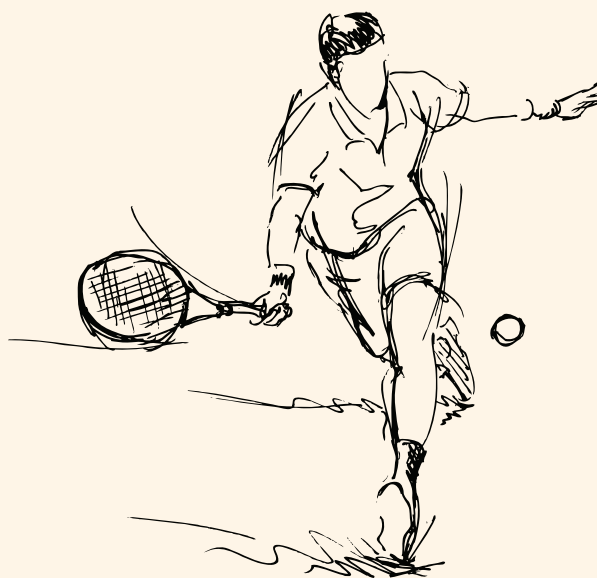


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*O' tennis racket
 You are my shield and sword
 You protect me and keep me from harm
 You deflect the malicious yellow bullets away from me
 Your glorious wires hit the ball at the speed of light
 The ball cracks as you collide with it
 Defender of the court
 Protector of my doubles partner
 You serve with pristine perfection
 When you tap the ball, it soars
 With gracious speed and accuracy
 The ball will strike the court with the strength of a lightning bolt
 Your intricate strings woven to perfection
 Your grip wrapped to perfection
 Your beautiful frame ever so perfect
 You are a racket of perfection
 Each point ends with a strike
 Each set ends with a smash
 Each game ends with a bang
 O' but each tournament ends with you*

- Garner Kelling, St. Mark's Class of 2019

From Top:
 Georgia Bailey, 2020, serves the ball for a volleyball game; Oscar Lipski and Clive Kurtin, both class of 2020, playing soccer; Jack Hrachov, class of 2019, takes a shot at a basketball game