

switch teams like I did was a huge risk and a chance for me, and it was a chance to showcase my talents."

Goldman

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the last three at No. 1 singles. Over that time, she went 41-9, losing four times her freshman year, three as a sophomore and just once in each of the past two years, to St. Dominic's Kaitlyn Thompson, the Mountain Valley Conference's player of the year.

She gained better control of her touch shots and her serve improved as she grew bigger and stronger.

But her greatest improvement was more psychological

"Everybody is just working together," Bowyer said. "That's something we are very proud of."

than physical.

"Her mental toughness, her ability to compete at a really high level, that's her biggest improvement," Cousins said.

Cousins said he wasn't surprised at all that Goldman reached the Round of 16 in the singles tournament. But Goldman was.

"I wasn't expecting to get this far, so being here is really exciting," she said, shortly after losing to Leavitt.

Cousins said Goldman's energy and enthusiasm spread throughout the team, one that went unbeaten in MVC play the past two seasons.

"She was captain of the team

NASCAR for verbally abusing a media member — and said he was thrilled to compete for the win in an underfunded, unspen-

for two years," he said. "She helped turn the culture of the tennis team around. She's got great energy as a teammate."

The Bulldogs knew they would likely meet Waynflete somewhere along the line.

The teams don't play during the regular season and the Flyers play a tougher schedule comprised entirely of Class B teams.

Still, the Bulldogs gave a strong account of themselves in a 4-1 loss. Goldman led that charge with a win in three sets at first singles.

"It was important to end my career with a win," she said after the match.

which is most important, I made a mistake, I got into those tires in turn 11."

Busch, who has struggled with his temper on and off the track,

"Waynflete just has a huge reputation. It's tough but we played our best. During the second set I had realized that we had lost, and that was tough. I just wanted to finish strong."

Goldman will attend Bates College and has already talked to the tennis coach about playing there. Cousins, who also coaches girls soccer at Hall-Dale, is sure she'll succeed.

"She's got great footwork and athleticism," he said. "I always joked about talking her into playing soccer."

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Motorsports teammates Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon.

Greg Biffle was seventh, followed by pole-sitter Marcos Ambrose, AJ Allmendinger and

time for 15 laps before running out of gas as he was headed in for a scheduled pit stop.

There were only two cautions — the fewest in track history for the Sprint Cup Series.



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