

WHERE THE RACQUET'S AT

Moving Forward Every Forehand

Go Figure

12

team
members

6

practices a
week

2

hours of
practice each
day

16

matches

I can't just choose one memorable moment because there were so many," said **Anna Habib, 9**.

If that does not give a good enough description of the enjoyment that comes with being part of the junior varsity tennis team, what does?

Surely no one could have blamed any team member for finding tennis fun and exciting. The girls spent time, not only playing each other in matches, but providing inspiration for each other.

"People were assigned to bring 'spirit' for some matches. Spirit could be anything from green and gold bracelets to bags of candy and such," said **Amber Chitwood, 9**.

Although competition played into this sport as well as fun, there seemed to be no doubt that both contribute equally well to the success of the team and their performance. According to the team members, their biggest competition was Ursuline.

Ursuline was the one match, out of 16, that they lost. Despite the loss, the team's performance seemed flawless, even with budget cuts interfering with many of the athletics in terms of supplies, coaches, and buses.

"I don't think the budget cuts affected our team performance, we always played our best despite cuts," said **Habib**.

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If the team members would not remember all of their matches, or all of their challenging teammates who helped each other improve, then surely there were other memories to cherish.

"The best time of the season was the sleepover because we all got to know each other better," said **Tufts**.

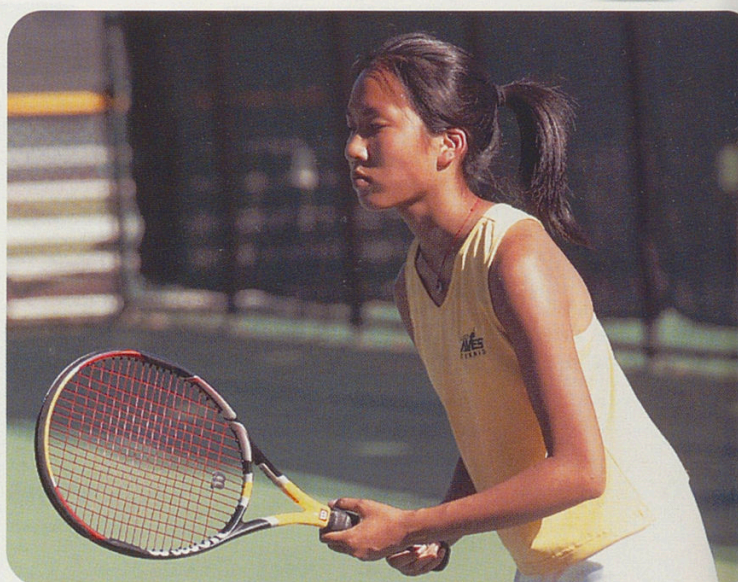
No matter what the team members remember, there is no doubt that the majority of the memories will be positive ones. If the memories do not come from the performance of the team, they will surely come from their improvement.

It may seem strange that with such successful matches, the team members would have room for improvement. The truth however, is that team members have already improved significantly. This improvement may range from playing skills to relationships with partners.

Either way, the junior varsity tennis team did not let a simple thing like a loss to Ursuline or budget cuts affect them in a negative way. What they consistently had was each other and the effort that makes their team as successful as they are.



"Let's get fired up, girls!" This is what **Coach Gwen Raih** enforced into her players' minds. **Michelle Tom, 9**, and **Jessica Tufts, 9**, played doubles together sporadically through the year. Talking between games was always a good way to strategize a way to beat their opponent.



Megan Feng, 10, anticipates her shot. **Feng** preferred playing singles so that she was in control of her match. Definitely one of the valuable players on the team, **Feng** prepared for another win. This year has proven quite successful for her in terms of performance.