

Major Climb

Players Make It to States

The Boys' Varsity Tennis team came a long way from March, until May. What started out to be a slow season, ended with an 8-3-1 record in regular season dual meet play.

The team started out with a 1-1-1 record after the first three matches. It didn't look good. Even so, the team had a positive attitude and high hopes of making it all the way to States. The state competition was to be held in Midland, so the team had the coordinates (latitude, longitude and elevation) of Midland printed on the back of their team shirts to keep their goal in mind. It worked because a team which started out heading for the middle to bottom of the CAC ended up with a third place finish, and a chance at Regionals and States.

The key to the team's success was hard work on the part of the players as well as the coaches. "Coach Chuck Hill really worked hard with all of the doubles," stated Head Coach Mike Smith. "They were pretty weak in the beginning, but they all improved to carry the team through."

After CAC's, the team prepared for Regionals. It was their chance to accomplish their goal of advancing to States as the top two teams at Regionals advanced to State competition. The pressure was on.

At Regionals, singles player Dave Eagle made it to the finals, as did first doubles, Jason Becker and Ryan Anderson; second doubles, Phil Rosenman and Andy Gamet; and third doubles Lucas Drake and Adam Craig. The team finished second in Regional competition which took them to States. They had accomplished their goal.

State competition was held on May 29. Dave Eagle won his match in the first round and the second doubles team of Rosenman and Gamet won their first match as well, and went all the way to take first place in the state. It was the first time in 25 years that a tennis team from Holt advanced to States. Hard work, determination and the vision really paid off for the team.

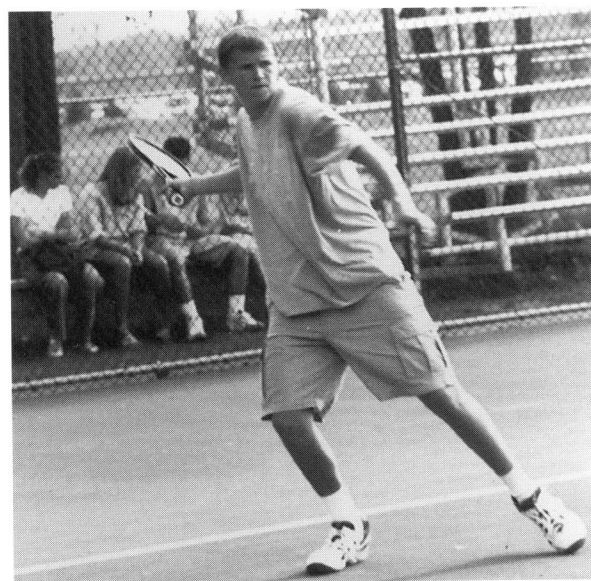
—Sonya McClane

Any Time Now...

Waiting for the volley from Mason is senior Lucas Drake on home court in mid-spring. The doubles team of Drake and Adam Craig qualified at Regionals for State competition.

Position Yourself

Dropping back for the ball and anticipating the return is junior David Eagle in the match against Mason. At Regionals David made it to the finals and qualified for State competition.

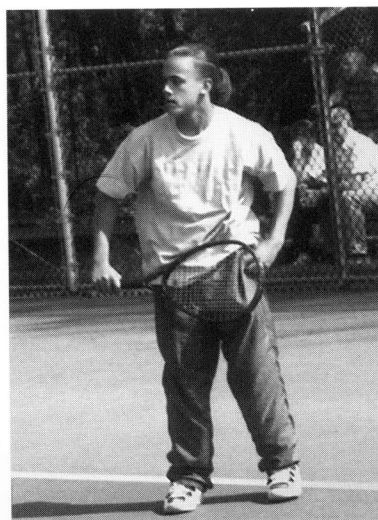
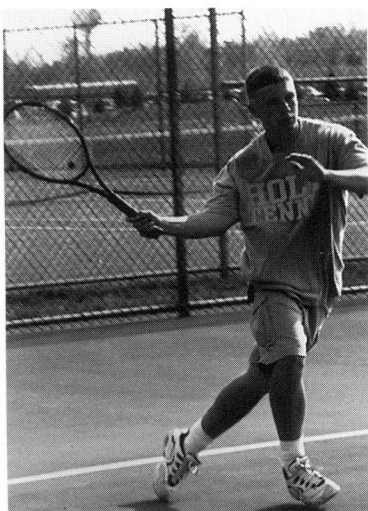


