

Glory BOARD

Girls' Varsity Tennis

8 wins, 4 losses

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

All-CAC

Kasey Shoemaker
Lia Gaumer

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Girls' JV Tennis

5 wins, 3 losses

St. Johns	5-2
DeWitt	6-1, 10-6
East Lansing	0-7
Okemos	3-4
Mason	5-2
East Lansing	0-7
Jackson	5-2

Girl's JV Tennis

Top Row: Coach P. Kressler, L. Harris, J. Stuby, E. Viele, J. Heeg, M. Kelly, N. Brady, M. Scates, S. Cory. **Row 2:** L. Martin, C. Henriksen, L. Barnes, R. Troisi, J. Hedrick, A. Young, S. Mapes, C. Cullimore. **Bottom Row:** J. Warneck, A. Grondin, M. Foster, J. Swan, L. Cook, B. Corr, S. McClane, A. Cumbow



Varsity, JV Tennis Teams

Back to school, back to tennis. The fall tennis season brought new players, a clean record, and scalding hot temperatures. "The first week of practice was so hot," recalled junior Tricia Benson. "It was unbearable to practice and play games. The racquet kept slipping out of our hands."

With 8 wins and 4 losses, all the hard work in the beginning, eventually paid off. Senior Kristin Block reflected, "I had to work hard to keep my position and eventually moved up. We had a lot of good players on the team and challenge matches went all through the season."

Holt's long awaited match with rival East Lansing easily proved to be the highlight of the season, as third doubles, freshman Kasey Shoemaker and junior Lia Gaumer fought hard to take the only first place finish. As the two went into the tiebreaker, the rest of the team gathered around to watch. Lia commented, "It felt great to win against a high ranked team. Especially when we beat them again during CAC's!"

In the beginning, the team had trouble finding doubles that played well together. As the season progressed, and many challenge matches later, new combinations proved to add strength to the team. Other

Beat the Heat

assets included a strong team unity and sense of humor. Recalled junior Christen Reasoner, "Coach Somers was constantly telling us to keep our hair out of our face. She suggested slicking it back with Vaseline or simply cutting it off with scissors. She ended up passing out tiny colored barretts before the start of each match."

Overall, the team finished with a tie for second in the CAC and a season dedicated to improvement. Earning CAC honors were third doubles players, Shoemaker and Gaumer.

Likewise, the JV team had as its goal improved playing. "We met our expectations this year. Everybody played well and had fun and that's what counts," stated singles player Megan Foster. With five wins against St. Johns, Mason, Jackson and DeWitt twice, the team walked away from their 5-3 season with satisfaction. The most difficult games gave a sense of pride to the team.

"The most unique match of the season was against Okemos. We lost overall but a few players beat Okemos and that rarely ever happens," noted sophomore doubles player Eliina Viele. The match was a tense game with Holt only trailing 3-4 at the end the tournament. "We

played our best against them," noted doubles player Jamie Hedrick. "Everybody worked hard and made a lot of improvement."

Growth was a definite theme for the season as sophomore Sonya McClane stated, "Due to extra practice, I improved my serve and worked harder to be a good team member." The team improved everything from backhands to behavior. "Player rivalry is often present in a team and it's hard to overcome, but we worked at being supportive," recalled Kelly. According to Coach Pete Kressler, "The girls learned to have fun and play with respect for each other."

On every team there are those who stand out for their effort and heart. That person on the JV team was Jessica Swan. "Jessica could be counted on. She was always encouraging and helpful to the team," recalled Coach Kressler. Sophomore Rachel Troisi added, "She stood out as a team player and was always willing to help a friend."

—Chris Carr and Jenny Kidwell

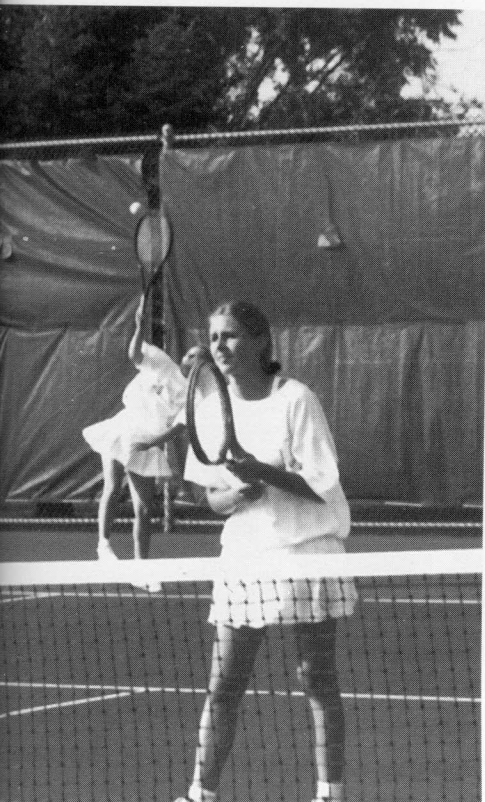
Hit It Hard

Powering a serve to her Jackson opponent on home turf is junior Emily Sutliff. "This year my serve turned out to be the best part of my game. I had worked on it all winter and it finally paid off."



Get It Straight

Coach Pat Somers confers with Mason's Coach during a home match. Holt lost to Mason, but finished with an 8-4 season record.



Get Prepared

Awaiting a return at the Holt Invitational where she played first doubles with senior Kelly Krause is senior Allison Warren. "At the home invitational, a lot of good teams played, and Kelly and I struggled to take third place. It was our first time playing together," Allison explained.

Girls' Varsity Tennis

Top Row: Coach P. Somers, E. Sutliff, B. Lund, A. Warren, L. Patterson, S. Somers, K. Block, C. Carr, C. Reasoner, Coach Douglas. **Row 2:** K. Wardwell, S. Heathman, T. Benson, K. Deetz, K. Shoemaker, E. Tepastte, K. Wilcox, J. Allen, L. Gaumer. **Bottom Row:** M. Theisen, S. Cribley, K. Harry, B. Martin, A. Taylor, K. Krause.