

THE GIRLS' TENNIS ALL-STARS

Paulina Martin/Mansfield

The No. 1 singles player for the past three seasons and a three-time Sun Chronicle pick, Martin posted a 10-6 record. With stamina, endurance, Martin played three, three-set, three-hour matches and won a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament. Martin cleverly hits an inside-outside forehand, having worked with coach Dave Brown at the Brown Billone Club in Easton. Martin scored a pair of 6-1 set wins against Taunton to clinch and MIAA Tournament berth for the Hornets (9-9). "She has all the shots," said MHS co-coach Lisa Yeransian. Martin is also a member of the National and French Honor societies, the Student Services Corp. and the Common Connections group.



Ali Sollecito/Bishop Feehan

After missing nearly 18 months following ACL surgery, Sollecito returned as the Shamrocks' No. 1 player, 7-7 on the season. "She was the leader, her work ethic on fitness and developing her game is exceptional," said coach Rob Zimmer. An All-EAC selection, Sollecito plays out of the Lakeville Athletic Club. "She is very intense on court and extremely focused on reading her opponents," added Zimmer of the captain-elect. Sollecito won a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament and her best match may have been a pair of 6-4 sets played against North's Julia Mark. "Ali's game and timing started to return about mid-season and then she played quite well," said Zimmer.



Becca Ricci/King Philip

The Warrior junior, an All-Hockomock League selection, won eight matches for the MIAA Tournament-qualifying Warriors. With a two-fisted forehand and backhand, "she is very efficient, she has very little wasted motion," said KP coach Bob Goldberg. Ricci "can hit with pace, but also has slices off of both sides as well as well disguised drop shots. She has tremendous desire to get to every shot (with better than average speed)." A tri-captain elect for next season, she "always supports her teammates and cheers on her teammates while she is also in the midst of playing her match." She is the daughter of PC women's tennis coach (and former KP Warrior) Becky Lewicki-Ricci.



Meghan Sepich/King Philip

Playing in the No. 3 singles spot, Sepich was a major factor in King Philip's success, posting a 15-5 record overall and winning MIAA Tournament matches against Braintree, Plymouth South and North Attleboro. She was the recipient of the Warrior "Most Improved Player" award. Sepich won 23 sets by 6-0 margins and compiled an enviable 237-85 record in games won and lost. "Her best shot is an inside-outside forehand," said KP coach Bob Goldberg. Sepich scored a major win over North's Allie Grinavic. "She rarely double-faults and rarely beats herself. She does not make many unforced errors." She is also a member of the field hockey team, Leo Club and KP Cares.



Diana Prinos/Foxboro

After losing her first match of the season to Franklin's Hannah Sweeney, the Fairfield University-bound Warrior No. 1 singles player, reeled off 19 straight wins. In postseason matches, she lost two games to Westwood, none to Hingham, overcame a one-set deficit, winning a second set tiebreaker against Apponequet to produce the team-clinching point; and lost just one game in the Division 2 Tournament title match against Hopkinton. Prinos lost just two matches on the season. Prinos has guided Foxboro to two straight Division 2-South Tournament titles and into two MIAA state title matches. Prinos also advanced to the finals of the MIAA Individual Tournament.



Sophia Prinos/Foxboro

The Warriors' No. 2 singles player advanced to the semifinals of the MIAA Individual Tournament, losing just six games over the first two rounds, then beating Sharon's Lulu Yuan 6-1, 6-1. The impressive sophomore went 20-1 on the season for the MIAA Division 2 State championships. In the MIAA Division 2-South and State Tournaments, Prinos' power game made her practically untouchable — losing just one game against Westwood, firing a shutout against Hingham, losing just two games against Apponequet and Hopkinton in the semifinal and final round matches respectively; and just four games in the state championship match with Wayland.



Lexi Nelson/Foxboro

Unbeaten during the regular season at the No. 3 singles spot, Nelson delivered the most important point of the season for the MIAA Division 2 state champions, taking a third set shutout against Hopkinton for the decisive third team point as Foxboro claimed the Division 2-South title for a second straight season. Nelson posted a 20-1 record overall, winning a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament. Nelson won all five of her postseason matches, shutting out Westwood, losing just two games to Hingham and scoring a 6-4, 6-3 win against Wayland as Foxboro won its 19th match on the season for the state title. She is also a member of the cross country team.



