



2014 Amherst Women's Tennis

four years of playing number one singles for Amherst with a trip to the NCAA Singles Finals.



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2014 Spring Re-Visited

Amherst finished its 2014 Spring Season with a trip to the finals of the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in program history. The AWT Class of 2014 never had a year when they finished outside of the NCAA Final Four! En route to the championship match, AWT won the Little Three by defeating Williams 7-2 and Wesleyan 9-0. The squad also picked up a league record, a ninth NESCAC Title, with a 5-1 win over Williams.

Amherst would have to defeat Williams a third time to gain access to the NCAA Championship Finals. Senior Captains Jen Newman and Zoe Pangalos avenged their NESCAC loss at two doubles to help Amherst clinch all three doubles points. The team then needed Gabby Devlin to win a third set tie-breaker at number two singles to put the Jeffs in the Championship game. Although Amherst lost in the finals to a very

talented Emory team, the 2014 Amherst Season was one for the ages and a total team effort! AWT could never have accomplished what they did without such a supportive team culture and the sacrifice and mentoring of those not in the starting line-up.

Check out an interview with Gabby Devlin, Sarah Monteagudo and Coach Bagwell after the semifinal win over Williams. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iy76ikdDf10>.

If clinching the deciding match to send Amherst in the finals was not enough, Gabby Devlin teamed with fellow senior Jordan Brewer to win Amherst's fourth straight and the program's sixth NCAA Doubles Crown! The win marked the fourth NCAA Doubles Crown for Devlin and the third for Brewer. Jordan Brewer finished off an impressive

2014 HONORS

NESCAC COACH OF THE YEAR

JACKIE BAGWELL

NESCAC ALL-CONFERENCE

1ST TEAM: JORDAN BREWER (doubles, singles), GABBY DEVLIN (doubles)
2ND TEAM: JENNIFER NEWMAN (doubles), SUE GHOSH (singles), ZOE PANGALOS (doubles)

NESCAC ALL-ACADEMIC

SAFAA ALY, JORDAN BREWER, ALEX BUDD, ISABEL CAMACHO, CLAIRE DIMARIO, LARA MIN, SARAH MONTEAGUDO, JENNIFER NEWMAN, ZOE PANGALOS, MAGGIE SEAVER, MARY SOYSTER

NESCAC ALL-SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

SUE GHOSH

ITA ALL-AMERICAN

SINGLES: JORDON BREWER, GABBY DEVLIN
DOUBLES: JORDAN BREWER, GABBY DEVLIN

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

GABBY DEVLIN

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MARY SOYSTER

Fall 2014

Obviously AWT graduated a big chunk of the team - 10 seniors! Included in the 10 were the number one, two, three and five singles, as well as number one and two doubles. But what AWT didn't graduate was the team culture of supportiveness, accountability and hard work!

Three key returning players, Safi Aly, Sue Ghosh and Sarah Monteagudo, really helped the 2014-15 Jeffs transition back into not only mentally tough play, but also AWT's wonderful and supportive family culture. Safi Aly is AWT's most veteran doubles player. Safi has been a stalwart in Amherst's doubles line-up since her freshman year. Safi has competed at number three doubles in three NCAA Championship Final Four finishes. Sue Ghosh and Sarah Monteagudo were both undefeated last spring against regular season NESCAC opponents. Sue, playing primarily #4, maintained a near perfect season with important wins against Emory, Williams and Bowdoin. Sarah Monteagudo, playing #6, also had an impressive record only dropping two matches, both to Emory. Sarah teamed with Safi Aly at third doubles and the pair had key post-season wins against MIT, Carnegie Mellon and Williams.



The first fall event was the ITA North East Regional. The team was greatly encouraged by the results. Megan Adamo '17, in her first ITA Tournament, gave the number one seed from Middlebury a very tough match losing a close first set 7-5 before losing the second 6-1. Freshmen Vickie Ip from Hong Kong played very solid tennis in her first two rounds. In her third round match, Vickie dropped her first set 2-6 against the number four seed from Brandeis but came back to win the second set 6-0 and the third 7-5. After an hour's rest Vickie played another three set match against a very good freshman from Tufts. She won the first set 7-6, lost the second in another tie breaker to lose in another three set match. Vickie played some of her best tennis ever but was clearly exhausted heading into the doubles competition. Showing true grit, Vickie and Sue Ghosh won a pair of doubles matches before they called it a day. Sue Ghosh and Simone Aisiks also had impressive singles wins for the Jeffs.

