

# NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL



July 2009

Dear Varsity Tennis Alumnae,

The 5th Annual Notre Dame High School Alumnae Doubles Tournament is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 15, 2009. Please take the time to respond and give your support to Notre Dame Tennis. Mail the response form to the school address – attention Jason Levine, email your response to the email address below, fax the response form to the fax # provided below, or call the phone number below with your response - **whether you can or cannot attend (by August 10, 2009)**. We want to stay in contact with you and send you our 2009 tennis results. Notre Dame Alumnae Tennis gear is yours for those who donate \$40 or more. If you are unable to attend the tournament, your alumnae gift will be sent to you.

The following alumnae have participated in the NDB Alumnae Tennis Tournaments (year they participated is in parenthesis): Laura Buck (05), Shannon Knapp (05-07), Kathleen Kuan (06), Emmeline Tran (05-07), Katlyn Wynne (06), Jenny Ransom (06-07), Gigi Lewis (07-08), Christina Paiva (07), Sandy Pearson (07-08), Monica Steiner (07), Brittany Thayer (07), Samantha Frick (08), Heather Ford (08), Amanda Madison (08), Michelle Kaiser (08) – If I left anyone off, I'm sorry ☺

Last season the Notre Dame Tennis team qualified for CCS for the second time since the 2002 season. Notre Dame beat Cupertino High School 6-1 in the first round and then faced Palo Alto and lost 6-1 but played great! We're trying our hardest to represent! We are all looking forward to this year's event and hope you can attend.

**DATE:** August 15, 2009  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM (approximately) – arrive at 9:00am to warm up  
**PLACE:** Canada College – Redwood City, CA  
**LUNCH:** Free to everyone, even guests!  
**FORMAT:** Doubles (chance draw)  
**COST:** There is no fee!! – donations are welcome

Members of the current team will be there to give you the latest about NDB Tennis and what's been happening at the school. We want you to know that we continue to strive to make Notre Dame Tennis one of the best teams in the Bay Area.

Enclosed is a copy of the 2009 Notre Dame Tennis Team schedule and a list of those who played Varsity tennis from 1976, 1991 – 2009. Call an old friend and get her to play with you! If you have any questions or need further assistance, feel free to contact me.

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Sincerely,

*Jason Levine*

Jason Levine – NDB Varsity Tennis

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# Notre Dame Alumnae Tennis Tournament

## Response Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Of: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check one of the following:

I would love to play in the Inaugural Notre Dame Alumnae Tennis Tournament on August 15, 2009. (Remember – no donation necessary to play!)

I would love to play in the Inaugural Notre Dame Alumnae Tennis Tournament. Unfortunately, I cannot this year. Please keep me informed about team results and next year's alumnae tournament.

### Please check one of the following: (to help choose doubles teams)

I can still hit the ball well **or** I was top 5 on the team when I played.

I have lost a little game **or** I was not top 5 on the team when I played.

### Please check one of the following:

Enclosed is a donation for the Notre Dame Tennis Team in the amount of \$40.00.

Enclosed is a donation for the Notre Dame Tennis Team in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I will bring my donation for the Notre Dame Tennis Team to the tournament in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

I cannot make a donation at this time.

**If you cannot attend this year and you are making a \$40.00 donation, please write down your T-Shirt size so that it can be mailed out to you.**

**Unisex Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## ND Belmont Tennis – Varsity 2009 Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time/Score</b>
08/15/09	Saturday	Alumnae Tennis	Canada	10:00
09/03/09	Thursday	Castilleja	Castilleja	3:30 PM
09/07/09	Monday	Carlmont	Canada	3:30 PM
09/10/09	Thursday	Scrimmage	Clovis	TBA
09/11/09	Friday	Clovis Tourn	Clovis	TBA
09/12/09	Saturday	Clovis Tourn	Clovis	TBA
09/15/09	Tuesday	St. Ignatius	Canada	3:30 PM
09/22/09	Tuesday	Mitty	Mitty	3:30 PM
09/24/09	Thursday	Valley Christian	Canada	3:30 PM
09/29/09	Tuesday	SHC	SF State	3:30 PM
10/01/09	Thursday	Presentation	Presentation	3:30 PM
10/03/09	Saturday	Battle of ND	ND San Jose	9:00 AM
10/06/09	Tuesday	St Francis	Canada	3:30 PM
10/08/09	Thursday	St. Ignatius	St. Ignatius	3:30 PM
10/15/09	Thursday	Mitty	Canada	3:30 PM
10/20/09	Tuesday	Valley Christian	Valley Christian	3:30 PM
10/22/09	Thursday	SHC	Canada	3:30 PM
10/27/09	Tuesday	Presentation	Canada	3:30 PM
10/29/09	Thursday	St Francis	Cuesta Park	2:45 PM
11/04/09	Wed.	WCAL	Cuesta Park	TBA
11/05/09	Thursday	WCAL	Cuesta Park	TBA

