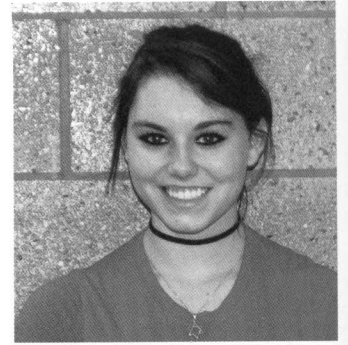


Daydream: 4/15/07

"I've been know to be a player that can have a bit of an attitude, and this attitude decided to come out during my match against Jackson. On the very last point of the set, I ran up to the net, and completely whiffed the ball. I was so angry with myself and so overwhelmed that I just smashed the racket onto the court, and snapped the frame all the way through. Coach Somers ended up calling me for unsportsmanlike conduct and I had to forfeit the first point of the third set. After the match I was sitting there thinking about what I had done, and how mad my mom was that she had to spend \$300 on a new racket. I immediately walked up to Jackson's coach and apologize for my actions. On the bus, Coach Somers pulled me aside and told me how proud she was that I had appologized without being told to do so, and that she was glad I realized what I was turning into. On a brighter note, this upcoming season is going to be STRANGE! Wth the seasons changing, our team is losing alot of players. We'll also start the season when it's about 40 degrees instead of the usual 90. All changes aside, I'm really looking forward to this season. It's just great to know that your team is behind you, and I felt that more than ever last year."

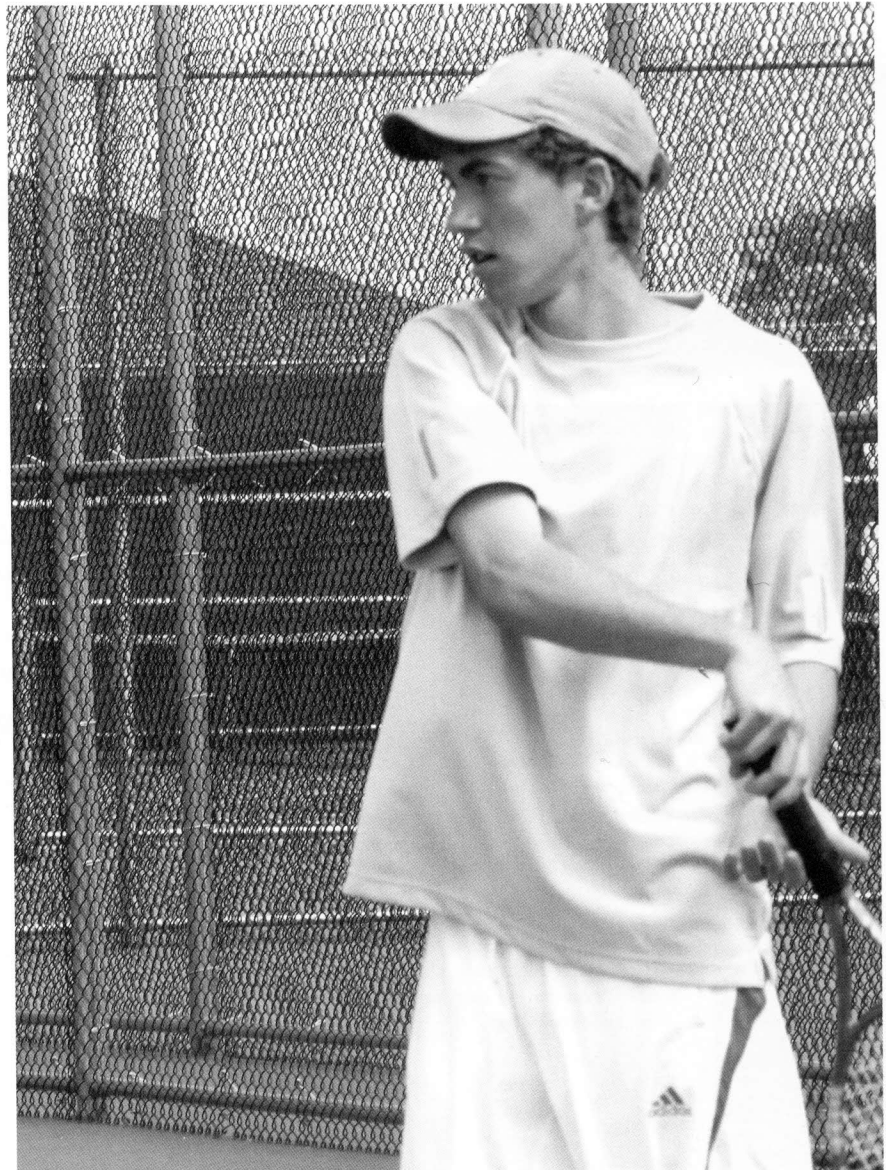


Stephanie Mazzoni

After dominating two Grandville players with a powerful top-spin shot, senior Michael Farran fixes his strings. "Grandville was a terrific team, and we played a lot of great matches against them," said Farran, who played second doubles with senior Josh Webb. "Luckily though, we came out on top and pulled a win." *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*



Completing a ground stroke senior Alex Mazzoni works hard to stay ahead against during the CAAC meet. The team ended up placing third overall ending just behind East Lansing and Okemos. "I was a little disappointed that we didn't make it to states, even though we did pretty good at regionals" Mazzoni said. "Our regional changed, and the teams we played were a lot tougher." *Photo by Trina Rawlinson*