Easy Swing

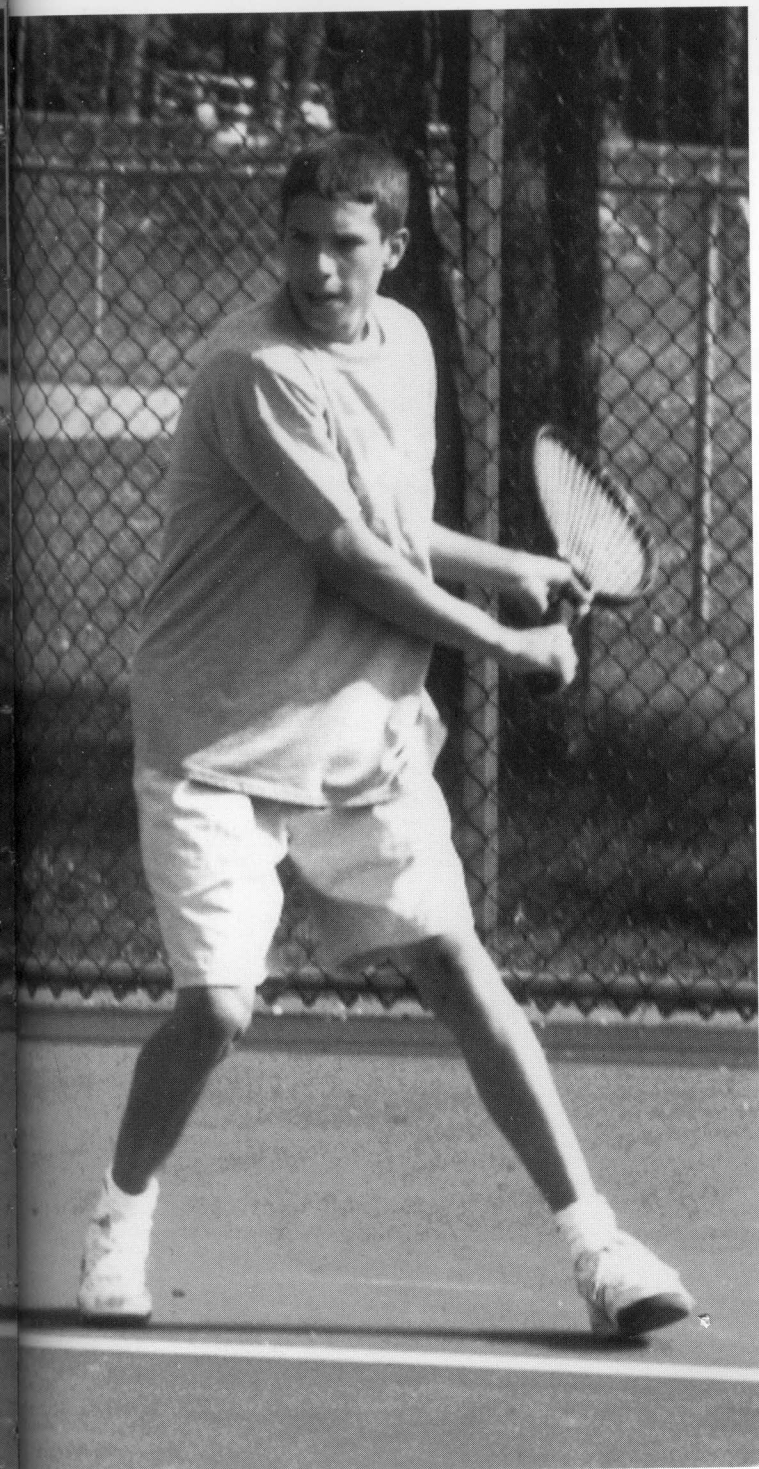
Slamming a forehand to his Mason opponent is junior Ryan Anderson on home court. The 1st doubles team of Anderson and Becker qualified in Regional competition for States.

Eyes on the Ball

Waiting for the return from the Mason side of the court is senior Andy Gamet. The second doubles team of Gamet and Rosenman ended up in first place in state competition.



Boys' JV Tennis Team: Top Row: B. Elmore, J. Burt, M. Reamer, Coach S. Somers. Bottom Row: N. McVeigh, C. Baum, J. Fields, D. Ngo.



Strong Backhand

Returning the volley against Mason is freshman Adam Vanlerberghe. The Rams won the match over the Bulldogs 5-3.

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—Coach Mike Smith

Boys' Varsity Tennis

8 Wins, 3 Losses, 1 tie

Jackson	3-5
St. Johns	5-1
Waverly	4-4
LCC	2-6
Everett	8-0
Sexton	8-0
Eastern	6-2
DeWitt	5-3
East Lansing	1-7
Mason	5-3
Grand Ledge	8-0
Haslett	7-1
Mason Invit.	1st
CAC	3rd
Regionals	2nd

All-CAC 2nd Team

David Eagle

All-State—1st Place

Doubles

Andrew Gamet

Phil Rosenman

State Qualifiers

David Eagle, Singles

Doubles:

Ryan Anderson

Jason Becker

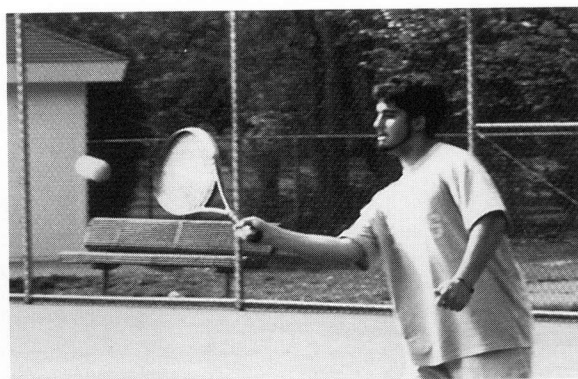
Adam Craig

Lucas Drake

Roll
with
the
Punches



Boys' Varsity Tennis Team: Top Row: Head Coach M. Smith, A. Craig, B. Rogers, D. Eagle, T. Snyder, R. Anderson, A. Vanlerberghe, Coach C. Hill. Bottom Row: T. Hurlburt, A. Gamet, S. Walsh, L. Drake, D. Reinecke, B. Manning, J. Becker, M. Hill.



Power Hit... Putting energy in his volley with a Mason opponent is senior Tim Hurlburt in a home match, while junior Bryant Manning returns the ball to Mason.