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## **Tigers Tame Cupertino**

November 12, 2008, By Emanuel Lee, Daily Journal Staff and Nathan Mollat / Daily Journal

Notre Dame's Kimmy Ransom, playing at No. 2 singles, volleys home a winner during her 6-1, 6-1 win in the first round of the CCS tournament. The Tigers beat Cupertino 6-1. Unlike a number of teams in the Central Coast Section playoffs, the Notre Dame-Belmont girls' tennis squad doesn't have a superstar talent.

Notre Dame's strengths lies in its numbers. What the Tigers lack in star power they more than make up for in their depth throughout their lineup. Whereas most teams suffer a precipitous drop-off from their top singles players, Notre Dame could count on all four of its singles and three doubles teams to win a big match or two at some point in the season.

That formula has led the Tigers to arguably their best two-year run in school history, as they easily beat Cupertino 6-1 on Tuesday in an opening-round match at Cañada College. Notre Dame (17-6) plays at No. 3 seed Palo Alto today at 2:30 p.m. No matter what happens, Tigers coach Jason Levine couldn't be happier.

"The girls say I don't smile a lot, but I'm really proud of them, not just for this match but the entire year," he said. "At the beginning of the season our goals were to have a super good preseason, beat the teams we should beat and win a match in CCS for the second year in a row. We've gone as far as we can go, just like we did last year, so I guess when you go as far as you can go you've had a good season."

Exactly. Notre Dame finished a respectable 5-6 in the rugged West Catholic Athletic League, and probably would've reached the .500 mark had its final match not been canceled due to rain. The Tigers dominated Cupertino (13-5), the second-place finisher from the Santa Clara Valley's El Camino Division. Notre Dame won the first set of every match, but you couldn't blame Levine for being a bit apprehensive.

A year ago the Tigers were in almost the exact same situation against Wilcox, taking a seemingly commanding 3-1 lead. However, the Chargers came roaring back to level the match, and Notre Dame needed a clutch three-set win from Kimmy Ransom to earn the victory. Ransom and her team didn't need any such dramatics this time.

Ransom routed Eva Dagman 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles, but she was only the third quickest winner off the court. Jaya Reddy started the Tigers' onslaught with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 4, needing only 40 minutes to complete the rout. No. 3 Sharlene Chang then polished off her opponent in straight sets, and Ransom followed to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

Danielle Eble and Elizabeth Mitropoulos won the decisive fourth point with a 6-0, 6-3 victory at No. 3 doubles. Marilyn Cowley and Gianna Rossi, along with Alice Wang and Elviza Kho, also won their matches at No. 1 and 2 doubles, respectively.

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The only Notre Dame player not to come out victorious was its best one, Laura Galijan, who after splitting the first two sets with Michelle Lai at No. 1 singles, lost 10-5 in a super tiebreaker acting as the third set.

But the super sophomore Galijan is having a nice season, having made tremendous strides over the last year and proving her mettle in team challenge matches along with facing some of the best talent in Northern California when the Tigers played Mitty, St. Francis and St. Ignatius. With an ability to hit flat and topspin-heavy groundstrokes, Galijan possesses a versatile game from the baseline.

Ransom has been the team's rock as a four-year varsity player. She's as steady as they come, almost always out-matched from a talent standpoint at the No. 2 slot but relying on mental toughness and consistency to pull out victories. Levine, who is also the school's soccer coach, is in his fifth year as the tennis coach but was an assistant with the team before that, starting in 2001.

"It's super to win matches in CCS in back-to-back years," he said. "I thought I would get there in soccer first."

The process of molding the Tigers into a playoff-contending tennis program was an arduous yet fruitful journey. The last two years have been successful because Levine demanded his players to put in more work — on and off the court with strength and conditioning — in the offseason. Most of the Notre Dame players played for Levine during the summer as a United States Tennis Association squad playing against other racket clubs.

That gives the Tigers added experience and match play, and the most important aspect of that is they're not falling behind other teams who have players who are playing tournaments every weekend. The hard work has obviously paid off because Notre Dame has gone 6-0 against Peninsula Athletic League teams the last two years.

"We're consistently beating schools we didn't used to before," Levine said. "And against some of the top teams like Mitty, St. Francis and SI, we've played them better than we had in the past. The word we kept using this year was validation. This match was more of a validation for us to win and show once again that we can beat the teams we're supposed to beat. The girls have played well all year. I'm happy."

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