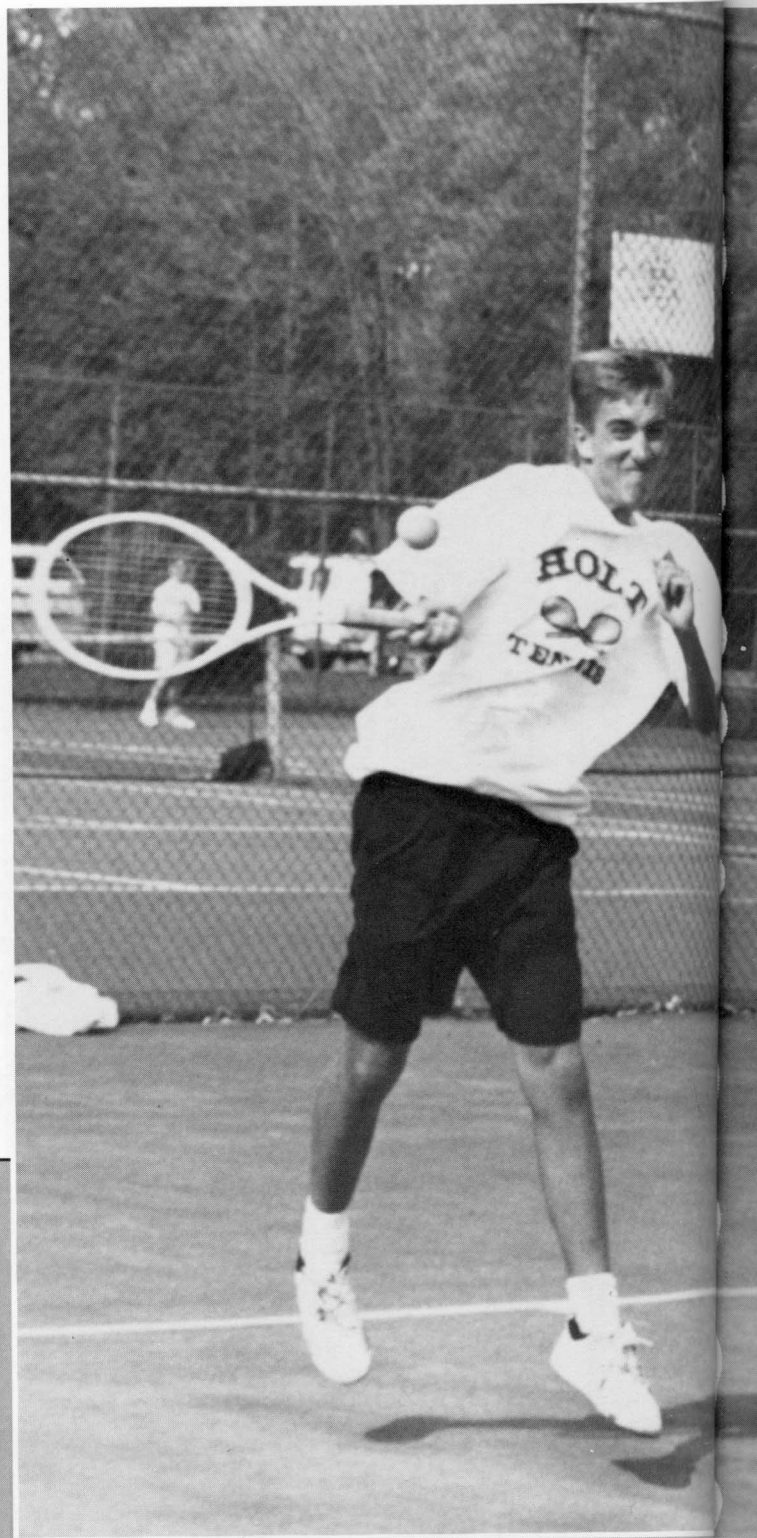
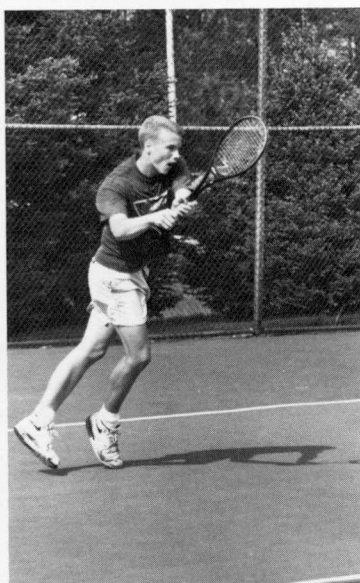


WORDS OF WISDOM. Senior Jason Dillingham listens intently to advice from Coach William York on how to improve his game in a break from the match against Waverly. Jason played Varsity first singles and earned a fourth place selection All-CAC.



IN FOR THE SLAM. Junior Dave Thielen anticipates the return of his volley to a Warrior opponent. The team put talent and emotion into play for a winning home match against Waverly.



