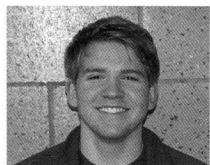


Why Tennis?



"Tennis is an opportunity to have fun doing what I love, and meeting or competing with people who feel the same way."

Senior
Stephanie Marecki



"Tennis lets me take my anger and channel it into a fuzzy ball rather than into some poor soul who doesn't deserve it."

Junior
Adam Knapp



"Tennis, to me is not just a sport; it's something I do to pass the time, and enjoy myself as well as my surroundings."

Sophomore
Chris Yu



"Tennis is fun for me and a good way to be close to a group of girls that I might not normally hang out with."

Senior
Jasmine Garza

No Time For Love

Girls and Boys Tennis Teams make Interesting Seasons

Most aces in a game. The longest volley. Most deuce points. These were all typical records that were set and broken throughout the tennis season. But for the Holt tennis teams, in the 2008 season, many records focused on experiences off the court.

The most surprising record that was broken this year was broken by the boys tennis team. "The breadstick eating contest at Fazoli's was smashed this year. The whole team ate 147 breadsticks, but sophomore Brian Burt, senior Blair Hagerman, and I were the main contributors," said senior Aaron Henley.

This tradition of going to Fazoli's happened for two years. "Last year no one was really into it, but we all wanted to beat the old record," said Hagerman. The whole ordeal started by a yearning for breadsticks. "This new-found ritual began when coach O. had a craving for breadsticks and one of the guys on the team said that Fazoli's had the best ones. The team just turned it into a contest," said Burt.

The boys tennis team was not the only ones to have change during their season. With a whole new season in the spring, the girls tennis team really had to adjust their internal tennis playing skills. "I'm always used to playing in the fall, so starting in the spring really threw me off. It was a little hard to stay focused on tennis not just over the summer but through winter too," said senior Stephanie Marecki.

A different season didn't throw off all of the girls. "Starting in the spring was weird, but I kind of liked it. Things were warmer outside and the sun was out. This new change in the season really motivated me to stay on my game all year, so it helped me not to be lazy and practice during the off season," said senior Sarah Chronister.

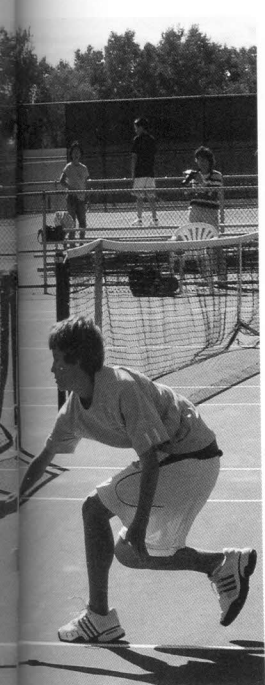


Setting herself up for her next move, **senior Jenni Pielack** focuses on her opponent as she hits the ball over the net. This season was Pielack's first year on varsity, and she realized just how different the two teams were. "The competition got harder and the team bonded better. On j.v. their were thirty girls on the team but on varsity there were only about twelve girls, which made it a lot easier to bond," said Pielack. *Photo by Leslie Trentham*



"The downward spiraling dragon is definitely my favorite move and I love playing at the net," said **senior Aaron Henley**, who was the captain on the boys varsity tennis team. The boys tennis team lost some of its players from the 2007 season, but it didn't have any negative effects on the team. "This year all the teammates knew one another. Last year, it took awhile to come together as a team," said Henley. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

Lunging out for the ball, **senior Sarah Chronister** completes a backhand shot. Chronister loved playing tennis in high school and said that she would have to decide whether or not to play it in college. "I love tennis just as much as I love sororities, but deciding whether to be involved in sports or Greek Life at the University of Michigan will be a tough decision," said Chronister. *Photo by Leslie Trentham*



Heart pumping and arm stretched, **senior Damaris Shaffer** uses her last ounce of strength to hit the ball back towards her challenger. At times during matches, Shaffer was nervous while making difficult plays, but tennis actually helped her minimize the stress in her life. "Tennis truly is my favorite sport and something I go to so I can relax and be calm," said Shaffer. Shaffer had her mother to thank for getting her interested in tennis. *Photo by Leslie Trentham*

Rushing to hit the ball, **sophomore Zach Smith** keeps the ball in play by sending it over the net to his opponent. Smith played tennis for five years and was fairly new to the sport. "Before tennis, I did a little of everything. I played a little of this and played a little of that, but a few years ago I found tennis and loved it. Tennis has been great for me I will probably never stop playing it," said Smith. *Photo by Jesse Powers*

In The Know: Tennis Terms

Serve

The first shot of a point, when the ball was hit into the opponent's half of the court.

