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PARK TUDOR GIRLS TIE STATE RECORD WITH FOURTH STRAIGHT TENNIS TITLE

The 34th state championship contest was a rematch of the previous two seasons as well as one from earlier this month. And each time, the outcome was the same as No. 1 Park Tudor defeated No. 2 Munster, 4-1, for the girls state tennis crown at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

It was the record-tying fourth straight title for the Panthers (20-0) equaling the standard set by Evansville Memorial which won championships from 1993 to 1996. It was the sixth state title overall for Park Tudor and coach Dave Heffern who have never lost a state finals match (12-0) since their initial appearance in 1998.

Park Tudor took victories at every position except No. 1 singles where Munster junior Mary Hill remained undefeated for the year thus far (25-0) and her career (77-0) following a 6-1, 6-4 win over Park Tudor's Lindsay Thygesen. Hill will compete in next weekend's state finals tournament for singles players.

Caroline Emhardt (18-2) won twice for Park Tudor at her No. 2 singles position including handing Munster's Christina Lee (24-1) her first loss of the year, 6-2, 6-2. Both Panthers doubles teams also swept their matches. Elizabeth Emhardt and Heather Rogers beat Vanessa Sepiol and Samantha Tantillo of Munster, 6-4, 6-0 in the championship round, and Julie Elbin and Sarah MacPhail (16-2) beat Munster's Rachael Heiniger and Kamryn Klawitter, 6-2, 6-1.

Maggie MacPhail won the other singles match for Park Tudor with a 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) victory over previously undefeated Kristina Kovacich (12-1) at the No. 3 spot. MacPhail finished the year 21-2.

For Munster (20-2) and coach Bob Modesto, both defeats this year came to Park Tudor including a 3-2 home loss on May 1. It was Munster's (20-2) fifth trip to the state championship match overall and third straight.

Park Tudor defeated No. 3 Jasper, 4-1, in the morning semifinal round to advance to the final, while Munster took a 3-2 decision from No. 5 Zionsville. In the consolation match, Zionsville defeated Jasper, 3-2.

State Finals

North Central High School, 1801 E. 86th Street, Indianapolis.

Championship Match

Park Tudor 4, Munster 1. Park Tudor finishes 20-0; Munster finishes 20-2. Singles

- 1. Mary Hill, 11, Munster, def. Lindsay Thygesen, 10, Park Tudor, 6-1, 6-4.
- 2. Caroline Emhardt, 10, Park Tudor def. Christina Lee, 10, Munster, 6-2, 6-2.
- 3. Maggie MacPhail, 9, **Park Tudor** def. Kristina Kovacich, 10, **Munster**, **6-1, 7-6 (5)**. **Doubles**
- 1. Elizabeth Emhardt, 12 | Heather Rogers, 12, **Park Tudor** def. Vanessa Sepiol, 10 | Samantha Tantillo, 12, **Munster**, 6-4 6-0
- 2. Julie Elbin, 10 | Sarah MacPhail, 11, Park Tudor def. Rachael Heiniger, 10 | Kamryn Klawitter, 9, Munster, 6-2, 6-1.

Consolation Match

Zionsville 3, Jasper 2. Zionsville finishes 21-2; Jasper finishes 18-2.

Singles

- 1. Danielle Hansen, 12, Zionsville, def. Maggie Boeckman, 12, Jasper, 6-4, 6-2.
- 2. Margo Harrington, 12, Zionsville def. Janel Seng, 11, Jasper, 6-3, 6-3.
- 3. Lydia Schroeder, 11, Jasper def. Lauren Formulak, 11, Zionsville, 4-6, 6-4, (10-6).

Doubles

- 1. Kasey Land, 10 | Stephanie Seger, 12, Jasper, def. Eileen Dinnin 11 | Lindsey Hansen, 9, Zionsville, 6-4, 6-4.
- 2. Claire Mattison, 10 | Katie Thompson, 12, **Zionsville** def. Alexandra Chamberlain, 11 | Stephanie Kreilein, 12, **Jasper**, **3-6**, **6-0**, **6-2**.

JASPER'S STEPHANIE SEGER NAMED MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER

Following the state championship match, members of the IHSAA Executive Committee presented Jasper's Stephanie Seger with this year's Mental Attitude Award for Girls Tennis.

The award is presented annually to a senior participant in the state finals who was nominated by her principal and coach and has demonstrated excellence in mental attitude, scholarship, leadership and athletic ability.

Seger is a four-year member of the tennis team which won four sectional titles and played in the state finals the last two seasons. She follows former teammate Margot Eckerle who won the state mental attitude award a year ago. Besides girls tennis, Seger also served as manager for the boys team two years and also played two years of volleyball.

Seger was a four-year High Honors Student and just graduated as class valedictorian. She was also a member of the Varsity Letter Club, Spanish Club, Key Club and National Honor Society and is credited with numerous community service activities. She plans to attend Indiana University where she's been admitted to Hutton Honors College and the Kelley School of Business. She plans to major in business marketing.

She is the daughter of Tom and Cindy Seger of Jasper.

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, the IHSAA's corporate partner, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to Jasper High School in the name of Stephanie Seger.

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