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**SPECIAL REPORT**  
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**BOY'S VARSITY TENNIS**  
 9 wins, 3 losses

Everett	7 - 0
Okemos	0 - 7
Sexton	6 - 1
Eastern	6 - 1
Waverly	1 - 6
Jackson	4 - 3
Grand Ledge	7 - 0
East Lansing	0 - 7
Lansing Catholic Central	5 - 2
St. Johns	4 - 3
Mason	4 - 3
Charlotte	7 - 0
Capital Area Conference	3rd

"We had a great season. I enjoyed playing JV tennis because everyone on the team knew each other. Coach Mike Smith was a lot of fun to work with and I improved a lot on my basic swings. It's going to take some time next year to get used to Varstiy level competition, but I'll be ready.

--Sophomore Dave Bruining



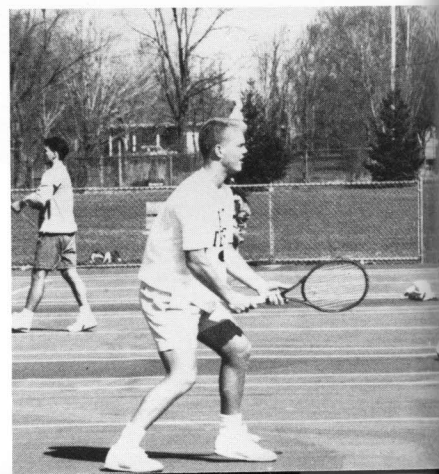
**CONCERNED CONCENTRATION**

Eying the court situation is coach William York as he oversees the competition against Sexton. The team took the meet 6 - 1.



**AT NET COURT**

Approaching the net is senior Mike VanFossen as he sets himself for net volley during match play against Sexton. The four year veteran brought experience and determination to this year's team.



## IN THE FILE

# Strong Swings Plus Dedicated Hearts Equal

# WINNING SERVES

### GETTING UP THERE!

High above his shadow is sophomore Ryan Whitehill as he reaches to hit the winning serve. Although only a sophomore, Whitehill earned the honor of playing first Varsity singles.

### BOYS' JV TENNIS TEAM

**Top Row:** Coach M. Smith, M. Collins, H. Fuller, D. Bruining, J. Hamlin, B. Van Fossen, A. Bengé, R. Travis, C. Gnass. **Bottom Row:** Mgr. M. Zink, T. Rampe, P. Anderson, Mgr. C. Ernst.



Sweat dripped, tennis balls bounced everywhere; courts were alive with racquet swinging enthusiasts all competing to make it to the top. "Our season was awesome! Every invitational we went to we did sweet. We really had a great year!" exclaimed sophomore Jason Black.

From meet to meet, the team's strength increased. Winning four straight matches and suffering only three losses earned a third place in the Capital Area Conference. "Placing third in such a competitive conference was fine with me. I wish we could have made it to the top, but some teams were just too tough to beat, especially at their place. We tried our best, and that was all Coach York asked for," added junior Ryan Anthony.

Coach Bill York's tennis twirlers competed in many invitationals throughout the season. First, they entered the "All-Nights" Invitational at Court One Athletic Club in Okemos, placing first out of eight teams. Traveling to Haslett, the team captured another championship competing against a field of eight more teams. The last invitational was at Wav-

erly, where they captured second place behind their host. "The invitationals were not only hard work and strongly competitive, but they were also entertaining and exciting," recalled sophomore Cameron Gnass.

Along with strong swings, the team had strong values. They worked hard everyday at practice, striving for the top. They all gave 100 percent trying to overcome their weaknesses. Sophomore Tim Rampe explained, "We stayed together as a team and enjoyed it! We tried not to let little things bother us. Overall, we just worked harder each day to improve ourselves."

Working long hours on backhands, forehands, and improving serves were some of the skills they concentrated on. Sophomore John Patino stated, "Practices were long, hot and tiring, but without all that work we would not have made it as far as we did."

Winning their last five games, they finished third in the conference during the regular season, as well as in the CAC tournament behind East Lansing and Waverly. The team finished fifth out of twelve in Regionals. Hard work and dedication payed off in getting the team close to the top.

--Tracey Cory

### A SMASHING SUCCESS

Polishing off the ball with a thunderous forehand is sophomore Tim Rampe as he hits this side liner in a JV match against Everett.

### BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM

**Top Row:** Coach W. York, M. VanFossen, J. Black, M. Maksimowicz, J. MacKeller, A. Paterick, J. Patino, J. Andrick. **Bottom Row:** N. Pilon, R. Whitehill, J. Roberts, T. Vandlen, C. Clapp, R. Anthony.

