

2026 Vt. State High School Tennis Individual Championships

BURLINGTON, VERMONT – There is always a buzz at a big tennis tournament. I got to see that first-hand at the professional event in Indian Wells, California, earlier this spring. Okay, the Vermont State Individual Championships may not be Indian Wells, but there is still a definite buzz with parents and other family members; class mates and other friends from school; local tennis pros and other tennis notorieties; and even members of the media walking around Leddy Park and Burlington Tennis Club (BTC) every spring checking out the best and brightest of the Vermont high school tennis scene. And, so, as we move to the end of May and into June, it is time for another edition of the Vermont State High School Individual Championships: the boy's event run by Jerry Knickerbocker at Leddy Park, and the girl's event run by Errol Nattrass at Burlington Tennis Club (BTC). Both events will have indoor backup on the courts at The Edge. And new this year, the event will start on Friday, instead of Thursday – and finish on Sunday instead of Saturday. This means less school time missed by players and more weekend time for fans.

The 2026 event will have some returning favorites as well as some new up-and-comers. The defending champs in both boy's and girl's singles – Jackson Murray of Middlebury and Bea Molson of Mount Mansfield -- have graduated. And the defending champs in both doubles events each had one graduating senior: Quinn Moore of Burlington and Ariel Toohey of CVU. There will definitely be a new champion in boy's singles. However, there is a former champ on the girl's side with senior Anna Dauerman of CVU back for one more try: she won it in 2024, but lost in the finals to Molson last year. As for the other half of the 2025 doubles champions, neither will be trying to defend their doubles titles. Sam Wick of Burlington as the #3 player on his squad could play in the doubles, but he decided to try his hand at the singles division. As for Riley MaKay of CVU as the #2 player on her squad can not play in the doubles so she also will give it a go in singles. Meanwhile, some of the other players looking to make a run at the title include the likes of Hannah Knickerbocker of Essex and freshman Jessie Zhang of South Burlington in girl's singles and Oscar Crainich and Niah Lemay of Burlington and Charles Young of Middlebury in the boy's singles. The 2025 event brought successful closure for both the girl's and boy's singles champions. MMU senior Bea Molson finished off her high school career with a bookend of sorts. She had won the title in her freshman campaign in 2022, but then did not find herself back in the final again until last year when she returned to the mountain top with a win over defending champ Anna Dauerman. Meanwhile, on the boy's side, after falling in the final in 2024 to Brattleboro's Nathan Kim, Middlebury's Jackson Murray returned victorious in 2025, claiming the title over CVU's Oscar Andersson.

And so, another edition of the Vermont High School Individual Championships is all set to kickoff. The boys will once again be headquartered at Leddy Park with additional courts at Appletree Park, while the girls are across town at Burlington Tennis Club (BTC). Running the show for the boys is Jerry Knickerbocker, in his fifth year. Meanwhile, Errol Nattrass is now in his tenth year of running the girl's event. We should be in for another great ride with a total of 143 high school netizens from around the state converging on the courts of Burlington this week. There are 82 boys, including 32 singles players and 25 doubles teams, representing 16 schools from around the state of Vermont. Meanwhile, there are 61 girls, including 25 singles players and 18 doubles teams, representing 13 schools from around the state. The State Individual tournament has become a great tradition in Vermont tennis, giving players the opportunity to win a state title, even when the team they play on may not be that strong. A classic example of that came 11 years ago when Youssef Rajia of Fair Haven emerged victorious. The event gained official VPA sponsorship in 1997 – initially on a 2-year trial basis and it stuck from there. Prior to that, the event was an independent tournament run in Woodstock, Vermont, following the end of the high school season, largely through the efforts of Jack Cullen, whose son Brendan won the singles title in 1990. The boy's event moved to Burlington in 1994, after a one-year hiatus in 1993. Doubles was added to the event in 1995 with Travis Goodkind and Dragos Gabudeanu of Burlington winning the first event. Norm Martel – former coach of the boy's team at Burlington High School – ran the boy's event from 1994 until 2006. In 2007, I took over running the show for 14 years until 2021 (there was a one-year hiatus in 2020 for Covid) and five years ago, I passed the torch on to Jerry Knickerbocker. Meanwhile, the girl's event was added in 1996 with both singles and doubles. Montpelier's Anne Coates won the first girl's singles event – she would win again in 1997 – while CVU's Cayce LaTulippe and Hillary Haselton were the first winners in doubles. Robert Fleming ran the event for a few years in Montpelier at the start. Cheryl Frou later would take over, moving the event to Stowe. Joanna Graves next ran the event in Stowe from 2005 to 2011 before Wendy Watson took over and moved the event back to Montpelier. Finally, Errol Nattrass took over running the event, first hosting it at The Bridges in 2016 and then moving it to Burlington Tennis Club (BTC) in 2018.

There have been only two 4-time winners of the singles event: one each in the boy's and girl's events. And, as of two years ago, there is now a four-time winning team in girl's doubles. The first time in singles happened on the girl's side as Sara Hughes of South Burlington won the girl's event from 1998 to 2001. David Ro of Essex would accomplish the same feat on the boy's side from 2010 to 2013. And in 2024, Gabby Doehla and Kate Tilgner of Stowe accomplished the feat in girl's doubles, winning all four years from 2021 to 2024. Taking it down one notch to those who just missed the sweep with three titles, that has also only been accomplished one time each on the boy's and girl's sides in singles – and one time in girl's doubles. Alex Davydov of

Middlebury went on a three-year streak of winning the tournament from 1996-1998 for the boys, while Kathy Joseph of CVU did it for the girls from 2014 to 2016. Joseph is actually the only other player on either side to make 4 appearances in the singles finals as she also finished runner-up in 2013, falling to Ayame Yazawa of St. Johnsbury, before beating Yazawa in 2014 and 2015 – and Jordan Walsh of Essex in 2016. In girl's doubles, Jackie Smullen and Jamie Sheahan of South Burlington won the title three years running from 2004 to 2006. No boy's doubles players have won the event more than twice. There have been two families – both on the girl's side -- winning 5 titles in a row: Sara and Kelsey Hughes of South Burlington won the girl's title from 1998 to 2002 (Sara 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and Kelsey 2002) and Kathy and Stephanie Joseph of CVU from 2014 to 2018 (Kathy 2014, 2015, 2016, and Stephanie 2017 and 2018). Unfortunately, an injury kept Kelsey Hughes from running the Hughes title run to 6 as an ankle injury in her senior season opened the door for Amy Berkman of Rice. Of note, with a victory in the girl's singles in 2024 by Anna Dauerman of CVU, the Dauerman family became the first-ever family with three different members winning Vermont State Individual titles: Anna Dauerman in singles in 2024, Sophie Dauerman in singles in 2019, and Renee Dauerman in doubles with Kendell Blanck in 2018 all for CVU.