Julia Mark/North Attleboro

The No. 1 singles player in each of the past three seasons, Mark led her team to four straight Hockomock League titles and MIAA Tournament appearances. Mark concluded her career with a 20-5 won-lost record, including a 17-2 regular season mark. Mark won two rounds at the MIAA Singles Tournament, including a three-set win over Monomoy's Olivia Burke, overcoming a one-set deficit, losing just two games over the final two sets to advance to the quarterfinals. "Her forehand is her big weapon," said coach Geoff Burgess. "She won the matches she was supposed to win." With an improved service game, Mark plays out of the Abbott Run Club.



Jordan Willis/North Attleboro

The Rocketeer sophomore continued her ascent as one of the best players in the Hockomock League, compiling an 21-4 record overall, winning a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament, going 18-2 (losing only to Foxboro's Diana Prinos and to Sharon) during the regular season and winning two matches in the Division 1-South Tournament. North's No. 2 singles player, Willis won two matches filling in at the No. 1 spot. "Her groundstrokes were fantastic," said North coach Geoff Burgess. "She's good off of both sides and can hit winners with both." She is a member at the RallyPoint Club in Greenville, R.I., plays with the North soccer team and serves with Peer Leaders.



Allie Grinavic/North Attleboro

Tried and tested and true to the Big Red soccer and tennis programs through four varsity seasons, Grinavic did not spare any energy either on the pitch or on the courts. "Being an athlete is a big part of who she is," said North coach Geoff Burgess. Grinavic compiled an overall 21-3 match record for the Kelley-Rex Division champions of the Hockomock League, semifinalists at the Division 1-South Tournament. She was 17-1 during the regular season. "She's very consistent, in some games, she wouldn't miss," added Burgess. "She stayed in every point." Also a member of Project Unite and the Leo Club, Grinavic will be attending Roger Williams University.



Jhanavi Kapadia/North Attleboro

"A pure tennis player," according to North coach Geoff Burgess, the senior captain moved into the No. 1 doubles spot alongside Emily Chiasson and the duo were spectacular, winning 21 of 24 matches overall. The duo went 16-1 during the regular season. She and Chiasson won three rounds at the MIAA Doubles Tournament, advancing to the quarterfinal round and won two matches in the Division 1-South Tournament. "She hits big serves," added Burgess. Heading to the University of Vermont as a pre-med biology major, Kapadia plays out of the Brown Billone Club in Easton. She is also a member of the National and Spanish Honor societies and the Math League.



Emily Chiasson/North Attleboro

Moving into a key role with the No. 1 doubles team alongside Jhanavi Kapadia, the sophomore and her doubles partner compiled a 21-3 record overall, fashioning a 16-1 regular season mark for the Kelley-Rex Division champions. Also a sweeper with the Big Red soccer team, "she's a fantastic athlete," said Rocketeers' coach Geoff Burgess. The duo advanced to the quarterfinals of the MIAA Doubles Tournament, winning three straight-set matches and two rounds as North reached the semifinals of the Division 1-South playoffs. The recipient of North's "Unsung Hero" award, Chiasson is "a scrappy player, she's home-grown, not a club player," added Burgess.



THE ALL-STAR ROSTER

Name	School	Year
Diana Prinos	Foxboro	Sr.
Lexi Nelson	Foxboro	Jr.
Sophia Prinos	Foxboro	Soph.
Julia Mark	North Attleboro	Sr.
Allie Grinavic	North Attleboro	Sr.
Jordan Willis	North Attleboro	Soph.
Jhanavi Kapadia	North Attleboro	Sr.
Emily Chiasson	North Attleboro	Soph.
Paulina Martin	Mansfield	Jr.
Ali Sollecito	Bishop Feehan	Jr.
Becca Ricci	King Philip	Jr.
Meghan Sepich	King Philip	Soph.

HONORABLE MENTION

ATTLEBORO: Emily Farmer, Jaimie Pratt.
BISHOP FEEHAN: Becca Choiniere, Iris Neubecker, Katie Mahoney.
DIGHTON-REHOBOTH: Emma Masse, Kim Reilly, Jamie Fastino.
FOXBORO: Julia Muise, Kayla Pragg.
KING PHILIP: Emily MacDonald, Corinne Palumbo, Megan Davenport, Carly Adams.
MANSFIELD: Kathleen Giffels, Sarah Doyle.
NORTH ATTLEBORO: Gabby Duva, Azka Siddiq.
NORTON: Brooke Murphy, Stephanie Murphy.
SEEKONK: Morgan Anderson.

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