

Athletic Hall of Fame

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The history of the Millsap High School tennis program dates back to the earliest yearbook in 1937. In that season, Millsap began having immediate success with numerous county championship titles. At some point, the tennis program dwindled and became obsolete until 1977. When the program restarted, the tennis program began finding immediate success as they won some district championships in singles and doubles. In 2012, the tennis program achieved its highest honor when Gabe Knight and Josh Jones teamed up together, winning the Boys Doubles Team State Championship in Class 2A.

Each player had success separately prior to 2012 but found the right combination when partnering together. Beginning with the District 10-2A tennis tournament, through Region II play and culminating with the Class 2A State Tennis Championships, the Millsap varsity tennis doubles team of Josh Jones and Gabe Knight beat all their opponents without losing a single set. After taking care of Edgewood in the opening round, the duo beat

a highly regarded Wall team in the semi-finals, 6-4, 6-4 and advanced to the finals facing a tough doubles team from White Oak. White Oak had eliminated the other Region II entry, Krum, in the first round. The Bulldog netters prevailed, topping White Oak again in straight sets 7-5, 7-5 earning the title of State 2A Tennis Doubles Champions.

Individually, both Josh and Gabe had success in other sports for MHS as well. Gabe also played golf in which he qualified for regional in 2010, 2011 and 2012. He also qualified for regional tennis during those same years ultimately reach and winning the 2A State Championship in 2012. After graduating from MHS, Gabe played JUCO Tennis at Jacksonville College. He is married and is helping raise three step-children while working at the post office in Fort Worth.

Josh attended Millsap since Pre-K and was also a multi-sport athlete. He lettered in basketball, cross country and tennis. As a senior, he qualified individually for the regional cross country meet. Upon high school graduation, Josh attended UT Permian Basin where he played D2 Tennis. He and his wife live in Parker County. One of his greatest honors as a coach was having a record 7 tennis players qualify for the State Tournament, winning the Boys Doubles, Girls Doubles and Girls Doubles runner-up at the state tournament. In addition, six netters brought home a state medal and Coach Jones being named "Coach of the Year".

Josh Jones & Gabe Knight - 2012 State Champions Tennis Doubles