

Tennis: Can't Buy Me Love ...



Nanea Goetz and Beth Hilgers play air guitar with their faithful "buddies."



Candice Keene does her swing.



Carla Boggs returns the ball.

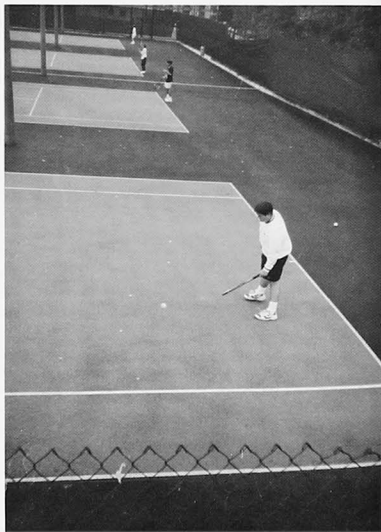
Highlights of the 1996 season were the girls' capture of the Division II Championship and Ryan Hilgers' finish of the season as the Number One female tennis player in Europe.

Tennis at Bitburg has never been a really popular sport, but this year 22 people came out, thanks to Coach Vadney's wonderful advertising.

The first game took place in Patch. The girls, to the joy of team captains Candice Keene and Carla Boggs, were victorious. The boys, however, suffered a painful loss, along with a wrist injury for team captain John Matson.

The girls continued all season at a steady, successful pace. Baumholder, Shape AFCENT and Vilsek lay in hard-fought defeat. The boys, to the team's disappointment, were not as prosperous. The girls' only loss was to Heidelberg, although Bethany and Ryan Hilgers did overcome their tough opponents.

At the end of the season six players headed off to Wiesbaden for the Tennis European Finals. BHS sent John Matson and Ryan Hilgers for singles, and for the two doubles teams, Doug Miller and Tom Spackman and Beth Hilgers and Candice Keene competed.



A view of Nate Weber and the Bitburg tennis courts.