brian Wells/Times Herald)



Zachary Roosen, 10, reaches for the ball with his racket during a game on Kids Day at the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, at Sanborn Park. (Photo: Brian Wells/Times Herald)

Kids Day with his dog, David Bowie. Glombowski is still new to tennis but already seems to be catching on.

"I just started playing tennis," he said with a big smile. "What I like the most is the sweat. The harder you work, the more fun you get.

Our schedule today was finishing junior mixed doubles, this and then the adults come in at 5 (p.m.)."

In between tournament play, around 100 children took to the courts for the games, activities and prizes. They were also treated to a free smoothie, T-shirt and plenty of prizes.

"This gives them an opportunity to understand what tennis is and how to play it if they want to join the tennis club," parent Amber Roosen said, while her 10-year-old son Zachary went through the activities.

"He plays tennis all of the time and he likes it. Coming here for a free event is awesome. It's awesome to see the different activities they have."

Nine-year-old Jacob Glombowski seemed to be having plenty of fun at



Jacob Glombowski swings for the ball on Kids Day at the Francis J. Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, at Sanborn Park. (Photo: Brian Wells/Times Herald)

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