

varsity womens tennis

8 - 0 W	Haslett
8 - 0 W	Waverly
8 - 0 W	Eastern
4 - 4 T	Mason
1 - 7 L	East Lansing
8 - 0 W	Grand Ledge
6 - 2 W	Jackson
2 - 6 L	Okemos
8 - 0 W	Everett
8 - 0 W	Dewitt
8 - 0 W	Sexton
1st	Holt Invite
7th	Okemos Invite
6th	Holly Invite
3rd	CAAC Meet
3rd	MHSAA Regional



The varsity season was a promising one. "Placing first in one of our tournaments was a big accomplishment for us," said junior **Alaina Hamlin**. Their best tournament finish was at the Holt Invite.
Photo by Nicole Zaborowski



serving AS A team

by Nicole Zaborowski

Take a look round back behind the school, past the parking lot. If you see the football field then you've gone too far. Turn your head and take a look at the tennis courts: they're full of happy, peppy girls, laughing and having fun with each other. Some are eating, some are doing homework, some are just talking with one another. All of their talking and having fun together defines how a team

should act: welcome to womens varsity tennis.

Compared to last year, a lot of the girls said they feel more like a team this season. Senior Melissa Marecki said, "Everyone talks to each other, there's more chemistry now. Our team had a good bond." Junior Alaina Hamlin agreed, "We

all got along really well, and it helped us in the tournaments."

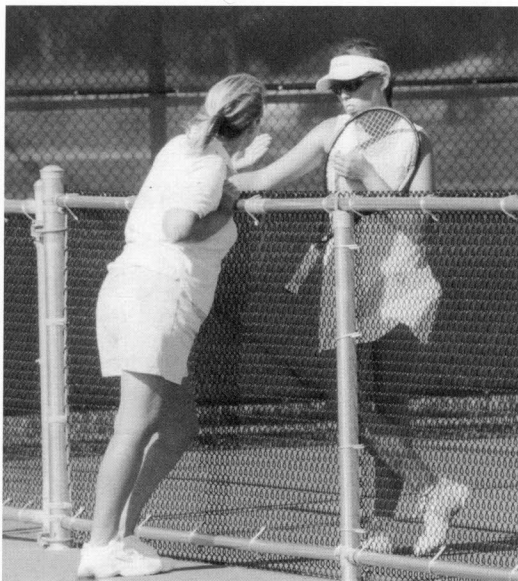
Along with new team bonding, the varsity girls had to graduate many of their best players last year. "We weren't as strong this year since we had to replace a lot of the girls who graduated," Marecki said. Junior Megan Massa was one of the new girls added to the team. "It was a lot of fun because

"Everyone talks to each other, there's more chemistry" its smaller and more competitive. Everything was taken more seriously," said Massa. The team also had completely new single players.

~Melissa Marecki

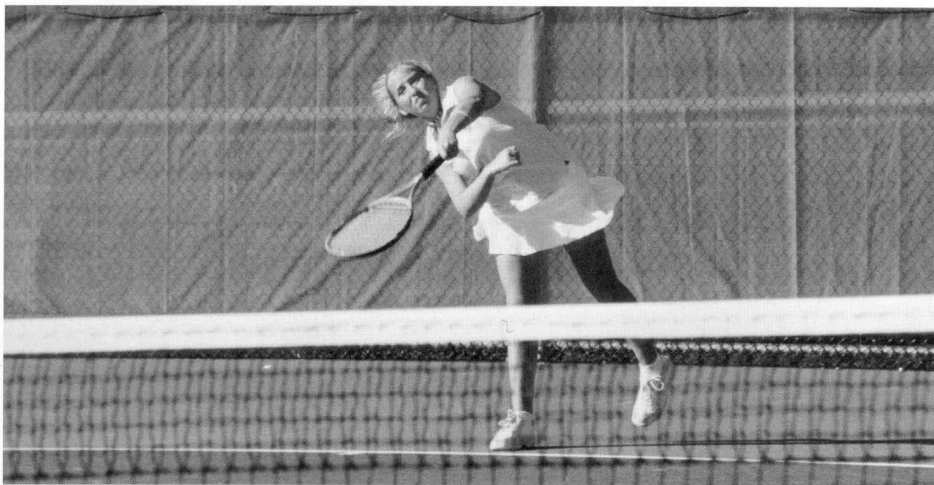
The combined talent of old and new made for a very promising season. The varsity girls took first place in the Holt Invitational, finishing 8-2-1 for the overall season, while the junior varsity team took first place in both the Portland and CAAC Invitational and finished 10-1 for the overall season.

