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SION STORM TENNIS ARCHIVES - 2007



Tennis News

The tennis team won the 2007 MSHSAA Team Championship. The doubles team of Caroline Roth and Ali Patterson finished 2nd. Amy Barnthouse and Maddie Keller each made it to the semi-finals in singles. Amy earned a spot in the finals and finished 2nd.

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Notre Dame de Sion wins state tennis title
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SPRINGFIELD | Caroline Roth said she remembers walking the halls earlier this week at Notre Dame de Sion and the school being abuzz about the Missouri girls golf state championship.

Let the celebration last a little longer.

Thursday, just 10 miles or so from where the Storm golfers reigned supreme on Tuesday, the Sion girls tennis team added to the school's bounty by winning its first Class 1 team state championship.

The Storm got revenge on the team it finished second to at state last year by beating Mary Institute Country Day School out of St. Louis 5-1 in the morning semifinals. Then Sion took out John Burroughs 5-2 in a very-windy afternoon final at the Cooper Tennis Complex.

"This is great; we went from 3 to 2 to 1," said Sion coach Bill Munninghoff of his team's state placing each of the last three years. "It feels real good. The girls played so hard."

Indeed, in neither its semifinal nor final matches did Sion win at No. 1 singles or doubles. But the Storm's depth — anchored by seniors Roth and Lauren Chalmers at Nos. 5 and 6 — was enough to dominate nearly every other match through the lineup.

Maddie Keller won all four of her matches at No. 2 singles and doubles and clinched the championship for the Storm when she polished off Katie Smith of John Burroughs 6-2, 6-1.

"(Beating MICDS in the semifinal) was great revenge," Chalmers said. "We lost 5-3 to them last year to get second.

"When we won, it was almost like we expected to. But we'll remember this forever."

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Liberty, Notre Dame de Sion back for another try at Missouri tennis titles

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It's been a year since Liberty and Notre Dame de Sion both finished as runners-up in the Missouri state tennis tournament. The Blue Jays and Storm are back today at the Cooper Tennis Complex in Springfield, trying to finish one place higher.

Both teams know that task promises to be more difficult than ever.

Let's start with the Liberty girls in Class 2. A year ago, the Blue Jays survived a tight sectional match with Lee's Summit West and then rolled through their competition before running into mighty St. Joseph's Academy in the final. In that match, it was St. Joseph's that rolled to a 5-0 victory.

As the luck of the draw would have it, Liberty is paired against St. Joseph's in the semifinal round this morning. The Blue Jays will have to find a way to get past the Angels to earn a place in the final against either Columbia Rock Bridge or Nerinx Hall.

"No doubt, they're probably the favorites," Liberty coach Doug Davis said. "But there's no pressure on us. We can just go out and swing free.

"Our girls have gotten better with each match. I think we're peaking at the right time.

"I told the girls the No. 1 thing each of you has to do is believe. The miracle can happen. The best team doesn't always win. We'll dig and hang in there, look for openings and take them when we get them."

Liberty will be led by the Feldhaus sisters, senior Audra and sophomore Leslee, who will play Nos. 1 and 2 singles and form the No. 1 doubles team.

Notre Dame de Sion has been even more dominant than the Blue Jays this fall. But the Storm also will face its conqueror from last year in this year's semifinals.

Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day School, which beat Sion 5-3 in last year's season's final, advanced to the semis after protesting its 5-4 loss to Visitation Academy in the quarterfinals. MICDS protested that Visitation had stacked its lineup against the Rams. The protest was upheld, and a counter-protest by Visitation was denied.

Sion has not lost a single match in any of its postseason team matches.

"I think our girls are just in a mind-set that we feel we have some unfinished business," Storm coach Bill Munninghoff said.

"They've practiced very hard, and we feel it's our turn."

- While the team championships will be decided today, the state tournament in singles and doubles will be Friday and Saturday at the Cooper Complex.

In Class 1, Notre Dame de Sion's Maddie Keller and Amy Barnthouse will compete in singles, while Morgan Rainey and Stephanie Dudzinsky of Barstow and Caroline Roth and Ali Patterson of Sion will compete in doubles.

