

# Going for the Forehand

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"It started out as something to do; something to get me out of the house," said senior Adam Knapp. "Now, I've learned how calming it can be." Not what you'd expect in a competitive sport. Tennis is a sport where you play either one vs. one (called "singles") or two vs. two (called "doubles"). You must play against your own players as well as players from other teams in order to determine your skill level. So how is it that this sport is loved by so many?

"It's not a hard thing to do and it's exercise at the same time, which is really nice. But that's not

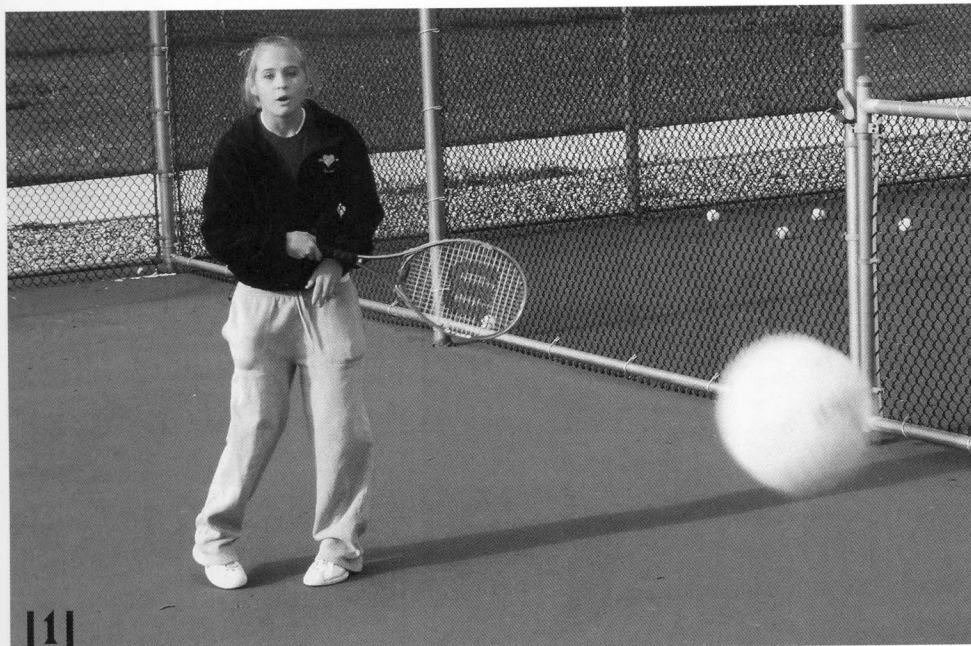
to say that we don't work hard," Knapp continued. Tennis is a way to get you off the couch, move your muscles and get your heart pumping. "It is a really good sport," commented junior Rachel Beatty. "You're always in motion."

So do all students play only because they're bored? Not sophomore Haley Powers. "All of my family plays it. It's in my blood." Some students just follow the lead of their parents, while some were signed up at young ages to play in a Delhi league. "My mom forced my brothers and I to do a summer camp through Delhi," stated Knapp. "At

first I was reluctant, but now I'm really glad she did."

But some were more independent than that. Junior Zachary Smith said, "About six years ago I just decided to try it. It was really easy to get into it, so I started taking lessons. I completely fell in love with the sport."

Being in shape is important for many sports, but in tennis, you don't have to stop playing as your youth fades. Senior Matthew Durfee added "I really like the life-long aspect of the sport; I can play this for the rest of my life."



"The weather is much better than the girls season, because it's not as rainy and it's warmer and nicer. When the weather is nice we have more fun playing outside than being stuck inside playing. The boys team likes to have fun together. We play tennis together and sometimes outside of school we will hang out. We also have a sweet coach. Coach O. tries to make practice fun and we learn at the same time."

