

Conference Runner-Ups

Varsity Highs, JV Lows of Tough Competition

Hard work was the key to success for the Girls' Varsity Tennis team finishing second in the CAC with a 9-3 record behind East Lansing. The girls also placed third in tough Regional competition going up against perennial powerhouses, East Lansing, and Okemos.

Coached by Pat Somers and Jim Douglass the girls scored high at meets and worked well together to make for a unified team. Some very special ties and bonds were made during the season. Junior Jessica Heeg recalled, "One thing I will always remember is my friendship with Jodie Kuhn." For others it was special help from coaches. Senior Lia Gaumer stated, "I will always remember Mr. Douglass. He taught me more in one year than I thought was ever possible."

The team worked hard on and off the court. "The Varsity Tennis team's success came from our dedication. We worked hard at practices, arriving early and staying late

and when we had weekend practices, almost everyone showed up, even when they weren't mandatory. That showed something," commented junior Lyndsay Cook.

Next year the team will be losing five of the top 12 players, including Emily Sutliff at first singles for four years in a row. Emily's total season record was 20-4, and she placed second in the CAC. Also placing were seniors Kathleen Keen and Kristen Deetz at third doubles and juniors Megan Foster and Michelle Scates at fourth doubles. Senior Lia Gaumer at third singles finished her record at 15-4 placing third in the conference.

Also facing the ups and downs of tough competition, the JV team finished 0-1 in conference play and 3-7 for the season. The disappointments for the team were softened by wins over Haslett, Mason and Portland. The girls saw some improvement as the season progressed both at practices and at matches.

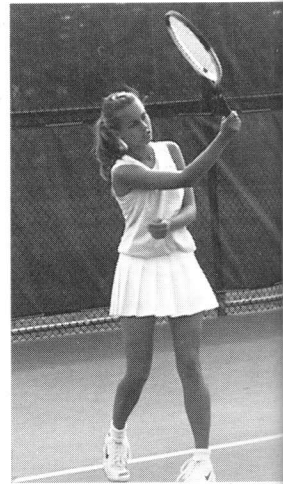
—Kathleen Keen



VARSITY TENNIS TEAM: TOP ROW: Coach J. Douglass, M. Foster, M. Scates, J. Heeg, E. Viele, S. McClane, J. Kuhn, Coach P. Somers. ROW 2: K. Shoemaker, J. Swan, L. Cook, A. Grondin, J. Kendrick, C. Henrickson, E. TePastte. ROW 3: C. Carr, C. Reasoner, B. Martin, L. Gaumer, E. Sutliff, K. Deetz, K. Keen, M. Theissen.

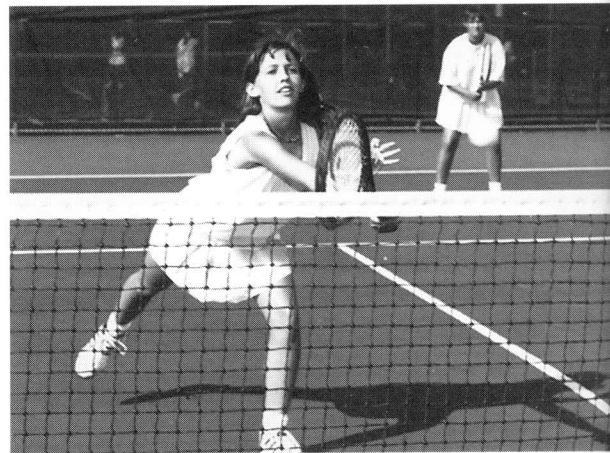
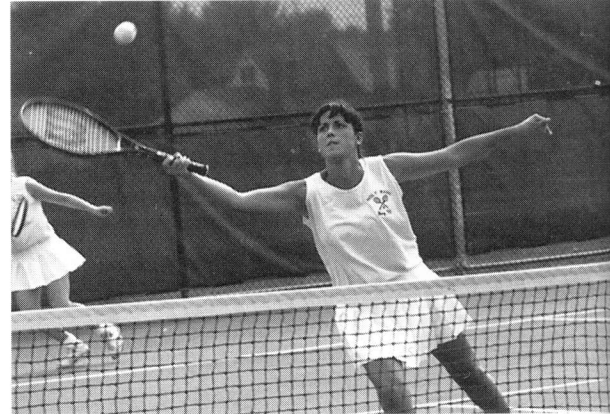
FOLLOWING THROUGH

Warming up for her match against Haslett is second doubles player, junior Jessica Swan. She and her partner, junior Amy Grondin, won the match.



BALANCING ACT

Stretching for the return is junior Jessica Heeg. Jessica's attempt, along with her doubles partner, Kathleen Keen, weren't enough to win the match against Haslett.



JV TENNIS TEAM: TOP ROW: L. Wilcox, J. Lindley, L. Harris, J. Stuby, N. Steer, C. Moon, E. Viele, S. Cory, K. Schonfelder. ROW 2: J. Warnicke, A. Carrella, S. Mapes, C. Cullimore, L. Martin, S. Dionise, J. Balzer, T. Dymond, C. Jordan. ROW 3: R. Warner, E. Linas, J. Sanchez, A. Zeigler, L. Barnes, B. Parrish, A. Young, K. Bobka, N. Spedoke. FOREGROUND: J. Troisi

UP FRONT Guarding the net is sophomore Laura Barnes in doubles play with her partner Lindsey Harris.

SWINGING HIGH

Meeting the ball in the air on a serve during a home JV match is sophomore Sara Mapes.



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Girls' Varsity Tennis

9 wins, 3 losses

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| St. Johns | 2-5 |
| Haslett | 4-3 |
| Waverly | 5-3 |
| DeWitt | 4-3 |
| Everett | 8-0 |
| Sexton | 5-3 |
| Eastern | 8-0 |
| East Lansing | 1-7 |
| Okemos | 3-4 |
| LCC | 4-3 |
| Grand Ledge | 7-1 |
| Jackson | 6-2 |
| CAC | 2nd |
| Regionals | 3rd |

Girls' JV Tennis

3 wins, 7 losses

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| St. Johns | 2-5 |
| DeWitt | 2-5 |
| Haslett | 5-2 |
| Mason | 6-1 |
| Ovid-Elsie | 1-6 |
| East Lansing | 0-7 |
| Portland | 4-3 |
| LCC | 3-4 |
| Okemos | 2-5 |
| St. Johns | 2-5 |