

## Appendix A

### Feedback for coach John Walsh

Camryn and Marisa Warren (2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from left)  
Nichols High School (2019) and 2017 US High  
School Team Squash Div IV Champions

“We have been playing basketball since we were about five years old and played on the Varsity Basketball team as freshmen at Nichols School last year. We got into squash when Dan Drury, the Boys Varsity Assistant Coach, came up to us after a practice, and said how athletic we were. He was very interested in us trying to play squash because he thought that we could be more successful at squash than basketball.



The great thing that he said about squash is that you can be any size to play.

We started hitting before and after basketball practices with Dan Drury and some of the boys on the Varsity Squash team. By the time that squash season came around this winter, Coach Charles Ptak of the Varsity Girls Squash team saw our potential, so we made the Varsity Squash team. Each practice and week we improved. After the first week, we were both ready to compete and we both won our matches.

After having a successful season, our team advanced to nationals and we won our division.

Squash is a great game and has provided us with more opportunities than we would have gotten with basketball. We would not have gotten the opportunity to play for a national title with basketball.

Squash has taught us discipline, respect for yourself and your opponent, and dedication. It is never too late to learn how to play squash, because you never know where you might end up with it.”

They are looking at colleges: Princeton, Harvard, Cornell, William Smith, University of Michigan and Notre Dame, with a 3.8 in Honor and AP courses.

Danessia Warren  
Mother of Camryn and Marisa

“Nichols team won...first time in the 125 year history of the school. Nichols had 4 players that won: the #1, #2, #5, & #7 positions. Marisa traveled as an alternate. Cam played the 7th position. Her opponent from Kingsford Oxford was undefeated this season. Cam loss the first game to her 6-11, then went on a winning run with: 11-5, 11-5, and 11-2.

They are both sleeping now on the car ride back, but plan on calling you this week to thank you. They said you have no idea how much you taught them & how much that tourney at University of Rochester helped them.”