



2011 Amherst Women's Tennis Team: standing left to right Sarah Nyirjesy '13, Kate Paul '13, Gabby Devlin '14, Ashley McCall '12, Isabel Camacho '14, Jordan Brewer '14, Maggie Seaver '14, Alex Budd '14, Zoe Pangalos '14, Laura Danzig '12, Ali Fornell '12, Anuja Ankola (assistant), kneeling left to right Jen Newman '14, Caroline Richman '13, Charlotte Wilinsky '11, Carlissa King '11, Natasha Brown '11, Jennifer Kim '11, Mimi Bell '11, Mary Soyster '14, Lauren Slutsky '14

A MESSAGE FROM

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Amherst Athletics is poised for one of its most successful years yet – a strong statement for the oldest collegiate athletics program in the nation, I know, but one that I stand behind. Coming off a 2009-2010 season in which so many teams competed for national championships, we anticipate nothing less. Each day, we strive to be the hardest working program: on the field, in the classroom, in the community. Our goal is to be a model for what the collegiate sports experience should be, with outstanding coaches and faculty colleagues who provide our student-athletes with the richest experience possible.

At Amherst we embrace competition for many reasons. Competition teaches our student-athletes to work harder than they thought they could. It necessitates leadership and teamwork. Competition makes us examine ourselves and those around us and ask, "How can we be better?" The question does not simply refer to a team's prowess on the playing surface; it is an attitude that our student-athletes apply to their lives as intellectuals and leaders in the community. Amherst led the NESCAC last year in academic all-conference honors. Outside the classroom, our student-athletes have learned to make a difference in others' lives through our programs in leadership development and our emphasis on community engagement.

It is our challenge to ensure that we continue to build on Amherst's tradition of excellence in everything we do. We thank you for your support.

2011 Spring Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar 13	Long Island U	TBA
Mar 15	@St Petersburg	2:30pm
Mar 16	@Hillsborough	3:00pm
Mar 18	@Lynn	6:00pm
Mar 19	@Barry	10:00am
Mar 31	@Wesleyan	4:00pm
Apr 2	@Wellesley	10:00am
Apr 3	@Vassar	4:15pm
Apr 16	@Colby	TBD
Apr 17	@Williams	1:00pm
Apr 19	@Tufts	4:00pm
Apr 23	Trinity	3:00pm
Apr 24	Bowdoin	TBD
May 1	@Middlebury	TBD
May 6-8	NESCACs	TBD

After an extremely successful 2009-2010 season, the Women's Tennis Team arrived on campus in August determined and ready for an even better year. Not only did we have many returners from the previous season, but we also had a bunch of new freshmen ready to make it on the team.

Our fall season began on the first day of classes with 22 players (nine of whom were freshmen) practicing and competing for a spot on the line-up. While this number may seem a bit too big for a tennis team, all the girls put in a lot of hard work and dedication during every practice and were all guaranteed to make the roster.

With so many great players on the team, creating a line-up and providing playing time for everyone proved to be difficult. Not only did we have many of the returning girls grab spots in both singles and doubles, but we also had a few freshmen standouts that earned their spots as well.

Two weeks after the start of the season, our first big tournament was held at Babson: the ITA Regional Championships. With five singles players and three doubles teams in the tournament, Amherst was ready for a fight. In singles action, Jordan Brewer '14 stormed through all of her opponents without dropping one set to win the singles championships (the first time Amherst has won it since Alicia Menezes '08 captured it her freshman year in '05). After some hard work and great tennis, we were fortunate enough to experience an "All-Amherst" doubles final featuring Jordan Brewer '14 and Gabby Devlin '14 versus Laura Danzig '12 and Natasha Brown '11. Brewer and Devlin came out on top, making Brewer the ITA singles and doubles champion.

After a very successful run at ITAs, the team traveled to Army for the Eastern Championships, a Division I tournament. There were four singles brackets and two doubles brackets that Amherst competed in. We knew that the competition was going to be tough and we were prepared for it. With that being said, Gabby Devlin '14 was able to capture the C singles draw and a senior/freshman duo, Mimi Bell '11 and Jen Newman '14, were able to capture the B doubles draw.

After two victorious weekends under our belt, we were psyched to take on Williams at home, our first and only dual match of the fall season. The girls came out swinging in the doubles, winning two out of the three matches. Completing doubles, and cementing a 2-1 lead, Amherst was ready to create some damage in the singles line-up. With so much history, intensity, and pride on the line, the Amherst Women battled to win the match 5-4.

Coming off of our amazing win against the national defending champions, the team traveled to Middlebury for the Gail Smith Doubles invitational. The great thing about this tournament was that a majority of our girls got to compete in the round robin-style elimination draw. Each team was guaranteed three matches before elimination from the main draw and even more matches in the back draw. Amherst's standout freshmen doubles team, Devlin and Brewer, once again came out on top, beating Middlebury's top doubles team to take the Gail Smith crown.

The last tournament of the fall season was NEWITT's, a Davis Cup-style tournament that took place at Amherst. We had four teams compete in the Flight A bracket and one team in the Flight B bracket. All five of Amherst's teams did well with Brewer and Devlin, yet again, claiming the Flight A NEWITT title. Playing four amazing tournaments and coming away with titles in all of them as well as roughing up Williams really ended



First years Gabby Devlin (left) and Jordan Brewer

our fall season with hopes for a promising spring season.

With just weeks away from resuming practice again, the Amherst women are poised to take on one of the toughest and most grueling spring seasons ever. As usual, the highlight of our season is the spring break trip. This year, instead of traveling to California, we will be heading down south to Florida to take on Division I powerhouses Lynn and Barry as well as a few other DI and DII schools. Upon returning from break, we will be taking on our NESCAC rivals as well as other top DIII contenders.

We would love to thank all of you for your support on and off the court! Without it, we would not be where we are right now. Hope to see some of you cheering us on at our matches!

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