

**SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT  
GIRLS TENNIS 2009  
Chairperson: Mike Venditti**

1. The seeding meeting was held Sunday, October 25th at Sala Restaurant at 10AM. All league chairpersons were in attendance with the exception of the CCAA representative who called in her information. Like last year, the seedings and tournament draw were completed at this meeting with input from everyone present. We were all in agreement it was a fair draw and allowed the draw to be available to all coaches and players immediately following the meeting. This procedure seems to work well.
2. The Section 6 Tournament was held at The Lakewood YMCA October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. The tournament started at 1pm on Friday, and at 2pm on Saturday. The first day concluded at approximately 7pm and the second day concluded at 6:30pm. The tournament ran very well, with many positive comments from all involved. The top 4 finishers were as follows, with the top 3 going on to the State Tournament.

Singles

1. Miranda Podlas – Williamsville East
2. Caroline Bristol – Orchard Park
3. Tina Miller – Williamsville North
4. Emma Manuel – Williamsville East

Doubles

1. Alison Tepas/Katie Pasier– Orchard Park
2. Hayley Clover/Holly Jelonek – Clarence
3. Kelley Matthews/Maddie Robinson – Williamsville North
4. Sam Rowen/Alex Rowen – Williamsville East

3. The State Tournament was held in Syracuse November 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>. Each school and coach were responsible for getting their athletes to the State Tournament. This procedure seemed to go very well and made for a less hectic weekend from my perspective. It was very nice having each coach there to help supervise their athletes. I tried keeping the team together as much as possible (i.e. practice, room proximity, breakfast & dinner). The individual results are as follows:

Miranda Podlas – Seeded 3rd in the tournament. Lost in the quarterfinals to Hannah Camhi who ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Caroline Bristol – Won her first round, then lost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

Tina Miller – Lost in the first round, then lost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the consolation bracket.

Alison Tepas/Katie Pasier – Won in the first round, then lost in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

Kelly Mathews/Maddie Robinson- Lost in the first round, then lost in the final of the consolation bracket.

Hayley Clover/Holly Jelonek – Lost in the first round, then lost in the semi-finals of the consolation bracket.

Caroline Bristol was voted by her teammates our Sportsmanship winner.

4. It was a fun but hectic 3 days for all involved. The girls were well behaved throughout the entire trip. The transportation policy worked out very well in it's second year and I would recommend continuing with this policy next year. It is not perfect, but I do think it is an improvement from the past practice.

## Recommendations for the 2010 Season

1. We would like to hold our Section 6 tournament at **The Village Glen in Williamsville on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**, with at starting time of 1pm on Friday. I would recommend at 12pm starting time on Saturday. The State tournament will be held November 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse. I have already secured court time at The Village Glen for next year. The contact person is Tracy Pelletier at The Village Glen.
2. The league chairpersons would like the Team Championships to be part of the regular schedule that comes out in the spring. The schedule could indicate when the 1<sup>st</sup> round, 2<sup>nd</sup> round and 3<sup>rd</sup> round matches would be played. This would make transportation much easier to arrange for the visiting teams. I would be happy to work with whoever makes up the schedules for the ECIC and NFL to assure correct dates. We tried to get this done this year, but were not completely successful.
3. I would also strongly recommend some contingency plan be added to the current transportation to State Tournament policy. There may be a situation arise in which an athlete's coach and parent are unable to drive them to Syracuse. A back-up plan should be placed in effect that would allow for travel and the athlete to participate in the tournament.

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