Players competing in singles in Class 2 will be Erin Bales of Blue Springs, Kylie Hornbeck of St. Teresa's, Merritt Whitley of Park Hill and Kate Skorija of Park Hill.

Competing in doubles will be Audra and Leslee Feldhaus of Liberty, Gina Cielo and Brooke Stanke of Lee's Summit West, Katie Jackson and Joellen Redlinfishafer of St. Teresa's and Katy Lehenbauer and Whitney White of North Kansas City.

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Missouri team wins TOC

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Collegiate's Kristen Dunn returns the ball against McPherson with her teammate Kim Alexander on Saturday at Collegiate.

The Collegiate Tournament of Champions outdid itself this year.

Saturday's tennis tournament included Notre Dame de Sion, the runner-up last year in Missouri Class 1A; defending Kansas Class 3-2-1A champion Independent and runner-up Collegiate; plus a handful of talented 6A and 5A teams including local standouts Maize, Kapaun Mount Carmel and Goddard.

"This is by far the best quality of teams at the Tournament of Champions we've had," Collegiate coach Dave Hawley said.

It showed in the level of play.

Maize doubles partners Meredith Marney and Jackie Frentz came off the court with dejected looks on their faces following their semifinal match.

Marney and Frentz were one game away from beating Notre Dame de Sion's doubles pair of senior Lauren Chalmers and sophomore Emmy Bird. But Chalmers and Bird made a gutsy comeback after trailing 7-3 to win in a tiebreak 8-7 (6) and advance to the final.

"Though they lost that match, they could have won, and we knew it," Maize coach John Anderson said. "Even though we lost that tiebreak, I was still proud of our doubles teams."

Chalmers and Bird won the doubles title in an all Notre Dame de Sion final. They led the Missouri school to the team championship with 95 points.

Maize took second with 73 points and Blue Valley West was third with 65.

Since both finalists in the doubles championship were from the same team, Notre Dame coach Bill Munninghoff had them play one quick winner-take-all tiebreak. He was even pondering the idea of a coin flip.

"Why risk injury when we don't need to?" Munninghoff said. "They'll be fine, but we don't want to risk it."

Bird was playing on an injured leg. Munninghoff said that after they made it to the final, he didn't want to make matters worse.

In the singles draw, Blue Valley West represented both sides of the championship match. Maize seniors Kari Bosch and Jillian Yakominich lost in the singles semifinals.

Freshman Alecia Kauss beat senior Melissa Reynolds 8-3 for the title.

"You never want to play your friends," Kauss said. "But they're always fun matches."

Kauss didn't feel bad for keeping Reynolds on the run the whole match. She said she was able to attack under control, and she used strength to overpower her teammate.

"We still know we're going to be friends at the end. There's no hard feelings," Reynolds said. "But we're still going to play our best tennis. It's even more competitive."

Reynolds knew what to expect. They play singles and doubles together every day.

"We've been playing together for a long time," Reynolds said. "It helps us be more relaxed instead of being tense or tight."

Team Results

1. Notre Dame de Sion 95, 2. Maize 73, 3. BV West 65, 4. W. Independent 47, 5. W. Collegiate Blue 39, 6. McPherson 36, 7. Goddard 34, 8. Kapaun Mount Carmel 28, 9. (tie) Ellinwood and Hesston 19; 11. Independence 18, 12. Conway Springs 6, 13. Hillsboro 5.

Singles

Championships--Kauss, BVW, def. Reynolds, BVW 8-3. Semifinals--Kauss, BVW, def. Bosch, Maize 8-2. Reynolds, BVW, def. Yakominich, Maize 8-2. Quarterfinals--Kauss, BVW, def. Keller, ND 8-1. Bosch, Maize, def. Lauer, Goddard 8-5. Yakominich, Maize, def. Ball, Collegiate 8-5. Reynolds, BVW, def. Barnthouse, ND 8-4.

