

## **Sep. 12 Tennis**

### **Simultaneous singles wins give Spartans a 2-0 record to start season**

**Sep. 12:** So far, so good for the Steinert High tennis team as it has jumped to a 2-0 start this season.

The Spartans won their second match of the season today, 4-1, over Robbinsville, and the victory was clinched suddenly when first singles Gaby Bennett and second singles Samantha Plant both won simultaneously to seal the deal. Bennett won in two sets while it took Plant three, but Bennett's matches with Alana Denauski were marathon 7-6, 7-5 sets while Plant beat Jane Bukovec 6-1 6-1 after losing her first set.

In doubles, Kristen Malpas-Rachel Peters won in straight sets, while Taylor Wright-Murka Jean Charles gutted out 6-4 6-4 wins after losing their first set.

On Friday, Steinert opened with a 5-0 win over Trenton as Bennett, Plant and Dana Braddock won at singles, while Malpas-Peters and Jean Charles-Taylor Wright steamed through doubles, all in two sets.

### **Nottingham nipped by Lawrence in opener**

Nottingham opened the season with a 3-2 loss to Lawrence Friday, getting a win at first singles by Valerie Gapco and at second doubles by Margot Bergeron-Decontee Davis. The Northstars were scheduled to play West Windsor-Plainsboro South today but no results are available.

### **Hamilton falls to 0-2 but shows progress**

Hamilton has opened with 5-0 losses to Allentown Friday and Hightstown today. The Hornets did show progress, however. After not winning a game against the Redbirds, West's Nataly Hernandez won two today and first doubles Kristine Babyak-Christian Welsh fell 6-3 and 6-1.