THORNTON FRACTIONAL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

# GIRLS BADMINTON 2012



**T** n the 3 short years, the TF South badminton program established themselves as one

of the best teams in the State The Varsity team was mainly composed of juniors and

sophomores and showed tremendous improvement as

the season progressed. Our

best Is yet to come ! We will 3beat our Conference Title next

year.

as excellence in the classroom made this years team

special. The girls attended multiple summer instructional

camps and participated in

'open' gyms throughout the year. We will also be com-

municating with 7th & 8th raders to begin their badmir

ton careers with summer

camp participation

he next step for our

freshmen, sophomore, junior badminton players is

to attend 'Free' summer

camps. Seniors are expected

camps.

to serve as coaches at these

## Dream Season

Coaches Can Only Dream of a Season Like This

### Accomplishments

- IHSA State Tournament— 6th Place !
- SSC Conference Champions 2012 !
- IHSA SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS !
- 1st Place TFS 'Grey' Invite—7 Teams
- 1 st Place TFS 'Red' Invite—7 Teams
- 1st Place Lockport Invite 12 Team Invite
- 1st Place DeKalb Invite (A)-8 Teams
- 1st Place DeKalb Invite (B) —12 Teams
- Dual Meet Record: 19 & 0
- Downstate Qualifiers—6x
- Conference Champions—12x Individuals
- IHSA All Academic Achievement Award
- Sectional Host—TFS ranked 2nd out of 24 Schools

### State Tournament News EIU May 10-12th ...

TF South returned to the State Badminton Tournament again this year.

Jessica Gomez, Andriana Johnson, Cassie Breshock, Jhennie Corpuz/Jenna Pasko, and Shannon Pollard represented TF South at the State Tournament at Eastern Illinois University by finishing 1st at the TF South Sectional. Jessica was seeded 9th in the State.and Shannon and Jenna were seeded 5th..

Gomez won 2 matches downstate and finished in **17th** place. Pollard and Pasko won 5 matches and finished in **3rd** place. Breshock and Corpuz won 5 matches also and finished in **9th** place. The team finished **6th** in the state with 10.5 points. A side note to the sectional tournament was that TF South took top honors in both singles an doubles and qualified 6 players.





Excellence in Badminton has finally surfaced at TFS



#### Special Badminton Points

- Varsity record: 19 Wins/0 Loss
- Gomez/Johnson/Breshock/Corpuz/Pasko/ Pollard all qualified for the State Tourney.
- SSC Conference Champions. TF South claimed 12 out of the 15 possible Championships! Claimed both Sectional Championships also.

#### Winning at the Top !

- Received the IHSA <u>Team</u> Academic Achievement Award AGAIN !
- Highest <u>Badminton Expectations</u> established for TF South High School for next year..
- Established 'Badminton' contact with the feeder grammar schools. Many 'future' badminton players identified.
- The coaches truly believe that the returning players can't wait for summer camps and the start of next years 2013 season.
- <u>'Love for Badminton'</u> has finally surfaced here at TF South !
- TF South <u>Hosted</u> the SSC Conference Tourney and Sectional Tourney this year. TFS once again Showcase for Badminton
- 2012 SSC <u>Conference Champs</u> were Gomez / Johnson/Pollard/Crosby/Leiner/ Breshock/Farlow/Creighton/Fionda/ Pasko/Maricich/Corpuz.....WOW !

Special Thanks to the TFS Booster Club ,Besse Shirt & Lettering , and the TFS Maintenance Dept. PAGE 2

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Time & Commitment <u>has made</u> Badminton At TF South High School <u>Unbelievable</u>!



The TF South Girls Badminton program reached new heights quicker than expected. The Girls Badminton program is now headed in the right direction. The Sophomore Class has provided a strong foundation for the next 2 years. They are definitely a 'special' group of athletes !

