

GOLDEN RACQUETS RATER'S GUIDE

3.0-3.4

Familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play; frequently out of position. Prepared for moderately paced shots.

Fairly consistent with some directional intent; lacks depth control.

Incomplete service motion; double faults some; toss inconsistent; unpredictable return of serve; able to get ball in play at slow pace; can return slow paced serve.

Uncomfortable at net; avoids backhand; lacks footwork.

Can sustain a short rally of slow pace; lacks consistency; weak court coverage; usually remains in the initial doubles position.

3.5 – 3.7

Shows consistency and variety on moderate shots with directional control; developing spin.

Can put away easy overheads; can hit to opponent's weaknesses; able to lob defensively on difficult shots.

Hits with some directional control on moderate shots; has difficulty on high or hard shots.

Needs to work on receiving preparation; often chooses to hit forehand instead of backhand.

Little consistency when trying for power; second serve is often considerably slower than first serve.

3.8 – 4.0

Very good hitting consistency; uses speed and spin effectively; controls depth well; tends to over-hit on difficult shots; offensive on moderate shots.

Hits with directional control on moderate shots; little difficulty on high or hard shots; returns difficult shots defensively.

Aggressive serve with limited double faults; uses power and spin; developing offense; on second serve, frequently hits with good depth and placement.

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3.8 – 4.0 (continued)

Frequently hits aggressive service returns; can take pace off with moderate success in doubles play.

Can hit most volleys with depth, pace and direction; plays difficult volleys with depth; good drop-shots.

Uses forehand to set up offensive situations; has developed good touch; consistent on passing shots.

4.1-and above

Strong shots with control, depth, and spin; uses forehand to set up offensive situations; has developed good touch; consistent on passing shots.

Can use backhand as an aggressive shot with good consistency; has good direction and depth on most shots; varies spin.

Places both first and second serve effectively with intent of hitting to a weakness; has a variety of serves to rely on; good depth, spin, and placement on most second serves to force weak return or set up next shot; can mix aggressive and off-paced service returns with control, depth, and spin.

Can hit most volleys with depth, pace and direction; plays difficult volleys with depth; given an opportunity volley is often hit for a winner.

Approach shots and passing shots are hit with pace and high degree of effectiveness; can lob offensively; overhead can be hit from any position; hits mid-court volleys with consistency.

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