

Southington Sports Scene

Kenny Hill tourney continues to draw locals



LAURIE HILL

Above, hot air balloons from Plainville's annual festival helped decorate the early morning.

The weather cooperated. The courts were opened. Balloons flew, and the players swarmed. The Kenny Hill Jr Memorial Tennis tournament continued to grow in its 9th year as 65 adult matches and 36 youth matches helped raise money for a pair of Southington scholarships.

At right, photos and scrapbooks remind players of the tournament's namesake, a former SHS tennis captain who passed away in his senior year.



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At right, Ken Hill Sr and Laurie Hill organize the action on the courts.



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Below, fans huddle by the fence to cheer their favorite players.



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Below, Blue Knight singles player James DiNello gets in some off-season competition.



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Above, Lady Knight swatter Alejandra Gimenez makes a return.

At right, Ray Janelli checks the schedule.



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Below, Wint Filipek Jr scrambles for a backhand during doubles play.



At left, Liz Costello hits a two-handed return during the youth competition.

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Below, former Blue Knight player Mark Habek stretches between matches.



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