Continued support from the Athletic Director and the community, guarantees TFS a program to grow even further. Maintaining the current coaching staff along with making sure the practice facilities are properly utilized will insure TF South with a healthy successful badminton program for many years to come.

Special Mention-

Thanks to our PARENTS

who supported us during the 2012 season.

### 2012 ATTENDANCE

\*Bonus days: Sundays .... 54 Days Possible

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	Jessica Ballard 50	
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	Shannon Pollard 55	
Į	Erica Maricich 50	
	Cassie Breshock 55	
	Andriana Johnson 49	
Red/	Jessica Gomez 56	
	Emily Leiner 50	ľ
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	Jhennie Corpuz 51	AV N
	Jenna Pasko 56	
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5	Kristina Creighton	1

"Competent coaching, dedication,, participation in the State Tourney, home invites, fabulous parents, administrative support, and winning records all mixed together form a popular and successful high school Badminton program."



It's not whether you win or lose -

'Whether you think, you can

or whether you think you

can't,

you're right!'

It's whether I win !

 <u>MVP</u>:
 (On Court) - Jessica Gomez

 (Off Court) - Shannon Pollard

 <u>MIP</u>:
 Cassie Breshock

 <u>Captains</u>:
 Jhennie Corpuz & Erica Maricich

 <u>Conference Champions</u>
 Sectional Champions

**Special Awards** 

Jessica Gomez #1 Singles Andriana Johnson #2 Singles Shannon Pollard #3 Singles Jenna Pasko #4 Singles Cassie Breshock #5 Singles Emily Leiner #7 Singles Erica Maricich #9 Singles Kelli Farlow #10 Singles Corpuz/Breshock #2 Doubles Johnson/Gomez #3 Doubles Maricich/Leiner #4 Doubles Creighton/Fionda #5 Doubles <u>Sectional Champions</u> Jessica Gomez–Singles Pasko/Pollard–Doubles

### <u>State Tourney</u>

Pollard/Pasko —3rd Place Breshock/Corpuz—9th Place Gomez—17th Place GIRLS BADMINTON - 2012

### **Things You Should Know!**

### **Successful Badminton Planning**

- Freshmen year: Develop Swing/Footwork/No Backhands
- Extend arm on singles serves-'C' Serve
- Drive game (Daily) All 3 levels-Strength-Hand and Eye
- Use A-B-C Serves— Play Smart
- Jump to corners to execute shots
- Compact swing with wrist pronation—SCOOP SHOT !
- 2-3, 2-2, 1-4 combos
- 4 Corners (Daily) (Sundays !)
- Mental Toughness-Play through injuries and sickness
- Condition—Get Stronger in Game 3
- Hit with Coaches (Daily)
- **Clinician at Private Badminton** Lessons
- Just Win-Baby I





#### **GOOD LUCK TO OUR SENIORS:** Erica-Kristina-Rachel

#### Our SENIORS will be greatly missed.

At the conclusion of every Badminton

season, a final farewell to our seniors is a very sad moment. They provided the team with many victories and memorable moments for 4 years. Captain Erica Maricich, Kristina Creighton, and Ra-



chel Fionda set excellent examples for the younger players to follow. They had excellent attendance and always

> conducted themselves as perfect Lady Rebels. Jessica, Rachel, and Kristina will be moving on to bigger better careers.

WE Will Miss You I <u>Thank You I</u>



Formula for Badminton Success



Luck has nothing to do with success in the sport of Badminton. Dedication, knowledge, and hard work all contribute equally to becoming a winning Badminton player.

TF South was lucky to have 2 volunteer/unpaid coaches with vast playing and coaching experience. Having the girls hit with experienced players is the most important element in their skill advancement.

Jose Martinez and Jessica Rising provided that extra set of eyes and extra hitting practice. Thanks !



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### 2012 'Dream' Season

### NEXT YEAR !

Dream Year !

