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# NEWS RELEASE

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# **Boys Tennis Teams Battle this Weekend for State Supremacy**

Six of last year's eight state finalist teams including the defending champion lead the charge into the 49th Annual IHSAA Boys Tennis State Finals this weekend.

Four quarterfinal matches will be played Friday at 3 pm ET at Carmel and Center Grove high schools with the winners returning on Saturday at 10 am ET at North Central High School for a pair of semifinals and the state championship match at 2 pm ET.

The top half of the bracket at Carmel calls for two-time defending state champion and second-ranked North Central of Indianapolis (18-0) to play No. 1 Carmel (17-1) and No. 4 Jeffersonville (21-0) meeting Culver Academies (17-2).

North Central and Carmel will meet for the second time this season and it's a rematch of last year's state championship dual won by the Panthers, 3-2. That was the same outcome of the teams' regular season meeting on Sept. 3, Carmel's only loss this year. This is the Greyhounds' sixth consecutive trip to the state finals tying a tournament record also held by North Central (1974-79) and Homestead (1992-97). Carmel's Zach Hennessey and Kenny Miller are 14-0 as the Greyhounds' No. 1 doubles team.

Jeffersonville and Culver Academies both are playing in their second consecutive state finals but neither advanced out of last year's quarterfinal round. That will change for one team this time around. Both teams boast an undefeated singles player. Culver's Sam Concannon is 18-0 at No. 1 singles and Jeffersonville's Kooper Falkenstein is 26-0 at No. 2.

In the other half of the bracket at Center Grove, No. 3 Park Tudor (17-4) will take on No. 9 Jasper (16-4) and No. 11 Leo (23-2) meets unranked Perry Meridian (23-5).

Park Tudor is playing in its fifth straight finals tournament this weekend. The Panthers four regular season losses have all come at the hands of Carmel and North Central. Jasper is also making its fifth trip in a row having reeled off 10 straight victories.

Leo is the lone newcomer to this level of the tournament among this year's eight teams. The Lions bounced No. 10 Carroll (Fort Wayne) in their opening match of the sectional and later eliminated No. 7 Homestead in the regional after falling to them early in the regular season. Perry Meridian will be represented in the state finals for the first time since 1975, the second year of the current format, and when only four teams made up the state finalists.

Also taking place this weekend at four sites around the state are the individual regionals for singles and doubles players. Results from all the matches will be available from IHSAA.org throughout the weekend and on Twitter at @IHSAA1.



#### 49th Annual IHSAA Boys Tennis Team State Finals

Dates: Oct. 16-17, 2015. Admission: \$5 per day.

#### **State Finals Bracket** | Meet the Teams

# Quarterfinals | Fri, 3 pm ET

Carmel HS (Top of the bracket)

Match 1: <sup>1</sup>Carmel (17-1) vs. <sup>2</sup>North Central (Indianapolis) (18-0).

Match 2: <sup>4</sup>Jeffersonville (21-0) vs. <sup>20</sup>Culver Academies (17-2).

Center Grove HS (Bottom of the bracket)

Match 3: 9Jasper (14-4) vs. 3Park Tudor (16-4).

Match 4: Perry Meridian (23-5) vs. <sup>11</sup>Leo (23-2).

# Semifinals | Sat, 10 am ET

North Central HS (Indianapolis)

Match 5: Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner.

Match 6: Match 3 winner vs. Match 4 winner.

#### State Championship | Sat, 2 pm ET

North Central HS (Indianapolis)

Match 7: Match 5 winner vs. Match 6 winner.

# **Notables**

#### Boys State Coaches Poll (IHSTeCA.com)

- 1. Carmel
- 2. North Central (Indianapolis)
- 3. Park Tudor
- 4. Jeffersonville
- 5. Guerin Catholic
- 6. Delta
- 7. Homestead
- 8. Bloomington North
- 9. Jasper
- 10. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
- 11. Leo
- 12. Floyd Central
- 13. Crown Point
- 14. Bloomington South
- 15. Avon
- 16. Indianapolis Cathedral
- 17. Munster
- 18. West Lafayette, Westfield
- 20. Culver Academies
- 21. Brebeuf Jesuit
- 22. Hamilton Southeastern
- 23. Zionsville
- 24. Fishers, Fort Wayne Canterbury
- 26. Lapel
- 27. South Bend St. Joseph
- 28. Penn
- 29. Evansville Memorial
- 30. Plymouth

#### Teams Returning from 2014 State Finals (6)

Carmel, Culver Academies, Jasper, Jeffersonville, North Central (Indianapolis), Park Tudor.

#### **Most Consecutive State Finals Appearances**

6 by North Central (Indianapolis) (1974-79), Homestead (1992-97); Carmel (2010-15).

## Active Streaks of Consecutive State Finals Team Appearances (3 or more years)

6: Carmel.

5: Jasper, North Central (Indianapolis), Park Tudor.

#### First Time Participants in the Field

None.