In singles, aside from Sara Hughes, David Ro, Alex Davydov, and Kathy Joseph, there have also been six players on the boy's side and now five players on the girl's side who won the event twice. Coleman Gay of Stowe won titles in 2008 and 2009, while Corey Keller of Mount Mansfield (MMU) won titles in 2002 and 2003, Trent Newman won in 2015 and 2016, Preston Gordon in 2017 and 2018, Mate Koszo of St. Johnsbury won in 2019 and 2021 – and finally, Nathan Kim of Brattleboro won titles in 2023 and 2024. As for the girl's, Stephanie Joseph won the title in 2017 and 2018, Amy Berkman of Rice won in 2003 and 2004, Cassie Smith of CVU won in 2008 and 2009 and Anne Coates of Montpelier won in 1996 and 1997 – and last year, Bea Molson joined the club winning in 2022 in her freshman campaign and then again in 2025 in her senior campaign.

There have been a total of 19 players to appear in the singles final on multiple occasions on the boy's side. David Ro, of course, heads this list with his four title match appearances. Alex Davydov of Middlebury won three titles in three title match appearances. Zack Weaver of Rutland High School also made it to the final three years running from 1994 to 1996, but never took home the champion's hardware -- and Coleman Gay of Stowe and Trent Newman of South Burlington made it to the final three years running, winning twice before coming up just short in their final appearances: Gay against Ro and Newman against Preston Gordon. Speaking of Gordon, he and Nathan Kim of Brattleboro are also on the list of players with three consecutive appearances in the final, with both of them losing in their first go-round before winning two in a row. After falling to Trent Newman in 2016, Gordon returned to exact his revenge the next year against Newman and then beat Josh Ashooh of CVU in 2018. As for Nathan Kim, after falling his first time around against Nick O'Donnell of Burr & Burton in 2022, he returned a year later to beat O'Donnell in 2023 and in 2024 beat Jackson Murray of Middlebury. Corey Keller of Mt. Mansfield appeared in the final twice, winning both times. Travis Tatko of MSJ in Rutland, Matt Dwyer of Stowe, Colin Tasi of Stowe, Gabe Katz of South Burlington, and Josh Ashooh of Champlain Valley Union (CVU) each made it to the finals twice without sipping from the champion's cup. Ashooh was the most recent to finish runner-up two years running, falling to Preston Gordon in 2018 and then Mate Koszo in a close three-setter in 2019. As for Jim Murphy of Essex and Tim Hadsel-Mares of Burlington, after coming up short in their first attempts in the finals, they returned the next year to rein supreme as the champion. Jaafar Rizvi of Burlington did the reverse, winning the title in 2004, but then finishing runner-up to Chris Selbo of Woodstock in 2005. And Mate Koszo of St. Johnsbury joined the list with his two appearances in 2019 and 2021, which should be noted were consecutive appearances since there was no event in 2020 due to Covid. Two others on the list of players with multiple appearances in the finals were Nick O'Donnell of Burr & Burton, who won the first time around against Nathan Kim, but then lost to Kim the second time around – and also Jackson Murray of Middlebury, who followed an appearance as a finalist in 2024, falling to Nathan Kim, with a title in 2025 when he beat Oscar Andersson. Those 2022 and 2023 appearances by Kim and O'Donnell were the third time on the boy's side that the same two players appeared in the final on consecutive years. The first time was 2002 and 2003 when Corey Keller of MMU defeated Matt Dwyer of Stowe both times. And the second was 2016 and 2017 when Trent Newman of South Burlington and Preston Gordon of Essex switched off winner and runner-up positions. On the girl's side, consecutive appearances by the same two players has happened twice. The first time being in 1996 and 1997 when Anne Coates of Montpelier defeated Jodi Langdell of BFA St. Albans both times. The second coming from 2013 to 2015 when Kathy Joseph and Ayame Yazawa did it three years in a row with Yazawa winning the first time before Joseph won the next two.

On the girl's side, there have been 15 players to appear in the singles final on multiple occasions. At the top of the list is Sara Hughes of South Burlington and Kathy Joseph of CVU, each appearing in the final all four years they played: Hughes winning all four and Joseph starting with a runner-up appearance, before winning the next three. Cassie Smith of CVU and Ayame Yazawa of St. Johnsbury each made it to the final three times. Cassie Smith started with a runner-up appearance in 2007 before winning consecutive titles in 2008 and 2009. Meanwhile, Yazawa started with a title over Kathy Joseph in 2013, before falling to Joseph in the final in both 2014 and 2015. Kathy's sister Stephanie won the title twice in 2017 and 2018, as did Amy Berkman of Rice in 2003 and 2004 and Anne Coates of Montpelier in 1996 and 1997. There have been 4 girls make a runner-up appearance

before returning later to win the title: Samantha Wulfson of South Burlington in 2011 and 2012, Mariel Golden of Harwood in 2010 and 2011, Madison Hartley of Burlington and Rice in 2009 and 2010, and Kelsey Hughes of South Burlington in 2000 and 2002. Of interest, Madison Hartley was a runner-up when she played for Rice, but won the title the following year as a member of Burlington. Finally, Amber Schneider of Rice and Jodi Langdell of BFA-St. Albans each appeared in the finals twice, but did not sip from the champion's trophy, falling both times. Last year, Bea Molson and Anna Dauerman joined the list: Molson returned to the final for the first time since her freshman campaign in 2022 when she claimed the title, while Dauerman was back in the final in consecutive seasons, having won the title in 2024. Molson claimed her second title, while Dauerman now has a championship and a runner-up finish. There has been one girl and one boy who appeared in both a singles final and a doubles final. Emily Polhemus of CVU won the doubles final with Claire Stoner in 2010 and returned two years later to finish runner-up in the singles final to Samantha Wulfson of South Burlington. On the boy's side, Andrew Samara had a runner-up finish with Jai Kelkar in the doubles final in 2001 before returning the next year to win the doubles with Kelkar in 2002. In his senior campaign in 2004, Samara would reach the singles final, coming up short against Jaafar Rizvi of Burlington.

