

Tennis September 2009 Recap

GO SHAMROCKS!!!

Tennis Tryouts

The IWHS Tennis Team tryouts were conducted from Aug 31 to Sep 10 with an unprecedented number of girls competing for the available 16 slots. All of the girls performed admirably and I'm proud of them all.

Congratulations goes out to the players making the team including **returning players**: Amanda Arrowood, Maddie Bailey, Rubianne Garcia, Allison Kincer, Marisa Martinez, Marina Mery, Gaby Ramirez, Jenna Zaragoza and Jenny Zavala, **new players**: Mary Allwein, Kirsti Funari, Gaby Joseph, Katelyn Melian, Annie Mount, Joscelyne Ponder and Lauren Rosales, and **alternates**: Alayna Queen, Leandra Collinsworth, Brianne Campbell, and Lauren Luna.

Recent Events

Sep 17 (Thur) – Dual Match at Marshall – The team played 8 singles matches and 3 doubles matches and while we didn't come out on top, the girls got some initial experience against a tough public school opponent. Particular recognition goes out to Marina Mery who won her #3 singles match in a 3rd set tie-breaker and Lauren Rosales who played her heart out in a close and hard fought loss at #6 singles... also ending in a 3rd set tie-breaker. Marshall has a significantly improved team over last year, but they're about half-way through their season now, and we're just getting going, so looking forward to a rematch in the spring.

Sep 26 (Sat) – Dual Match at Stevens – Last year IWHS lost a heart-breaker dual match, 6 matches to 5, vs. Stevens. This year was vastly different up and down the lineup. Twelve girls played in this match and won going away without so much as losing a set. The Shamrocks swept Stevens this year, 15 matches to zero...an incredible win! Special recognition goes out to all of the team from junior Joscelyne Ponder who came back from a 0-3 deficit in the second set of her #9 singles match to win 6-4, all the way up to freshman, Kirsti Funari, who played in our #1 singles spot this week and handily defeated Steven's #1 player. Way to go girls!!!

Contacts

Silvia Ramirez, the mother of Gaby Ramirez, a senior on the team, will kick off the season as our tennis parent, but will be looking for additional support on a regular basis. I've given her a list of our parents and contact information so you may hear from her on occasion to support our program this fall and upcoming spring. We'll be looking for support in keeping our snack box filled for dual matches and tournaments, as well as helping organize and run our fundraising activities, particularly our snack & drink sales to ADCAP students the first week in December. Silvia may be reached at 210-240-5436 or at osramgal@satx.rr.com if you can volunteer or offer specific talents.

Upcoming Events

Tue, Oct 6 – Varsity Dual Match at Brandeis H.S.

Fri, Oct 16 – Varsity & JV Dual Match at Roosevelt H.S.
Wed, Oct 21 – Varsity Dual Match at Southwest H.S.
Mon, Oct 26 – JV Dual Match at Lee
Tue, Oct 27 – Varsity Dual Match at Lee

I'll be making the initial Varsity & JV roster designations and tweaking our practice schedule in the coming weeks so look for that via email. I'm excited to have things kicked off and running and I'm looking forward to a great fall season.

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