

# ACED IT!

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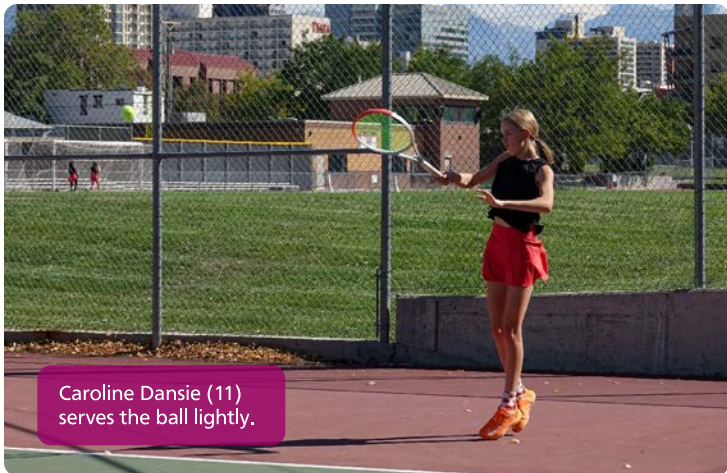
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An ace is when a player hits a serve, and the returner can't get it back into court, and doesn't even get a racket on the ball.



Niva Annigeri (10) dives to block the ball from falling to the ground.



Caroline Dansie (11) serves the ball lightly.



Olivia Jiang (9)



Olivia Jiang (9) gets ready to perform a kick serve: a serve that lacks raw force, but provides more control over the ball's trajectory, allowing you to take advantage of your opponent's weaknesses.

Girls' tennis had a riveting year — the games were incredibly energizing and engaging, while the girls pushed themselves during practices and games. They kept each other motivated with a close relationship between them all. Louison Node (12) said, "We have people on the team of all ages and I would say all of us get along really well!" Communication and teamwork were strong this year. Casey Jackson, the head coach, pushed the team to work tirelessly multiple days a week. The team was also very welcoming and friendly. The dedication from the team was critical to their success. The matchups went well, and the girls were always looking to improve from their losses so they could continue to grow.





Andrea Delgado (10)

# BORN TO PLAY

Tennis is a simple and recognizable sport where players stand on opposite sides of the net and use a stringed racket to hit the ball back and forth to each other. Every player gets a maximum of one bounce to return after the ball has been hit by an opponent and sent back. If a player fails to return the ball, the opposing team gets a point. The aim of tennis is to win enough points to win a game, enough games to win a set, and enough sets to win a match. Tennis is played in points: Four points win a game, six games win a set, and two or three sets win a match. You can decide how long you want your game to be but most matches are played as best-of-three or five set contests.

## THE GIRLS WORKING HARD!



Maddie Hart (11)



Mazie Erusuma (11)



Andrea Delgado (10)



Left to right: Natalie Kleinman, Maddie Hart, Ella Swenson, Eva Dvoretzkiy, Niva Annigeri, Mazie Erusuma, Louison Node Bottom (back of head): Annie Benton

Emma Musuris (11) was one of this year’s tennis captains. She offered love and support to her team, and believed that “our greatest strength is how close we are, we’re like a family.” Teamwork was an important aspect of being on the tennis team, especially with doubles matches, where partners must use communication and understanding to coordinate their movements. “You can do anything in the right head space,” Emma said.



“I FEEL LIKE OUR TEAM IS A PRETTY CLOSE COMMUNITY.”  
- Louison Node (12)

After serving the ball, Mazie Eresuma (11) is poised for her opponent to hit the ball back.

A Tennis Serve: the first shot in a point where a player strikes the ball to start the game or rally .