pace doesn't bother her—she can handle a guy’s pace. She likes to dictate play,” Susanna says of her brother. “I love his forehand and his speed are his greatest attributes. He doesn’t get a lot of free points from his serve, but he uses it effectively to set up his points.” Susanna says that Dave “is smart about the way he plays his points. He’s not just trying to hit winners. He will pick away at their armor.”

Both Lingmans swing Babolat racquets—Dave plays the blue “Pure Drive” stick, favored by Andy Roddick, Kim Clijsters, and many top professionals; Susanna’s red “Pure Control” model is less seen on the pro tour but a deadly weapon in her hands. Both sport stylish earrings, though they claim not to advise each other on jewelry. And both train with Ken Matsuda, whose charges have included Michael Chang, Jim Courier, Paradorn Srichipan, and Taylor Dent.

Matsuda’s take-no-prisoners workouts have paid off in quick starts, leg speed, strength, and endurance. “Tennis is all about legs, way more than arms,” Susanna says. “Legs and movement, getting to the place where you can best hit the shot you want to hit.” Dave says, “The most important thing in my game is speed, getting my legs under me.”

Matsuda, he says, “is from the old school. He will only take people who are driven internally.” The workouts include a lot of movement and agility drills on the court: “You don’t want to waste steps,” Dave explains. “Move with the least amount of energy, nothing extra mentally or physically.” There’s also cardio work with stairs, treadmills, and resistance conditioning with harnesses and elastic bands. “The more I give, the more he’ll give,” Dave says. “My improvement was remarkable.”

Dave had a strong career as a junior player; opponents included current top pros Andy Roddick and Taylor Dent. Yet he stopped competing in his senior year in high school. “There was a lot of pressure and I started not to enjoy tennis,” he recalls. “I felt I was losing out on a lot of other things, like the ability to be at home and have friends.” He lost his ranking and wasn’t offered full tennis scholarships, but was still recruited. Musing on his college decision, Dave recalls thinking, “Go to the best school in the nation, or go somewhere else and try to really develop my tennis?” Then I realized that James Blake had played at Harvard and gone on to a higher level in tennis. I felt I could improve my own game there and also help the team improve.”

In 2000, after his freshman year, Dave left Harvard to try his luck on the pro tennis tour for a year and a half; he returned a far more seasoned competitor, having faced “guys playing for bread money and also calling their own lines,” he says. This year, by late March he was ranked twenty-seventh in the nation in singles and, with his partner, Jonathan Chu ’05, thirty-eighth nationally in doubles.

Harvard’s men’s and women’s teams, ranked as high as twelfth and eleventh, respectively, in the country this year, are once again the powers of the Ivy League. The Crimson have dominated Ivy tennis for the past two decades, with each program winning or sharing 13 of the 20 league titles contested among their peers since 1984. This year, the women’s team has battled injuries to several players, including Susanna and her doubles partner Bergman (the country’s nineteenth-ranked doubles team), but like the men, were favored to repeat as league champions.

With his cocaptain Cliff Nguyen ’04, Dave, an economics concentrator, has encouraged teammates to “pump it up and really get down and work hard in practice without making excuses for yourself,” he says. “You tell other guys, ‘This is what you need to work on—if I were playing you, this is what I’d do to you.’ If you aren’t doing that, you’re taking practice away from other guys. I chose tennis because it was an individual sport; I always wanted to be the master of my own destiny. But I have really enjoyed the team aspect. You can actually bring each other up.”

Yes, you can, including your sibling. In addition to weekly dinners together and innumerable phone calls and e-mails, Suannah and Dave go out on the tennis court and hit balls, usually early in the morning, once a week. After college, both expect to play on the professional tour—where four tournaments do have mixed doubles events. Some day, you just might see a Lingman-Lingman team out there, playing in one of the Grand Slams.

~Craig Lambert

Winter Champions

national championship, which he did in the 149-pound class. (John Harkness ’38, who won at 175 pounds in 1938, saw Jantzen’s victory in St. Louis.) Jantzen’s dominance earned him the title of Most Outstanding Wrestler for the tourney.

Ice Hockey
For the first time ever, one college won both the men’s and women’s ECAC Championships. The Crimson men vanquished Clarkson, 3-2, while the women took out St. Lawrence, 6-1. Maine’s men rallied to beat Harvard, 5-4, in the NCAA first round; the icewomen went all the way to the NCAA final before falling to Minnesota, 6-2. Senior defender Angela Ruggiero won the Patty Kazmaier Award as the top player among college women.