In boy's doubles, Nikhil Kelkar and Alex Cavin of South Burlington High School won back-to-back titles in 2000 and 2001. David Dickson of Burlington, Dan Glaser of CVU, Luke Grosvenor of Stowe, Kevin Kohlmorgen of Stowe, Marsh Palin of Essex, and now Ryan Anderson of South Burlington have all won the event with two different partners: Dickson with Shawn Tao in 1997 and Mike Flowers in 1998; Glaser with Kevin Hirten in 1999 and Aaron Smith in 2000; Grosvenor with Tyler Murphy in 2008 and Kohlmorgen in 2009; Kohlmorgen with Grosvenor in 2009 and Alex Hunter in 2010; Palin with Evan Price in 2014 and Dylan Garcia in 2015; and finally Anderson with Ragulan Sivakumar in 2017 and Michael Cafiero in 2018. Meanwhile, the brothers Lauchtrupp – Jeremy and Gregg – of Stowe won the title in 2007, but then finished runner-up in 2008. Cesar Moore and Matt Dunn in 2011 joined the list of doubles players playing in multiple doubles finals over the years, having come up just short in 2010 – and then winning it in 2011. As for Peter Gibb and Cameron Pierce of Rutland, they won the event in 2012 before returning to the final a second time, only to lose this time around to Matt Jenkins and Nikko Pasanen of South Burlington. And David Huber of CVU also reached two finals, finishing runner-up both times: once with Stephen Ashe in 2015 and one with Ethan Leonard in 2017. Nevin Morton and Kheim Nguyen of Burlington also joined the list in 2023, winning the title over Riku Momozawa and Alejandro Marquez of St. Johnsbury after falling in the final to another St. Johnsbury team – Augustin Gil Tricio and Berenguer Pusce – in 2022. And last year, Nate Cook Yoder of Middlebury joined the list, having won the doubles title with Iver Anderson in 2024. He returned to the final last year with a different teammate – Baker Nelson – but this time around came up short, falling to Sam Wick and Quinn Moore of Burlington.

As for the girls, Gabby Doehla and Kate Tilgner of Stowe now reign supreme as the only pair to win titles in all four seasons of eligibility, winning from 2021 to 2024. Jackie Smullen and Jamie Sheahan of South Burlington won three titles in 2004-2006. Another South Burlington team – Anna Wulfson and Jasmina Jusufagic – won the doubles two years in row in 2014 and 2015. Jusufagic, who currently coaches the South Burlington girl's squad, had been the only other girl to appear in the final on three occasions, having finished runner-up in 2013 with a different partner, Linley Shaw. That changed last year when Ariel Toohey of CVU made it to her third final. She lost in 2023 and 2024 with Addie Maurer, but won last year with Rylee MaKay. There was one other multiple winner – Claire Stoner of CVU – who won the doubles with two partners: first with Emily Polhemus in 2010 and then again with Leah Epstein in 2013. There have been a total of 16 girls to make it to the doubles final on multiple occasions. Smullen, Sheahan, Wulfson, Jusufagic, Stoner, Doehla, Tilgner, Ariel Toohey, and Addie Maurer as already noted. Helen Bujold of South Burlington won the doubles in 2017 with Elise Turner, but then lost in the final in 2018 with Eve Heroux. Meanwhile, Kendall Blanck of CVU did the opposite, falling in 2017 with Meara Heining, but then winning in 2018 with Renee Dauerman. As for Heining, she made it to final one other time, also finishing runner-up in 2016 with Erika Barth. There were 4 others with both one title and one runner-up finish. Linley Shaw of South Burlington won the title in 2012 with Erika Price, before finishing runner-up in 2013 with Jasmina Jusufagic. Sarah Kartluke of Stowe finished runner-up with Kristen Chambers in 2006 before coming back in 2009 to win it with Zuzy Zvarova. Kim Turnquest of South Burlington finished runner-up in 2002 with Erika Crabtree before coming back to win it in 2003 with Michelle Grau. And, finally, Laura Cavin of South Burlington finished runner-up with Emily Sclafani in 2000 before coming back to win it with Jen Turnquest in 2001.

Every year, I like to share a little poetic interlude. This year with former South Burlington girl's tennis coach Jake Agna entering the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame in April, I wanted to share an updated version of a poem I first wrote about 20 years ago called The Pied Piper of the Courts. Here is my tribute to this Vermont sports legend at the end of this program guide. And so now it is time to see who can add their names to the great list of Vermont high school individual champions this year? Pull up a chair, spread out a blanket, or even pace the sidelines – oh, and maybe enjoy a lifesaver -- and let's see where the path of this great event leads us this year.

Damon Fitch/Former Boy's Tournament Director

Girl's Seeds

Singles

1. Anna Dauerman / Champlain Valley Union (CVU)

The high school career of senior Anna Dauerman may have been a little bit of a roller coaster, but let's be honest, the highs have definitely outweighed any momentary lows. In the individual tournament, she was a semi-finalist as a freshman, the champion in her sophomore campaign and a runner-up in her junior season.

And through it all she was the constant competitor and essence of sportsmanship. Indeed, she was named the USTA New England 2025 Good Sport of the Year.

"The goal is to be present," Dauerman said, "have fun, to make long lasting friendships. My parents and my sisters, and my friends, my coaches and everyone had a love for tennis that was super strong. And having sportsmanship, it was just who you were and who you were as a person."

And that includes support of teammates and competitors alike.

"I am the biggest cheerleader for my teammates and for their competitors," Dauerman said. "If their competitors have an amazing shot, I am clapping for them and if my teammates do, they see me and they look over and they know that I am supporting them."

"She really elevates everyone's game around her," said Edge Essex Tennis Director Tammy Azur. "I've seen Anna over the years just win and lose with grace. She just brings this energy and this like 'we can do this' attitude to just being this role model of like 'it is okay if you lost this match. We'll just move on and you are going to win the next one.'"

That's probably why during her Sophomore campaign that losing her #1 spot at the beginning of the season was not a big deal. "It is never about winning for her," Azur said. "It is always about her desire to just play the game and play it at her highest level of great competition and also good sportsmanship."

After claiming the #1 singles spot for the Redhawks as a freshman and making it all the way to the semifinals of the Individual singles event before falling to Charlotte Stevens of Stowe 6-0, 6-3, Dauerman would take a step back at the beginning of the 2024 season as Dauerman's teammate Tabitha Bastress vaulted past both her twin sister Cassie Bastress and Dauerman into the top spot in the lineup. Dauerman played most of the 2024 regular season in the #2 singles position. So, after being the #3-seed in the 2023 tournament, Dauerman came into the 2024 event unseeded. But that is when she found the perfect time to catch fire.

She would open with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Ada Krull of MMU, but she would face a test in the second round against Burlington's Aoife Crainich. After surviving an opening set tiebreaker, Dauerman eased in the rest of the way to the quarterfinals with a 7-6 (3), 6-3 victory. The quarterfinals were pretty smooth sailing 6-1, 6-2 over Molly Hershberg of Burr & Burton, who had eliminated the top-seed from Rutland – Arikka Partorti – 6-1, 7-5 in the opening round.

But then, the hard work really began. In the semis, it was 2022 champ, #4-seed Bea Molson of Mount Mansfield, who won the title in her freshman campaign. Molson, who barely survived the quarterfinals against Charlotte Stevens of Stowe – who had eliminated Molson in the 2023 event – rallying in the matchbreaker for a 10-8 victory, took the opening set against Dauerman 7-5. But the CVU sophomore would rally for a 6-4 victory in the second set, before claiming the matchbreaker 10-8.