-junior Joshua Green

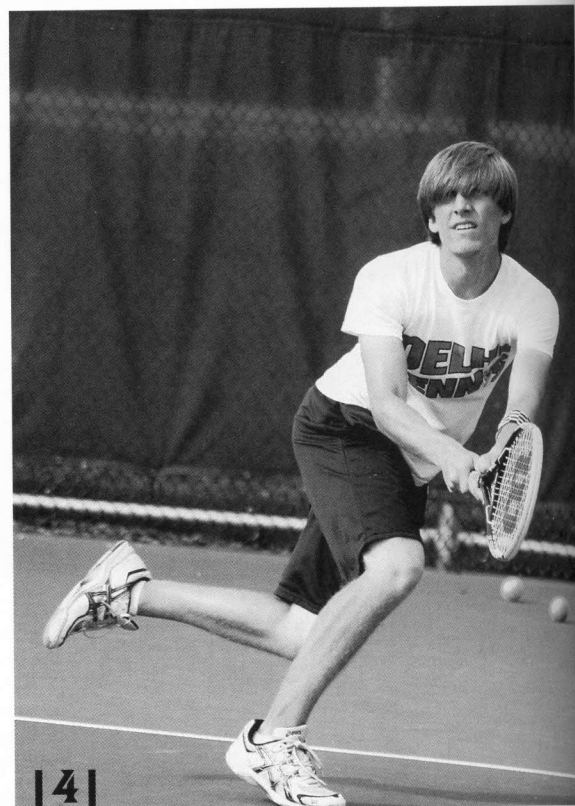
## Boys

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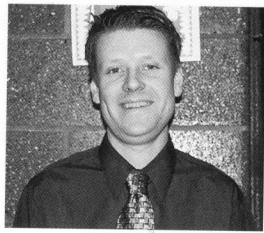
## Girls

"At the beginning of our season a lot of our practices get cancelled or we have to go inside and that's because it's either too cold or snowy. We obviously can't play in the snow. It's better than the guys season though because it gets really warm, we can wear short sleeved shirts all the time, and we get a really nice tan on our arms. Plus we don't have summer practices which really sucks for the guys."

-senior Lauren Kustasz

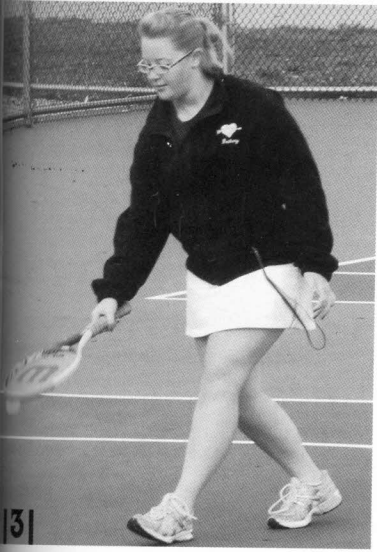


# Coach's Take



Boys Tennis Coach,  
Mr. Olcheske

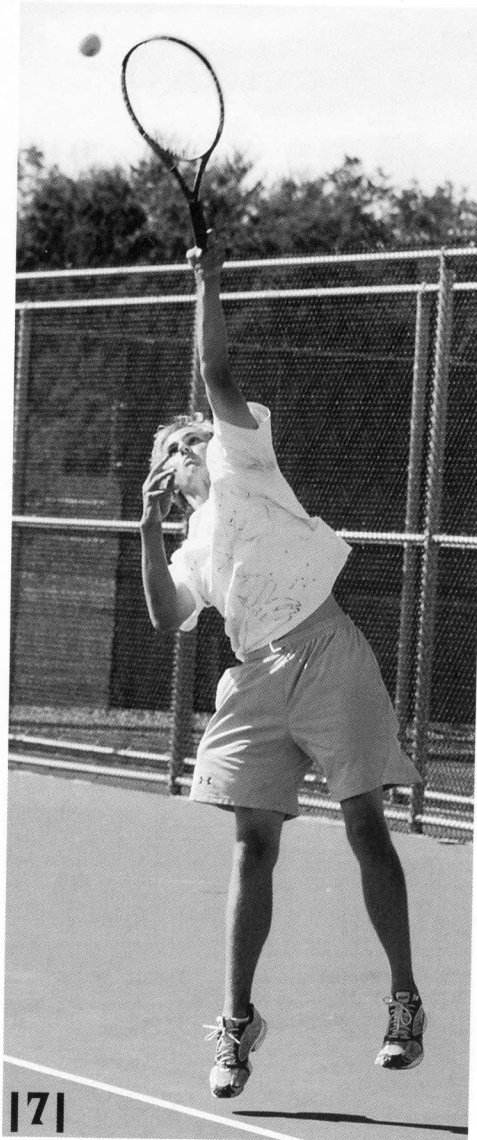
"Being a member of a varsity team involves tremendous sacrifice such as ending your summer vacation early, waking up early on numerous occasions, and giving up a few Saturday's as well. Despite the fall tennis season being one of the shortest high school seasons, it is still a huge time commitment and the season can prove to be long and arduous. I appreciate the desire that all of you have to be the best player that you can be as individuals and wanting the entire team and program to have success. Furthermore, despite a few bumps in the road, this team was able to fight through adversity, maintain outstanding sportsmanship, and perform at a high level in the classroom. These are not characteristics that I take for granted."



