

# Lady Falcons still undefeated



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▲ **SERVED:** Kelsey Chen (10) serves to her opponent in a singles match that helped clinch the TPHS win. For the first time, the undefeated Lady Falcons beat Westview 10-8 in a close finish over all three matches.

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The Lady Falcons tennis team (12-0) defeated a previously undefeated Westview 10-8 on Sept. 25.

While this is the team's first win against Westview, head coach Chris Numbers considers the victory just "one of many" to come in the following weeks.

"We don't put emphasis on any specific games, but the girls definitely stepped up today," Numbers said.

According to Numbers,

the team's doubles pairs heavily contributed to the win. In their first year on the squad, Sheyda Khonji (9) and Nicole Beachboard (9) did not expect to sweep all three matches, but their victories as a doubles team helped carry the Lady Falcons to an overall win.

"Westview is a really good team, so we expected to win one or maybe two matches," Khonji said. "We were prepared for a fight though, and we battled through it."

Khonji attributes their success to cohesion and the ability to

individual players. However, she believes that their strengths are often overshadowed by a lack of "excitement."

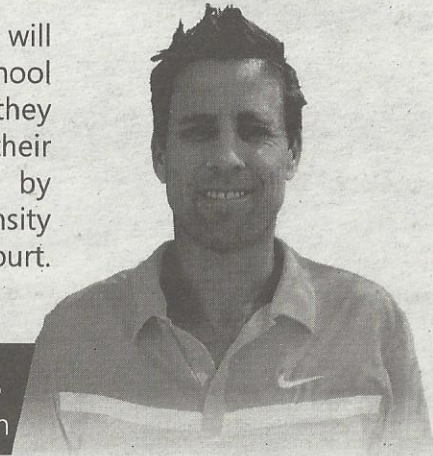
"We should work on getting pumped up for the games," Khonji said.

Despite the win, other members of the team hope to improve their performance in upcoming games. Kelsey Chen (10), who was slightly sick and "lacking focus," won one out of her three matches.

The Lady Falcons played at Mt. Carmel High School on Sept. 27, after the *Falconer* went to

## COACH'S CORNER

The Lady Falcons will visit Poway High School on Oct. 2, where they will work to defend their undefeated streak by maintaining intensity and focus on the court.



**Chris Numbers**  
TPHS Girls Tennis Coach

**Falconer:** Are there any changes you are implementing in your first year of coaching the Lady Falcons?

**Chris Numbers:** The team has a very good record, but I'm just trying to implement my strategies with doubles from past experience. I am also encouraging intensity and focus on the court. A high school tennis match is three individual sets, so it can be difficult maintaining that intensity throughout the whole game.

**F:** What do you think the team can improve on?

**CN:** There is always room

not start getting complacent, but I am really proud of the girls and their performance [against Westview]. Sheyda Khonji (9) and Nicole Beachboard (9) won all of their matches today, and so did Marion Bouillin (12).

**F:** Does the team have any big games coming up?

**CN:** Every game is a big game. This is a good time to start preparing for CIF, where we will see some difficult teams. Westview was undefeated as well until this game, so they'll definitely be our rival this season. We play them again [on Oct. 11], and they're a good team. But today, we