

# H.S. TENNIS: Scituate girls off to impressive start



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Scituate's No. 3 Addison Loverin goes up for the backhand return during her match against Cohasset at Scituate High on Tuesday [Wicked Local Staff Photo/ Robin Chan]

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Neither weather nor tough competition has put a damper on the Scituate High girls tennis team's season.

The Sailors are 5-0 with strong wins over Hingham, Duxbury, Norwell and Notre Dame Academy.

"This group just rolls with the punches," said Scituate coach Barbara Horne. "It is a long season, and I hope our success continues."

On April 24, the Sailors scored their biggest win of the season over Patriot League rival Hingham, 3-2.

Senior Caroline Quinn and freshman Sydney Washburn won the match at second doubles in straight sets.

Hingham won at first doubles and singles to take a 2-1 lead, but Scituate's Addie Loverin and Caroline Horan came up with huge wins to net the Sailors a victory.

At third singles, Loverin, a junior, came back to win 2-6, 6-2, 6-2. Horan, a senior, had a comeback of her own to win the final set.

"Our win against Hingham this week was enormous," said Horne, "as they have always been our greatest rival and a powerhouse in the Patriot League."

On Monday, Scituate scored another marquee league win, this one over Duxbury, 3-2. Both teams entered the day undefeated. Senior captains Caylee Conlin and Kaitlynn Washburn, the first doubles tandem, rebounded from a 5-7 loss in the first set to claim the next sets (6-1, 6-3). Thea Malerbi, who plays first singles, is also a captain.

"Not only are they talented leaders on the court, but they also lead by example off the court," said Horne of her captains.

The Sailors have no shortage of talent.

"I am particularly pleased with the depth of this team," said Horne. "We are solid from top to bottom. I feel confident with everyone I send out there to play - and they are a wonderful group to work with."

On April 11, Scituate defeated Norwell, 3-2.

Quinn/Sydney Washburn and Conlin/Kaitlynn Washburn won a doubles matches.

Maddyn MacDonald played tough in a loss at third singles.

The match was decided at first singles as Scituate's Caroline Horan won a 150-minute battle 6-4, 6-4.

On Friday, Scituate heads to Plymouth North for a league match at 3:30 p.m.