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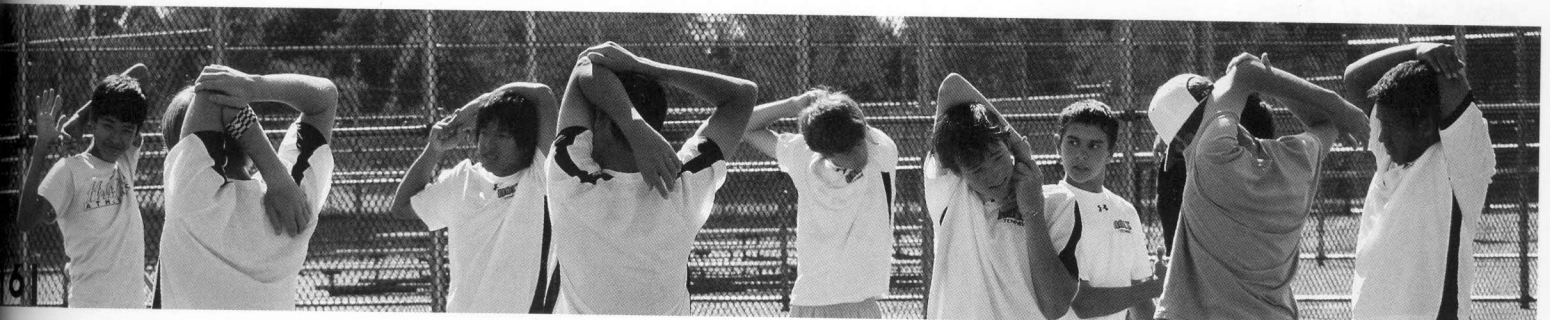


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|1| Practicing her hitting, **junior Rachel Beatty** said, "My most memorable moment was when I hit Jamie Hulteen right in the forehead. It was really funny."  
 |2| Competing with her doubles teammate, **junior Mariah Massa**, **sophomore Haley Powers** said, "My most memorable moment was definitely last year when the team made it to states and my partner and I won our first match at states. It was a pretty big deal."  
 |3| Practicing for her next match, **junior Bethany Nippa** said, "Tennis is one of my favorite sports. It's nothing too intense, just the right amount of intensity and I like how it's a one man sport."  
 |4| Going for the ball, **senior Benjamin Drullinger** said, "I like being able to manipulate the ball and making it go the way I want and getting sweet shots you normally can't get."  
 |5| Messing around at practice, **senior Matthew Durfee** said, "I like the individual aspect of tennis. It's a sport I really enjoy and something you can do throughout your entire life."  
 |6| Stretching with his team, **sophomore Daniel Yu** said, "My most memorable moment was probably doing good in the regional tournament. I was ranked second but I got third."  
 |7| "I work most on my kickin' serve and tearing the ball in half with my bare hands," said **senior Kyler Sheerin** about his tennis practices.



