

# MHSTeCA Spring Newsletter

LP Girls	State Champion	Coach of the Year	Miss Tennis Nominees
Division 1	Grosse Pointe South	Mark Sobieralski <i>Grosse Pointe South</i>	Lexi Baylis <i>Clarkston</i>
Division 2	Birmingham Seaholm GR Forest Hills Northern	Whitney Wasielewski <i>North Farmington</i>	Labina Petrovska <i>Birmingham Seaholm</i>
Division 3	BH Cranbrook-Kingswood	Peter Riley <i>Notre Dame Prep</i>	Alexandria Najarian <i>BH Cranbrook-Kingswood</i>
Division 4	Grosse Ile	Scott Zerlaut <i>Grant</i>	Arien Kissenger <i>Berrien Springs</i>
UP Boys			
Division 1	Negaunee		
Division 2	Westwood		



MHSCA Coach of the Year:  
**Mark Sobieralski of  
 Grosse Pointe South**

**117 All-Academic Certificates issued for Spring 2014!**  
<http://www.mhsteca.org/springacad.html>

Be sure to apply for your team next fall or spring!

Click the link below for instructions and the application:  
<http://www.mhsteca.org/formacad.html>

## See Page 2 for:

- "Court of Appeals"
- Information on how to become a part of the MHSTeCA group on Facebook!
- Direct MHSTeCA Website Links

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- "Information on the MHSTeCA Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program!"



Photo courtesy of Jason Schmitt (The Oakland Press)

Miss Tennis  
**Alexandria Najarian**

See Oakland Press Article on Alexandria:

<http://www.miprepzone.com/oakland/results.asp?ID=13752>

## Important Upcoming Dates

- Fall Boys Tennis Season Begins (LP): Practice – August 13 First Contest – August 20
- Fall Girls Tennis Season Begins (UP): Practice – August 13 First Contest – August 20
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Detroit Tennis Workshop, **January 30-31**, 2015, Troy Marriot
- Hall of Fame Banquet, Friday, **January 30**, 2015, Troy Marriot
- General Membership Meeting, Saturday, **January 31**, 2015, 7:31 a.m., Troy Marriot

For more coverage on Michigan High School Tennis, including All State, Regional Coach of Year, All-Academic, State Finals draws, and much more, visit <http://www.mhsteca.org/>

## Court of Appeals

**1. A player swings at a ball and instead of hitting it, the ball gets stuck in the racquet's throat. Who wins the point?**

- A. The point is not yet decided because the player can then take the ball from the throat of the racquet, drop and hit the ball over the net to continue the point.
- B. Neither player wins the point and a let is played.
- C. The opponent would win the point as the ball was not returned with one continuous swing.

**2. Because of rain, play has been suspended for 18 minutes. The players are entitled to:**

- A. No re-warm up
- B. A re-warm up equal to the original warm-up
- C. A re-warm up with their coaches or team

**3. A spectators's cell phone begins ringing just as the server hits his or her second serve. Decision?**

- A. Server gets a second serve
- B. Server gets a first serve
- C. Play continues

**4. A let serve touched the receiver's partner before hitting the ground.**

- A. Server's point
- B. Receiver's point
- C. Serve repeated

*ANSWERS: 1. C 2. B 3. C 4. C*  
*Court of Appeals adopted from USTA*

Rules questions can be sent to [coach.sophiea@has-k12.org](mailto:coach.sophiea@has-k12.org). The best questions will be included in the next issue of the MHSTeCA newsletter and answered in the "Court of Appeals" section.

### FACEBOOK

MHSTeCA is now on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, just type in **Michigan High School Tennis Coaches** in the white space near the top of your page (says **Search** in the space). Click on **Request to Join** button and you should get approval shortly. If you are not on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com> and set up an account.

### DIRECT MHSTeCA LINKS

- Discussion Forum - <http://www.mhsteca.org/discussionforum.html>
- All-State - <http://www.mhsteca.org/springstate.html>
- Regional Coach of the Year - <http://www.mhsteca.org/coy.html>
- Century Club - <http://www.mhsteca.org/club.html>
- Quartercentury Club - <http://www.mhsteca.org/clubq.html>
- Tournaments - <http://www.mhsteca.org/tennis.html>

For questions, comments or suggestions regarding the MHSTeCA newsletter contact Will Sophiea [coach.sophiea@has-k12.org](mailto:coach.sophiea@has-k12.org)

# Mentoring Program

## **Are you new to coaching tennis? OR, are you a long-time tennis coach who knows how to build and run a successful program?**

The MHSTeCA Mentoring Program can help make a connection between coaches who have a wealth of knowledge to share and new coaches who could benefit from that experience. If you are interested in participating on either side of this program – mentor or mentee – contact **Jim Niebling** at [jniebling@portlandk12.org](mailto:jniebling@portlandk12.org)

Here is what others are saying about it:

*“I think it's a great idea and an effective program. It gave me a contact/someone when I wasn't sure where to turn. It was great to bounce ideas off of Mike and to see what he does and how he handles things.”*

- Kendra Eicher – Sturgis Girls Tennis

*“I had a great experience because my mentor is very dedicated, detailed oriented and has fantastic communication skills. ... This is a great program to create better coaches”*

- Cindy Forth – Algonac Boys Tennis / Dakota Girls Freshmen Tennis

*“I believed in this program and still do. I hear stories of obvious coaching mistakes by new coaches who are not aware of the rules or procedures as we all were at one time or another unless we had a mentor leading us along.”*

- Mike McGinnis, Lakeview Boys & Girls Tennis

*“I have felt that the mentoring program was very successful for me because it gave me back up support. As a player and a teaching pro I am always looking for something new to learn. As I took over the coaching position in DeWitt it was nice to have support of other coaches that I could talk to. I still have many questions of ways to do things that may be beneficial to my players and my school.”*

- Steve Surtman, DeWitt Boys Tennis