

MYLES KNIPPER

Class of 2006



Myles Knipper is arguably one of the best scholastic tennis players in Mynderse history, and his journey to the top is truly an inspirational story. In his freshman year, he played third singles on a JV tennis team that recorded an impressive 12-1 record.

In 2004 as a sophomore, Myles cracked the varsity starting lineup, compiling a 17-7 record at second doubles, and playing a pivotal role

in Mynderse' 4-1 victory over Marcus Whitman in the Section V Class CC Championship finals.

However, Myles's passion for tennis didn't stop at the end of that campaign. In the off-season leading to '05, he devoted himself to the game by practicing almost every day, and his hard work paid off as he battled his way through a senior-laden lineup in pre-season to secure the first singles position. Facing the best players in Section V at first singles, he compiled an individual season record of 23-3. Under his leadership, the team earned its third consecutive Section V Class CC Championship and won the Finger Lakes West title with a 15-2 mark. In post-season play, Myles paired with Phil Ortego to win the Class C doubles title and then advanced through the first round of State Qualifiers to eventually reach the quarterfinals.

As a senior in '06, Myles led Mynderse (14-2) to another Finger Lakes West title and its fourth successive Class CC title. Individually, he racked up a 22-2 campaign and repeated as Section V Class C doubles champion, this time with Tim Adler. The pair won the first round of State Qualifiers before elimination in the quarterfinals.

He ended his scholastic career with an impressive individual record of 62-12, two sectional doubles crowns, and many team accolades. During his tenure, Mynderse compiled a 45-8 record with three Section V CC Championships and two Finger

Lakes West titles. Myles' contributions to tennis were recognized when he was awarded the Finger Lakes Coaches' prestigious Roger Meadway Award, "presented to the senior boy who is a tennis ambassador, one whose actions exemplify sportsmanship and dedication to the sport".

Myles continued his tennis career at Onondaga Community College (Syracuse) in '07 and '08, where he was undefeated both seasons, led the team to two consecutive Region III Championships. and was named First Team All-Region III in both singles and doubles. His greatest achievement, however, came when OCC won the 2008 National Junior College Athletic Association Championship (Division III) in Plano, Texas. For this, Myles was selected First Team All-American in both singles and doubles.

Upon graduation from OCC, Myles transferred to Ferris State University in Michigan to pursue a degree in business management. This decision kick-started his career as a tennis coach and instructor where he quickly rose to prominence in positions across the country, most notably:

Director of Tennis in Minocqua, Wisconsin

Director of Junior Tennis in Carbondale, Colorado

Tennis Professional at Windyke Country Club in Memphis, Tennessee

Head Tennis Professional at Manufacturer's Golf and Country Club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Under Myles' guidance, numerous high-performance juniors soared to national rankings--a testament to his teaching prowess. Remembering his roots, Myles always made it a point to offer lessons to Mynderse Academy players when he returned to Seneca Falls. Several subsequent Blue Devils began their young careers under Myles' tutelage.

After a fruitful career in tennis coaching, Myles transitioned to the role of an integration engineer, specializing in healthcare systems across the U.S. Today, Myles resides in Asheboro, NC, where he enjoys a peaceful life with his wife, Katie, and their 7-month-old daughter, Augusta.