

SINGLES, DOUBLES CHAMPIONS CROWNED

It was a day for seniors in the IHSAA Boys Tennis Singles and Doubles State Finals Oct. 25, 1997 at Racquets Four Sports Centre in Indianapolis. Senior Rick Phillipp capped an outstanding high school career with two victories to capture the singles championship, while seniors Chad Stone and Andy Baker won twice to claim the doubles title.

Phillipp finished the season 31-1 by defeating junior Chris Varga of South Bend St. Joseph 6-2, 6-1 to win the 18th IHSAA Singles championship. Phillipp had advanced to the championship match earlier in the day with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over junior Jay Bowles of Southport. Varga, who finished the season 30-1, reached the final by ousting junior Andy Martin of Castle 7-5, 7-5.

In the consolation match, Martin defeated Bowles 6-0, 7-6.

Phillipp, who finished fourth in the 1996 singles competition, is the first Homestead player to win the singles championship. Phillipp also was honored last week at the IHSAA Boys Team Tennis State Finals when he was named the 1997 IHSAA Mental Attitude Award winner in boys tennis after helping the Spartans to a third-place finish.

In doubles play, Stone and Baker became the first Center Grove tandem to claim the championship. They defeated senior Nathan Felix and sophomore Brian Slack of Perry Meridian in a tight 6-3, 6-4 title match. Center Grove (27-3) reached the finals after a 6-1, 6-1 semifinals triumph over Clarksville, while Perry Meridian advanced 6-4, 6-0 over Penn.

In the consolation match, Clarksville defeated Penn 6-2, 6-3.

18TH ANNUAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Racquets Four Sports Centre, Indianapolis

Oct. 24-25, 1997

FIRST-ROUND RESULTS

First-round bye: Rick Phillipp, senior, *Homestead*.

Jay Bowles, junior, *Southport def.* Mark Cullnane, sophomore, *Carroll (Fort Wayne)* 6-1, 6-3.

Andy Martin, junior, *Castle def.* Aaron Myers, junior, *Lakeland* 6-0, 6-2.

Chris Varga, junior, *South Bend St. Joseph* ♦s def. Cody Conley, junior, *Floyd Central* 6-2, 7-5.

SEMIFINALS RESULTS

Rick Phillipp, senior, *Homestead* def. Jay Bowles, junior, *Southport*, 6-2, 6-2.

Chris Varga, junior, *South Bend St. Joseph* ♦s def. Andy Martin, junior, *Castle*, 7-5, 7-5.

CONSOLATION MATCH

Martin def. Bowles 6-0, 7-6.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Phillipp def. Varga 6-2, 6-1.

8TH ANNUAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Racquets Four Sports Centre, Indianapolis

Oct. 24-25, 1997

FIRST-ROUND RESULTS

First-round bye: Chad Stone, senior/Andy Baker, senior, *Center Grove*.

Kelly Allen, senior/Brandon Lawrence, senior, *Clarksville* def. Travis Steele, senior/Jason Hawkins, senior, *Peru* 6-4, 6-4.

Scott McCool, senior/Nate Cummins, senior, *Penn* def. Jeff Cox, senior/Kyle South, sophomore, *Rushville* 6-2, 6-2.

First-round bye: Nathan Felix, senior/Brian Slack, sophomore, *Perry Meridian*.

SEMIFINALS RESULTS

Chad Stone, senior/Andy Baker, senior, *Center Grove* def. Kelly Allen, senior/Brandon Lawrence, senior, *Clarksville*, 6-1, 6-1.

Nathan Felix, senior/Brian Slack, sophomore, *Perry Meridian* def. Scott McCool, senior/Nate Cummins, senior, *Penn*, 6-4, 6-0.

CONSOLATION MATCH

Kelly Allen, senior/Brandon Lawrence, senior, *Clarksville*, def. Scott McCool, senior/Nate Cummins, senior, *Penn*, 6-2,6-3.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Chad Stone, senior/Andy Baker, senior, *Center Grove* def. Nathan Felix, senior/Brian Slack, sophomore, *Perry Meridian*, 6-2, 6-3.