

OUT HITTING THE COMPETITION

Off season work pays off

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rank in the city

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junior captains

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freshman on
the team

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courts won at
GMC's
(all of them)

Coach Mike Teets doesn't always make it easy for the guys but he really does know how to make a good team. Long before the season began **Coach Teets** held early morning weight-lifting sessions, that started promptly at six o'clock in the morning. If you came a minute late you might as well go home.

"One time I came to morning practice and I was a minute late according to the school's clock, and **Coach Teets** didn't let me count that weight lifting work-out," said **Alex Gibberman, 12**.

The hours spent off the court building up muscle were matched by the hours that they spent on the court honing their skills. Practices lasted about two hours and the time was spent doing footwork drills and working on their consistency.

"Practicing with **Coach Teets** is fun but you have to work hard and you cannot mess around," said **Martin Dennis, 9**.

What he ended up doing was building a team that has been dominant throughout the season, giving the best teams in the city tough competition.

"From the beginning of the season our top five was pretty much set, but after that, any one of our players could have played at second doubles; there were a number of combinations," said **Jordan Cohen, 11**.

The team took their depth to the GMC tournament where they blew out the competition and won the title for the second year in a row.

"We came into GMC's knowing that we were going to win a couple individual titles but the fact that we swept all the titles was an accomplishment that promoted our year long goal of working as a team," said **Jared Steinberg, 12**.

With their hard work and strong support and leadership from their coach, this team with underclassman leading the way, will continue to crush the competition.



Keeping his eyes on the ball, Carl Bernstein, 10, prepares to hit a backhand. He had a great season defeating Division Two State Doubles champion Ryan Schidler from CHCA. He helped lead the team to win the GMC tournament.

Showing off his perfect form, Sandy Berry, 11, gets ready return the ball to his opponent. Berry played first singles for the entire season. He has stepped up his leadership role after playing second singles last year.



Showing off his forehand skills, Ethan Arenstein, 10, moves toward the net. This season he played first doubles with Manoj Rajagopal, 11. The team later mixed up there line-up for the sectional tournament where Arenstein and Rajagopal played second doubles and Sandy Berry, 11, and Carl Bernstein, 10, played first doubles.