Who to Watch



"I've been playing tennis since I was about six years old," said sophomore Alex Rarick. "My parents got me into the sport, and I've been playing ever since." Rarick may only be an underclassmen but he has high hopes for next year. "I plan on training harder and making a singles spot on the team." Rarick was also a little disappointed with the way the season ended last year and hopes that

next season they can end on a high note. "With more



Reaching up to ace his opponents, senior **Josh Webb** gets ready to snap his wrist on a serve. "The whole game of tennis starts off with a serve", said Webb. "If you can serve well, than you have a major edge in the game." *Photo by Kelly Hamelin*

Keeping her eye on the ball, junior **Damaris Shaffer** gets ready to crush a tennis ball with a forehand. "I love to play tennis because I find it relaxing, and it's a good way of getting rid of energy," said Shaffer. Last season, Shaffer played 3rd doubles and she liked it a lot. "When I play singles, I can blame myself for my own mistakes and I don't have to rely on anyone else," said Shaffer. *Photo by Zach Carter*



Justice is served



"We weren't great, but we were great together."

Senior Zach Corkins

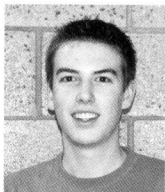
Your fingers twitch as you strain to see the small ball race toward you, without hesitation, without thinking, you know what to do. Your racquet hits the ball with a force that you didn't know you had, and the ball goes back over the net, and across the court. A great weight has been lifted from your shoulders because you won the point, but the pressure sets on again as you prepare to take on another serve.

Tennis is a game of immense concentration, that forced its players to think about every move they made. The 2006-2007 boy's team knew what the game was about, but didn't really know what was ahead of them. "Everyone on the varsity tennis team was new, so we really didn't have much of an idea as to what it was like," said junior Jeremy Rook. "Most of us had never met before either, so one of our major goals for the season was to bond with each other."

Not only were all the players new to Holt Varsity Tennis, but so was the coach. Coach Russ Olcheski was new to Holt, but luckily not new to coaching. "I've been coaching tennis for 8 years now, six years previously at Jenison, this year I wanted to see a strong work ethic from the players, and I hoped that improvement would come with it," Olcheski said.

2008 was also a year of change for girls tennis. Because guys tennis replaced the girls season in the fall, that meant the girls season was moved to the spring. "I'm really looking forward to this years season, there will be room for alot more team bonding," said senior Kristen Dykema.

Dreams & Nightmares



"In a game against Grand Ledge, they hit a shot at me that barely landed in. I chased the ball down and hit it without looking. The ball lobbed in the air and landed just over the net!"

Senior Daniel Gottschalk



"When we played against Haslett, I quickly went up to the net to go for a smash but ended up missing the ball completely!"

Junior Alex Ungren

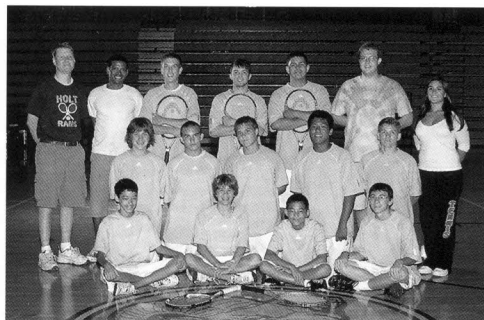
alot of fun together."



Junior Sarah Chronister

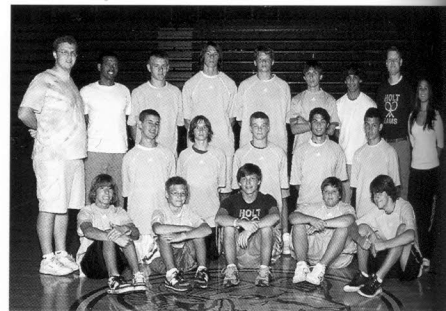
Boys Tennis

Waverly	W 6-2
Dewitt	W 6-2
Jackson	L 1-7
Okemos	L 0-8
East Lansing	L 0-8
Owosso	W 7-1
Eastern	W 7-1
Everett	L 3-5
Grand Ledge	L 2-6
Sexton	W 8-0
Haslett	L 1-7



Boys Varsity Tennis

Row 1: Josh Green, Zack Smith, Alex Rarick, Alex Ungren
 Row 2: Jeremy Rook, Aaron Henley, Brian Burt, Chris Yu, Adam Knapp
 Row 3: Coach Olcheske, Coach Harmenil, Daniel Gottschalk, Zach Corkins, Zach Morley, Brandon Currin, Manager Kristen Dykema



Boys JV Tennis

Row 1: Robbie Kraemer, Tanner Kletke, Ben Deullinger, Scott Dykema, Cam Corliss
 Row 2: Blair Hagerman, Danny Walsh, Luke Shumway, Todd Wiedrick, Gabriel Murley
 Row 3: Brandon Currin, Coach Harmenil, Josh Allemen, Joe Crippen, Tyler Palmer, Greg Rusetnik, Matt Durfee, Coach Olcheske, Kristen Dykema

Girls Tennis

Waverly	W 8-0	Jackson	W 6-2
Haslett	W 8-0	Okemos	L 0-8
Mason	W 6-2	Everett	W 8-0
Hartland	W 6-2	Dewitt	W 5-3
Eastern	W 8-0	CAAC	3rd
East Lansing	L 2-6	Regionals	1st
Grand Ledge	W 8-0	States	11th
Sexton	W 8-0		



Varsity Tennis

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



JV Tennis

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