That put Dauerman in the final against Stowe's Julia Biedermann, who had her own survival story in the semifinals, taking out Hannah Knickerbocker of Essex 4-6, 6-1, 11-9. Knickerbocker had eliminated #2-seed Tabitha Bastress of CVU in the quarterfinals.

Dauerman would once again fall behind after the opening set in the final as Biedermann came out with a 6-2 victory. The Stowe #1 was so close to finally claiming the hardware in her senior season. She lost to eventual champ Aroa SanJaun Mas of St. Albans in the semis in 2023, falling 6-1, 1-6, 10-7. The Spanish exchange student would take out Charlotte Stevens in the final in 2023. But then, Dauerman would find her way against Biedermann, winning the second set 6-3 – and going on to win the matchbreaker 10-4 to reach the summit on the 2024 title.

Biedermann and Stowe would get a little revenge in 2024 in the team tournament as Stowe claimed their 4th successive team title with a 4-2 victory over CVU in the final, including wins by Biederman over Tabitha Bastress and by Charlotte Stevens over Dauerman.

Dauerman's win in the Individual tournament in 2024 was historic as the Dauerman family became the first-ever family with three different members winning Vermont State Individual titles: Anna Dauerman in singles in 2024; Sophie Dauerman, who just graduated from college, in singles in 2019; and Renee Dauerman, who works in New York City, in doubles with Kendell Blanck in 2018.

Anna Dauerman would again make it to the Individual final in 2025, but this time around Bea Molson was not to be denied as she beat Dauerman 6-4, 6-3 to claim her second State Individual title. It was still a good run for Dauerman, who made it into the final without losing a set against Molly Hershberg of Burr & Burton, Lilanna Carrick of MMU, Olivia Badillo of Colchester, and finally Rosa DiGiulian of South Burlington. Indeed, the semifinal victory was 6-1, 6-1. Dauerman had lost to Digiulian 3-6, 6-3, 10-5 the week before during the regular season after beating DiGiulian pretty easily earlier in the season.

Of course, we mentioned roller coasters earlier. Digiulian would beat Dauerman when CVU and South Burlington met a couple weeks later in the 2025 team final. But, in an epic championship that saw five of the seven matches go to matchbreakers, CVU would still emerge victorious 4-3.

"I was raised by the phrase 'if you have a racket, you have a friend.'" Dauerman said. "And for me that is how I embody sportsmanship in tennis. It is all about connection and making long-lasting friendships, and connecting with my family as well and that is why I love tennis for the people."

Away from the courts, Dauerman climbs with the Petra Cliffs competitive team, plays the flute in the Vermont Youth Orchestra (VYO) and the CVU Wind Ensemble, and competes on the CVU math team. She has also competed on the CVU Nordic ski team-- and stays active running – she ran a half marathon in September 2024 – hiking, and gardening.

She also partakes in the Young Writer's Project, which is a free online community where teen writers and artists explore, create, connect, and get published. Dauerman is also involved with environmental and other social issues – and she loves to spend time outside with the family's golden retriever, Gus.

Dauerman will be taking a gap year before starting Yale University in Fall 2027.

2. Hannah Knickerbocker / Essex High School

The last two season's, Hannah Knickerbocker of Essex High School has found herself in a matchbreaker in the semifinals of the Individual event. And in both cases, she came up just short of finding a way into the final. In 2024, she had split sets with Stowe's Julia Biedermann in the semifinals. The Stowe senior would narrowly overcome Knickerbocker with an 11-9 finish to reach the final. Biedermann would fall to CVU's Anna Dauerman in the final in three sets.

And then in 2025, Knickerbocker would again find herself in the semifinals: this time against her good friend Bea Molson of Mount Mansfield Union (MMU). And once again, she would split the opening two sets. But the former champion in 2022 was not to be denied as Molson took the matchbreaker 10-5 – and then continued her run into the

final against defending champ Anna Dauerman of CVU as Molson claimed her second title in four years with a 6-4, 6-3 victory.

So with one more chance left in 2026, the Essex senior will try one more time to see if she can not only make the final, but perhaps put her name on the wall of champions.

Last year, Knickerbocker made it to the semifinals while losing only 8 games in 6 sets. In 2024, her run to the semis included a win over the #2 seed Tabitha Bastress of CVU in the quarterfinals in fairly convincing fashion 6-4, 6-0. In her freshman year, Knickerbocker survived a pair of tough matches, including a 6-0, 7-6 win over Jen Clayton of U-32 – and then a come-from-behind 3-6, 6-2, 10-3 win over Phoebe Richardson of Colchester. She would fall in the quarters to eventual champ Aroa SanJuan Mas of BFA-St. Albans, who would prevail over Charlotte Stevens of Stowe in the finals. SanJuan Mas, an exchange student from Spain, did not return in 2024.

So that means Knickerbocker has fallen to the eventual champ in two of her three Individual efforts. As for 2026, Knickerbocker comes into the Individual tournament off of a very solid regular season. Coming into the final week of the season her only loss was to South Burlington's Jessie Zhang in a matchbreaker – and she rebounded from that loss with a solid 6-2, 6-3 win over Zhang the second time around. She won in a matchbreaker over CVU's Anna Dauerman early in the season.

Prior to the season, Knickerbocker claimed a Women's Open singles title at the JCAT at The Edge Essex, defeating Olivia Badillo of Colchester in the final – and a Women's Open doubles title teaming with Anna Dauerman to beat Badillo and Bea Molson in the final. In the mixed event, Knickerbocker and her brother David lost to Oscar Crainich and Bea Molson. Hannah's brother David competed for Essex High School in the State Individuals, making it to the finals of the doubles with Eli Pay in 2019 before falling to Takahiro Matsumoto and Owen Pakseubzin of St. Johnsbury – and reaching the semifinals of the singles in 2021, before falling to eventual champ Mate Koszo of St. Johnsbury.

Of course, for all of Hannah Knickerbocker's success hitting a tennis ball over a net, she has had perhaps even greater success hitting a volleyball over a net. Indeed, in her junior season, Knickerbocker was named the 2024 Gatorade Vermont Volleyball Player of the Year. Her teammate Reese Gregory – who also plays tennis for Essex and will be competing in doubles in the Individuals with Riley Austin -- won the honor in 2025, making it six straight years that a member of the Essex Hornets team won the Player of the Year honors. No surprise, Knickerbocker and Gregory never lost a match in their four years on the squad. The two this season helped the Essex Hornets to their 5th consecutive Vermont State Championship.

“Hannah is an incredibly talented player who led our team with her exceptional attacking, passing and defense,” Essex High School volleyball coach Jen Liguori said. “She made varsity as a freshman and has been an integral part of three [now four] consecutive state championship wins. She brings her tenacity to the court, which organically inspires her teammates to play harder, leading to greater team success.”

Immediately following this year's championship, Knickerbocker noted, “It is going to hit me tomorrow just how much this team means to me,” she said of the emotions she expected, “all this means so much to me.”

