

Serving up spirit

Tennis works toward making it to States

by Trina Rawlinson

You saw the loose tennis balls rolling around the parking lot, you saw the team practicing as you were leaving the school. As a sport that wasn't exactly in the spot light, the students who participated on the tennis team had an unexpectedly large amount of spirit.

The girls season began with little hope of the past years' success. With the loss of six senior starters, even coach Pat Somers had her doubts. "Everyone got along great together even though there were doubts at the beginning of the season," said Somers. The team ended up coming together and improving more than they ever would have guessed. They ended the season with a record of 10-2, placed 1st at regionals, and 11th at states.

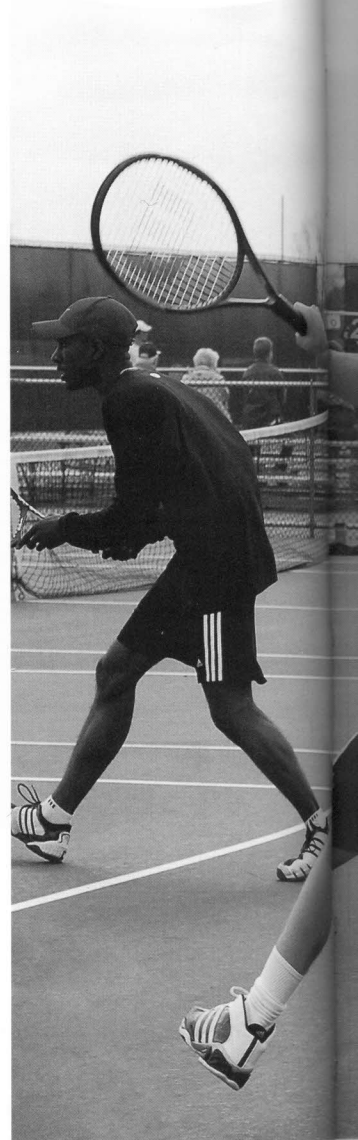
The boys team had a similar story. With six sophomores on the varsity team, there were mixed feelings on how the season would turn out. The team ended up with a record of 9-3, only losing against Okemos and East Lansing. They placed 2nd at regionals behind Brighton, qualifying them for states. "The season was really good because we made it to states," said junior Alex Mazzoni.

Both teams didn't let any opportunity of team bonding or celebration slip by. You could find the girls team after any match decorating ribbons, taking pictures, or even singing. "The tennis team has great team spirit. We all support each other and love to cheer each other on," said sophomore Sarah Chronister.

Going for the tennis ball is junior **Power**. "It was a good year for boys tennis. We lived up to our expectations and went to states," said Powers. Powers played Mason and won two sets to zero with partner Pat Jones. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



Returning the ball to the opposing team, **senior Sarah Harris** hits a volley. "It was interesting because we lost twelve girls and we thought we would have good year but we ended up having a *really* good year," said Harris. Harris played Mason and won with two sets to zero. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



SCOREBOARD

Boys				Girls			
St. Johns	5-3	Jackson	6-2	Waverly	8-0	Grand Ledge	8-0
Sexton	8-0	Okemos	0-8	Haslett	8-0	Sexton	8-0
Eastern	7-1	Everett	8-0	Mason	6-2	Jackson	6-2
Brighton	1-7	Haslett	8-0	Hartland	6-2	Okemos	0-8
Mason	7-1	Dewitt	8-0	Eastern	8-0	Everett	8-0
East Lansing	0-8			East Lansing	2-6	DeWitt	5-3
Grand Ledge	5-3						

