



# MOTHER NATURE

Takes Her Toll on the Courts

Amid cold weather, rain and even snow the Boys' Varsity Tennis team pounded the courts, but old man winter didn't ruin their drive for first place in the Capital Area Conference.

Opening the season against Everett, the team was able to block out the wind and cold and take the match 6-1. Next the team traveled to East Lansing where they were defeated by the Trojans 0-7. Senior Nate Pilon remembered, "The best match I played this season was against East Lansing. We took a set from them but they went on to win the match 2 to 1."

Still battling the weather, the next match was canceled due to rain. With picture perfect weather the next day the team moved on to play against Lan-

sing Catholic Central where they lost a close match 3-4. Junior Matt Miller recalled, "The match with LCC is the one that I remember most. It was a close match, but the wind was against us and we lost in a split set."

Keeping things rolling, the team went to Grand Ledge and defeated the Comets 6-1. Taking on Jackson, they were victorious 2-5, and placed second at the Haslett Invitational. The team continued their winning streak by defeating Waverly on home turf.

With mother nature still rearing her ugly head, the next match against Charlotte was canceled due to rain. With some practice the team was back on the road to the CAC's and placed fourth both days. Having fought a hard battle against the Mason Bulldogs, resulting in defeat, they faced the

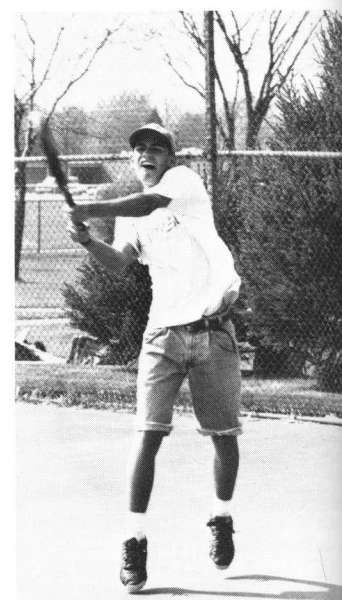
state-ranked Okemos Chiefs for their final game of the season. The team could only pull out one match, but for Coach Bill York the event yielded a bright spot. He recalled, "When Ryan Whitehill defeated state-ranked, Mike Noud of Okemos at first singles in a dual meet, it was the highlight of the season."

The team geared up for regionals and tied for third in the tournament out of 14 area teams. The boys finished the season with a 6-5 record and Coach Bill York assessed, "I feel we had a successful season which set the stage for even better things next year. We have all but two seniors coming back and we should be in position to have a very good season."

--Jeff Zimmerle

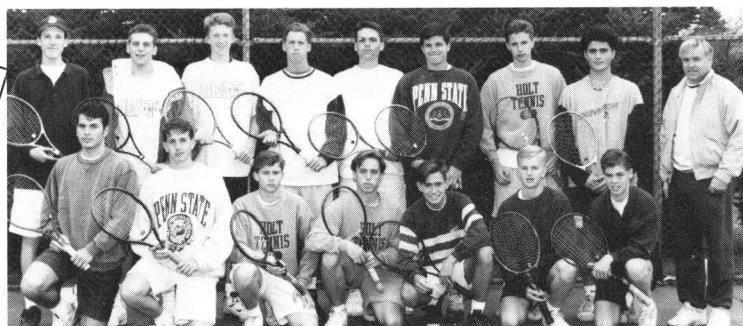
## EFFORT

Ferociously, junior Ryan Whitehill pelts a return in the match against Mason. Ryan lost the match, but his losses numbered five out of a season of 20 matches. Ryan's record placed him second in the CAC and named him one of the *Lansing State Journal's* Top Ten Players.



"We were able to defeat Waverly in a dual meet 4-3, finished a strong third in the Regional Tournament to end the season in a good performance, and Ryan Whitehill defeated Mike Noud of Okemos at first singles in a dual meet."

--Coach Bill York



**BOYS' VARSITY TENNIS TEAM:**  
Top Row: G. Andrick, M. Maksimowicz, J. Vermeer, B. Sorensen, C. Fauser, J. Roberts, D. Bruining, E. Barrio, Coach B.

York. Bottom Row: J. Waugh, N. Pilon, T. Vandlen, M. Miller, R. Whitehill, T. Rampe, M. Lennox.