Essex volleyball has a great winning tradition, but Knickerbocker realizes it does not just happen: “We don't get gifted to it,” she said, “because we won it a lot. We have to work for it.”

That work hard ethic is something she hopes her younger teammates will carry on. It is also something she has exhibited on the tennis court – and a foundation for her moving onto the University of New Haven, where she will be playing Division I tennis – and studying mechanical engineering.

Off the court, Knickerbocker is a member of the Essex High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Academy – and last year took part in an internship at Benchmark Space Systems, headquartered on Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vermont. The company's mission is to make space more accessible and sustainable by providing world-class in-space mobility solutions to their customers and partners. Knickerbocker also took part in a mission trip to Boston this spring with her church.

3. Jessie Zhang / South Burlington High School

With last year's #1 Rosa DiGiulian moving on after her sophomore season to play high level field hockey at Berkshires School in Sheffield, Massachusetts, freshman Jessie Zhang made her presence known very quickly in the #1 position for the Wolves. She won an early season encounter with Hannah Knickerbocker of Essex, pulling out an impressive victory in a matchbreaker. Things would not go so well the second time around as Knickerbocker won 6-2, 6-3, but Zhang kept proving she had game in a close loss to Anna Dauerman of CVU in a match that lasted over 2 and a half hours with Dauerman narrowly winning 7-5, 6-7, 10-8.

Coming into the 2026 campaign, Zhang won a USTA Level 7 Girls U14 event at The Edge Essex in March – and has been working hard honing her game along with younger brother Albert with Edge pro Joyce Doud. They have been taking lessons and playing tennis at The Edge for many years now, gaining a love for the game at an early age. Their older brother Yuyang Zhang, who graduated last year from South Burlington, played #1 for the boy's team.

At school, Zhang, who is bilingual, is passionate about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), particularly the math and science components. She hopes to pursue a future career in the medical field, with a particular interest in neuroscience. Among her numerous achievements are awards in swimming, Chinese language competitions, drawing – and a top three finish in her 7th-grade science fair. Some other interests include skiing, baking, reading, and playing the traditional Chinese string instrument, the guzheng.

4. Lily Collins / Rice Memorial High School

Collins has been found frequenting the courts at The Edge for years both with her dad Tim and her many sisters. She was a regular participant in the Raul Fonseca Cup tournaments in South Burlington and has played for Rice all four years, including the last three in the #1 singles position and last two as a co-captain.

She has competed in the singles division at the Individuals all three years, but has not made it past the Round of 16. In 2023, she won a round against Kaitlyn Corbin of Essex, but then lost to #3 Anna Dauerman of CVU. Dauerman would make it to the semifinals that year before falling to Charlotte Stevens of Stowe, who lost to #2 Bea Molson of MMU in the finals. Collins followed up in 2024 with an opening round victory over Leonor Vazquez of Grace Christian School 6-1, 6-3, but would then fall to Molly Hershberg of Burr & Burton in the Round of 16 by a 6-4, 6-2 score. Last year, during the regular season, Collins had an impressive win over defending champ Anna Dauerman of CVU, who would be seeded #3 in the tournament – and make it all the way to the finals, before falling to Bea Molson of MMU. But in the tournament, Collins came up short in the opening round 6-4, 6-4 against North Country's Cheska Adonis, who would win one more round before falling to #2 Rosa DiGiulian of South Burlington, who would then lose to Dauerman in the semifinals.

Collins has had a solid season thus far in 2026, including a close encounter with #1 Anna Dauerman this past weekend. Collins opened with a 6-4 win in the opening set, but then faltered 6-3 in the second set, setting up a tightly contested matchbreaker won by Dauerman 10-8.

But, while Collins has been a solid performer on the tennis courts for Rice, she has been blazing perhaps even greater fires on the Greens of Vermont, including being named the Vermont Girls Junior Player of the Year in 2024 by the Vermont Golf Association. For Rice, she has helped the girl's squad to the Division II State team title three consecutive years from 2022-2024: the school's first-ever team State Titles in Girl's Golf. In Fall 2025 at Lake Morey Country Club in Fairlee, Vermont, Collins missed out on an Individual State title in Division II by one stroke behind Mary Yacavoni of Paine Mountain School. That one stroke was also the difference in Rice falling short of their fourth straight team title as Paine Mountain beat them by one stroke. Of note, Collins finished tied with the Division I

winner: Rylee McKay of CVU. McKay, who won the Division I title by 8 strokes and helped CVU to their third straight team title, will also be competing in the Individual Singles event, after teaming with Ariel Toohey in 2025 to win the Individual Doubles title. Her teammate on the CVU golf team, Stella Rakochy, finished in a tie for second in the Division I event at Lake Morey. She also will be competing in the Tennis Individuals, playing doubles with Elsa Klein.

Back to Collins, she also competed in the New England Junior Amateur in both 2024 and 2025 – and in The New England Interscholastic Girls Golf Championship in 2023, 2024, and 2025. And perhaps most notably of all, in Summer 2026, she will be competing in her fourth Vermont Women’s Amateur. According to her dad, Tim, Collins “is extremely grateful to the members of the Vermont State Women’s Amateur Golf Association for all their love, support, and encouragement.” Finally, Collins, who last summer recorded her first-ever eagle on a par 4 and her first-ever hole-in-one, this past month received a four-year scholarship from the Vermont Golf Association Scholarship Fund.

And while Collins can certainly make some music with her golf clubs, the Rice senior can also make sweet music with the Oboe – and occasionally also the English horn. Along with playing in the school band, she is also a member of the Vermont Youth Orchestra, where she has been the only oboist for the last four years. A recipient of a Distinguished Academic Scholarship, Collins is a member of National Honor Society – and will be attending the college her sister Megan attended in the Fall – Kenyon College in Ohio – where she hopes to continue to pursue her musical and athletic interests. She plans to major in English.

Doubles

There are no seeds in the girl’s doubles.

Boy's Seeds

Singles

1. Oscar Crainich / Burlington High School

For Burlington senior and captain, Oscar Crainich, the quarterfinals at the State Individual have been a tough nut to crack. Of course, it has not been for lack of trying.

After losing in the first round in 2023 to defending champ Nick O'Donnell of Burr & Burton (O'Donnell would fall in the finals that year to Nathan Kim of Brattleboro), Crainich found himself in the quarters in 2024 against another Oscar, Oscar Andersson of CVU. The two Oscars would have a grueling battle, but it would be Andersson who prevailed 7-6, 6-4. Andersson proved to be a tough hurdle for Crainich in the matches where an Oscar was guaranteed to win. Andersson won in three sets in the 2024 regular season and twice in 2025 in the regular season: first in three sets with Andersson winning the matchbreaker 10-7 and then in two sets 6-2, 6-2 in their second encounter.

