

# Tennis

## Members of top ranked team compete at state

The girls varsity tennis team had a near perfect season with a 16-2 record. They finished second in the city, captured their fourth consecutive Greater Miami Conference title, and qualified for sectional, district, and state competition for the fourth straight year. Their only losses were to Ursuline and Centerville.

These losses did little to dampen the girls' spirit. Their enthusiasm led them to sectional and district titles. Senior Alison Levy won the sectionals and came in second in the districts, while the doubles team of sophomore Lauren Casper and freshman Kelly Peller came in second in both the sectional and the district.

The team's greatest achievement was having three of its players Levy, Casper, and Peller all qualify for state. In respect to this finish, Levy said "I never get tired of representing my school in tough competition, going to state for the third year was a very exciting and unforgettable experience."

Peller commented "I was happy I made it to state. This was my goal all season long and I was proud of this accomplishment."

Levy summed up the team's feelings, when she said "It's a great feeling to see all the hard work pay off and go out on a successful note."

This year the girls junior varsity tennis team had a very challenging season. Although the girls faced many difficult matches, they consistently displayed strong team spirit and determination. Junior Chikako Harada, who played first doubles, commented, "In my match against Seven Hills, it didn't seem like we were going to win, but because of my teammates support, we came from behind and won."

Jeni Kovel, freshman, played first singles for most of the season. She felt that her toughest match was against Lakota, "We did not break each other's serve. Lakota's first singles was very consistent and never missed a shot," said Kovel.

Kovel lost the match but was not discouraged because of her teammates support.

The season ended with a close match against rival Centerville. Even though they did not win the match, team members used team work, encouragement, and Sycamores spirit to make the match and season enjoyable.

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| Girls Varsity Tennis |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Westerville N.       | W   |
| Lakota               | W   |
| Kettering Alter      | W   |
| Hamilton             | W   |
| Wyoming              | W   |
| Middletown           | W   |
| Indian Hills         | W   |
| Fairfield            | W   |
| CCD                  | W   |
| Lima                 | W   |
| Ursuline             | L   |
| Princeton            | W   |
| Seven Hills          | W   |
| Milford              | W   |
| Centerville          | L   |
| Anderson             | W   |
| Summit C. D.         | W   |
| GMC                  | 1st |
| GMC Champions        |     |
| Record: 15-2         |     |
| Girls JV Tennis      |     |
| Hamilton             | W   |
| Seven Hills          | L   |
| Ursuline             | L   |
| Oak Hills            | W   |
| Fairfield            | W   |
| St. Ursula           | W   |
| Lakota               | L   |
| Mt. Notre Dame       | L   |
| Lakota               | L   |
| Seven Hills          | W   |
| St. Ursula           | L   |
| Centerville          | L   |
| Record: 5-7          |     |



**Front row:** K. Pelling, A. Berkley, K. Wolf, R. Silverman, J. Blasberg, R. Mason.  
**Back row:** A. Kubo, L. Casper, S. Dietrick, A. Levy, Coach Yates, K. Schafer, J. Ledarach, J. Marshall, K. Peller.