- 6th Place IHSA State Tournament
- SSC 2012 Conference Champs (Repeat)
- 1st Place Sectionals
- 12 Conference Individual Champs
- 3 Sectional Individual Champs
- 5 Varsity Invite Championships
- Undfeated Dual Match Season (19-0)
- Jessica Gomez—17th Place State Singles
- Pollard/Pasko—3rd Place State Doubles
- Breshock/Corpuz—9th Place State Doubles
- IHSA Academic Achievement Award
- Hosted SSC Conference Tourney
- Hosted Sectional Tourney
- Hosted 3 Home Invites
- Fabulous Trip Downstate
- Badminton Towels/Snuggies/Medals
- Ilian Perez—#1 USA Singles Player



Why ?

- Attend Summer Camps (Free)
- Attend Winter/Spring Clinics
- Open Gyms—Wednesdays (1:50)
- Optional Sunday Training
- Preseason Tourneys
- Badminton Dedication
- 4 Coaches (2x Volunteers)
- Jrs & Srs helping Fresh & Sophs
- Drills
- 'Toughness' on the court
- Mental Awareness
- Perfect Attendance
- Administrative Support (Marc Brewe)
- Booster Club Support
- Parents Support
- Execution of Match Strategies
- Placing Badminton 1st
- TFS Finally Recognizing Badminton
- Badminton Crazy'
- Creating a Tough Schedule
- Responsibility & Respect
- GREAT ATTITUDES !



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BADMINTON MAKES THE WORLD A HAPPY PLACE





Name	Singles	Doubles			
Shannon Pollard	21-0	47-5			
Erica Maricich	13-0	35-1			
Cassie Breshock	15-0	54-5			
Andriana Johnson	49-6	12-0			
Jessica Gomez	52-3	12-0			
Emily Leiner	20-0	35-1			
Rachel Fionda	0-0	21-0			
Kristina Creighton	0-0	21-0			
Cameron Crosby	36-2	0-0			
Bri Fisher	2-0	0-0			
Jhennie Corpuz	13-2	54-5			
Jenna Pasko	20-1	47-5			
Kelli Farlow	12-2	1-0			
Jessica Ballard	4-2	1-0			

Final 2012 Player Records

### Final 2012 Team Records

19 Wins & 0 Losses – Dual Matches (Won 5 Invites)
1st Place–SSC Conference–12 Conference Champions
1st Place–TF South Sectional (17.5 pts) - 2 Sectional Champions
6th Place–State Tournament (10.5pts) - (92 schools Competed)

### Final Comments

Badminton may be considered a minor sport, but it plays a <u>major role i</u>n the lives of many TFS High School athletes.

The TF South Badminton team has finally earned the respect of the administration, booster club, staff members, SSC opponents, parents, and current and past players.

Those who have played Badminton, LOVE the SPORT—those who haven't, usually criticize the sport without ever knowing the skill involved and the dedication required to be successful.

This year's team was well behaved throughout the season. They maintained excellent grades with no ineligilibilities. That accomplishment has earned them the IHSA Academic Achievement Award for the 2nd straight year.. As WE end up our 3rd year of coaching the Rebels Badminton team, We found it to be exciting and enjoyable with many ups and hardly any downs. We have established a strong foundation for Badminton to grow at TF South. Large turnouts with success on the courts as well as in the classroom will be trademarks of our Badminton program for many years to come. Our biggest goal is to maintain excellence and continuity that winning programs all exhibit.

We are proud of our player's attitudes, effort, sportsmanship, and dedication exhibited throughout the 2012 season.

We anxiously await our summer training programs and the start of next year's competition.

> Favorites to WIN STATE ! TFS Badminton Coaches, 2012

The 2012 Badminton Season ends with TF South being <u>PROUD</u> of their Badminton Team, <u>PROUD</u> of their Winning Record, <u>PROUD</u> of their Behavior and <u>PROUD</u> of their Academic Excellence exhibited during the 2012 season.

