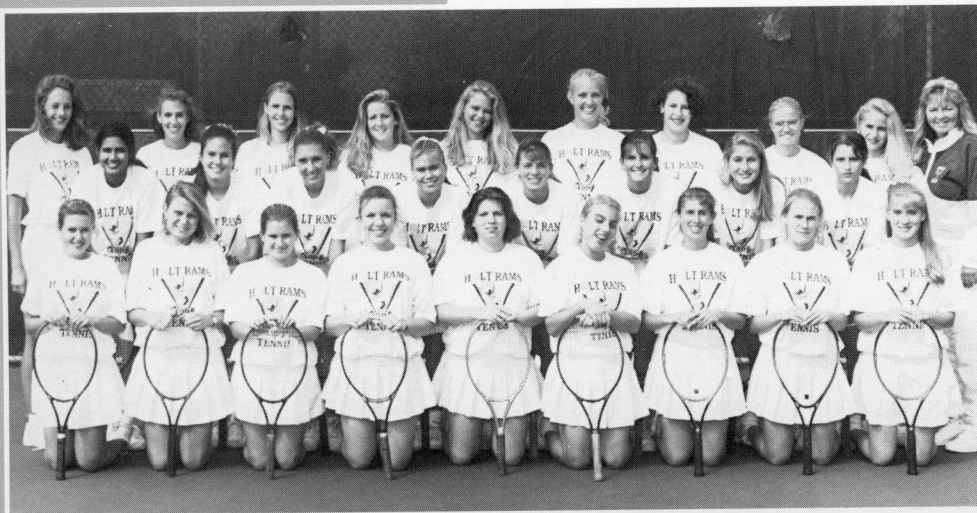
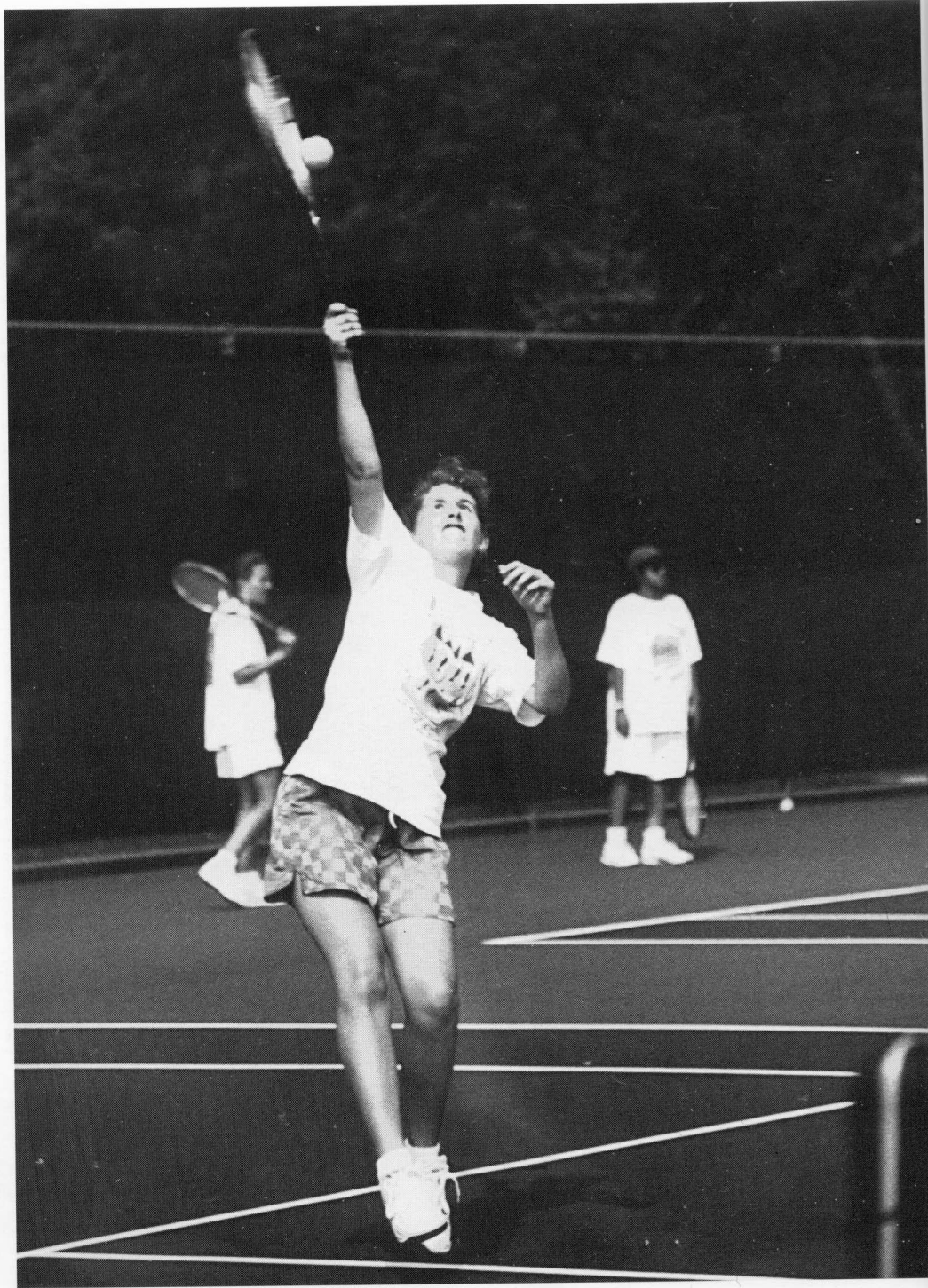