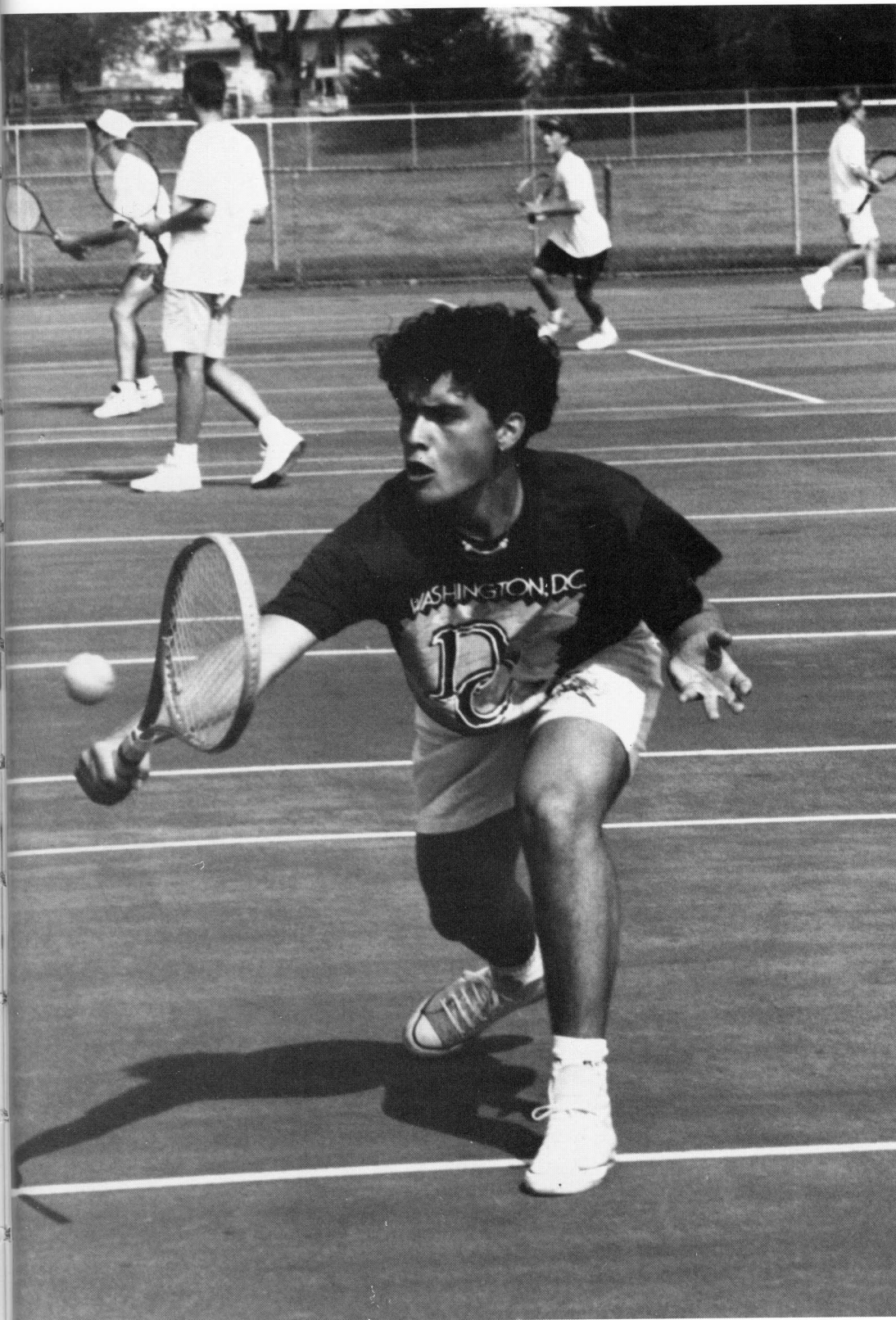
## Bet On It!

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

6 wins, 5 losses

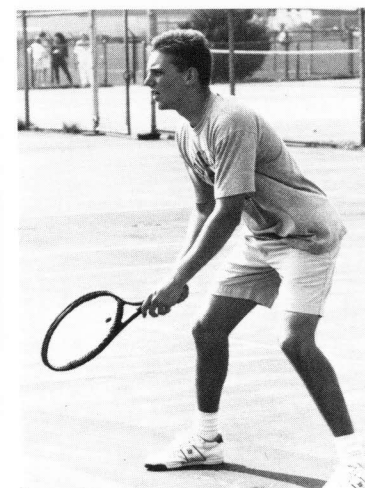
Everett	6-1
Eastern	6-1
Sexton	7-0
Grand Ledge	6-1
Waverly	4-3
St. Johns	4-3
L.C.C.	3-4
Mason	3-4
Okemos	1-6
Jackson	2-5
East Lansing	0-7
CAC	3rd

OR USE THIS QUOTE



## **R**EFRESHER

Taking a break from the action, junior Tim Vandlen slurps on his Super Slurpee and tries to relax from the heat. The Rams started the season with snow on the courts and finished it hot enough to boil an egg.



## **T**RICK SERVE

Senior Foreign Exchange student Enrique Barrio goes for the drop shot in the match against Mason. The team went on to win the match 4-3.

## **P**OSITIONED

Poised for the return, junior Mike Maksimowicz prepares for the next play on home court.