In 2024, Crainich began the year at the #2 position behind Nevin Morton – the 2023 winner of the Boy's Doubles with Kheim Nguyen -- but would take over the top spot in the middle of the season. He would secure the #5 seed in the 2024 tournament – and win a pair of rounds before that loss to Andersson in the quarterfinals.

In 2025, Crainich would again get the #5 seed and after cruising through the first two rounds would face off against top-seed Jackson Murray of Middlebury. And it was one of the top matches of the event with Crainich opening with a 6-3 first set, but then Murray would find his footing in the second set for a 6-1 triumph. So it came down to the matchbreaker, where Murray would eke out a 10-7 victory on his way to winning the title after a semifinal victory over Max Biedermann of Stowe 6-3, 6-1 and a final victory over Oscar Andersson of CVU 6-2, 6-3.

Coming into 2026, Crainich has been busy on the tennis courts at The Edge in Essex and South Burlington. Crainich won both the Men's Open singles division and Mixed Doubles division at the JCAT Tournament in Essex in January. He defeated Chris Scott in the singles final and teamed with Bea Molson in mixed doubles to defeat the brother/sister team of David and Hannah Knickerbocker in the mixed doubles. He also plays for a 4.5 USTA Men's team out of the Edge captained by Jerry Knickerbocker that is competing against two teams from New Hampshire. And he spent the winter teaching at both Essex and South Burlington Edge locations, including working a few days a week teaching with me. He also teaches at the Burlington Tennis Club's (BTC) Kids Camps during the summer.

While Crainich is still working his way up the ladder in the Individual event, he has now been a member of two State Team title-winners in three years at Burlington, winning in both 2023 and last year in 2025. In 2023 both he and his brother Hugo helped Burlington to the Team title with a 4-3 victory over Stowe. And, last year, while the final score sounds convincing – 7-0 against Essex High School – it was actually nip and tuck all the way as 5 of the 7 matches went to third set matchbreakers, including Crainich's match at #1 against Essex senior Derin Serin. Crainich lost the first set 6-2, but found his way in the second set 6-2. Serin would jump out to an 8-5 lead in the matchbreaker before Crainich rallied for 3 straight points. Then Crainich would have to hold off a match point before winning the final three points for an 11-9 victory.

“My plan going into that tiebreaker,” Crainich told the Burlington Free Press after the match, “was to run as much as possible. It's my last game and I had to give it everything I had.”

Afterward he was feeling a whole lot of elation: “I've been losing a lot this year, so it feels great!”

Academically, Oscar Crainich is a member of National Honors Society, took three AP courses his junior year, and tutored his peers at Burlington as part of the Hippocampus program.

Away from the courts, Crainich plays wiffle ball, loves hanging with his dogs, and seeing family in Ireland. He plays in an annual tennis tournament in Cork, Ireland, every July – and won the Munster Junior Mixed Doubles event there in summer 2024, teaming with his mom, Janet's best friend's daughter, Isobel. Along with brother Hugo, who graduated in 2023 from Burlington, he also has sister Aoife, who played on the girl's team at Burlington before

graduating in 2024 – and younger brother Ollie, who joined the boy's team in 2025. All were frequent participants in the Raul Fonseca Cup tournament series at The Edge South Burlington, where the family took home numerous glass trophies that were the tournament's signature prize.

Next fall, Crainich will be attending UVM on a partial academic scholarship, where he will be majoring in biology with a view to Pre-Med.

2. Charles Young – Middlebury Union High School

Charles Young will be making his third appearance in the State Individual. In his first go as a freshman back in 2024, Young had a solid opening round win over Sam Wick of Burlington 6-3, 4-6, 10-6. Wick in 2025 teamed with Quinn Moore to win the Individual Doubles event and will be back in the singles in 2026. Young would then fall in the Round of 16 to Oscar Andersson of CVU 6-2, 6-3. Andersson that year would reach the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Nathan Kim of Brattleboro, who would take out Young's teammate Jackson Murray in the final.

Moving ahead to 2025, Young would start things out winning the opening round fairly easily, before things got a little more difficult. In the Round of 16, Young would battle to a 2-6, 6-4, 11-9 victory over Stowe's Parker Guffey. The quarterfinals would be another matchbreaker, but this time Young would come up short after winning the opening set against #4 seed Derin Suren of Essex 6-2. Suren would rebound to take the second set 6-2 and the matchbreaker 10-3. Suren would fall to Oscar Andersson in the semifinals 6-2, 3-6, 10-4 – and Andersson would fall to Young's teammate Jackson Murray in the final 6-2, 6-3.

And one year later, Young continues to improve his game. So much so that he beat now-graduated Jackson Murray in the semifinals of the Middlebury Indoor Tennis (MIT) Championships in January 7-5, 6-0. He followed that up by beating Jenry Morseman, who had been club champion each of the past 9 years, including a win in the finals in 2025 over Jackson Murray. Young beat Morseman 6-4, 6-3. He has also been playing in tournaments all over New England – and currently holds a UTR rating of about 7.5.

So far in 2026 coming into the final week of the season, Young only has one loss: a scintillating encounter with Burlington's Oscar Crainich.

“Young played a highly competitive match,” Middlebury head coach Ken Schoen said. “It was a 1.75 hour match in 90+ degree heat and wind. Oscar won 5-7, 6-3, 1-0 (13-11). Both boys had match points in the third set tiebreak and their level of play was extraordinary and very even. Either can defeat the other on any given day.”

Whatever happens, Schoen is excited to have Young on the team next year.

“Charles is just a junior,” Schoen said, “so we get to have him on the team for another year.”

3. Niah Lemay – Burlington High School

In just his second year for the Seahorses, sophomore Niah Lemay has been a consistent force for the team. Indeed, in two seasons, going into the last week of the season this year, he has lost only four matches: a quarterfinal loss to CVU's Oscar Andersson 6-4, 7-5 in the State Individuals in 2025 – a loss to Charles Young of Middlebury and two losses to Ziggy Babbott of Champlain Valley Union (CVU) all last year.

His Individuals run in 2025 included an opening round victory over #6 seed Yuyang Zhang of South Burlington 6-4, 6-3.

Lemay was also one of four spots on the Burlington team to rally from a set down in the team championship game against Essex that Burlington ended up winning 7-0 in an epic tilt that included 5 matchbreakers. Lemay lost the first set to Vishnu Konnanur 6-3, before rallying to win the second set 7-5 and the matchbreaker 10-5.

“Every single match and practice I always emphasize that a match is not over until the final point,” Burlington coach Cody Tran told the Burlington Free Press, “For them to come back from being down to winning the third set it shows they really took my advice, listened, and put it into their game which is very hard to do for any athlete.”

Lemay and senior Oscar Crainich have been switching off between #1 and #2 singles in 2026. Lemay has not lost a set thus far this year.

