

Mauve-Sport Versand, April 16, 2007 a player tested in the USA our string
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PS. I thought you might be interested to read the feedback from one of my play testers. He is testing the 1.18 HEX that you sent us to sample.

The big winner though was the MSV Hex. Damn what a great string! First of all, it is still a very comfortable poly to hit with; not as comfortable as the SPPP (or PolyPolar for that matter), but on par with the SilverString and a bit better than the Cyberflash. I think it really shined in a few areas:

1) consistent response: variations in swing speed were more accurately translated into power generated than with other polys. Sometimes with SPPP, PolyPolar, or especially CyberFlash, I'd try to do a touch volley or a short court push but the ball would still jump off the string bed. Not so with this string: whack the ball and it goes flying, touch the ball and it stays soft.

2) spin potential: obviously the hex shape is responsible for this. I wasn't having my best serve day on Saturday by a long shot, but my kick serve out wide on the ad court was just killer! Backhand slices too were unbelievable: it really felt like the strings grabbed the ball for a split second and then spit it out low and hard with a nice low skid. This is a great 'chip-n-charge' string! On the other hand, hitting a flat shot when I needed it was not a problem.

3) volleys: again it felt like the strings grabbed the ball for a split second and let me really direct it where I wanted it to go. The more consistent response helped too because I could just break my wrist a bit on contact and have the ball die in the open court.

4) solidity: for some reason, the string just felt more 'solid' (I know that's a vague term) than the others. Hard hit ground strokes or blocked service returns just felt wonderfully 'thick'. It was a good level of power higher than the other strings above, so if I could restring it, I'd probably try 59 or 60lbs to tame it a bit. But that juice came in handy on first serves (the ones that went in at least), and on forehand drives crosscourt. Since I only got a few hours of hitting on it, I have no idea what the tension holding and long term durability is like, but if it's anywhere near the SPPP or SilverString, I'd say it's a definite winner.