

Tennis: Love anyone?

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Audrey Austin, a sophomore at Perry High School is involved in a lot of extracurriculars. She's in marching band and plays basketball and tennis. Austin has had a busy schedule since middle school, she plays basketball, joined band in 5th grade and plans to play throughout the rest of high school, and she has been playing tennis since she was 4.

She has a special connection with tennis in particular because she's been playing it for much longer than basketball. She also plays tennis all year round and has made connections with a lot of people because of it. "I always have fun with it and I've met so many people through it because I play all over the place," she says. "I like singles more because I play it the most, it's just what I'm used to. It's what I play all season, except for something like sectionals, where I'll play doubles with our first singles so we can have a really dominant team." The Perry tennis team has won CVCs 3 years in a row, and Audrey and her partner Lily Walker fell one match short of making it to states last year.

Austin also started playing basketball in first grade. She's currently a shooting guard, and prefers playing defense over offense. "I enjoy playing basketball just because it's a sport I know a lot about, my dad coached a high school basketball team since I was little so I have a lot of knowledge from him." Austin looks up to her dad and has learned a lot from him. She likes the competitive game of basketball and says, "It's a good change from tennis because it's more of a team sport." She says the movement and conditioning are different, but they complement each other really well.