

Athlete of the week: Elizabeth Hornthal, Swinging and Singing

by Deanna Harris

Elizabeth Hornthal, a junior from Edenton, North Carolina, is this week's "Athlete of the Week."

Elizabeth began playing tennis around the age of twelve when her dad took her to the courts. Coming from a tennis-oriented family helped her get involved in playing tennis with friends, too. She and her friends attended tennis camps for fun in the

summer.

Elizabeth played tennis at Holmes High School where she won the conference doubles championship for four years and sectional championship for three years. She also participated in regional and state competitions.

At Meredith Elizabeth enjoys playing tennis for fun. She says it is a "good release." She plays both fall and spring and adds that her "grades are better

[when she is] playing tennis."

Elizabeth enjoys writing songs and playing the guitar when she is not playing tennis. At Meredith she may be better known as "Otis", a member of the Bathtub Ring.

After graduation Elizabeth plans to become a history teacher and a tennis coach. Her long-range plans include attending graduate school to become a guidance counselor.



Elizabeth Hornthal takes time from her busy schedule to pose for a photograph. (Photo by Kim Cook)

The golf team completes fall season and prepares for spring

by Melanie Eisele

The golf team ended its season several weekends ago with tournaments at James Madison University and Duke University. The JMU tournament did not go very well as Shelly Paul, Jennifer Guyer, and Tracy Sternberg, all reported scores higher than they would have liked. However, all three bounced back at the Duke tournament and did well despite rain and cold wind.

Even though the season is over, practice goes on as the girls are already preparing for the spring season. Sternberg and Guyer are completely changing their swings, a change that they expect will reduce their strokes by 10 to 20 per game. Sternberg is having success, but for Guyer the going is a

little rougher. She goes on to explain, "Since I've had the same swing a long time, I've had a hard time changing." Even so, she is optimistic about the new swing and expects it to make her play more consistent.

When I questioned the team about what they look forward to for next semester, Paul and Sternberg shouted emphatically in unison "A TEAM!!" Guyer, on the other hand, was thinking about the Rollins Tournament—or maybe she was thinking about where that tournament is to be held, in Florida. As for this past season, Sternberg sums it all up very well: "I've learned a lot; I've met a lot of new people; I'm having a good time, and I love it!"

Tennis Season Comes to an End

by Nancy Weatherly

The fall tennis season has come to an end. All the girls worked hard to compile an impressive 5-3 record. "I was really pleased with the season," said Coach Massey, adding that the team was stronger than she had expected it to be.

The only losses came to East Carolina, Atlantic Christian, and Campbell, all teams with scholarship players. Meredith triumphed over Wingate, Queens, Greensboro College and Methodist twice. In the final two matches of the season, Meredith fell to Atlantic Christian 2-7, but then came back over Methodist 8-1, in which all the team members had a chance to play. Against A.C., Anne Whiteside won her singles match 7-6, 6-0 while she and Kim Brittsan teamed to win in doubles 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Coach Jay Massey expressed that "all the girls worked hard and came through." She was pleased with the progress of each girl. "All the returning players seemed to be playing more consistently and with greater mental toughness," she said. "Elizabeth Hornthal has played the most aggressive tennis; she and Barbara Bulla have developed a strong doubles team, los-

ing only two of their matches." Barbara Bulla played the first seed the entire season, while Elizabeth Hornthal played the second seed. Also, #3 seed Emily Houser played more consistently and tougher this year.

The fourth seed has been held by freshman Anne Whiteside, described by Massey as "the big winner for the season," as she did not lose a singles match and therefore, won more games than anyone else. "Whiteside has probably been the steadiest player," Massey commented, "and is a good baseline player." As she continues to play more aggressively particularly at the net, Whiteside will become an even bigger factor in future seasons.

"I'm extremely pleased with the progress Amy Messick (#5 seed) has made since last spring," said Massey. This fall Messick lost only three of her matches, all by very close margins, and has been very strong throughout the season.

The other players who have had a chance to compete in matches are the following: Elizabeth Wilson (#6 seed), Kim Brittsan, Jean Nichols, Angela Little, Beth Bryant, and Michelle Lenhart. All have contributed to the success.



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