

RRGT 2018



2018 Great Lakes Conference Champions!



Carlotta Alaa, Sydney Allen, Sarah Robertson, Lauren Hickey, Lauren Hollis, Helen Trudell
Seniors, 4X Conference Champs, & All-around Great People!

COACHES



COACH DAVE PURDY, COACH BEN PURDY, COACH JOHANNA FORMAN
COACH SUNNY, Where Were you today???

CAPTAINS



CAPTAIN ROBERTSON, CAPTAIN HICKEY, CAPTAIN HOLLIS

2018 RRG T Roster

"The Great 38"

CarLotta ALaa
Sydney ALLEN
LAUREN Hickey
LAUREN HOLLIS
Sarah ROBERTSON
HELEN TRUDELL
ALANA ANDERSON-NELSON
Maggie BLOSSey
AVERY CONZELMANN
URSULA HEIMKE
RYAN HENRICKS
SAMANTHA LORENC
Abigail MUNY
EMMALINE PUPHIT
CARMEN RHINEHALT
MaKENZIE RUNYON
AMELIA WILSON
EVELYN AMSDELL
Jackie BUSH
LEILA GIACOMMARO
Laney HEULER
Maie Kate HICKEY
TIFFANY HOM
EVIE KELLEY
CAITLIN KELLY
ROSA KING
Becca KREBS
JULIA POTTS
MARIA POTTS
Rihab SHAHIN
LEANNE WATTAR
BLAIRE BERG
Dea DECAJ
SCOUT HAHN
EVELYN POLLY
SARAH SAAD
KALYN SCALABRINO
ALAYNA TOOLE

SENIORS 2018



CarLotta Dalal ALaai



<u>Daughter of:</u>	JULIA SHEARSON
<u>Post-HS PLANS:</u>	COLLEGE
<u>Favorite Year IN RR:</u>	JUNIOR
<u>Pre-Match SNACK:</u>	Apple
<u>DURING-MATCH SNACK:</u>	NONE
<u>Post-Match Meal:</u>	CUPCAKES AND CHIPOTLE
<u>Biggest Rival:</u>	Bay
<u>Favorite RRGT Memory:</u>	LaKeSide 2018
<u>WisDOM to SHare:</u>	<i>"Have FUN!"</i>

Coach'S Corner: "CarLotta, THANK you For everything you've contributed to this program over the last two years. WALKING ON to this team as a JUNIOR, a quarter of the way into the season, with very little tennis experience, would have been enough for 90% of the student base to stay home. IN fact, I WASN't sure if you'd be there on your first day or not. BUT to your credit, you WERE there, on time, ready to play. AND you've rarely MISSED a day since. I AM JEALOUS that COACH SUNNY (ON JV) and COACH Yo (ON Varsity B) got to KNOW you better than I did. Your attitude, your FRIENDLINESS, and your dedication made you the perfect fit for RRGT. I hope you got out of this team as MUCH as you put IN! THANK you and good LUCK, CarLotta!"

Sydney ALLEN



Daughter of:

Scott and Pam Allen

Post-HS Plans:

Study Psychology at Ohio University

Favorite Year in RR:

Junior

Pre-Match Snack:

Carrots with ranch

During-Match Snack:

Grapes

Post-Match Meal:

Spaghetti

Biggest Rival:

Bay

Favorite RRGT Memory:

Waking everyone up at Lakeside this year

Wisdom to Share:

"Just have fun and be open to meeting new people. You'll make great friends if you're open to it. Enjoy it because it goes by fast!"

Coach's Corner: "Sydney, it has been absolutely wonderful having you on the team for these last four years. I've enjoyed getting to know you (despite not really coaching you directly) through practices, fundraisers, trips, and as my unofficial babysitter at all the car washes! I owe you some money, I believe. Thank you for your commitment, your hard work, and your enthusiasm. You model so many of the traits I want all my players to have. You're just an all-around cool kid. Keep up the good work as you move on. I know I'll hear great things! Thanks for everything, and good luck, Syd!"

Lauren Hickey



<u>Daughter of:</u>	Chip and Beth Hickey
<u>Post-HS Plans:</u>	Going to College!
<u>Favorite Year in RR:</u>	Senior
<u>Pre-Match Snack:</u>	Bagels
<u>During-Match Snack:</u>	Fruit Snacks
<u>Post-Match Meal:</u>	Chipotle
<u>Biggest Rival:</u>	Jackson
<u>Favorite RRGT Memory:</u>	Waking up the Freshmen at Lakeside 2018; and Miamisburg 2017
<u>Wisdom to Share:</u>	"Enjoy every practice and match! Have fun with your friends, and try your best!"