The following weekend, Amherst lost a close 5-4 match against Williams. The team of Ip and Ghosh surprised the ITA Doubles Champs from Williams 8-1 at number one doubles. Safi Aly and Sarah Monteagudo pulled out a closely contested match

and three doubles to put AWT up 2-1. In singles play, Amherst's Ip and Ghosh were able to win both top singles spots but Simone Aisiks was unable to pull at her third set and the match went to Williams 4-5.

In the final event of the fall, Ip and Ghosh shined once again reaching the finals of the Davis Cup Style NEWITT Tournament. Overall it was a very encouraging fall with both upper and lowerclassmen playing some of their best tennis. The team totally bonded and embraced the four new freshmen.

Outside of the tennis courts, the team was involved in two community service projects this past fall; a day working on the Book and Plow Farm and a very successful Bowl-a-Thon for the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.



The team also held two very successful AWT Doubles Camps. These two one-day camps gave high school tennis players a chance to experience firsthand AWT culture and to participate in the same drills that have made AWT Doubles so successful. The camp was a total success and got a ton of positive feedback. Along with the two camps the team participated in a Phone-a-Thon that thanked Amherst alums for their contributions to the College.



From Jackie Bagwell Coach's Corner

Amherst Women's Tennis has a strong winning tradition and has built a fantastic culture of hard work, accountability and inclusiveness. The program has had a total of 20 NCAA appearances (1995-2014). AWT won a National Championship in 1999, and has been in the NCAA Finals five other times. All in all, the program has been to the Final Four 14 times! AWT also has won two NCAA Singles National Championships and has a tie for the most NCAA Doubles Championships with 6. Last year the team won the program's 9th NESCAC Championship which is a league high! At last count, the program can boast 16 All-Americans, many of whom are multiple and even four-year recipients. It is our intention to keep the team in the running for the NAAs as long as the school has a tennis program.

The generous support of our alumnae, parents and friends has been a big factor in maintaining our success. Your loyal and continued support has allowed us to travel yearly on a spring break trip that exposes the team to some of the toughest competition in the nation. Those of you who have been on an AWT Spring Trip know the joys of team bonding and match toughness that the trip establishes. Your support has also allowed us to hire and retain talented and dedicated assistant coaches who have been key members in the program's success.

Amherst is going to be doing major renovations to its outdoor tennis facility in the fall of 2015. The plan for the upgraded courts is very impressive and recent parent donations for benches and bleachers have already impacted the quality of the facility. Also on the wish list are bathrooms, custom windscreens with the Amherst logo, a scoreboard, a sound system and upgraded water fountains.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we strive to maintain AWT's winning legacy and supportive culture. With your help Amherst plans to continue its winning legacy indefinitely. To make your gift online please go to:

www.amherst.edu/give/athletic

2014-2015 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Mar 16	Pomona Pitzer	10 am
Mar 17	vs. UConn @Cali	TBD
Mar 19	vs. Chapman @ Cali	1 pm
Mar 20	vs. Vassar @ Irvine	3 pm
Mar 29	@Colby	10 am
Apr 3-5	@ Wellesley Invitational	TBD
Apr 7	vs. Trinity	4 pm
Apr 11	vs. Bowdoin	10 am
Apr 12	@Bowdoin vs. Bates	5 pm
Apr 13	@Tufts	4 pm
Apr 18	@Williams	1 pm
Apr 19	@Wesleyan	TBD
Apr 25	@Middlebury	1 pm
Apr 26	Middlebury	1 pm
May 1-3	NESCAC Tournament @Middlebury	TBA
May 8-10	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 18-20	NCAA Top 8	TBA
May 21-23	NCAA Individuals	TBA

