

# ●●● ANOTHER YEAR ADDS ANOTHER TITLE

## GMC trophies keep on coming

### Go Figure

By: Sarah Jarnicki and Caitlin Bokulic

4th

in state ranking

5

seniors and newcomers

1st

in city ranking

16

consecutive GMC title

Once again, **Coach Maxine Yates** produced a team that could not be stopped. The girls brought home the GMC title for the 16th consecutive year.

With five new teammates, parents and players were concerned it would be a rebuilding year; as the girls proved everyone wrong with an 18-0 season. The biggest threat to the team was Princeton, who also had an undefeated season.

The girls pulled through with a victory of 3-2. **Maggie Koetter, 11** had the biggest challenge, swinging her way to a ferocious tie-breaking win.

"I definitely felt the team's pressure considering everyone was at the fence, watching the match, hoping I would not lose, since this would be such a big win for us," said **Koetter**.

The team spent a lot of time together doing things such as t-shirt making, eating out to various restaurants and having team parties. They also made the best of trips to Pickerington and long days spent at Princeton High School.

As it was a new experience for three of the girls to play in the GMC tournament.

"I was really excited about the GMC's. I was a little nervous but it did not hit me until they called my name to go on court; and then once we won the match it was a lot of fun after that," said **Emily Crabill, 10**.

The team had a ritual of huddling up and shouting "LADY AVES" before heading out on court.

"I feel our team spirit is higher than any other team I've been on because all of us our friends and enjoy having the support of each other by cheering. Besides, we have the SECRET handclap," said **Laura Ebetino, 12**.

The girls brought in yet another winning season, and expectations for next year are high.

"By winning the GMC the 16th consecutive year, that just means we have to win it a 17th time," said **Caroline Hodgson, 10**.



Getting another win for the season, Haruka Wada, 9 and Caitlin Bokulic, 12, shake their opponents hands after winning their match. The girls proved unstoppable teaming up for the first time. This would also be the last time the girls played together, with Bokulic playing her final year of high school tennis.



It is a crowning achievement for Belinda Wen, 11. She recieved her Team State medal from Coach Yates. She played a tough match, but girls ended up losing 2-3 to Lexington High School. This was her first state tournament and she played great.

### Question & Answer with Jenny Belsky

**Q:** What does it mean to you to win the GMC Title this year?

**A:** It mean that every year that we have been in the GMC, we have won it, and this year we wouldn't have it any other way.

**Q:** What was your most embarrassing tennis outfit?

**A:** My cool, old school basketball shorts.

**Q:** Do you feel that tire school knows the significance of winning the GMC trophy 16 straight years?

**A:** Not at all. We get an occasional announcement, yet this year we did not even get that. 17 years in a row is perfection. In essence, in the GMC, this team has been PERFECT. Being able to leave behind a legacy is incredible and it would be nice if others appreciated that legacy as well.

