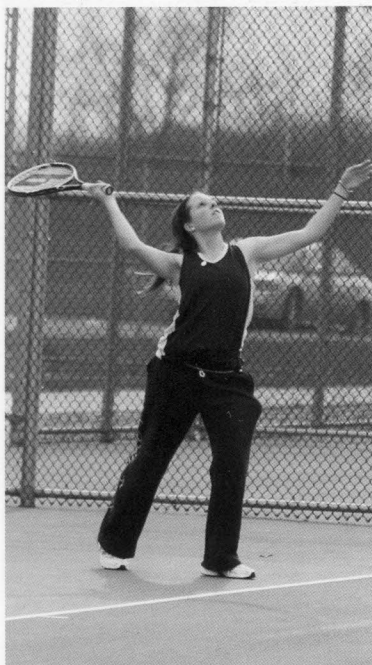


Coming together. The girls varsity team comes together one last chant to end of ever practice.

The perfect serve. Concentrating on her swing, senior Abigail Cottom works to add power to her serve to catch her opponent off guard and score a point.



Focus, place, achieve. When returning a serve, senior **Alexis Pridgen** anticipates the type of return needed to make a good placement of the ball. "I like to depend on my self," Pridgen said. "I know if I mess up it's my fault."



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Get it Girl. Pointing to her partner senior, **Audra Balcarcel**, congratulates **Jannelle Briggs** after getting the point. "We have

the same skill level and good communication," Balcarcel said about Briggs, "That makes us such good partners."

By Blake McHenry and Emma Webster

For the Love of the Game

Girls tennis love the game and the time they spend working together.

Having fun on and off the court was the main highlight of the girls tennis season. Being close and having good chemistry played a big role in having a successful team.

"We pick on each other, teach each other, play around and just have fun," senior **Lea Schafer** said.

The girls bonded the most on the bus rides to away matches. They laughed, sang and told jokes the entire time.

"Jamie Hulteen would dance on the bus to and from games, then the entire team would follow her," senior **Abigail Cottom** said.

By playing team building

games at practice, the team was able to become closer while still having fun. Every member of the team worked hard and made sure everyone was involved.

"Even though I was one of the younger players, I never felt out of place," junior **Sanda Vazgec** said.

The team finished the season with a 5-5-3 record, proving that they could still find the time to be serious and practice hard.

"We know everyone tries their best all the time, senior **Lea Schafer** said. "Win or lose, we remain a family, not just teammates."

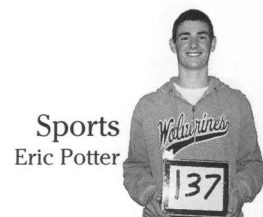
Single-file. Leading the way, senior **Abigail Cottom** carries tennis equipment after their match.



Extra Effort. Preventing her opponent from scoring a point, senior **Leah Schafer** extends to save the ball from going out of bounds.



Finesse. Working hard in practice, senior **Haley Powers** practices her swing.



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Varsity Girls Tennis

Coach: Pat Somers

Back Row: Devan Walworth, Lindsey Hamlin, Jamie Hulteen,
Haley Powers

Middle Row: Mariah Massa, Katie Vargas, Bich-Tam Nguyen,
Stephanie Le , Lea Schafer, Audra Balcarcel

Front Row: Janelle Briggs, Rachel Beatty, Sanda Vazgec, Alexis
Pridgen, Elizabeth McKerr, Abigail Cottom

Waverly **W**, St. Johns **W**, Lumen Christi **T**, Jackson **W**, Eastern
W, East Lansing **L**, Haslett **L**, Okemos **L**, Grand Ledge **T**,
Holly Invite **L**, Portland **L**, Rockford **L**, Kalamazoo **L**, Kalamazoo
Central **T**, CAAC Blue **3rd**



Junior Varsity Girls Tennis

Coach: Russ Olcheske

Back Row: Mercedese Borrego-Johnson, Katelyn McNerney, Mallory
Chrisman, Nautica Willoughby, Kylee Voorhis, Rebecca Horton, Sydney
Holmes, Leah Taylor, Carson Polakowski, Olivia Krish, Caroline Fredline,
Heather Birmingham, Nicole Helmuth, Ashleigh Egler-Williams, Cara
Orth, Jaime Cook, Katelyn Lewis, Kaylee Smith, Ja'nay Howell, Tasharry
Seay, Tyler Breedlove, Kelsey Gilbert, Morgan David, Brianna Forrest,
Paige Farrington

Middle Row: Molly Dutcher, Zaina Fawaz, Sarah Hua, Melodie Tillitson,
Hannah Croze, Ashley Sillaway, Melissa Ostrowski, Paranee Saengphaijit,
Esther Hentschel, Lisa Filbrich, Ciara Sheerin, Haley Livingston, Megan
Lamie, McKenzie Fox, Kayla Hill, Marrisssa Gibbs, Jennifer Norgbey,
Allison Lerew, Jerika Richards, Samantha Elmo

Front Row: Jenna Whitson, Keleigh Goodson, Emily Sherman, Shelby
Verlinde, Averie Rogers, Whitney Howe, MacKenzie Dudek, Kailee
Barnes, Emily Hadick, Kristen Cobus, Theresa Castillo, Michaela Krohn,
Cynthia Thurman, Selina Thurman

Waverly **W**, St. Johns **W**, Lumen Christit **L**, East Lansing **W**, Jackson **W**,
Eastern **W**, Everett **W**, Haslett **W**, Okemos **W**, Grand Ledge **W**, Holt JV
Invite **3rd**, Portland **W**