Volley

A forehand or backhand shot executed before the ball bounced on the court.

Over-Head

A situation when the player was hitting the ball over their head.

Approach Shot

A shot used to setup as the player ran up to the net.

Lob

A stroke in tennis where the ball was hit high above the net.

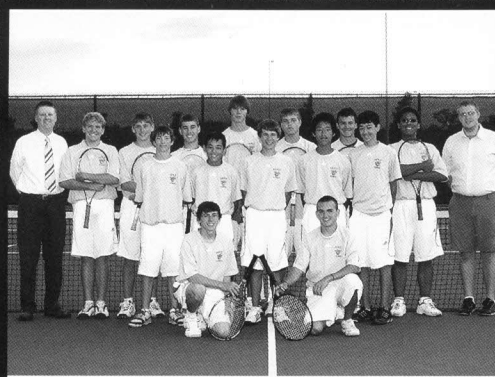
Fault

A serve failed to place the ball in the correct area of play on the court and therefore did not start the point.



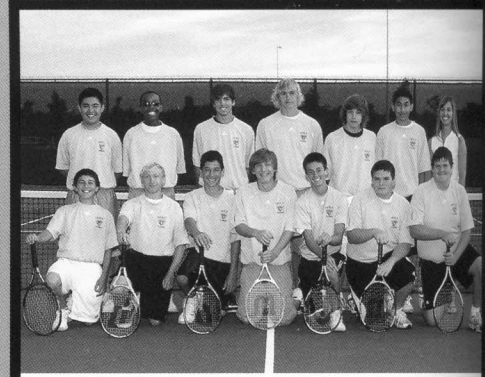
Boys Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Waverly **W** 5-3
 St. Johns **L** 3-5
 Dewitt **T** 4-4
 Charlotte **W** 8-0
 Jackson **L** 2-6
 East Lansing **L** 0-8
 Okemos **L** 1-7
 Owosso **W** 8-0
 Eastern **W** 7-1
 Everett **W** 7-1
 Grand Ledge **L** 3-5
 Haslett **L** 3-5



Boys Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Alex Ungren, Aaron Henley
Second Row: Blaine White, Alexander Rarick, Zachary Smith, Daniel Yu, Joshua Green
Back Row: Coach Olcheske, Adam Knapp, Jeremy Rook, Blair Hagerman, Joseph Crippen, Brian Burt, Gabe Murley, Chris Yu, Brandon Currin.



Boys Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Clayton Chronister, Kenan Steere, Zachary Ray, Benjamin Drullinger, Matthew Hineman, Jordan Loveall, Gabriel Loveall
Back Row: Michael Hua, Jordan Lewis, Jayson Bechtol, Kyle Sherrin, Nick Jenks, Aaron Torres, Coach Vandercar

Girls Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

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



Varsity Girls Tennis

Front Row: Karen Thompson, Jenni Pielack, Kristen Dykema, Jasmine Garza, Stephanie Marecki, Sarah Chronister, Emily Bohne, Allison Fredline
Back Row: Kaitlin Warren, Kelly Hamelin, Megan Holden, Ikea Smith, Aly Gillison, Damaris Shaffer, Heather Allen, Ashley Jones, Coach Somers



Girls Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Janet Phan, Taylor Roach, Mariah Massa, Kailey Kraushaar, Chantel Nguyen
Second Row: Iman Ben-Hamza, Rachel Beatty, Katherine Vargas, Bethany Nippa, Janelle Briggs, Elizabeth Couturier, Natasa Sarcevic, Sienna Gagne'
Back Row: Coach Rarick, Leah Dundon, Stephanie Le, Emily Marlow, Lindsey Hamlin, Lauren Kustasz, Kaylee Hamlin, Jamie Hulteen, Jade Frazier, Coach Lerner