

Visitation's Meredith Lawrence: Only a sophomore, but a true veteran

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Visitation sophomore Meredith Lawrence recently competed in her third consecutive Class 2A girls' tennis state tournament. She has played both singles and doubles in the event. Here is a closer look at Lawrence:

Three words or phrases my friends or teammates might use to describe me:

Competitive, dedicated, outgoing.

Favorite pregame meal: A Jimmy John's sandwich along with my water and Powerade duo.

How do you balance school and sports during the year? I work very hard on the weekends to catch up and try to get ahead for the next week.

At my first varsity practice, I felt ... Definitely excited. I made varsity my seventh-grade year, so it was such an honor to play and get to know so many older kids who took me under their wing and taught me everything I needed to know about high school tennis.

Eighth-grade doubles, ninth-grade singles and back to doubles this year in section play. What is your preference and why? I really don't have a preference. Doubles is always fun because you share the court with a teammate and have someone to constantly make you feel stronger mentally. But in singles you hit every shot and get to play your style.

Your favorite college or pro sports team and why? I am an all-around Minnesota fan when it comes to sports.

Do you have a secret talent - and if so, what is it? My father is an auctioneer, and he taught me how to auction.

What is the best sports advice you ever received? My private coach constantly tells me: "Work hard and try your best, kid, and while you're doing that, have fun."

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