Learning the Lingo

Love: When your score is zero

Deuce: When the score is tied

Advantage: The first point after the deuce

Forehand: The main one handed ground stroke

Backhand: Two handed ground stroke

Volley: Shot up at the net

Overhead: Shot when the ball is high in the air

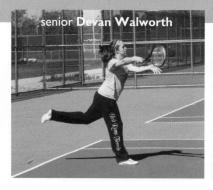
Poaching: Doubles player sneaking across net to get volley



Preparing for an important match, the Holt girls tennis team huddl to get in a final cheer before they begin their competition.

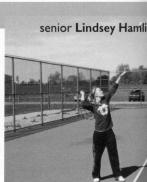
Focusing on the ball, senior **Katherine Vargas** uses her forehand swing to strike the ball with accuracy.











Playing with Passion

Girls Tennis Brings Focus and Friendship to the Game

From the instant the first ball is served, the girls tennis team played with a constant focus until a victory was achieved. The sport kept the girls in shape, and gave them an activity to do with their friends who in turn helped, encouraged and pushed each other. "I like being outside. I also like the atmosphere. It's competitive, but not overwhelming," said senior **Chantel Nguyen**.

While the competitive level of tennis is quite different than that of contact sports, the team focused on learning as much from the sport as they could. They learned how to be honest and trustworthy with their opponents since there were no referees. They also enjoyed the aspect of the game involving such a small number of players at a time. It gave the girls a chance to focus on perfecting their individual skills which they would later use to help their teammates improve their game.

"I liked going to practice every day. There were days that we would have to be serious, but also days that we could just joke around with each other," senior Janelle Briggs said. Tennis gave the girls both physical work-outs as well as friendships that developed from team bonding that would last a lifetime.



With ease, senior **Lindsey Hamlin** strikes the ball. "My favorite part about tennis is that we all get along and we cheer each other on," Hamlin said.



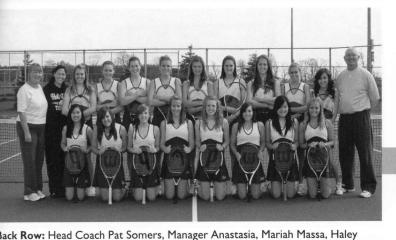




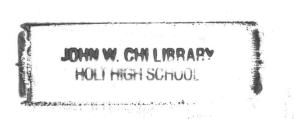


Girls Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

Waverly W 5-3 Jackson Lumen Christi L 6-2 East Lansing L 7-1 Jackson W 7-1 Eastern W 7-1 Everett W 8-0 Haslett L 6-2 Okemos L 6-2 Grand Ledge L 7-1 Portland W 5-3 St. Johns W 5-3



owers, Lexi Kelly, Emily Holtz, Lauren Kustaz, Jamie Hulteen, Devan Walworth, Faylor Roe, Chantel Ngyuen, Coach Powers Front Row: Bich-Tran Nguyen, Katherine Vargas, Janelle Briggs, Hannah Maier, indsey Hamlin, Alexis Pridgen, Stephanie Le, Rachel Beatty



Girls JV Tennis Scoreboard

4/12 Waverly W 7-1 4/15 Jackson Lumen Christi W 8-0 4/19 Dewitt L 2-6 4/20 East Lansing W 7-1 4/22 Jackson W 8-0 4/27 Eastern W 7-1 5/3 Haslett T 4-4 5/4 Okemos L 2-6 5/6 Grand Ledge W 7-1 5/8 HOLT INVITE N/A Cancelled 5/10 Portland W 5-3



Back Row: Head Coach Debbie Larner, Sanda Vazgec, Marissa Gibbs, Audra Balcarcel, Caroline Fredline, Holly Eastman, Julie Shallman, Katelyn McNerney, Cara Orth, Sydney Welk, Mallory Chrisman, Haley Livingston

Middle Row: McKenzie Fox, Averie Rogers, Brooke Johnson, Chelsi Steele, Olivia Krish, Abigail Cottom, Codi Shumaker, Lea Schafer, Elizabeth Mckeer, Asiya Freeman, Ashleigh Egler-Williams

Front Row: Kaitlyn Johnson, Carson Polakowski, MacKenzie Hurni, Lauren Sumerix, Amy Warner, Susan Austin, Shay Rymes, Megan Lamie, Hailee Butler, Kelsie Schafer