

Serving up spirit

Tennis works toward making it to States

by Trina Rawlinson

You saw the loose tennis balls rolling around the parking lot, you saw the team practicing as you were leaving the school. As a sport that wasn't exactly in the spot light, the students who participated on the tennis team had an unexpectedly large amount of spirit.

The girls season began with little hope of the past years' success. With the loss of six senior starters, even coach Pat Somers had her doubts. "Everyone got along great together even though there were doubts at the beginning of the season," said Somers. The team ended up coming together and improving more than they ever would have guessed. They ended the season with a record of 10-2, placed 1st at regionals, and 11th at states.

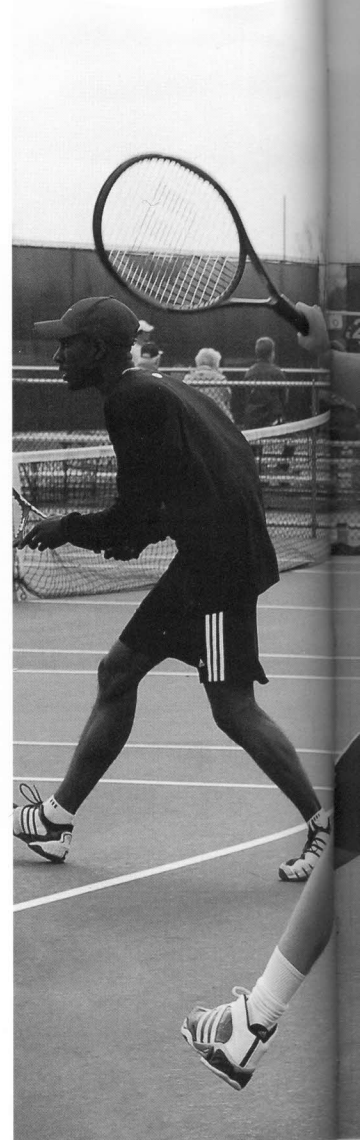
The boys team had a similar story. With six sophomores on the varsity team, there were mixed feelings on how the season would turn out. The team ended up with a record of 9-3, only losing against Okemos and East Lansing. They placed 2nd at regionals behind Brighton, qualifying them for states. "The season was really good because we made it to states," said junior Alex Mazzoni.

Both teams didn't let any opportunity of team bonding or celebration slip by. You could find the girls team after any match decorating ribbons, taking pictures, or even singing. "The tennis team has great team spirit. We all support each other and love to cheer each other on," said sophomore Sarah Chronister.

Going for the tennis ball is junior **Power**. "It was a good year for boys tennis. We lived up to our expectations and went to states," said Powers. Powers played Mason and won two sets to zero with partner Pat Jones. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



Returning the ball to the opposing team, **senior Sarah Harris** hits a volley. "It was interesting because we lost twelve girls and we thought we would have good year but we ended up having a *really* good year," said Harris. Harris played Mason and won with two sets to zero. *Photos by Kelly Hamelin*



SCOREBOARD

Boys				Girls			
St. Johns	5-3	Jackson	6-2	Waverly	8-0	Grand Ledge	8-0
Sexton	8-0	Okemos	0-8	Haslett	8-0	Sexton	8-0
Eastern	7-1	Everett	8-0	Mason	6-2	Jackson	6-2
Brighton	1-7	Haslett	8-0	Hartland	6-2	Okemos	0-8
Mason	7-1	Dewitt	8-0	Eastern	8-0	Everett	8-0
East Lansing	0-8			East Lansing	2-6	DeWitt	5-3
Grand Ledge	5-3						

Your memories

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"My favorite memory of my senior year was when Damaris won the 18th point to know that we were for sure going to states. I wanted to cry because the season wasn't over. I was so happy to continue the season with an amazing team. I couldn't have asked for a better senior season."

Senior Abbey Rarick

Ready to return the ball to her opponent, sophomore Damaris Shaffer keeps her eye on the ball. Shaffer has played tennis since she was eight years old. "Tennis was a lot better this year because you get to play more and you get to meet people that are not just in your grade," said Shaffer. Photo by Kelly Hamelin



Getting ready to serve the ball is senior Brian Perski. Perski has played tennis for years. "The season went really well and I'm really proud of what the team accomplished this year. Plus we went to states this year," said Perski. Photo by Kelly Hamelin



Rack your Brain

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Ace: When a serve is in and it's not even touched by the opponent.

Love: Means 'zero' when saying the score.

Deuce: When two tennis teams are tied at 40-40. From there, the first team to get two points in a row wins.

Let: When a player serves, touches the net and falls in. The player re-serves.

Fault: When the ball is out of bounds.

Overhead: When a player hits a ball that is over their head.

Volley: When the ball is hit before it bounces. Usually up at the net.

Game: The first to score four points but must beat your opponent by two.

Set: Two sets are required to win a match. To get a set you must be the first to six games.

Singles: When there is one player against one player in a match.

Doubles: When there are two people playing against two people.

Backspin: To hit the bottom of the ball, making it spin backwards while moving forward.

Baseline: The lines at either end of tennis court from which you serve.

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BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

ROW 1: Alex Klimentev, John McGarry, Devin Montague, Cord Dingeldey, Ryan Jones, Brian Perski. **ROW 2:** Coach Kersten, Josh Webb, Collin Jensen. Joe Powers, Nate Menacher, Alex Mazzoni, Michael Farran, and Coach Powers. **NOT PICTURED:** Coach Mike Smith.



JV TENNIS

ROW 1: Natalie Marshall, Carolyn Warren, Megan Holden, Jasmine Garza, Danielle White, Erica Stanley. **ROW 2:** Julia Dane, Sarah Powers, Ali Gillison, Kirsten Kraushaar, Paige Royston, Leah Dundon, Michelle McCormick, Amanda Stokes, Alyson Fredline, Kaitlyn Warren, Valerie Carr. **ROW 3:** Markie Miller, Eve Wood, Jenni Pielack, Liz Tompkins, Lauren Johnson, Kelsey Arambula, Alyson Mosher, Morgane Dalton, Alexis Lucas, Heather Allen, Coach Larner



VARSITY TENNIS

ROW 1: Karen Thompson, Kristen Dykema, Krista Kieffer, Abbey Rarick, Ali Korroch, Elizabeth Serminski, Sarah Chronister. **ROW 2:** Alyssa Davis, Ikea Smith, Demaris Schaffer, Erin Bondarenko, Sarah Harris, Katelin Moule, Katie Wright, Mollie Ballmer, Marissa Perry Kelly Hamelin, Stephanie Mareki, Coach Somers