

Athletes of the week; Much better results second time around October 27, 2009

Meredith Lawrence
Visitation, Tennis

Sometimes a loss is really a victory. Lawrence lost to Rosemount's Virginia Norder 6-1, 6-0 in the team semifinals of Class 2A, Section 3 two weeks ago. Last Tuesday, Lawrence turned the tables, beating Norder 6-3, 0-6, 6-1 to win the Section 3 singles title. Lawrence attributed her loss in the team competition to the pressure of wanting to succeed for the sake of the team. Having faced Norder already and with no team depending on her to play well, she was a completely different player in the singles final. "When I lost to her before, I played her game," said the diminutive freshman, who measures a hair under 5-feet tall. "This time I went into the match with a different mental approach. I decided to play my style and I felt much more relaxed." Lawrence said she could tell the finals were going to be different than her team match against Norder as soon as she stepped on the court. "I felt really good in warmups," she said. "I was loose. I'm also a basketball player, so the biggest thing for me is to move my feet and get to every ball I can. When I started doing that, I knew I could win."

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