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## Women's Tennis' Evauna Neville Relishes Role Of Team Leader

Lehman College junior standout Evauna Neville is the model student-athlete, and the women's tennis team is lucky to have her. Now in her third season with the team, Neville has excelled both on the tennis court and in the classroom, setting a primary example for all of the student-athletes who have joined the team with her or after her.

"Evauna truly has been this program's jewel over the past three seasons," Head Coach Zack Davis said. "In addition to her reliability on the court, she has also performed consistently in the classroom, maintaining a 3.5 GPA. I'm very proud of what she's been able to accomplish.

Neville has flourished as the team's No. 1 singles player, especially in 2008. Through October 14th, the standout has posted an 10-4 record in singles matches, including a 6-1 record against conference opponents. In addition, she is 7-6 teaming with Aurora Peters during doubles competition, and the duo is 5-1 against CUNY foes. Although the team sits at just 5-9 overall, the Lightning are 4-3 in CUNYAC matches. At the same time, Neville also realizes that the window for winning a conference championship won't stay open forever.

"The most important thing for me and for the team is to go out there and

give our best efforts every time that we have a match, and then just let the chips fall where they may," she said. "The younger players on this team are still learning and are still getting better, and I believe that we'll be competitive the rest of this season and next season."

When she's not on the tennis court, one can find Neville volunteering her time helping others in need. During spring break back in 2007, the junior traveled to New Orleans to aid Katrina victims. There, she helped build sheds and paint houses for those less fortunate. In addition to that, she often volunteers her services at local hospitals, helping out as diligently as she can.

"Volunteering services has always been a habit of mine," Neville said. "At the end of the day, I believe it is something that people really appreciate, when they see you trying to make a difference. My time helping people in New Orleans was a truly amazing experience, and I always look forward to helping out in the hospitals."

Lehman players of the present and the future can look at Neville for inspiration, as the standout has done everything she could and more to make her experiences on and off the tennis courts worthwhile.



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