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## The Prince Of Tennis, Vol. 2



## Synopsis

Ryoma Echizen, the Prince of Tennis, has just enrolled at Seishun Academy after spending several years in America winning four consecutive US Junior Tournaments. His cool confidence soon sees him put in the team for the city tournament, even though the rules say he is too young to play.

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## Customer Reviews

This popular sports manga explores the difference between practiced technique and innate power. Ryoma is a former U.S. junior tennis champion who attends a Japanese academy, where his skill and natural talent make him nearly unbeatable. The younger students are inspired by him, but he's ruffling the feathers of the older tennis team members. Then the journalists appear, trying to discover the next champion, adding to the pressure. There's lots of tennis action, dramatically illustrated, and the characters, already pretty boys, are made even more attractive with their intensity. Stamina and strategy are significant, with occasional digressions from the story to teach particular moves. One of Ryoma's competitors succeeds with a scary special trick shot; another spends a lot of preparation time predicting his opponent's moves by watching tapes of his play. But Ryoma always manages to figure out his opponents' weaknesses and beat them. There's much more action than characterization, and without careful attention, it's hard to keep the different players straight. The sports manga genre is known for long sequences of sports action that can go on for hundreds of pages; here the matches are shorter, making this a better introduction. It's

captivating in small doses, although Ryoma's battle to demonstrate his mastery drives another 20-plus volumes. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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here how Roma and the team practices tennis and keep their team on the way to the nationals.  
Fight the good fight.

Volume 10 opens with Ryoma being conned into taking over his dad's tennis lessons (he's probably

too busy looking at porn). Surprisingly, his tutorees end up being Sakuno and her friend. In a strange twist of fate, an errant ball by Sakuno leads to her getting bullied by the Ginka Jr. High tennis team. Ginka happens to be Seishun's next opponent in the upcoming City Tournament Semifinals. And Ryoma decides to take them on by himself. All 30 members! We also meet a new character named Jin, a Yamabuki Junior High tennis player who has a slight psychopathic streak. He starts kicking and punching anybody that tells him what to do. Instead of a chip on his shoulder, he appears to have a mountain! His new target of hostility seems to be Ryoma Echizen. As the semifinals approach, Captain Tezuka decides to prep everyone by having intrasquad matches. First up is Ryoma vs. Shusuke. I have to say that even though he's not a common pompadour sporting street thug, he is quite tough when he wants to be. He's not afraid to stand up against 30 guys if it means protecting Sakuno. He also doesn't back down from confrontation with Jin, who appears to strike the fear of god into all those that cross him. It's just really cool seeing Ryoma being brave even if he is a little dude. I also wanted to comment on the genius of Takeshi Konomi's character designs. As you can tell from the cover of this volume, Konomi is not afraid to show off his team in a shojoesque, maybe even faintly yaoish way. It says on the splash page that while the Prince of Tennis was originally intended to be a comic for boys, it attracted legions of female fans. And it's easy to see why. The main cast would not look out of place, with some minor modifications, in the pages of Fruits Basket. And that's what makes Konomi so smart. I think you have all the Shonen Jump action and level progression along with the good looks of the guys and their relationships with each other which leans more towards the shojo side of things.

I.LOVE.PRINCE.OF.TENNIS!!!The storyline's great and Echizen...well, he's just epic!It is just so awesome i think i'll die from just looking at it!!I'll admit that he looks wierd in the beginning but i think that it's about halfyway through the series before he starts looking normal!It's really funny too and if you don't like this manga...u suck

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