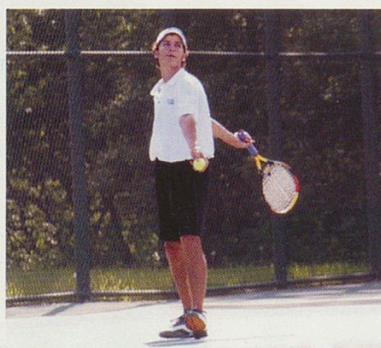




**Drill Time.** Staying in shape was very important to the tennis players. Coach Teets often asked the players to run around the courts several time, stretch, and rally with each other prior to game time.

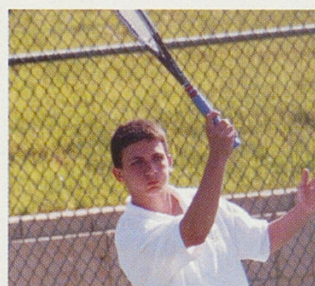


**Partners in crime.** Sandy Berry, 9, and Kyle Rogers, 12, supported each other as doubles partners. Their friendship allowed them to play in sync. The pair often had quick chats in between sets.



**Serves up.** Jason Arenstein, 11, used his powerful serve to start up an intense game. He was in deep concentration as he prepared to throw the ball in the air and move in for what he hoped would be a tough shot for his competitor to return. Arenstein was a key varsity player due to his ability to stay focused under pressure, such as when he played a top state player whom he defeated.

**Coach knows best.** Often times pep talks allowed for the players to feel an extra boost of confidence. Below, Coach Mike Teets gave some words of wisdom to Lance Koetter, 11. Even the slightest bit of help and reassurance gave the guys a huge boost.

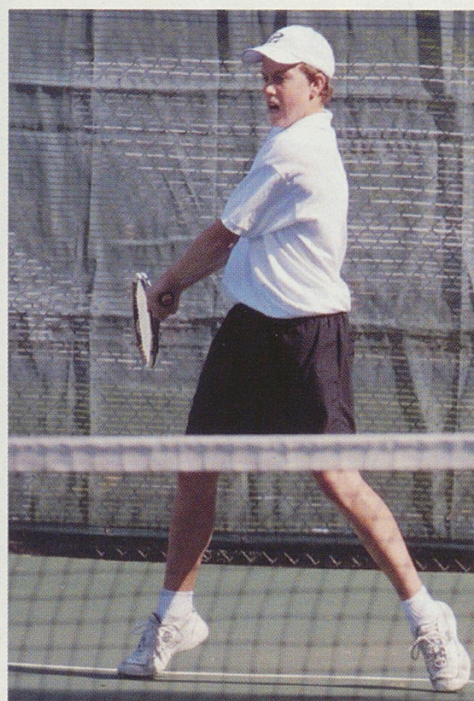


**Putting a little power forward.** Michael Volkov, 12, had a strong backhand. Later in the season, Volkov, along with Jeremy Kanter, 12, managed to win the Worthington Kilbourne Cup doubles tournament.

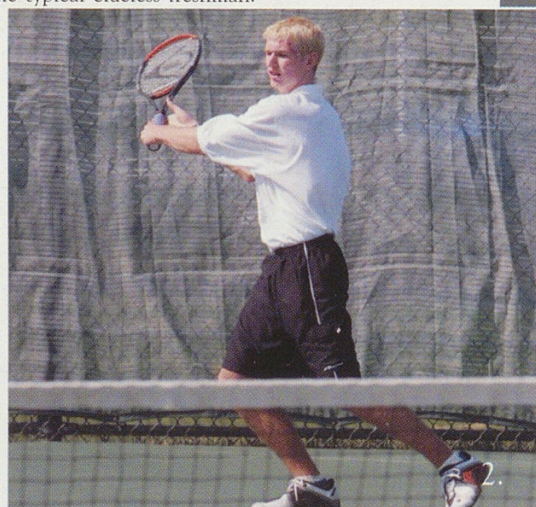


**Be prepared.** Jason Arenstein, 11, and Kevin Newman, 11, worked together as a doubles pair to beat the tough competition of Indian Hill. That game was a huge win and marked a victory for the season.

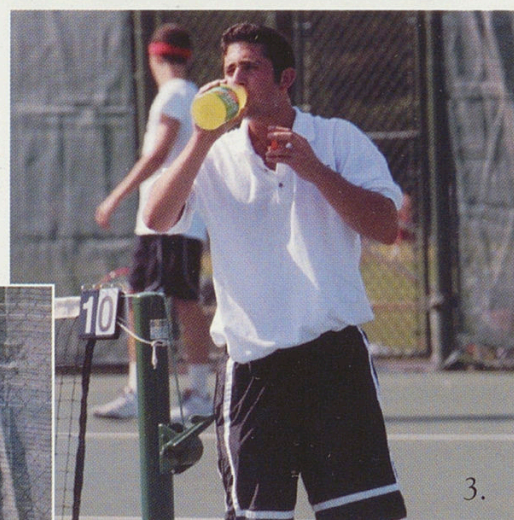
**"Being on varsity tennis allowed me to make a lot of friends, while being involved with something I enjoyed doing. The team was a lot of fun, and I will miss a lot of the seniors,"**  
**Bernie Wen, 11**



**1. Taking care of business.** Sandy Berry, 9, had great expectations to live up to. As the only freshman on the varsity team, Berry was able to make friends with many upperclassman, and prove that he was more than the typical clueless freshman.



**Perfecting his back hand,** Lance Koetter, 11, aimed his racket in perfect position to score. Koetter remained number one singles the entire year, as a junior, which was a tough feat to perform well.



**3. Replenishing after a tough match,** Jeremy Kanter, 12, takes a well-deserved break from play to rehydrate. Staying hydrated was very important on the courts. The clay surface courts were what caused the players to get so easily heated, as the sun could easily reflect. Kanter, one of the team captains, had responsibilities such as helping organize team dinners and get-togethers, acting as a role model to new varsity members, and keeping the team's spirits high even if they had suffered a tough loss.

