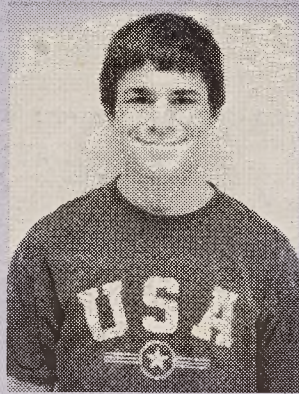


## Up close with senior athletes



**Spencer Brown**

**Sports played:** Soccer  
**Age began playing:** Three  
**Positions played:** Center Backfield and Center Midfield  
**Why you love the sport:** Because competing against a lot of people is fun.  
**Greatest accomplishment in the sport:** I won the State Cup at age 11.  
**Favorite breakfast spots:** Biscuitville  
**Dream College:** NC State  
**Best Coach's advice ever received:** "Always act like you're playing the best team in the state." Coach Martineau says that at least twice a day  
**Pre-Game rituals:** Listen to my iPod  
**Preferred music before competition:** Pump-up rap or rock music  
**Favorite class and why:** Spanish III with Ms. Todd because she's such a great teacher  
**Preferred superpower:** The ability to shoot flames out of my eyes  
**Favorite Disney movie:** "Toy Story"  
**Major turn-offs:** Big noses  
**Star/Zodiac sign:** Virgo  
**Reality show you'd star in and why:** "Real World Road World Challenge" because it's really competitive  
**Favorite off-campus lunch spots:** Wendy's  
**Coke or Pepsi:** Coke  
**Favorite Professional Athlete:** Tiger Woods  
**Favorite clothing store:** Dick's Sporting Goods  
**Middle name:** Vandمند  
**Hidden talents:** I can lick my elbow.  
**Favorite TV show:** "Tosh.0"  
**Role Model:** Tiger Woods  
**If you could have an endless supply of any food, what you would choose:** Swiss Rolls  
**Dream Car:** 2007 Ford Mustang GT, California Edition  
**Favorite pick-up line:** You say, "Polar Bear." Girl says, "What?" Then you say, "Something that breaks the ice."  
**Advice to Freshmen:** Watch out for seniors!  
**"Jersey Shore" or "Family Guy":** "Jersey Shore"  
**Boxers or Briefs:** Boxers



**Lauren Tuscano**

**Sports played:** Tennis  
**Age began playing:** Seven  
**Positions played:** Three  
**Why you love the sport:** Because tennis is a mind game  
**Greatest accomplishment in the sport:** Keeping up with the sport for ten years  
**Favorite breakfast spots:** Tex and Shirley's  
**McDonald's, Wendy's, or Burger King:** Wendy's  
**Dream College:** Carolina  
**Best Coach's advice ever received:** "Move your feet!"  
**Pre-Game rituals:** I get focused.  
**Preferred music before competition:** Lil Wayne  
**Favorite class and why:** Philosophy because it makes you think  
**Preferred superpower:** Invisibility  
**Favorite Disney movie:** Beauty and the Beast  
**Major turn-offs:** Onions  
**Star/Zodiac sign:** Aries  
**Reality show you'd star in and why:** "Jersey Shore" because I'm a guideette  
**Favorite off-campus lunch spots:** Cookout  
**Coke or Pepsi:** Pepsi  
**Favorite Professional Athlete:** Hines Ward  
**Favorite clothing store:** Anthropology  
**Middle name:** Kimberly  
**Hidden talents:** I write left-handed, and I play tennis with my right hand.  
**Favorite TV show:** "Pretty Little Liars"  
**Role Model:** My sister  
**If you could have an endless supply of any food, what you would choose:** Fun Dip  
**Dream Car:** A yellow Audi  
**Favorite pick-up line:** "Excuse me, Miss. Do you have a bandage? I scraped my leg when I fell in love with you!"  
**Advice to Freshmen:** Don't slack off!  
**"Jersey Shore" or "Family Guy":** "Jersey Shore"  
**Team Edward or Team Jacob:** Team Jacob

