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Courier Times 2017 Girls Tennis Preview: Team by team capsules

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Archbishop Wood

Coach: Dan Donnelly (1st season)

Last year: 5-3

Key players: Sr. Kylie Corless (singles); So. Jessica Firriolo (singles).

The season: "With two returning all-league players as the nucleus of the team, we hope to build on last year's successful season and to contend for the league championship," Donnelly said.

Bensalem

Coach: Chris Sterman and Susan Cantwell (3rd season)

Last year: 3-10

Key players: Sr. Brianna Ali (singles-doubles); Sr. Prius Patel (singles-doubles); Sr. Rua Dihm (singles-doubles); Sr. Aparna Rao (singles-doubles); Sr. Lauryn Simmons (singles-doubles).

The season: The Owls will have it tough against most of the teams they will face. Even though there are a number of seniors, there are also underclassmen that need to develop.

Council Rock North

Coach: Linda Morrin (3rd season)

Last year: 7-7 (SOL National tri-champion)

Key players: Fr. Amelia Honer (No. 1 singles); Sr. Sophia Fischer (No. 2 singles); Sr. Joanna Kwon (No. 3 singles); Sr. Gianna Vassalluzzo (No. 1 doubles); Sr. Abbie Briskin (No. 1 doubles); Jr. Bhavana Ambatapudi (No. 2 doubles); Jr. Isabel Lavine (No. 2 doubles); Sr. Charlotte Rigogne (doubles); Jr. Chelsey Seigel (doubles); Jr. Maggie Heubeck (doubles); So. Carla Eboli (doubles); So. Gianna Giorgio (doubles).

The season: The Indians appear poised to take the SOL National championship outright this season.

Council Rock South

Coach: Eric Scholl (5th season)

Last year: 8-6

Key players: Sr. Alyssa Skulsky (No. 1 singles); Sr. Alissa Shargodorsky (singles); So. Alexia Enache (singles).

The season: The Golden Hawks graduated seven seniors and a key returning player moved to Florida. Still the team will be strong at all singles while doubles is a work in progress.

George School

Coach: Cheri Mellor (20 years)

Last year: 2-10

Key players: Jr. Fiona Kieth (singles-doubles); So. Lauren Whyte (singles-doubles); Sr. Claire Heydacker (singles-doubles); Sr. Alyssa Malerman (singles-doubles); Sr. Tali Schnitzer (singles-doubles); Jr. Paige Andreassi (singles-players).

The season: Mellor has a great deal of returning talent to blend in with newcomers and she is expecting a solid season from the Cougars.

Harry S. Truman

Coach: Angelica Mena (1st year)

Last year: Not available

Key players: Sr. Lucia Padilla (No. 1 singles), So. Melissa Padilla (No. 2 singles), Sr. Erin Williams (No. 3 singles), Jr. Lizbeth Maldonado (No. 1 doubles), Sr. Maddy Haney (No. 1 doubles).

The season: "I am very optimistic about our season," Mena said. "Although we are a young team, the girls have been working really hard. We are looking forward to proving ourselves this season."

Neshaminy

Coach: Amy Perrin (1st season)

Last year: Not available

Key players: Jr. Julia Shandley (No. 1 singles); Sr. Jennifer Eisemann (No. 2 singles).

The season: Neshaminy should be competitive with all but the top teams in the conference.

Pennsbury

Coach: Tenaz Purdy (1st season)

Last year: 5-9 (SOL National tri-champion)

Key players: Sr. Elizabeth Bryson (singles); Sr. Julia Paraboschi (singles); Jr. Chelsea Riechelson (singles); Jr. Anna Zygmont (singles-doubles); Sr. Connor Browndorf (doubles); Jr. Claire Johnson (doubles); Sr. Nisha Vora (doubles); Sr. Shreya Yaramosu (doubles).

The season: The Falcons will be looking to compete with the top teams in the SOL National Conference.

Villa Joseph Marie

Coach: Jessica Sims (1st season)

Last year: 14-3

Key players: Sr. Brooke Simonson (No. 1 singles); Sr. Gabby Persechino (No. 2 singles); Sr. Lauren Ferraro (No. 3 singles); So. Sarah Cahill (doubles) Sr. Camryn Wood (doubles); Sr. Rebecca Downing (doubles); Fr. Ines Dominique (doubles); Sr. Katya Kopach (doubles); Jr. Sarah Shubert (doubles).

The season: The Jems had their best season in recent memory, if not ever, and have an experienced lineup looking to be strong again in 2017.

William Tennent

Coach: Gabriela Durand (1st season)

Last year: 4-11

Key players: Jr. Sarah Glass (No. 1 singles); So. Taylor Weidman (No. 2 singles); Sr. Erica Adamczyk (No. 3 singles); Jr. Zoe Khodak (No. 1 doubles); So. Maxine Fairall (No. 2 doubles); Jr. Sarah Oziminski (No. 2 doubles); So. Jessica Paris (No. 3 doubles); Jr. Tina Alania (No. 3 doubles); Jr. Melissa Wolfgang (doubles).

The season: The Panthers are looking to improve on last year's record.