

# GIRLS CAUSE MAJOR RACQUET

## Following Through

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**T**he varsity gold tennis team was a hard working group of girls. They may not have won the GMC championship, but they had fun and the spirit of a winning team.

"Our team is young, but we have a lot of solid players. We worked hard this year and our team is very deep, so who knows what they will be able to accomplish next year! The main thing is that we did our best and had fun," said **Maggie Koetter, 12**.

Still, the gold team had some amazing victories. At an away match against Anderson, **Koetter**, the incredible 1<sup>st</sup> singles player, played a tough and victorious match against Kristen Ko, Anderson's toughest player.

"By far the best part of the season was when Maggie beat Ko to seal our win against Anderson," said **Caroline Hodgson, 11**.

**Belinda Wen, 12**, and **Emily Crabill, 11**, dominated the position of first doubles and played with intensity each and every match.

"This year was different because I was an upperclassman. I enjoyed being a leader and helping to build the spirit of the girls new to the team," said **Crabill**.

It may have been a rebuilding year for the team, but they still had accomplishing wins. Anderson, Lakota West, and Colerain were all challenging teams for the girls, yet they prevailed. Unfortunately, they were unable to qualify for the Ohio High School Athletic Association state semifinals in Columbus. The girls came in third place at the GMC tournament.

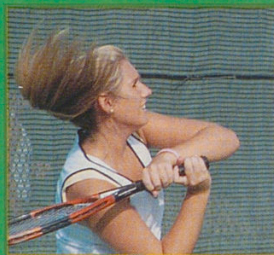
The season was filled with memorable times and the girls grew to be supportive of one another throughout the season. The girls all enjoyed going out to eat after games or going to other's players houses for team dinners.

The team not only had great laughs but also rallied with spirit and determination. To show their enthusiasm, each home match the girls made up new slogans using paper cups and the green-wired fence as their canvas.

The season was tough. Still, the gold team finished with a winning season and the satisfaction that they did their very best.

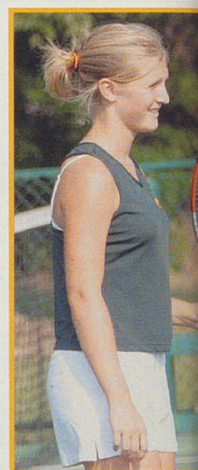
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**Belinda Wen, 12**, was on the varsity gold team since she was a junior and played mostly first doubles her final year.

"Our team is neat because it is made up of a diverse group of girls that all shared a common interest." - **Maggie Koetter, 12**



## GIRLS VARSITY GOLD TENNIS

Final Record: 10 - 4

Lakota West Loveland 5-0 2-3	Lakota East 2-3	Middletown 3-2 Hamilton 5-0	Fairfield 4-1	Oak Hills 4-1	3 <sup>rd</sup> place in GMC
Anderson 3-2	Colerain 4-1	Mliford 4-1	Ursuline 1-4 Princeton 1-4	Turpin 4-1	Mason 3-2
					8 <sup>th</sup> place in GCTA

MVP: Maggie Koetter, 11

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1. **Caroline Hodgson, 11**, hits a strong serve. **Hodgson** played both singles and doubles during the season. She was a solid player that could be counted on in any spot.

2. **Coach Yates**, cheers on the team from the fence. She was watching intently as the doubles girls finished their match. She was always waiting nearby to give some encouraging words.

3. **Joanne Jih, 10**, comes to the net after hitting a short ball. She was a new member to the gold team. Still, that didn't slow her down.

4. **Niharika Baravkar, 10**, hits a spectacular backhand. She played an intense singles match. Even though she was not victorious, she walked away with her head high.

