

JAHHS girls tennis team has juniors leading the way

Former Holmes coach returns to lead team with high hopes for good season

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Expectations are high for this very young but very talented group of tennis players that make up the JAHHS girls tennis team.

Although eight of the nine girls on the team are returning from last year's conference championship team, none are

seniors. That puts the leadership role on the racquets of juniors Brittany Bloom, Leslie Burns, Francie Harrell, and Rebecca Parrish.

The other four returning players are sophomores Emily Boehling, Lauren Chesson, Elizabeth Edmundson, and Erin Potocki. New to the team are freshman Sarah Proctor and manager Jessica Nixon.

Also new to the team are head coach Dr. Allen Hornthal and his assistant coaches Kermit Nixon and Mary Sawyer. While all three bring to the team many years of playing and teaching experience, only Dr. Hornthal can boast years of coaching experience, having coached at John A. Holmes in the mid-eighties and more recently at Lawrence Academy.

If the saying "practice makes perfect" is true then some of these young ladies may be close to perfection this season after a summer of camps, lessons, and match play. Having had only one and a half weeks of practice with the new coaches before the team's first match, the extra practice time, hard work and dedication to their sport in the off season will no doubt pay off.

Come watch them enjoy the fruit of their labor this Wednesday (today) when they play their first match, which is at home against Roanoke Rapids. Singles matches begin at 4 p.m. Doubles are played immediately afterward.



Dr. Allen Hornthal (right) will be coaching the 2001 Girls Tennis Team at John A. Holmes. Assisting him will be Mary Sawyer (center) and Kermit Nixon (left). The Lady Aces open play today against Roanoke Rapids at the Edenton-Chowan Rec. Dept. courts.

Child

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rials (toys) available and accessible to the children? (It is not enough for there to be toys if the children cannot get the toys themselves.)

(7) What is your policy for care of sick children?

(8) May I observe some of the classrooms in your center?

(9) If I choose your center/home, can I stop by and check on my child anytime?

(10) What is the cost?

After prospective providers answer these questions, schedule a time to observe the facility and classrooms. Before you visit, develop a list of questions based upon your observations. The following is a list of possible questions:

(1) Are the children's basic needs being met?

(2) Is there a lot of noise? Positive noise? Laughing and playing? Or, negative noise? Crying, yelling, screaming?

(3) Are classrooms organized, clean and tidy? Are toys and furniture in good repair?

(4) Are caregivers' attitudes, actions and voices positive?

(5) Is there a balance of play time and quiet time? Talking and listening?

(6) Are the children happy?

(7) What is my instinct about this facility and its caregivers?

When observing a childcare center or home, remember to use your senses. What do you see, hear, smell and feel?

Not every childcare facility is right for every parent and/or child. Go with your instincts. If you have questions, go back and observe again. If you have concerns, talk to the owner or director. Remember that you alone have your child's well-being as a top priority, and it is up to you to make the decision that is best for you and your child.

For further information on selecting quality childcare in our tri-county area, call Debra Dawson or Shannon Ray at the Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children at (252) 221-3030. The Partnership's Model Classroom, containing elements that are present in an ideal childcare classroom setting, may be visited by parents by appointment.

Obituaries

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the 900 block of Chambers Ferry Road, died Friday, Aug. 10, in Chowan Hospital, Edenton. Mr. Wilder was a farmer, a former member of the South Mills Ruritan Club and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. He was the son of the late Clayton and Dora Wilder.

Mr. Wilder is survived by his wife, Sadie White Wilder, to whom he was married for over 60 years; a son, Billy Wilder and his wife Mayette of Quinton, VA; three brothers, James Wilder of Hertford, NC, Edward Wilder of Bennett, NC

and Robert Wilder of Norfolk, VA; three grandchildren, Robin Ivy of Princeton, KY, Adrian Wilder of Maryland and Ryan Wilder of Quinton, VA; and eight great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Mr. Wilder's life was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12, in the Evans Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Young officiating. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, 208 W. Hicks Street, Edenton, NC 27932 or Macedonia Baptist Church, 1004 Macedonia Road, Edenton, NC 27932.

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