

ANOTHER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The varsity tennis team qualifies as a team to state, while a doubles pair captures their second state title

As the 1992 varsity boys tennis season began, it was clear that the Aviators would dominate this sport in the state of Ohio. Nine out of ten players were returning from last year's varsity team, including 1991 doubles state champions Brad Goldberg and Scott Marshall, both juniors.

The Aves began their long season with regular matches winning every game 5-0 except for a 3-2 victory over Columbus Watterson who were the defending team state champs. The Aves also won the Sycamore Invitational by a large margin this year setting a record for points achieved.

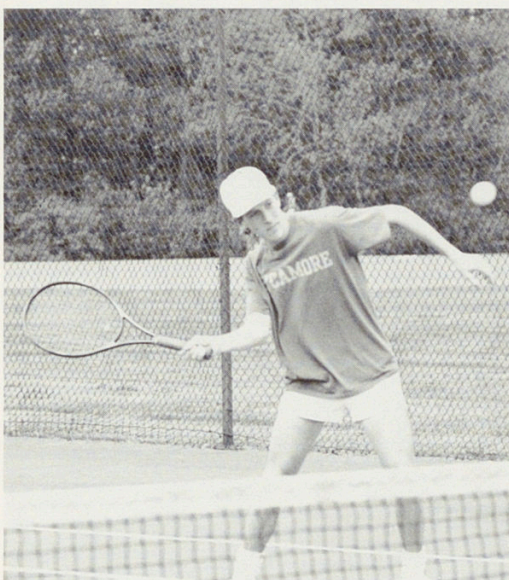
After breezing through regular season play, the team went on to win the Greater Miami Conference and City Title. Sycamore tennis won the city coaches poll in the Cincinnati Enquirer every week of the season and was named team of the week for their accomplishments.

For the regular season, Marshall played first singles, Goldberg, second, and senior Chris Thatcher played third singles. Doubles play was led by Lee Sutton and Brian Life and second doubles was played by David Levy and Jeff Adams. Although they played separate matches, they worked together as a team. Coach Larry Taylor said, "The team concept has strengthened thorough the concept that each player needs the other to achieve all their goals."

Going into tournament play, the team decided to rearrange their specialties and Goldberg and Marshall returned to doubles. In sectional play, the finals were all Sycamore. Sutton and Life defeated Goldberg and Marshall to capture the sectional title. Then at districts, Goldberg and Marshall won the title. Both Sutton and Life and Goldberg and Marshall advanced to state, along with singles player Thatcher. Goldberg and Marshall won state for the second year in a row declaring them Doubles State Champs. The Enquirer named them Achievers of the Week, stating it was remarkable how they could play singles all season and then win doubles in tournament play against conditioned players. They were also named Enquirer Players of the Year.

