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Bounce Back Game

TENNIS TEAM HAS WINNING SEASON

Having practiced since the first of spring, the tennis team completed the season with a 9-6 record and fifth place title in the conference.

The team started practice in February. Warm-up drills and running exercises were used a practice to help players prepare for strenuous conference matches. It also helped the players get in shape.

"Even though the practices got long and the drills were tedious, we all benefitted from the practices," said three-year play-

er Chris Collins. "Matches can last forever, and if you are not physically fit, you will never make it until the end of the game."

Matches began in March. The season lasted until the end of April with matches on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays.

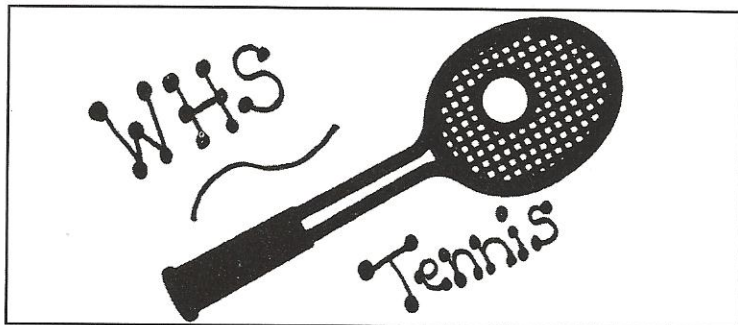
Considering the tough competition in the conference, the team's fifth place finish was commendable. The team missed the play-offs by three matches. Coach Cliff Hopkins had high hopes for this year's

team and was disappointed that the team did not make the play-offs.

"The team showed overall improvement and we should have made it to the play-offs, but we lost three matches we should have won," said Coach Hopkins. "That would have put us third place in the conference."

"I enjoyed playing here in the United States," said exchange student Yura One. "I learned a lot here and I think I improved my game some too."

— Sharon Hazel



Hot Shot. Seventh grade, junior varsity player Michelle Hazel practices her serve at an afternoon practice. This was the first year Coach Hopkins incorporated the J.V. team in the tennis program.