Coming into the season, Crainich won the Men’s Open Singles at the JCAT tournament at The Edge, but it would be Lemay who would win the Vermont High School pre-season Championship, beating Crainich in a matchbreaker.

Lemay has also been playing numerous USTA events around New England coming into the season. He has hopes of playing Division I tennis after his high school days are over.

Among his interests outside of tennis are Asian heritage. He would like to travel abroad to any Asian countries. He has an ear for and knack for musical beats – and while he has hopes of a potential professional career in tennis, he has a backup plan of pursuing childhood education.

4. Noah Chester – Killington Mountain School

The cross section of skiing and tennis was clearly established in the last couple of years with the runs of CVU’s Oscar Andersson at the Individuals, including a run to the final last year before losing to Middlebury’s Jackson Murray --and semifinals in 2024. Andersson was also a high level freeride skier, being ranked in the top 50 in the western hemisphere in IFSA freeride skiing for several of the last five years.

This year we present the case of Noah Chester of the Killington Mountain School (KMS). The junior competes in the alpine race program at Killington Mountain School, where he competes at the FIS level where athletes are internationally ranked.

A typical day during the ski season includes skiing and training in the morning and classes in the afternoon. In off-season he focuses on physical training with his team.

Before switching to KMS this season, Chester competed for Rutland High School during his freshman and sophomore seasons – and did play in the doubles event in 2024 for Rutland, falling in the first round with Dietrich Caler to the team of Quinn Moore and Max Ladner of Burlington 6-2, 6-4. Moore and Ladner would reach the quarterfinals before falling to top-seed Milo Rees and Eddie Fallis of Middlebury in a third-set matchbreaker. The Middlebury duo would fall to teammates Nate Cook Yoder and Iver Anderson in the finals of that event. Of note, Burlington’s Moore came back last year to win the doubles event with Sam Wick.

Despite not being able to compete for Rutland in 2026, Rutland coach Rob Purdy still allowed Chester to practice with the team and he has been training at both Middlebury Indoor Tennis (MIT) and Vermont Sport and Fitness. He often plays practice matches with Charles Young of Middlebury with Young always winning, but the matches are close.

Chester was born and raised in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where he learned the game of tennis at the Steamboat Tennis Center. He moved to Vermont 4 years ago.

5. Micah Whitmire -- Mount Anthony Union High School

Whitmire attends Grace Christian School in Bennington, Vermont, but competes in tennis for Mount Anthony Union High School in the #1 position for the team – and had a couple of 6-3, 6-0 wins over Brattleboro’s Mark Richards, who is the #6 seed.

Whitmire is not a stranger to the Individuals, but unfortunately, had to drop out prior to the event in 2025 due to injury. In 2024, he won a round before falling to Burlington’s Nevin Morton in the Round of 16.

Whitmire trains and works at the Chris Lewit Tennis Academy and will be moving on to Vermont State University at Castleton in the Fall. Along with playing tennis for Mt. Anthony, Whitmire also played on the soccer and basketball teams at Grace Christian, where he earned the Comeback Player of the Year in soccer and was honored on the Southern Valley League Honorable Mention All-State team.

6. Mark Richards – Brattleboro Union High School

Senior Mark Richards has never made it out of the first round at the Individuals, but he has been a consistent competitor over his 4 years at Brattleboro according to his head coach Ben Brewer.

“He is a 4-year starter for BUHS,” Brewer said, “and has produced winning records every year as a singles player. This year he deservingly took the #1 position and has competed at a very high level all season.”

That included a couple of losses to #5 seed Micah Whitmire of Mount Anthony and splitting with Liam Hershberg of Burr & Burton Academy.

“Mark continues to improve day in day out,” Brewer said, “and I see his confidence growing as a tennis player each match.”

Richards has had the opportunity to hit with former Brattleboro #1 Nathan Kim a few times this spring. Kim won the State Individual title in 2023 and 2024 – and finished runner-up in 2022.

At Individuals, Richards lost first round in doubles in 2023, lost first round in singles to Burlington’s Oscar Crainich in 2024, and lost first round to #3 seed Max Biedermann of Stowe 6-4, 6-2 in 2025.

Richards, who also plays soccer and hockey for Brattleboro, will be attending Tulane University in New Orleans in the Fall.

7. Jamie Mills – South Burlington High School

Sophomore Jamie Mills, who has been playing tennis since he was 6-years-old, took a year off from tennis his freshman year at South Burlington to play on the baseball team, but he returned to tennis in 2026 and has been switching on and off in the #1 and #2 singles position with teammate Peter Lyon. Among his wins in 2026 have been wins over #8 seed Dash Tota of CVU 6-1, 6-3, Winter Holloway of Montpelier, and Jaden Binkhorst of Rice. And he had a solid performance in a loss to Middlebury’s Charles Young 6-3, 6-3.

“He is excited to be back playing tennis,” His dad Ben said. “And really enjoying being part of the team.”

Along with playing tennis, Jamie can often be found working out at The Edge in South Burlington – and he also has been working weekends at Shaw’s in South Burlington for the last year. Jamie’s sister Hannah also plays on the girl’s team at South Burlington.

8. Dash Tota – Champlain Valley Union (CVU)

Senior Dash Tota has had some heartbreaking first round matches in doubles at the Individuals in his two appearances so far, but he is back to give it one more try in the singles.

Tota teamed with Luke Sampson in 2024, falling to the South Burlington duo of Robin Hokenmaier and Will Bradley 4-6, 7-6, 11-9. He returned last year as one of the seeds with Kyle Krieger, but lost in an opening round match to Miles Kenny and Oliver Crainich of Burlington 7-6, 6-4.

“I am looking forward to his talent in an upper singles position,” CVU coach Frank Babbott said last year. “Both [he and Krieger] are good learners of the game.”

Babbott said Tota has had a good season in 2026, including nice wins over Steven Vicino of Colchester and Winter Holloway of Montpelier. He also had a close loss to Ian Plasse of Essex 6-4, 4-6, 11-9. Tota will be attending UVM in the Fall.

Doubles

1. Nate Cook-Yoder/Nathan Stefani – Middlebury Union High School

Nate Cook-Yoder will be trying to make his third consecutive appearance in the Individual Doubles final, having won the title in 2024 with Iver Anderson and finishing runner-up last year with Baker Nelson. This time around he will once again be doing it with a new partner in senior Nathan Stefani.

Cook-Yoder has played both singles and doubles for Middlebury, but coach Ken Schoen decided to put Stefani and Cook-Yoder together in the #1 doubles spot midway through the 2026 season – and have an impressive regular season win over the Burlington #1 doubles team of Ben Koh and Miles Kenny 6-3, 6-3.

