

# GAME, SET, MATCH, VICTORY

Match after match, girls tennis steps up to challenges

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**T**he varsity green girls tennis team had an incredible season! On and off the court this was a season to remember. They ended their season with a winning record of 7-2 and a win at the Coaches Classic Tournament.

"We had a good record and won our flight in the Coaches Classic. It is hard to do much better than that," said **Anna Habib, 10**.

**Habib** was one of six sophomores on the team and her win against Upper Arlington was a match to remember. The team's amazing record reflected their hard work and determination throughout the season.

"We all had 11 new friends by the end of the season!" said **Jane Robertson, 10**.

Whether it was practice, bus rides to the matches or going out to eat, the team never stopped having fun. The girls became very close and worked extremely well together.

The three seniors on the team included **Saba Ahmad, Kristin Barngrover** and **Megan Ellingwood** who all contributed greatly throughout the season in doubles. For them, this was a perfect way to end their four years of playing tennis together.

"This was by far my favorite season of tennis. We all had a great time and

worked well together. Our record was awesome and I'm really going to miss high school tennis," said **Barngrover**.

The junior varsity team made hard work a priority for this season. By working hard in practice, all the girls saw tremendous improvements on the court.

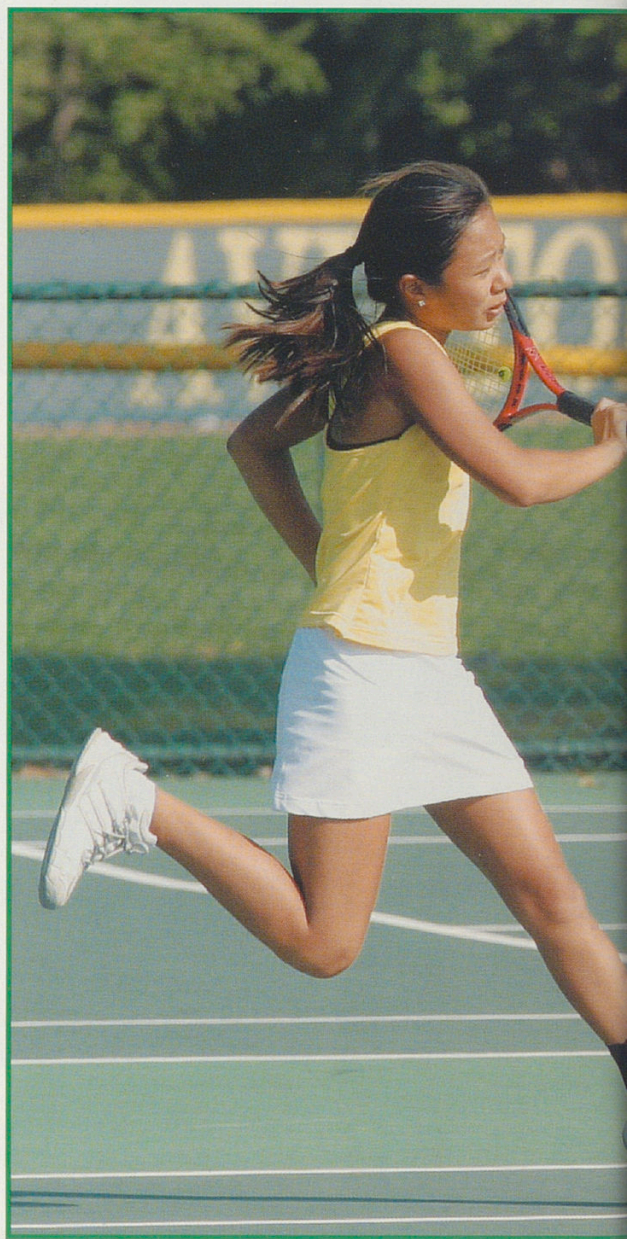
**Coach Brooks** started the season off with challenging practices which pushed the team's physical capabilities.

"At first it was tough to work so hard, but once the team became better conditioned, practices became more fun," said **Alison Wehman, 9**.

The girls also became very close through numerous team bonding activities, such as pasta parties and team sleepovers.

"I loved being around these girls. They are all so fun and supportive. No matter what we all got along really well," said **Ashley Smith, 9**.

The team was very successful overall, with a record of 11- 2. Big matches included St. Ursula, Ursuline, and Mason. Defeated by Ursuline and St. Ursula, the team was apprehensive for their big match against Mason. Yet they were able to pull off a big win to close the season on a positive note.



**Michelle Tom, 10, hits a winning shot.** Tom was very consistent and played second singles throughout most of the season. She got first place in the Coaches Classic Tournament.



**Row 1:** Priyanka Grandhi, 9, Daniella Cos, 9, Esther Wu, 9, Kavya Reddy, 9, and Yui Tanaka, 9. **Row 2:** Coach Hillary Brooks, Uhn Chee Seo, 10, Gabriela Keeton, 9, Alison Wehman, 9, Melinda Kelley, 10, Ana Martinez, 9, and Ashley Smith, 9.

## GIRLS JV TENNIS

Final Record 11-2