#### **State Finals History**

#### **Most State Championships**

No.School Years

North Central 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000,

19 (Indianapolis) 2007, 2013, 2014

8 Carmel 1980, 1981, 1987, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012 7 Park Tudor 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009

2 Center Grove 2001, 2008 1 Brebeuf Jesuit 1973 Crown Point 1971 1 Indianapolis Broad Ripple 1972 1 Indianapolis Cathedral 2005 1 1 Jasper 1999 1 Lafayette Jefferson 1975 1 LaPorte 1968 Marion 1991 **New Albany** 1967 1 Peru 1970 1 1969 Pike 1

## **Most Runner-Up Finishes**

Lafayette Jefferson

**South Bend Adams** 

No.School Years

9 Homestead 1980, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2006

1976

4 North Central (Indianapolis) 1974, 1975, 2011, 2012

1974

2 Bloomington South (Bloomington) 1969, 2009 2 Carmel 1991, 2014 2 Center Grove 1997, 1999 2 Jasper 1985, 1987 1979, 1989 2 LaPorte 2 Marion 1983, 1988 2 Penn 2004, 2005 South Bend St. Joseph's 1990, 2002 2 **Brebeuf Jesuit** 2010 1 1 Culver Academies 2007 1 Evansville Memorial 1978 1 Floyd Central 1993 1 Fort Wayne Concordia 1971 1 Indianapolis Broad Ripple 1971 1 Indianapolis Scecina 1968 Kokomo 1998 1

1	Mishawaka	1972
1	Munster	1977
1	Northwestern	1967
1	Park Tudor	2013
1	Pike	1970
1	South Bend Adams	1982
1	Terre Haute North	2001
1	Terre Haute Schulte	1973
1	Terre Haute South	1996
1	West Lafayette	2003
1	Zionsville	2008

## **Most Championship Match Appearances**

No.School 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 23 North Central (Indianapolis) 1994, 1995, 2000, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 10 Carmel 1980, 1981, 1987, 1991, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 9 Homestead 1980, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1992, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2006 8 **Park Tudor** 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2013 4 Center Grove 1997, 1999, 2001, 2008 3 Jasper 1985, 1987, 1999 3 LaPorte 1968, 1979, 1989 3 Marion 1983, 1988, 1991 Bloomington South (Bloomington) 1969, 2009 2 2 **Brebeuf Jesuit** 1973, 2010 2 Lafayette Jefferson 1975, 1976 2 Penn 2004, 2005 2 Pike 1969, 1970 2 South Bend Adams 1974, 1982 1990, 2002 South Bend St. Joseph's 1 Crown Point 1971 1 **Culver Academies** 2007 1 Evansville Memorial 1978 1 Floyd Central 1993 Fort Wayne Concordia 1971 1 Indianapolis Broad Ripple 1 1972 Indianapolis Cathedral 1 2005 Indianapolis Scecina 1 1968 Kokomo 1998 1 Mishawaka 1972 1 Munster 1977 Northwestern 1967 1 **New Albany** 1967 1 1970 1 Peru 1 Terre Haute North 2001 Terre Haute Schulte 1973 **Terre Haute South** 1996 1 West Lafayette 2003 1 Zionsville 2008

#### **State Finals Appearances**

No.School Years

1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989,

26 North Central (Indianapolis) 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

18 Homestead 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000,

2002, 2006, 2009 1973, 1977, 1984, 1985, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 13 Munster 1980, 1981, 1987, 1991, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 12 Carmel 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 12 Park Tudor 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014 11 Center Grove 11 Jasper 1981, 1985, 1987, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 South Bend Adams 1972, 1973, 1974, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1986 7 Bloomington South (Bloomington) 1968, 1969, 1971, 1974, 1988, 2009, 2012 7 **Culver Academies** 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995, 2007, 2014, 2015 1978, 1982, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1991, 2011 7 Marion 7 Peru 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1975, 1976, 1977 1972, 1979, 1982, 1989, 2007, 2008 6 Columbus North 1990, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2005, 2006 Floyd Central 6 Indianapolis Broad Ripple 1967, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973 5 5 Lafayette Jefferson 1967, 1969, 1970, 1975, 1976 4 **Brebeuf Jesuit** 1973, 1976, 1977, 2010 4 Delta 2004, 2010, 2013, 2014 4 Fort Wayne Concordia 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973 4 **Jeffersonville** 1970, 2010, 2014, 2015 4 LaPorte 1967, 1968, 1979, 1989 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971 4 New Albany 2004, 2005, 2011, 2013 4 Penn 4 South Bend St. Joseph's 1990, 1991, 1996, 2002 4 Terre Haute South 1980, 1983, 1996, 2010 **Valparaiso** 1997, 2003, 2010, 2012 4 **Crown Point** 3 1969, 1970, 1971 3 Evansville Memorial 1968, 1978, 2013 3 Indianapolis Scecina 1967, 1968, 1969 West Lafayette 2001, 2003, 2005 3 3 Zionsville 2007, 2008, 2009 2 Castle 2009, 2011 2 Evansville Day 1984, 1986 2 **Evansville North** 1972, 1973 2010, 2012 2 Fort Wayne Canterbury 2 Northwestern 1967, 1968 2 **Perry Meridian** 1975, 2015 2 Pike 1969, 1970 **Terre Haute North** 2001, 2004 2 Concord 2009 1 1973 Fort Wayne North Side 1 Gary Wallace 1967 1 1 Goshen 1968 1 Hammond Gavit 1971 Indianapolis Cathedral 2005 Indianapolis Howe 1970 1 1 Kokomo 1998 1 Leo 2015 Mishawaka 1972 1 Muncie Northside 1974 1 1 Northeastern 2013 1 Plymouth 1992 South Bend Riley 1978 Terre Haute Schulte 1973 1 Vincennes Lincoln 1994

1987

Warsaw

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#### **Media Information**

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**Programs and Results:** Media in attendance should see a tournament administrator at Friday's venues for a complimentary copy of the state finals program which includes information on each team, probable lineups and tournament history. Official results for both team and individual tournaments will be available in the tennis clubhouse following each session and also be posted to the IHSAA website.

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