Striving States

Tennis team keeps goal of reaching states constantly in their minds

The boys tennis team's biggest accomplishment this year was making it to the state tournament at Midland. "I've been a coach for four years and this was the first time we've made it to states. It's been my dream to go this far," coach **Russ Olcheske** said. The tennis team had a 13-7-1 overall record, received first place in the Holt Invitational, second place in the Jenison invitational, 3rd place in the CAAC Blue Division, 2nd place in the regional tournament, and ended their season going to states.

"Our team's biggest accomplishment this year was making it to states. It was the most challenging part of the season because we played against the toughest competition," senior Joshua Green explained. Joshua Green led the team with the highest winning record. Green was one of the senior captains along with Zachary Smith, Chris Yu and Zachary Ray.

"My biggest achievement with tennis so far has just been being able to learn how to play and making captain this year," said senior Zachary Ray. Ray played doubles with junior **Michael Hua**.

"I don't have any regrets about this season. It was one of the best seasons I've had. The only thing I would have changed was staying up until three a.m. the morning before states," senior Zachary Smith said, "States was the most difficult part of the season for me but it was definitely worth going to."

"It's every player's and coach's dream to go to a state final, and for us, our dream came true," coach Olcheske said.

Learn the Lingo

Love - zero (score)

Game point - one point away to win

the game.

Ace - strong hit serve that cannot be touched by the receiving player. Earns the server a point.

Let - on a serve when the ball hits the tape and goes in to the service box on the other side of court. Must re-serve.





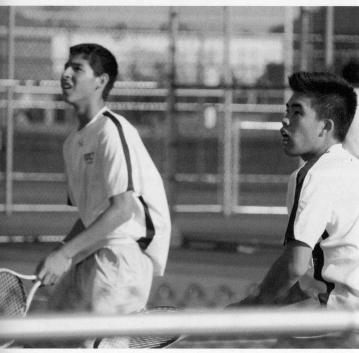
Under the extreme pressure to live up to the expectations of never missing a senior **Chris Yu** stretches high to strike a serve.



the road of a dream to make it to states, senior **Zachary Ray** and junior chael **Hua** run side by side in an attempt to be prepared to back each other up mistake or miss should happen.



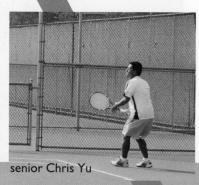
Serving singles against Okemos, senior **Joshua Green's** only loss of the season was to Okemos in an earlier match. "My only regret was that I had to forfeit a match against Okemos earlier in the season. I was sick and that was my only loss in regular season," Green said.



rely a ball got past this dynamic duo team of senior Zachary Ray and junior chael Hua.









Boys Varsity Tennis Scoreboard

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8/30 at St. John's W 9/1 Jackson Lumen Christi W

9/7 East Lansing L 9/9 at Jackson L

9/14 Eastern W 9/16 at Everett W

9/18 Holt Invite Rained Out

9/21 Okemos L

9/23 at Grand Ledge W 9/25 at Grandville Invite

9/25 at Grandville Invite 3rd 9/30 CAAC Blue Meet 3rd 10/5 at Haslett Tie 4-4

10/7 Regionals Home 2nd

10/8 States at Midland 15th

8/19 at Parma Western W 5-28/20 Dewitt W 7-1

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Boys JV Tennis Scoreboard

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Back Row: Nathaniel Hooper, Robert Hull, Gabriel Loveall, Sean Bulkowski, Kallen Garcia, Taylor Hamel, Nicholas Jenks, James Kramer, Cody Wheeler Front Row: Karan Kaker, Ben Morris, Justin Green, Dean Emata, Martin Welch, Alejandro Whitehead

