

# A Moment in History

After falling one point short of making it to the state tournament last year, the girls varsity tennis team only had one thing on their minds: making it to the state tournament. "It was a goal that we worked toward from the beginning," said senior Kellie Mastin.

Along with hard work and motivation, the team was unified in their determination to accomplish their goal. After finishing in 3rd place in the Capital Area Conference and 4th place in regionals, the team's goal was almost in sight.

"At regionals when the fourth doubles [Stephanie Reed and Andria McCabe] won to give us the eighteenth point to make it to states, the whole team ran out on the court and hugged them," said senior Shanna Somers. "Sharing the experience together of going to states was unreal. We were all excited for each other." This was the first girls team ever to make a state tournament. "It was very exciting knowing that we have set a moment in history," said senior Melissa Swanson.

Although tennis is often viewed as an individual sport, the team support was very strong this year and contributed to the team's success this season. In addition to taking first place at the Owosso Invitational and sending the entire varsity team to states, senior Kellie Mastin considered team unity

another strength. "We all became best friends and we had a blast," Mastin said. These friendships were particularly special for the doubles teams. "The last time that Megan Brooks and I played was very memorable.

We knew it'd be our last opportunity to play together which made it both special and kind of sad, too," said sophomore Megan Pipkins.

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In addition to the camaraderie between varsity players, other support came from the junior varsity team. "The JV team was very supportive of our varsity team at practices and matches," commented junior Andria McCabe. The JV team also appreciated the encouragement of the varsity players. "Varsity helped us by not putting themselves above us and including us in everything they do," said sophomore Holly Nelson.

The strong connection between junior varsity and varsity will help as the JV players move up next year. With only six experienced players returning to varsity, "the ones who were on varsity this year... will be able to prepare the other girls for the mental part of the game. They've already been down that road. They know what it's like," predicted Mastin. Will that be enough to qualify again for the state tournament? "If the team works hard in the off season and throughout the season, I believe anything can happen," said junior Emily Stocker.

## Girls Tennis

### Varsity

|              |   |     |
|--------------|---|-----|
| St. Johns    | W | 6-2 |
| Brighton     | W | 5-3 |
| Haslett      | L | 3-5 |
| Grand Ledge  | W | 8-0 |
| Jackson      | T | 4-4 |
| Waverly      | W | 5-3 |
| Everett      | W | 8-0 |
| Sexton       | W | 8-0 |
| Eastern      | W | 8-0 |
| Mason        | W | 7-1 |
| East Lansing | T | 4-4 |
| Dewitt       | W | 7-1 |

**CAC Record** 5-0-2  
**Season Record** 9-1-2

### Junior Varsity

|              |   |     |
|--------------|---|-----|
| St. Johns    | W | 6-2 |
| Brighton     | T | 4-4 |
| Haslett      | W | 6-2 |
| Grand Ledge  | W | 5-3 |
| Jackson      | W | 8-0 |
| Okemos       | L | 3-5 |
| Waverly      | W | 7-1 |
| Mason        | W | 6-2 |
| Mason        | W | 7-1 |
| Portland     | W | 5-3 |
| East Lansing | W | 5-3 |
| Ann Arbor    |   |     |
| Huron        | L | 2-6 |
| Dewitt       | W | 8-0 |

**CAC Record** 4-0  
**Season Record** 10-2-1



### Junior Varsity Team

**Top Row:** Coach Hill, Coach Core, B. Robison, A. Allen, K. Warren, E. Love, S. Parrish, E. Herwaldt, C. Hogorth, J. McDonald, A. Salt, S. Didlake, A. Loveall, Coach Larner **Third Row:** S. Bearman, A. Wall, S. Mazzoni, T. Carlsake, J. Menacher, L. Smythe, M. Pipkins, L. Fisher, E. Joseph, A. Hull **Second Row:** R. Perault, D. Burt, T. Williamson, L. Maier, S. Hank, H. Banks, H. Nelson, J. Stafford, N. Jones, E. Wise **First Row:** E. Clemens, J. Warnke, M. Brooks, S. Durkee, B. Mastin **Foreground:** A. Vinger, K. McGuire



### Varsity Team

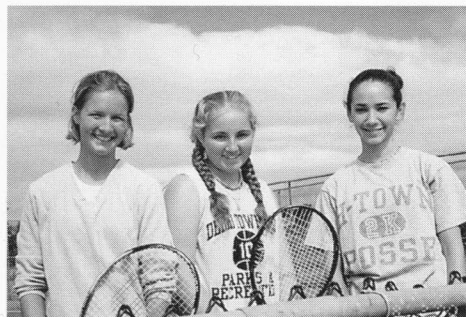
**Top Row:** Coach P. Somers, T. Wilburn, J. Hill, H. Warner, E. Stocker, S. Reed, A. McCabe, Coach S. Somers. **Bottom Row:** K. Mastin, L. Perry, M. Swanson, J. Cook, S. Somers, S. Gleason, L. Peterson, S. Schrauben.





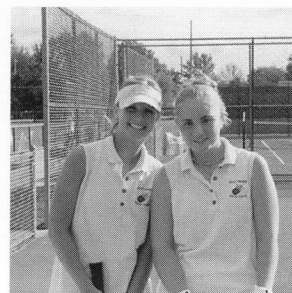
### Winning Smiles

Relaxing after a win at the Owosso invitational are seniors Melissa Swanson, Jayme Cook, Shanna Somers, Sarah Gleason, and Kellie Mastin. "The varsity team season was the best season I have ever had on a team, everyone was really close," commented Cook.



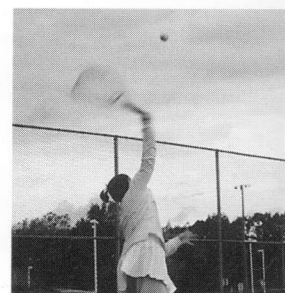
### Summer School

After a hard day of work, JV teammates Tessa Williamson, Danielle Burt, and Elise Clemens take a time out. The ladies attended tennis lessons over the summer which helped build fellowship, experience, and skill.



### Just the Two of Us

Posing after their winning game are partners Tessa Williamson and Danielle Burt. When asked who were the key players of the season, senior Shanna Somers stated "Our doubles, they always came through for us single players."



### Aim High

Reaching for the sky against Everett is senior Jayme Cook. "It was the greatest feeling coming home the 11th team in the state. My main goal this year for myself was to beat East Lansing and my goal for the team was to go to states, and they both happened."

### The Heat is Off, the Pressure is On

Bundling together to stay warm at the state tournament is the varsity team. "We set our minds and set a goal to go to states: accomplishing that goal is amazing," said senior Shanna Somers.