Coach's Corner: "Lauren, to me, you are an evolution of sorts. I didn't know you very well when you began your illustrious career with RRGT. In fact, you were a little hard to get to know. You quietly went about your business, working hard, following directions, being a model citizen. You said "please" and "thank you," "Yes Sir" and "No Sir." As the years went by, not only did your game absolutely explode, but I also got to know and love your personality, especially your sense of humor. Today, I just want to hear you say, one more time, that line from the Narwhal in "Elf" – "Bye buddy, hope you find your dad!" You have such a great future ahead of you – I'm so proud of everything you've accomplished and even more proud of the person you've become. Thanks for everything, and good luck, Lauren."

Lauren Hollis



Daughter of:

Michael and Sharon Hollis

Post-HS Plans:

Attend College, With a Major in Business/Sales

Favorite Year in RR:

Junior

Pre-Match Snack:

Rice Krispie treats, banana, chocolate

During-Match Snack:

Belvita Bites, chocolate

Post-Match Meal:

Panera Bread, Dairy Queen, chocolate

Biggest Rival:

Bay

Favorite RRGT Memory:

When Lauren Hickey and I got trapped in an elevator for two hours at our hotel in Columbus, coming home from Miamisburg

Wisdom to Share:

"Always remember to have fun when you play. Also, whoever has the speaker on the way down to Lakeside, make sure you play 'YMCA.' Whoever has the speaker on the way to Miamisburg, make sure you play 'The Climb' before going to the mound."

Coach's Corner: "Lauren, is there a person on Earth who enjoys life as much as you? Is there a team on Earth who is as lucky to have you as RRGT? I have been so blessed, personally and professionally, to have gotten to know you over the years. And minus that weird volleyball year you had, the last four years have been a blast. Your talent, your personality, and your love for all your teammates has been a major reason why RRGT has the reputation it does. We're really good. We have a lot of fun. We love each other. Sound familiar? Thank you, Lauren, for giving to this team everything you had. Good luck, kid, and see you soon."

Sarah Robertson



Daughter of:

KEVIN and ANITA ROBERTSON

POST-HS PLANS:

PLAYING TENNIS at DENISON UNIVERSITY

Favorite Year in RR:

SENIOR

Pre-Match Snack:

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN, apples WITH PEANUT BUTTER

During-Match Snack:

PRETZELS, TRAIL MIX granola bars

Post-Match Meal:

MRS. TRUDELL'S COOKIES

Biggest Rival:

Bay

Favorite RRGT Memory:

QUALIFYING FOR STATES AS A JUNIOR; WHEN PURDY FELL THROUGH HIS CHAIR AND BOUGHT US TATTOO ARM BANDS FOR THE BAY MATCH

Wisdom to Share:

"CHERISH your time and HAVE FUN – it FLIES by FASTER THAN YOU THINK"

Coach's Corner:

"SARAH, you HAVE BEEN THE FACE OF THIS TEAM FOR FOUR SEASONS NOW... SEASONS THAT LAST ALL YEAR LONG. IT WASN'T JUST WHAT YOU DID JUST DURING THE TWO MONTHS OF THE OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS SEASON. AND IT WASN'T JUST TENNIS. IT WAS THE WORK YOU PUT IN DURING THE OFF-SEASON. IT WAS THE WAY YOU HANDLED THE AWESOME BURDEN OF HOLDING THE #1 SPOT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF YOUR CAREER. IT WAS THE WAY YOU LED THE TEAM AS CAPTAIN. WITH INTEGRITY. WITH SELFLESSNESS. AND ESPECIALLY, WITH HUMILITY. YOU WILL GO DOWN AS ONE OF THE BEST TO EVER PLAY THE GAME FOR THIS GREAT SCHOOL DISTRICT. BUT TO THE DOZENS OF GIRLS YOU INFLUENCED IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE "SARAH, MY TEAMMATE ON THE GIRLS TENNIS TEAM." YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF YOURSELF BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE. AND YOU NEVER TOOK SHORTCUTS. YOU DID EVERYTHING THE RIGHT WAY. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU WILL BE THE BEST TEAMMATE ANY OF US WILL EVER HAVE. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, SARAH, AND GOOD LUCK!"