Doubles

Championships--Chalmers-Bird, ND, def. Patterson-Roth, ND 10-5. Semifinals--Patterson-Roth, ND, def. Schulte-Schulte, Kapaun 8-2. Chalmers-Bird, ND, def. Marney-Frentz, Maize 8-7 (8-6). Quarterfinals--Patterson-Roth, ND, def. Niewandt-Eklund, Independent 8-3. Schulte-Schulte, Kapaun, def. Lindsay-Spencer, Goddard 8-2. Chalmers-Bird, ND, def. Gayer-Buchman, McPherson, 8-7 (8-6). Marney-Frentz, Maize, def. Alexander-Dunn, Collegiate 8-3.

Wichita Collegiate Classic Results

Team:

1st out of 12 teams

Singles:

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| Maddie Keller | 2nd place |
| Amy Barnthouse | 5th place |

Doubles:

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| Ali Patterson/Caroline Roth | 1st place |
| Lauren Chalmers/Mehan Linville | 5th place |

Notre Dame de Sion 2007 Tennis Roster

Freshmen

Caroline Brain
Michelle Nogalski
Bridget Pederson

Sophomores

Amy Barnthouse
Emily Bird
Paige Koutelas

Juniors

Sanaz Ebrahimi
Sonia Ebrahimi
Martha Grate
Marian Gude
Madison Keller
Meghan Linville
Alexandra Patterson

Seniors

Stephanie Brown
Lauren Chalmers
Caroline Roth

| Notre Dame de Sion 2007 Results | Opponent | Varsity | JV |
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| Date | | | |
| Aug. 27 (Mon) | Liberty (jv/var) | W 12-0 | W 11-0 |
| Aug. 29 (Wed) | Barstow (jv/var) | W 9-0 | W 7-0 |
| Aug. 30 (Thurs) | Bishop Miege (var) | W 9-0 | |
| Aug. 30 (Thurs) | Maranatha Academy (jv) | | W 15-0 |
| Sept. 01 (Sat) | Collegiate Tournament (var) | 1st out of 12 teams | |
| Sept. 04 (Tues) | Blue Springs South (jv/var) | W 9-0 | W 9-0 |
| Sept. 06 (Thurs) | St. Teresa's Academy (jv/var) | W 11-1 | W 9-1 |
| | Blue Springs Doubles | | |
| Sept. 08 (Sat) | Ali Patterson/Caroline Roth | 1st place | |
| Sept. 08 (Sat) | Maddie Keller/Emmy Bird | 1st place | |
| Sept. 08 (Sat) | Lauren Chalmers/Amy Barnthouse | 1st place | |
| Sept. 10 (Mon) | Bishop Miege (jv) | | W 12-0 |
| Sept. 11 (Tues) | Pembroke Hill (var) | W 9-0 | |
| Sept. 11 (Tues) | St. James Academy (jv) | | W 8-1 |
| Sept. 12 (Wed) | Blue Springs (jv/var) | W 7-2 | W 9-0 |
| Sept. 13 (Thurs) | St. Pius (jv) | | W 9-0 |
| Sept. 14 (Fri) | St. Joseph's Academy (var) | W 4-2 | |
| | Kearney Quad | | |
| Sept. 15 (Sat) | Meghan Linville (singles) | | 1st place |
| Sept. 15 (Sat) | Stephanie Brown (singles) | | 2nd place |
| Sept. 15 (Sat) | Marha Grate/Michelle Nogalski (doubles) | | 1st place |
| Sept. 17 (Mon) | Blue Valley North (jv/var) | L 3-6 | W 9-1 |
| Sept. 20 (Thurs) | St. Thomas Aquinas (jv/var) | W 12-0 | W 10-1 |
| Sept. 22 (Sat) | Collegiate Tournament (var) | 1st out of 16 | |
| Sept. 25 (Tues) | Aquinas Tournament (var) | 2nd out of 13 | |
| Sept. 26 (Wed) | Pembroke Hill JV Tournament | 1st out of 8 | |
| Sept. 27 (Thurs) | Shawnee Mission South (jv) | | W 9-0 |
| Oct. 01 (Mon) | Lee's Summit West (jv/var) | W 8-1 | W 9-0 |
| Oct. 05 | District | District Champions | |
| | Sectionals | Sectional Champions | |
| | St. Pius | W 6-0 | |
| | Bishop LeBlond | W 5-0 | |
| | Barstow | W 6-0 | |
| | State - Team | State Champions | |