## Women's tennis serves up promising season

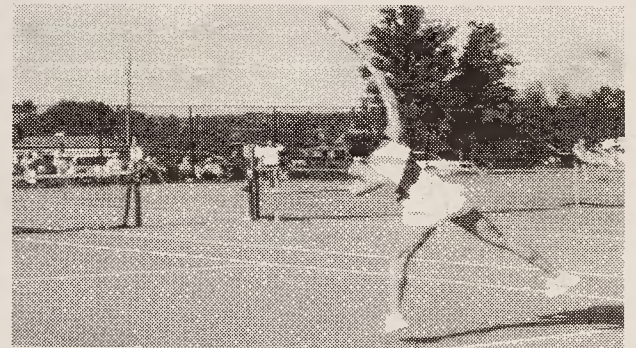
BY QUITO CARRIG  
 Reporter

Members of the women's tennis team shook hands with their Page opponents before beginning a somewhat one-sided battle in the sweltering, afternoon sun. Under the guidance of a first-year head coach, a team of talented youth emerged on the court with Whirlies boasting four athletes who hold state rankings. Even so, they faced a team that includes a nationally ranked player and another state-ranked player. The showdown was set as the parents and fans settled underneath their umbrellas and tried to remain cool not only because of the heat, but also because of the tension of this historic rival.

Coach Karyn Collie, who also played tennis in high school and was ranked in the state by the age of 12, recognized the team's past success, recounting the nearly undefeated season last year. The only Whirlie loss occurred in the state semifinal match against Myers Park, a team that won the state championship two years ago. The matches came down to a handful of points in a doubles match that unfortunately went awry.

Although it was a disappointing finish, the season record was quite impressive, and hopes remained high with many players returning for the 2010 season.

Starting strong, they defeated two of their first opponents by a score of 9-0 and initiate their season with a 3-0 record. Collie claims the women's success stems from the group of "tightly knit, talented,



Junior Clare Cox packs a powerful serve at the match against Dudley. The women's tennis team won 7-2. *Merlini Photo*

and diligent young players." Junior Clare Cox, who leads the team as the number one player, has a strong serve. Sophomore Majdou Lavoie and Lauren Tuscano, one of only three seniors, are the number two and three players, respectively.

Freshman Alex Silver is a promising player on the team since she is recognized as one of the top 14-year-olds in the state. Already in fourth place within the starting six, Silver is sure to contribute to the team, as proven when she passionately defeated her Page opponent.

Team camaraderie has been a huge factor in such good fortune. Before the big game against Page, Collie took the girls to the Mellow Mushroom to eat pizza and become better acquainted with each other.

"They are going to need to work together well if they want to repeat their road to the state semifinals and hopefully to a state championship trophy," said Collie.

East Chapel Hill, a semifinalist last year, will prove to be one of the tougher competitions this season, and Page will always provide exciting matches. Even so, the conference, regional, and state tournaments in October are what the girls look forward to most; they want to participate,

and they are focused on winning.

While the immediate task was defeating arch nemesis Page, the team did just that, despite the burning sun and the need for drinking many a Gatorade.

Although the Whirlies lost two singles matches, every other match was an easy victory. Silver drilled balls over the net as her opponent stumbled over her own feet. Tuscano, along with junior Roxanne Henshall and Allison Schoonhagen, cruised past their competition as well. The doubles teams enjoyed a sweep, and the final score was 7-2. August 30 marked another victory, a meaningful one as the ship fell yet again, bringing the Whirlies a step closer to the championship that these driven athletes have had their eyes on since the first day of practice. As of September 16, Whirlies are 8-0 overall and 7-0 in conference with wins against Dudley, Southern Alamance and Southeast Guilford. September's game schedule includes matches against Western on September 20, Page on September 23, and East Chapel Hill, the biggest game of the year, on September 24.



## Go Whirlies!





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