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# NEWS RELEASE

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# **Boys Tennis Squads Square Off for State Championship Weekend**

Seven of the top nine teams in the state including five squads from last year lead the field into 48th 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 defending state champion and second-ranked North Central of Indianapolis (19-1) to play No. 3 Park Tudor (17-4) and No. 9 Delta (24-0) meeting Culver Academies (13-7).

North Central and Park Tudor are each making their fourth consecutive appearances in the state finals and this will be the third time the two neighborhood rivals will face each other this season. North Central won both previous meetings by a 3-2 count. Senior Danny Rayl (17-0) is the defending singles state champion at No. 1 for Park Tudor.

Undefeated Delta also returns from 2013 and will attempt to make it into Saturday's semifinal round behind the play of their No. 1 doubles team, Jay Robillard and Nick Wilson, both seniors, who are undefeated at 27-0. Culver Academies might be the surprise entry into this year's finals. The Eagles carved their path to this point going 11-3 down the stretch after enduring a 2-4 start to the season. Junior Sam Concannon holds down the No. 1 singles position with a 21-0 ledger. Neither team has played any of the other state finalists this season.

In the other half of the bracket at Center Grove, top-ranked Carmel (19-0) will take on No. 4 Center Grove (19-3) and No. 6 Jeffersonville (20-1) meets No. 7 Jasper (18-3).

The Greyhounds boast three undefeated positions this season which they hope will lead to a fourth state crown in five seasons. Junior Azad Koya is 16-0 at No. 3 singles, while Matt Quammen and Radha Vishnubhotla team at No. 1 doubles with a 24-0 mark and Patrick Fletchall and Zach Hennessey have played No. 2 to

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a 17-0 tune. Carmel has only given up four points all season having beaten North Central and Park Tudor by 3-2 scores. This will be the second matchup in three weeks with conference rival Center Grove. Carmel took a 5-0 decision on Sept. 27. The Trojans have been a regular fixture at this level of the tournament, this being their fifth trip in seven seasons.

Jeffersonville took a 3-2 road victory from Jasper in an early-season match. The two southern Indiana powers will lock horns on Friday with the winner advancing to the semifinal round. This will be Jasper's fourth straight trip to the state finals while Jeffersonville returns for the first time since 2010 when it made a run to the state semis.

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.

## **48th Annual IHSAA Boys Tennis Team State Finals**

Dates: Oct. 17-18, 2014. Admission: \$5 per day.

## **Meet the Teams (Official Program)**

# Quarterfinals | Fri, 3 pm ET

#### **Carmel HS**

Match 1: North Central (Indianapolis) (19-1) vs. Park Tudor (17-4).

Match 2: Delta (24-0) vs. Culver Academies (13-7).

#### **Center Grove HS**

Match 3: Jeffersonville (20-1) vs. Jasper (18-3).

Match 4: Center Grove (19-3) vs. Carmel (19-0).

# Semifinals | Sat, 10 am ET

North Central HS (Indianapolis)

Match 5: Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2.

Match 6: Winner of Match 3 vs. Winner of Match 4.

## State Championship | Sat, 2 pm ET

North Central HS (Indianapolis)

Match 7: Winner of Match 5 vs. Winner of Match 6.

#### **Notables**

# Boys State Coaches Poll (IHSTeCA.com)

- 1. Carmel
- 2. North Central (Indianapolis)
- 3. Park Tudor
- 4. Center Grove
- 5. Guerin Catholic
- 6. Jeffersonville
- 7. Jasper
- 8. Penn
- 9. Delta
- 10. Indianapolis Cathedral
- 11. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
- 12. Terre Haute South
- 13. Hamilton Southeastern
- 14. Homestead
- 15. Columbus North
- 16. Evansville Memorial
- 17. Franklin
- 18. Fishers
- 19. Fort Wayne Canterbury
- 20. West Lafayette
- 21. Avon
- 22. Munster
- 23. Evansville North
- 24. Castle
- 25. Zionsville

# **Teams Returning from 2013 State Finals**

Carmel, Delta, North Central (Indianapolis), Jasper, Park Tudor.

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

6 by North Central (Indianapolis) (1974-79), Homestead (1992-97).

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

5: Carmel.

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

## First Time Participants in the Field

None.

# **State Finals History**

#### Carmel

State Champion (8) 1980, 1981, 1987, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012 Runner-Up (1) 1991 Appearances (11) 1980, 1981, 1987, 1991, 2003, 2004, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

#### **Center Grove**

State Champion (2) 2001, 2008 Runner-Up (2) 1997, 1999 Appearances (11) 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014

#### **Culver Academies**

Runner-Up (1) 2007 Appearances (6) 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995, 2007, 2014

#### Delta

Appearances (4) 2004, 2010, 2013, 2014

#### **Jasper**

State Champion (1) 1999 Runner-Up (2) 1985, 1987 Appearances (10) 1981, 1985, 1987, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

# Jeffersonville

Appearances (3) 1970, 2010, 2014

# **North Central (Indianapolis)**

State Champion (18) 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2007, 2013 Runner-Up (4) 1974, 1975, 2011, 2012

Appearances (25) 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2000, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

#### **Park Tudor**

State Champion (7) 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009 Runner-Up (1) 2013 Appearances (11) 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

# **Media Information**

Tournament Administrator: Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman.

Media Hosts: Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist in your coverage of the event.

Media Credentials: The 2014-15 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted.

**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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