ALL IN THE MOVES. Sophomore Ryan Brown concentrates to return a serve from his Waverly opponent, taking care to place it advantageously for a

score. The team went on to win the match 4-3. Ryan played third doubles for the team and earned a fourth place All-CAC selection.

"Our team started out the season on the wrong side of the bed. After the victories over Sexton and Eastern, however, we pulled together and finished the season successfully."

--Senior Jason Dillingham

The **LAST** Word

Boys' Varsity Tennis
7 wins, 4 losses

Okemos	0-7
East Lansing	1-6
St. Johns	3-4
LCC	3-4
Sexton	6-1
Eastern	6-1
Jackson	4-3
Grand Ledge	4-3
Waverly	4-3
Everett	4-3
Haslett	5-2

CAC **2nd**

**NOTHING
BUT
THE TRUTH**

Hard Work And Dedication Provides A

TASTE FOR VICTORY

Beads of sweat covered the court signalling hard work and dedication. A can of fresh, new, fuzzy yellow balls were released from their plastic prison and the tennis team exploded into a new season of challenges and excitement.

The year began with two losses to the area's Goliaths of tennis, Okemos and East Lansing; dropping 0-7 against the chieftains and 1-6 to the Trojans. Driving the dagger deeper were two frustrating losses to non-conference teams, St. Johns and Lansing Catholic Central, losing the games by a single match. "We were really down after those series of matches. Losing two

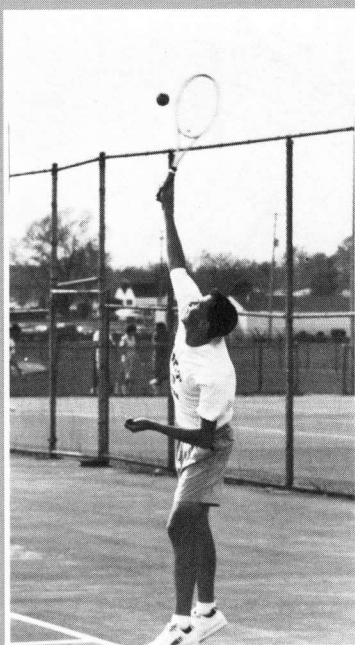
straight games by one match was very disappointing. Those were games we needed to win. The intensity was there, but the ball just didn't bounce our way," explained senior Jason Dillingham.

Vexation turned to excitement as the team pulled together and trounced both Sexton and Eastern by a score of 6-1. Senior Brian Woods explained, "That was a big morale booster. That taste of victory seemed to juice all of us up and was the turning point of our season!" Afterward the team rallied together to pull out four close victories over Jackson, Grand Ledge, Waverly and Everett. "We won all four of those games by a single match. It felt

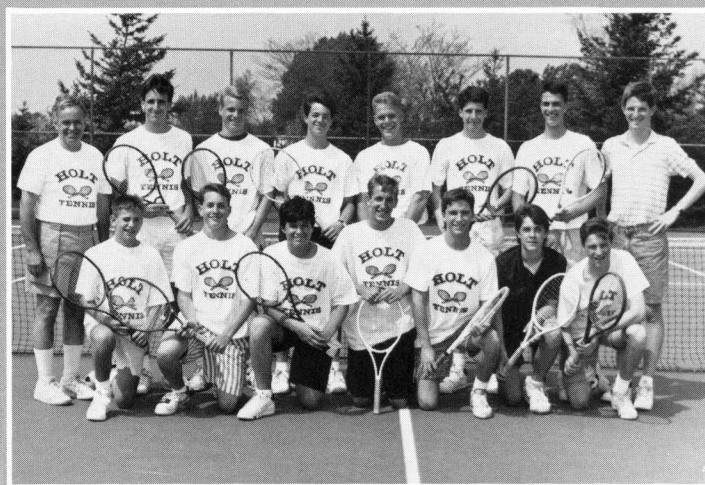
great to be on the side of the stick, opposite the short end," revealed junior Aaron Paterick.

Haslett was the last opponent to fall as the team beat the Vikings, 5-2. "We had a very competitive team this year. We were tied for third in the conference, finished fourth at regionals and ended up second in the Haslett Invitational. They also had the best record than any other team for the last seven years," concluded Coach William York.

Though many obstacles stood in the path of victory, the Boys' Tennis Team's determination and hard work helped to overcome them and made this year's season a successful one.



SPLIT SECOND. Junior Aaron Paterick eyes the ball for an aggressive serve to begin the home match against Waverly. The team went on to a 4-3 victory over the Warriors.



BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM.
Top Row: Coach W. York, M. Souza, D. Thielen, B. Woods, M. VanFossen, J. McKellar, A. Paterick, G. Bird. Bottom

Row: R. Whitehill, N. Pilon, J. Roberts, R. Brown, T. Maki, B. Yemc, J. Dillingham.