

**SECTION VI POST-SEASON REPORT
GIRLS TENNIS 2008
Chairperson: David Coates**

1. The seeding meeting was held Sunday, October 19th at Bob Evans Restaurant at 5PM. All league chairpersons were in attendance. 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 Village Glen October 24th & 25th. The tournament started at 2pm on Friday, and at 3pm, on Saturday. The starting times had to be adjusted at the last minute when Miller Tennis Facility backed out of their agreement to host the tournament. The first day takes between 7-8 hours to complete, and the second day takes around 5 hours to complete. 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. Olga Khmylev – Williamsville East
 2. Miranda Podlas – Williamsville East
 3. Caroline Bristol – Orchard Park
 4. Franzi Wohlfarth – Hamburg
 - Doubles
 1. Justine Rusk/Emma Manuel– Williamsville East
 2. Kelly Mathews/Maddie Robinson – Williamsville North
 3. Jackie Mistretta/Andrea Lovrinovic – Williamsville North
 4. Ellen Meyers/Stephanie Berland – Williamsville North
3. The State Tournament was held in Syracuse November 8th-10th. For the first time 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 think the kids missed the bus ride down and the complete team concept; however I think the new way makes more sense. The individual results are as follows:

Olga Khmylev – Seeded 1st in the tournament. Olga lost in the finals to Jennifer Kellner from Hauppauge High School. Olga finished 2nd last year as well.

Miranda Podals – Lost in the first round, but then went on to win the consolation round.

Caroline Bristol – Won her first round, then lost in the 2nd round.

Justine Rusk/Emma Manuel – Lost in the first round, then lost in the 2nd round of the consolation bracket.

Kelly Mathews/Maddie Robinson- Lost in the first round, then lost in the 2nd round of the consolation bracket.

Jackie Mistretta/Andrea Lovrinovic – Lost in the first round, then lost in the 2nd round of the consolation bracket.

Olga and Miranda went home with medals from the State. Jackie Mistretta was voted by her teammates our Sportsmanship winner.

4. It was a fun but hectic 4 days for all involved. The girls were well behaved throughout the entire trip. The new transportation policy worked our very well 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 2009 Season

1. We would like to hold our Section 6 tournament at The Lakewood YMCA in Jamestown on October 30th & 31st, with at starting time of 1pm on Friday. The earlier starting time would be helpful for the number of teams that will need to make it back to the Buffalo area Friday night. I would recommend at 2pm starting time on Saturday. The State tournament will be held November 7th-9th in Syracuse. I have already secured court time at The Lakewood YMCA for next year. The contact person is Tom Anderson at The Lakewood YMCA
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 1st round, 2nd round and 3rd 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 The Miller tennis Facility not be used in the future for sectionals as they are not reliable. This year they cancelled in late September and I then had to scramble to find a new facility will to host sectionals. Lucky for us The Village Glen was able to accommodate our needs. I will look into the possibility of The Southtowns Tennis Center hosting sectionals for 2010.

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