HELEN TRUDELL



Daughter of: George and Beth Trudell
Post-HS Plans: College, studying Stage Management/Business
Favorite Year in RR: 3rd or 9th
Pre-Match Snack: Water only
During-Match Snack: Granola bar
Post-Match Meal: Chicken peanut salad from Joe's Deli
Biggest Rival: Bay and Westlake
Favorite RRGT Memory: Lakeside 2018, Mr. Purdy's amazing analogies for Carmen and me, and circle time with pops

Wisdom to Share:

"Try to smile or laugh on the court – you'll play better"

Coach's Corner: "Helen, I will always be impressed by the fact that you can do everything, and do it all better than most. You have one of the busiest lives I know, and despite that, you still somehow consistently manage to put this team first. Not first above other important things in your life, necessarily, but first above yourself. And it's that "team-first" mentality that makes you so special. I am reminded of Kennedy's famous "ask not" quote, applied to RRGT. You are a great tennis player, a combination of natural ability and a ton of hours of hard work on the court. You are a great person, a combination of your DNA and your parents' influence in your life. And you are a great teammate, which is 100% a choice, your choice, to put the success of the program above your individual desires. Few in this room know exactly how good a teammate you are, but I know. And as that characteristic carries over into your future endeavors, look out. Thanks for everything, Helen, and good luck!"

A New Record!



CONGRATULATIONS, SARAH!

YOU LEFT YOUR MARK ON SO MANY PEOPLE DURING YOUR FOUR YEARS IN THIS PROGRAM.

NOW, YOU LEAVE YOUR MARK, IN PERMANENT INK, ON THE RECORD BOOKS.

92 CAREER WINS. INCREDIBLE.

TENNIS 2018

THE COURTS WILL BE EMPTY EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL LEAVES BLOWING ACROSS THE SURFACE
AND THE SNOW'S FRIGID FROSTING
YET TO MAKE ITS' PRESENCE KNOWN.

BUT THERE IS NO SILENCE IN THE HEARTS OF
FRIENDS TOGETHER FOR A COMMON CAUSE, CREATING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME.

THIS SEASON
WILL LIVE ON FOR ALL THOSE SO INVESTED IN THE YEARS AND LIVES
AND QUESTS WHICH BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

PARENTS, COACHES, SIBLINGS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS, ADMINISTRATORS WERE SOMEHOW BLESSED
BY THE EXPERIENCES THAT BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

IT IS NOT JUST REVELING IN THE VICTORIES AND CHAMPIONSHIPS
BUT IN THE RELATIONSHIPS FORGED,

IN THE WONDERMENT OF A SPECIAL AND UNIQUE SPORTS FAMILY.

IT IS OURS FOR THIS DAY TO EMBRACE AND ALL THE DAYS YET TO COME.

POP

A Little History Lesson

IN May OF 2002, MIKE HOBBS, a TENNIS pro at RIVER OAKS Racquet CLUB (AND THE HEAD COACH OF ROCKY RIVER GIRLS TENNIS), MET ME at RRHS to ASK IF I WOULD be INTERESTED IN TAKING over the team FOR one year WHILE HE WAS going to be WORKING out OF TOWN. I WAS young, NERVOUS, had NEVER BEEN a HEAD COACH before, BUT I Said "Yes"... I COULD do it FOR one year. It became one OF THE best decisions I ever Made. Here are SOME Stats THAT resulted FROM that one year:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ASSISTANT COACHES</u>	<u>CAPTAINS</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u># OF GIRLS</u>
2002	Debbie ANDREWS	ASHLEY HILLOW ASHLEY HAUDENSCHILD	3 rd place	SWC	16
2003	Wally MANNs	ASHLEY HAUDENSCHILD Heather White Kate Waggoner	CHAMPIONS	SWC	24
<i>RRHS SCHOOL Record: Career WINS (DOUBLES) – Heather White & Kate Waggoner (46)</i>					
<i>RRHS SCHOOL Record: WINS IN a SEASON (DOUBLES) – Heather White & Kate Waggoner (24)</i>					
2004	Wally MANNs	KRISTEN LICHT Brooke Datko	4 th place	SWC	36
2005	KEVIN Peacock MIKE RAMIREZ	LAUREN HENRY LINDSEY HOBSON	CHAMPIONS	WSC	38
2006	Meagan BURKE KRISTY DILLON	LINDSEY HOBSON ALYSSA ABRAHAM Katie Jones	2 nd place	WSC	40
2007	Meagan BURKE LISA LUZIER	LINDSEY HOBSON ALYSSA ABRAHAM	CHAMPIONS	WSC	28
2008	Dave Purdy Liz THINNES	Celia Waggoner Katlyn Super MOLLY KENNEY	CHAMPIONS	WSC	26
2009	Dave Purdy Cheryl HAUDENSCHILD	Whitney MILLS HOLLYN TRUDELL	3 rd place	WSC	24
2010	Dave Purdy Cheryl HAUDENSCHILD	ANNIE PAVIC ALLIE SPERLI	CHAMPIONS	WSC	30

