



ON THE ATTACK: Senior John Norton serves the ball in a match against Sulphur Springs. The Tigers won 19-0.



ELIZABETH SANDERS, 11

"We've extended our practice an extra half hour, been playing more matches and doing a lot more drills on specific things that we all need to work on to prepare for regionals."

The Swing Factor

Tennis teams look to improve from last year, prepare for season ahead

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Run the lines. Take a swing. Get back in position. Get set for the next volley. Put all the power behind the swing and knock the opponent out.

The boys and girls tennis teams have been hard at work in order to make an impact and win matches.

"After the lose to Longview, we are just trying to [work] more and leave everything out on the court," senior Aubree Cramer said. "[This is] so that this will never happen again and make our way to state."

At the Sept. 9 tournament, the teams suffered heart-wrenching defeats. However, the boys team feels they will have a shot to make it far at regionals and state this year.

"The real goal is to win state, or at least get to go as a team," junior Zack Moore said. "The best case scenario for the team this year is to not lose any more district

matches, which we most likely won't."

While the players are confident in their abilities and chances to win matches, they also look to enjoy the competition.

"We have had a lot of fun this year and we are doing very well so far," freshman Sarah Rogers said. "Some of the past tournaments have been tougher since we were playing 6A [division] schools, but district matches have been relatively easy."

Although district is set to be an easier slate, the tennis teams will have to beware underdogs and look forward to fighting for the chance to compete at state, Nov. 11-12.

"Right now, the records show that we aren't doing too well, but we are playing much harder teams than we previously have. It's really preparing us for regionals, and I really think we can win that," senior Carson Rommel said. "I feel like if our girls team can work and beat McKinney North, then we have a shot at going to state and be the first team to do that."