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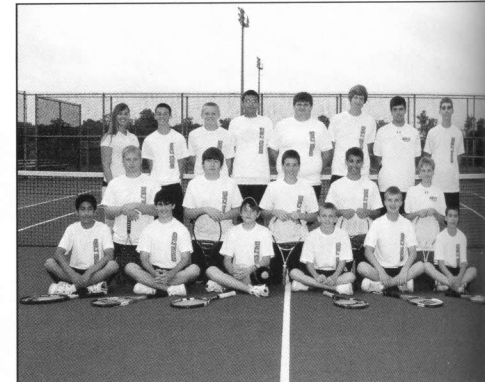
## Boys Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Jenison Invite **3rd**  
 DeWitt **L 2-6**  
 Waverly **W 6-2**  
 St. Johns **W 5-3**  
 Charlotte **W 8-0**  
 Lumen Christi **L 2-6**  
 East Lansing **L 2-6**  
 Jackson **L 1-7**  
 Eastern **L 2-6**  
 Everett **W 8-0**  
 Holt Invite **2nd**  
 Okemos **L 0-8**  
 Grand Ledge **W 6-2**  
 Grandville Invite **4th**



### Boys Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Blayne White, Zachary Smith, Jeffrey Chronister, Daniel Yu  
 Row Two: Zachary Ray, Benjamin Drullinger, Joshua Green  
 Back Row: Coach Vandecar, Adam Knapp, Chris Yu, Kyler Sheerin, Michael Hua, Brian Burt  
 Not Pictured: Coach Russ Olcheske



### Boys Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Aaron Torres, James Kramer, Nathaniel Cooper, George Edelman, Daniel Martin, Robert Hull  
 Row Two: Clifford McClumpha, Robert Hull, Brennan Sanford, Matthew Durfee, Eric Knapp  
 Back Row: Coach Vandecar, Matthew Hineman, Sean Bulkowski, Micah Norwood Gabriel Loveall, Kyle Palmer, Jayson Bechtol, Brian Cobus

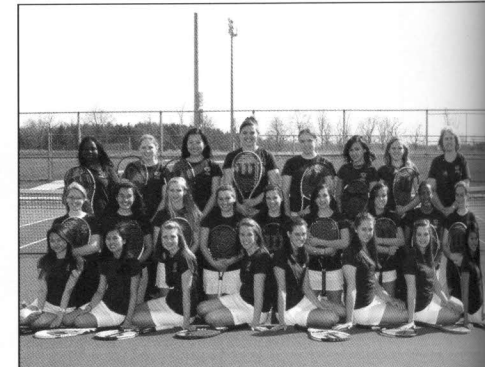
## Girls Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Waverly **W 8-0**  
 Okemos **L 1-7**  
 Jackson **W 8-0**  
 Owosso **W 7-1**  
 East Lansing **T 4-4**  
 Eastern **W 8-0**  
 Everett **W 8-0**  
 Grand Ledge **L 5-3**  
 Mason **W 6-2**  
 DeWitt **W 6-2**



### Girls Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Mariah Massa, Elizabeth Couturier, Jennifer Pielack, Jasmine Garza, Sarah Chronister, Stephanie Marecki, Taylor Roach  
 Back Row: Coach Powers, Lauren Kustasz, Damaris Shaffer, Aly Gillison, Haley Powers, Heather Allen, Holly Moorehead, Emily Bohne, Allison Fredline, Coach Somers



### Girls Junior Varsity Tennis

Front Row: Passanan Singthong, Bich-Tran Nguyen, Lindsey Hamlin, Hannah Maier, Jamie Hulteen, Devan Walworth, Tiffany Wiedrick, Janet Phan  
 Middle Row: Bethany Nippa, Iman Ben-Hamza, Susan Austin, Amanda Lester, Abigail Cottom, Alexis Pridgen, Janelle Briggs, Jazmine Fewes, Rheannon Bateman  
 Back Row: Jennifer Morgbey, Elizabeth McKerr, Stephanie Le, Clara Garchow, Lea Schafer, Chantel Nguyen, Rachel Beatty, Coach Lamer  
 Not Pictured: Courtney Bement, Sienna Gagne, Emily Marlow, Katherine Vargas, Shay Rymes