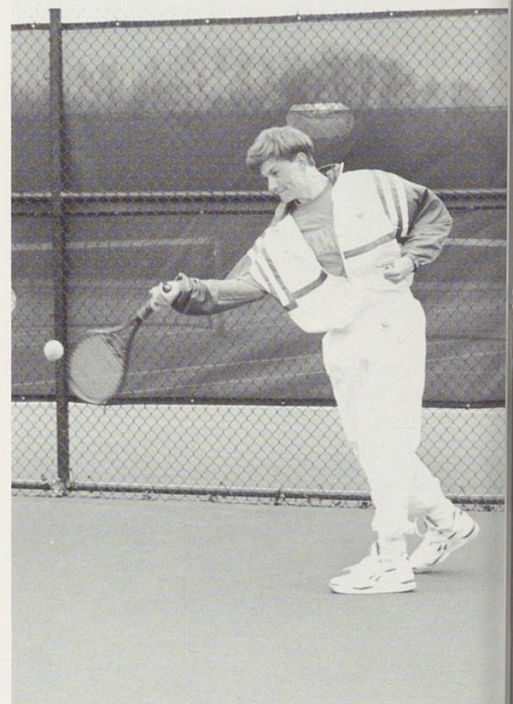
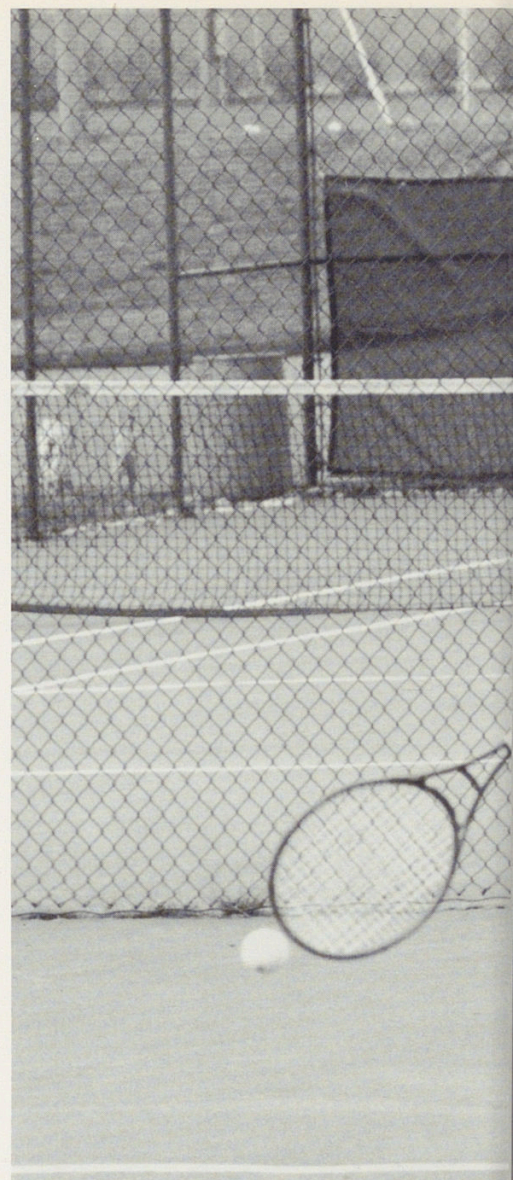
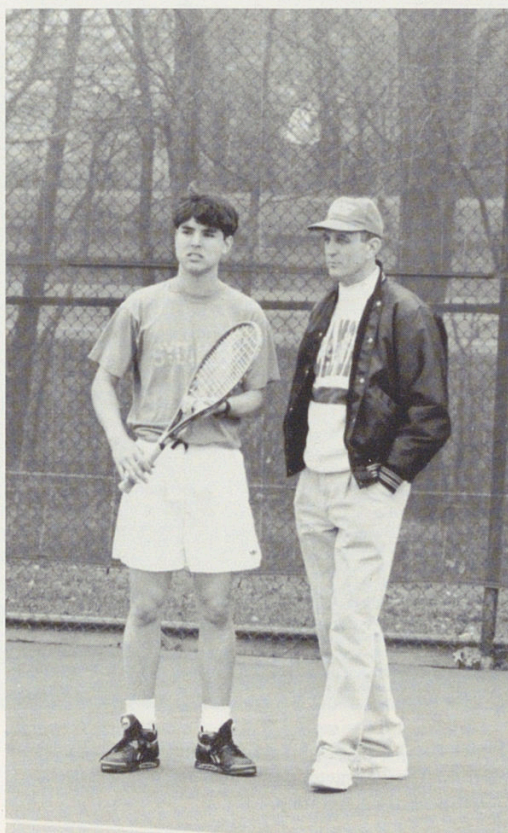
The Aviators also advanced to state as one of the final four teams. The team won second place in the state in a close 3-2 loss for the state title, proving themselves to be one of the best in the state of Ohio. Their reputation is sure to grow in the future. Taylor said, "Although we graduate four seniors, the junior varsity team was undefeated this year and has some outstanding young players eager to continue the tradition." The boys' varsity tennis team has begun a tradition, one of teamwork, reputation, and skill, which will continue for many years.

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Junior doubles player David Levy prepares to hit the ball back to his opponent.

Junior Jeremy Whalen gets ready for his match as he listens to the advice of junior varsity head coach Jim Becker.



Sophomore Adrian Phillips swings his racket in order to hit the tennis ball back to his opponent during a warm before his match.

