

The Court Monitor hits the small screen

The Court Monitor has hit your monitor. You can now monitor the Court Monitor from your monitor. The newsletter will now be exclusively available via the internet. With the excellence of the MHSTeCA and the MHSAA websites the newsletter information was outdated by the time it reached your snailmail box. The Court Monitor will now be an information map for all our tennis needs. If you have any items you want to share with MHSTeCA members please send your information to braves10s@charter.net.

Michigan tennis fans have access to Midwest Gem

If you haven't experienced the ATP's Cincinnati US Open Series tournament you are missing out on one of the best opportunities to see professional tennis up-close and personal. The facility is fantastic with many first row seats available for matches featuring top 10 players. Practice court schedules are posted daily. The players walk through the grounds and are usually willing to sign autographs. Go to www.cincytennis.com for more info.

The Leyrer Report

PASSING SHOTS

I hope each of you has had a great summer. With the upcoming season, I remember back to the 1970's when we were able to play 3 dual meets in one day. It allowed for a Saturday of head-to-head competition between four teams. The use of two nearby sites allowed teams and coaches to stay together and rotate as a unit. That was before the rules restricted teams to 16 contests. Your MHSTeCA has been busy bringing about a change to this rule. Beginning with the 2006 Girls' Tennis season, teams will be allowed 16 "Days of Competition". The daily limitation of 3 matches remains the same. We are now allowed to have our players play their 3 matches in a Saturday tournament format or as three individual team meets.

I encourage all new and veteran coaches to attend the August 2006-07 MHSAA Rules Meetings this August. The "Days of Competition" rule, as well as

other important state regulations, will be discussed. It's important for all of us to keep updated and involved with discussions about the upcoming 06-07 seasons.

The electronic age is making its way into our tennis world. Regional line-ups will soon be required to be submitted online. Our newsletter is no exception. My wife, Sharon, and I have enjoyed bringing the written version of the Court Monitor to you for the past eight years. But now we look forward to Rich Trombly bringing us the electronic version. Thanks Rich for taking over this responsibility.

I wish for you and your players a most enjoyable season. Your thoughts and concerns are important to our association.

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Gladstone players in the front row. Right: Up close at a Federer match in Cincinnati.



MHSAA Changes tennis rules meetings

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, golf, **tennis**, swimming & diving **Coaches and Officials Meetings** (no longer called rules meetings) are held. **Attendance will be kept as in years past but is not required for tournament participation** (except for swimming & diving officials). As there are few if any rule changes and few, if any, officials involved, the meetings will provide new sport specific information designed to improve and inform those who attend. For professional growth, all coaches are encouraged to attend an MHSAA coaches meeting each school year. A school district may require their coaches to attend. It is strongly recommended that all schools send new coaches to these meetings to meet existing coaches from the same sport and region.

TENNIS COACHES MEETINGS

(All meetings 5 p.m. except where noted)

PORTAGE (Portage Northern HS) – Tuesday, August 8, 2006

WARREN (Warren Woods-Tower HS) - Thurs, August 10, 2006

KENTWOOD (East Kentwood H S) - Monday, August 14, 2006

DEARBORN (High School) – Tuesday, August 15, 2006

FENTON (High School) - Wednesday, August 16, 2006

TRAVERSE CITY (Central H S) - Mon, August 21, 2006 (6 p.m.)

MHSAA (East Lansing) – Thursday, August 24, 2006

MHSAA (East Lansing) – Mon, March 5, 2007 (BOYS ONLY)

The most significant rule change for the 2006-2007 tennis seasons is the number of matches rule. You can now have more than 16 contests. The rule now stipulates 16 days of competition. If you play a double or a triple dual it will only count for one day of competition. Check with your AD to find out how this change will affect your schedule.

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MHSTeCA Website

For the best up to the minute information concerning Michigan High School Tennis check out the MHSTeCA website at www.mhsteca.org. All you need to know about our sport is on this page.

New updates:

Boys All-state

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All-Academic Teams

Regional Coach of the Year

State Coach of the Year

2006 State Final results

Also:

2006 Hall of Fame

2005 Coach of the Year

MHSTeCA membership form

Press releases

Tournament Clearinghouse

Bruce Grotenhuis does an outstanding job with the website. Please check it out.

Important dates

Detroit Workshop

Feb 9 & 10 2007

Chicago Workshop

January 26 & 27, 2007

Board of Directors

Nov 11, 2006