

Wins were few, but memories were many

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Riverton Tennis Coach

Last winter, when I was approached by the administration about taking over the girls tennis program, I had some reservations

Would the players accept me as their coach? Would they work hard and follow instructions?

Most of all, I wondered if the girls would commit to changing Riverton girls tennis to a more productive and positive atmosphere. Fortunately, the answers to those questions were “yes!”



Coach Ence

The tennis season just flew by. We had 29 girls show up to tryouts on July 30, which still seems like yesterday. A team of 18 was chosen and comprised of five seniors, six juniors, and seven sophomores. Later, Monica Gonzales, an exchange student, was added to the roster. We immediately went to work on all of the basic tennis skills and shots.

We also had to increase the fitness level of the group. But everyone jumped in and worked hard without complaint. It is always great to be a coach of kids who want to improve.

Practices were kept lively with drills and contests. I got hit in the back during a service drill, where I sat in the service box and dared one of them to hit me with a serve. They were missing a lot that day, but sure enough our hardest server, Bree Mason, tagged me good. I won't ever forget that one!

Team dinners, bus rides and our weekly game of 'Queen of the Court' added to the fun.

I was pleased to have several opposing coaches compliment our team. Positive comments



were made about our sportsmanship, our sharp uniforms and even the way we introduced our varsity lineup. The wins were few this year, but the friendships and memories established were many. I hope we have started a new tradition emphasizing excellence in attitude and effort for the Riverton High girls tennis program.

RIVERTON TENNIS: 2012 season recap



2012 season results (3-11, 0-10)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Score</u>
Aug. 7	COPPER HILLS	W	4-1
Aug. 9	WEST JORDAN	W	5-0
Aug. 14	at Taylorsville	W	4-1
Aug. 16	GRANTSVILLE	L	0-5
Aug. 21	PLEASANT GROVE*	L	0-5
Aug. 23	at Lehi*	L	1-4
Aug. 28	BINGHAM*	L	0-5
Aug. 30	at Lone Peak*	L	0-5
Sept. 4	AMERICAN FORK*	L	1-4
Sept. 6	at Pleasant Grove*	L	0-5
Sept. 11	LEHI*	L	0-5
Sept. 13	at Bingham*	L	0-5
Sept. 18	LONE PEAK*	L	0-5
Sept. 20	at American Fork*	L	1-4

* - Region 4 matches. Home matches in CAPS

Team Awards

Given at the team banquet – Oct. 2012

Best Backhand: Maddy Holloway

Best Forehand: Andrea Berrett

Best Serve: Bree Mason

Best Volley: Maddy Holloway

Best Lob: Andrea Berrett

Best Attitude: Halee Kunz, Megan Shaw

Best Hustle: Paige Rutledge

Most Improved: Megan Shaw, Grace

Johnson

Academic All-State: Bree Mason

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TOP: Bree Mason
LOWER LEFT: Callie Carter
LOWER RIGHT: Rachyl Davenport

TOP: The girls relax after matches at Lehi.
LOWER LEFT: Bree Mason takes aim on forehand.