Hard Core on the Court

Smashing through an overhead slam is senior Amanda Schram during an early August practice at Kiwanis Park.

Other Side of the Fence

Listening to her senior doubles partners, Amanda Schram and Andrea Cook is Head Coach Pat Somers. The two girls were doubles partners throughout their three years playing on the team.



Girls' Varsity Tennis Team:

Top Row: S. Cribley, K. Thill, K. Krause, J. Allen, K. Charles, D. Henriksen, A. Schram, J. Cory, A. Cook. **Row 2:** S. Mohamedulla, E. Sutliff, S. Mann, M. Krause, K. Wardwell, N. Hoagland, K. Anderson, B. Wilkerson. **Bottom Row:** Y. Gibbs, D. Dillon, A. Warren, K. Wilcox, S. Somers, L. Patterson, K. Block, J. Kent, A. Lansing, Coach Pat Somers.

No Shock

Shaking hands with her Lansing Catholic Central opponent before the match is junior Shelly Somers. The match was postponed due to lightning, but Shelly eventually got the opportunity to help her team to win a 6-1 victory.



Get in the Game

Girls' Varsity Tennis

8 wins, 4 losses

St Johns	3-4
Everett	6-1
Sexton	7-0
Eastern	7-0
East Lansing	0-7
Grand Ledge	7-0
LCC	6-1
Jackson	1-6
Mason	2-5
Waverly	6-1
Haslett	4-3
DeWitt	7-0
CAC	3rd

Competitive Nature Rules on the Courts

Walking into the season, the Girls' Varsity Tennis team approached the court with hopes of a winning record. "We always want to beat East Lansing, but this year, Jackson was our biggest rival," recalled senior Andrea Cook. "We ended up fighting with them for second place. My partner and I played a three hour match against their first doubles team. It was a vicious one, but unfortunately, we ended up losing."

Early hopes were realized with a record of 5-2 in conference play with losses delivered by East Lansing and Jackson. "My doubles partner and I placed third at the CAC meet and reached the semi-finals at Regionals, but we were beaten in a tough match against East Lansing," added Andrea.

Although the scoreboard showed the team's record, many players felt it did not tell the whole story. "Sometimes we were playing a lot better than the score gave us credit for. Against East Lansing, we didn't win a lot of games, but we played well," noted senior Dana

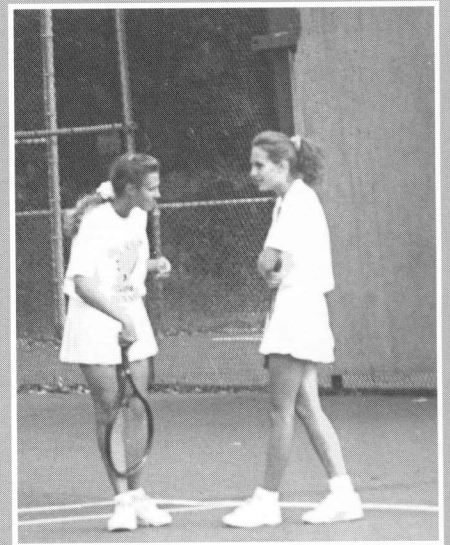
Seldom Outdone

Dillon. Senior Sara Mann added, "Sometimes when we were playing a match that we could have won, we would slack off and the other team would catch up to us. This pushed us to play harder to show we were indeed the better team."

Exciting matches were filled with tension, but spirit never failed to show through. "Someone always sent little spirit notes on the days that we had matches," remembered Dana. Junior Beth Wilkerson recalled, "We showed our team unity by rooting our players on during their matches." Team bonding also came in mischievous ways. "Sometimes we would wait for Mrs. Somers to pull in for practice and pretend that we had just finished running our laps," laughed junior Lindsay Patterson.

At season-end, the team placed third in the CAC with fun memories as an added bonus. "Overall the team had a pretty good season. We had more wins than losses and a lot of fun," concluded Sarah.

-Joshua Knechtes



Ready for Plan B

Talking strategy between games versus Mason are senior doubles partners Dana Dillon and Yvonne Gibbs. "We had to play against this girl nicknamed 'Gumby Woman' because she could reach every ball on the court," laughed Dana.