

2003 MYNDERSE ACADEMY TENNIS TEAM



Kneeling: Darin Lorenzetti, Mike Sciotti, Kyle Natichioni, Kevin Gillon, Brian Renne, Alvin Chen.
Standing: Asst. Coach Eric Renne, Matt Masuicca, Mike Cerza, Phil Ortgeo, Jon Adler, Head Coach Mike Marriam

The 2003 Boys' Varsity Tennis Team established records that have become the program standard. Already with a solid pre-season roster in place from the '02 season, the squad was bolstered by senior transfer student, Kyle Natichioni. In the winter months preceding the season, team members participated in the USTA's Junior Team Tennis in Syracuse for the first time, taking on top-level area competition during the off-season. The team would open its schedule in late April with a 3-2 non-league loss to eventual Section III, Class C champion Marcellus before rolling to ten consecutive victories. In May, the team's only other loss came to Class B powerhouse Pal-Mac who would eventually send three players to the NYS Public High School Championships in June. The Blue Devils ran the table in the second half of the season with their first ever win over private school HAC and then defeated defending Class CC champion Marcus Whitman to clinch the league title. Designated top seed in the Class CC Sectional Tournament, the Devils defeated Sodus, Pembroke, and Whitman again to capture the sectional title. With the finals played on the Mynderse courts, this may have been the first sectional championship in any sport to be won on "home turf".

These young men earned the team title against top rated competition. Along with their Class CC title, the Finger Lakes West championship, and putting 19 wins in the

books, the team battled their way through a tough league schedule. HAC won the Section V Class BB Sectional Tournament; Pal-Mac captured the B title; and Naples took the DD crown. Along the way, Mynderse also defeated Class A giants Canandaigua and Victor. Because of the nature of tennis scoring and its reliance on winning at least three individual matches for a team victory, it seemed like there was a different singles player or doubles team who stepped up as heroes every afternoon.

The Devils also accorded themselves well with individual laurels. Natichioni won the singles portion of the Class C Finger Lakes Qualifying Tournament while Brian Renne and Phil Ortego took the doubles crown defeating Kevin Gillon and Mike Sciotti in the league finals. At the Class C Sectionals, Natichioni took third in singles play while the doubles teams of Renne/Ortego and Gillon/Sciotti took third places. The results of all five put them into the draw for the Section V State Qualifiers, the first time Mynderse had ever sent five players to this tournament. All five young men were voted first team Finger Lakes All-Stars while Jon Adler and Matt Masucca were awarded Honorable Mention status. In addition, Brian Renne was selected by league coaches for the prestigious Roger Meadway Award, given annually to the senior who displays outstanding sportsmanship and dedication to the sport of tennis.

Team Results (*= non-league, ^= sectional tournament)

MA 2, Marcellus 3*

MA 5, North Rose-Wolcott 0*

MA 4, East Rochester 1*

MA 5, Midlakes 0

MA 5, Port Byron 0*

MA 5, Waterloo 0

MA 5, Geneva 0

MA 4, Wayne 1

MA 3, Naples 2

MA 4, Victor 1

MA 4, Bloomfield 1

MA 1, Pal-Mac 4

MA 3, HAC 2

MA 3, Honeoye 0

MA 5, Penn Yan 0

MA 4, Canandaigua 1

MA 4, Whitman 1

MA 4, Newark 1

MA 5, Sodus 0^

MA 5, Pembroke 0^

MA 3, Whitman 2^