The girls varsity tennis coach, Pat Somers, said the only down point in the season was not qualifying for the State tournament. "We should of been able to do it, we were ex-

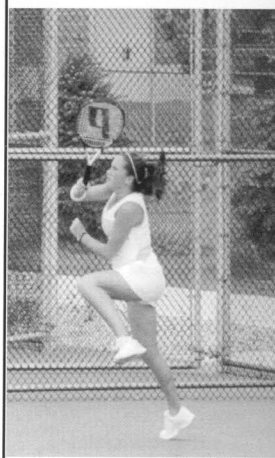
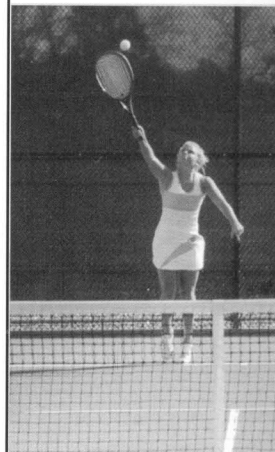


Getting tips on how to win against her opponent, senior **Melissa Marecki** listens in on what Coach **Pat Somers** has to say. "She really has a lot of background knowledge on tennis and she helps improve our play." *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

Playing well for junior varsity is sophomore **Katie Jubb**. The JV team placed first in both their invites, finishing the season off with a well-earned 10-2 record. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



Reaching high to serve the ball is junior **Laura Mastin**. Mastin is one of the few juniors on the varsity team, along with junior **Megan Massa**, her doubles partner. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*



Showing she's ready for anything hit her way, senior **Sarah Smith** leaps to hit a ball back to her opponent. She plays doubles with her partner, **Erika Neumann**. *Photo by Nicole Zaborowski*

pecting to make it," said Somers.

Coach Somers also appreciated the hard work and effort put into the team, and was pleased with the outcome: "Our team had a lot of depth, which made us competitive with all the teams. All the matches were close."

Along with stellar performances by both the doubles and the singles teams, the first two doubles teams won the most matches out of all the doubles teams from different schools.

Though they had a winning season and also played well in the tournaments, the girls had a shock when they learned that Coach Somers had lost her father. Staying true to team togetherness, the girls all pitched in to make and sign a card, and purchased gifts for Coach Somers to express how much they cared for her.

All in all, the girls were satisfied with their season and how it turned out. The only thing that brought them down was not going to State like they did last year, where they finished ninth overall. They're all content on how they played, and happy that they're more of a team this year than ever, no matter what the outcomes were.

PAY TO play

\$50 Uniform

The white and yellow striped tennis outfits were bought by the team at \$50 each.

\$250 Equipment

The needed equipment is endless. Shoes, bags, new strings for the racquet, grips, everything they needed cost a high \$250.

\$200 Racquet

Rarely can you find a good but cheap tennis racquet. Most run in the hundreds, but some cost even more.

\$100 Team Sweatbands

The team all pitched in to have sweatbands made that say Lady Rams on them.

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1st	CAAC Invite



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Front Row: Melissa Marecki, Courtney Grafuis, Sarah Smith, Erika Neumann, Justyne Matheny, Krissy Dell, Marcy Herwaldt, Assistant Stephanie Marecki **Back Row:** Coach Somers, Abigail Rarick, Laura Mastin, Stephanie Fredline, Alaina Hamlin, Lindsey Konzman, Sarah Harris, Sam Warner, Megan Massa, Coach Hill



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Front Row: Kim Stafford, Elizabeth Sierminiski, Jamie Patterson, Ashley Fannon, Sammy Le, Charlotte Emmons **2nd Row:** Unknown, Krista Keiffer, Alyssa Davis, Katie Wright, Katelin Moule, Katie Jubb, Jordyn Craft-Quinby, Ikea Smith **Back Row:** Coach Hill, Coach Lerner, Kendra Shaft, Kaitlyn Shaffer, Megan VanEvery, Jena Allen, Bethany Allen, Becky Polzin, Jenifer Fisher, Erin Bondarenko, Angelitta Rodriguez, Unknown, Coach Rarick