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assistant Coaches</u>	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u># of Girls</u>
2011	Dave Purdy Cheryl Haudenschild	Carol Anton Elise Griffiths Allyson Helleis	2 nd place	WSC	31
2012	Dave Purdy Cheryl Haudenschild	Amy Lam Maddie Fitzsimmons Alex Riegelsberger Adrienne Copa	2 nd place	WSC	41
<i>OHSAA DI State Qualifiers: Singles – Isabel Quinones; Doubles – Lucy Grierson & Alex Riegelsberger</i>					
2013	Dave Purdy Ann McFarland	Isa Quinones Alex Riegelsberger Adrienne Copa	Champions	WSC	37
<i>OHSAA DI State Qualifiers: Doubles – Lucy Grierson & Alex Riegelsberger</i>					
2014	Dave Purdy Ann McFarland Susan AuzenbergS	Lucy Grierson Megan Schulte Amanda Grossman	2 nd place	WSC	28
2015	Dave Purdy Ann McFarland	Lucy Grierson Jaymie Pampush	Champions	GLC	26
2016	Dave Purdy Kelly SunderVille	Margo Bush Anna Vergon Ella MattheWson	Champions	GLC	26
2017	Dave Purdy Kelly SunderVille	Grace Sullivan Jillian Erml Sophie Krebs Sarah Robertson	Champions	GLC	28
<i>OHSAA DI State Qualifier: Singles – Sarah Robertson</i>					
2018	Dave Purdy Kelly SunderVille Johanna Forman	Sarah Robertson Lauren Hickey Lauren Hollis	Champions	GLC	38
<i>RRHS School Record: Career Wins (Singles) – Sarah Robertson, 92</i>					

Since 2002,

RRGT HAS HAD 517 GIRLS, 15 COACHES, 10 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS,
9 LEAGUE MVPS, 20 DISTRICT QUALIFIERS, 6 STATE QUALIFIERS, 3 SCHOOL RECORDS,
AND A THOUSAND MEMORIES!

THANK YOU

THE ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTION OF THIS PROGRAM WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE, WHO SELFLESSLY GIVE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A PROGRAM LIKE THIS, WITH 38 GIRLS, 4 COACHES, ~~8 COURTS~~ 6 COURTS (WITH 6 PICKLE-BALL COURTS), AND UNLIMITED BALLS:

*DR. SHOAF AND THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*MR. ROB WINTON AND ROCKY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

*MRS. ADDIE OLANDER AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

*MRS. ERIN PEACOCK AND THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

*MR. MARK WAGNER, MS. SHANNON OMAHEN, AND THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

*OUR COACHES: POP, YO, AND SUNNY

*OUR SPOUSES: VAL, ANN, MATT, AND BRIAN

*OUR CAPTAINS: SARAH AND THE LAURENS

*THE CAPTAINS' PARENTS: THE ROBERTSON, HICKEY, AND HOLLIS FAMILIES

*AND TO THE PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, SIBLINGS, AND EXTENDED FAMILIES OF OUR PLAYERS: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT... FOR HOW YOU SUPPORTED YOUR DAUGHTERS AFTER WINS, LOSSES, OR NOT PLAYING... FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR FUNDRAISERS, ESPECIALLY THE CAR WASH... FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH DRIVING, SETTING UP LESSONS/CAMPS/TOURNAMENTS, ETC... AND MOST ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THEIR MATCHES... WHETHER THEY WANTED YOU THERE OR NOT. ☺