In 2024 Nate Cook-Yoder and Iver Anderson both played singles during the regular season, but teamed together for the Individual Doubles, claiming the title. They would cruise through the opening round, losing just 3 games. And then beat the CVU team of Kyle Krieger and Silas Cohen 6-2, 6-4 in the second round. In the quarters, they lost just three games to the Brattleboro team of Ben Berg and Leo Bodett, who were seeded #2 in the tournament. They followed that up with a win over #3 seed Isaac Dunkiel and Daniel Wick of Burlington 6-3, 6-3. In the finals, they took out their teammates – and the top seed – Eddie Fallis and Milo Rees of Middlebury 6-4, 6-3.

Cook-Yoder picked up a win in Middlebury's 4-3 victory over CVU in the finals of the State Team event in 2024 as the Tigers picked up their first-ever Division I title in boy's tennis. They had won a title in the now-defunct Division II back in 1991 when they beat Woodstock 3-2.

Cook-Yoder was back in 2025 with a new partner – Baker Nelson – coming in as the top seed in the tournament. After a first round bye, they would get by a team from Essex in Round of 16. Then they would take on a string of Burlington Seahorse opponents. First off it was Semin Dervic and Tobey Bernabe in the Quarterfinals. The Middlebury pairing opened 6-2, but then faltered in the second set 6-3. They would rally for the matchbreaker 10-5. Next up in the semifinals were Miles Kenney and Oliver Crainich – and once again a matchbreaker was needed. This time the Middlebury duo lost the first set 6-2, but then found the momentum the rest of the way for a 6-1 second set and a 10-4 matchbreaker. Two Seahorse opponents and two victories for Cook-Yoder and Nelson, but the third time would be the charm for the Seahorses as the Burlington duo of Sam Wick and Quinn Moore were just a little too much, claiming a 6-3, 6-2 win in the title match.

Now Cook-Yoder will try it one more time with a third partner in Stefani. Cook-Yoder is a junior and also competes in cross country for Middlebury. Stefani played for Middlebury in 2023 and 2024, took a year off in 2025, but decided to come back in 2026. He will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the Fall. He is a singer and an actor – and had a starring role in the school's spring musical, Grease.

2. Christopher Guyette/Charlie Stinchcombe – Rice Memorial High School

Both players are making their first appearances in the Individual tournament – and both played mostly singles during the regular season.

Stinchcombe is a freshman at Rice – and has been training at The Edge in South Burlington for a number of years. He and teammate Tristan Schreiber have been taking regular Saturday lessons with Edge Pro Joyce Doud. Stinchcombe has also been on the swim team at The Edge since he was 8. Away from the courts and the pool, he enjoys getting out for walks with his two dogs Willow and Oakley.

As for Guyette, the junior can help keep things fun on the team by being a bit of a practical joker according to coach Blake Willmarth. Like Stinchcombe, Guyette has also trained at The Edge over the years. He says tennis is his

favorite sport, but he also plays golf -- and used to play basketball. His favorite color is green and he has a pet turtle named Christina that he found swimming in his pool. He also has a younger brother named Matthew.

3. Miles Kenny/Ben Koh – Burlington High School

In just their second year playing on the tennis team, this senior duo have made a very positive impression over their two years. In the team final last year, the pair won in the #2 doubles spot 7-5, 6-2 to help the Seahorses to a 7-0 victory over Essex. Alas, of the seven matches played that day that was one of only two, the Seahorses won in two sets. The other 5 matches all went to matchbreakers – and Burlington was down a set in 4 of those 5 matches.

The pair – both captains on the tennis team along with Oscar Crainich -- has moved up to the #1 doubles spot in 2026 – and has lost just one match all year long to Middlebury's Nate Cook-Yoder and Nathan Stefani.

Kenny and Koh were both on the 2024-25 Vermont State champion boy's basketball team that beat rivals Rice Memorial High School in the finals 64-60.

"I had no idea what this would feel like," Koh told the Burlington Free Press after the win. "It feels bigger than life. We are built for these moments. We knew we were supposed to win. It was meant to be."

It was not meant to be in 2025-26, however, as the Seahorses would fall to BFA St. Albans in the quarterfinals 58-50. The Bobwhites would eventually beat Rice in the final 54-48.

Koh, who was also a first-year starting goalie and captain on the boy's soccer team, will be attending the University of Vermont in the Fall, where he plans to study economics and try to walk on to the Men's basketball team and maybe play on the club tennis team. Kenny will be attending Wake Forest University in the Fall, where he plans to play club tennis.

4. Spencer Copeland/Leo Swenton – Middlebury Union High School

Both players competed in singles during the regular season – Copeland at #3 and Swenton at #4.

Copeland is a senior, who will be attending Northeastern University in the Fall, where he plans to study economics. Copeland teamed with Adrien Malhotra in the doubles event in 2025, winning a round 6-4, 7-5 over Declan Coggins and Drew Zimmerman of Stowe, before falling to eventual champs Quinn Moore and Sam Wick of Burlington in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-2. Malhotra will be competing in singles this year.

Swenton has only one loss in his freshman campaign on the team. Away from the courts, it is always a big year for Swenton, who loves birding – identifying birds -- in Addison County. He also has a rep, as many Vermont tennis players do, for being really good at math. Along with math, he also loves the sciences, hiking, and playing soccer and hockey.

Boys Past Winners

Singles

Winner	Finalist
1990 Brendan Cullen (Woodstock)	
1991 Eric Martel (St. Johnsbury)	Jim Murphy (Essex)
1992 Jim Murphy (Essex)	Dillon Stearns (Brattleboro)
1993 Not Held	
1994 Teal Scott (South Burlington)	Zack Weaver (Rutland)
1995 Rob Simik (Essex)	Zack Weaver (Rutland)
1996 Alex Davydov (Middlebury)	Zack Weaver (Rutland)
1997 Alex Davydov (Middlebury)	Travis Tatko (MSJ)
1998 Alex Davydov (Middlebury)	Tim Hadsel-Mares (Burlington)
1999 Tim Hadsel-Mares (Burlington)	Travis Tatko (MSJ)
2000 Denis Krasnenkov (Burr & Burton)	Jakob Rager (Colchester)
2001 Marcus Hodl (South Burlington)	Hubert Gmnender (Burr & Burton)
2002 Corey Keller (Mount Mansfield)	Matt Dwyer (Stowe)
2003 Corey Keller (Mount Mansfield)	Matt Dwyer (Stowe)
2004 Jaafar Rizvi (Burlington)	Andrew Samara (South Burlington)
2005 Chris Selbo (Woodstock)	Jaafar Rizvi (Burlington)
2006 Collin Vero-Casavant (Rutland)	Chris Martel (Burlington)
2007 Alex Ward (South Burlington)	Colin Tasi (Stowe)
2008 Coleman Gay (Stowe)	Colin Tasi (Stowe)
2009 Coleman Gay (Stowe)	David Hildebrand (CVU)
2010 David Ro (Essex)	Coleman Gay (Stowe)
2011 David Ro (Essex)	Chris Brewer (Brattleboro)
2012 David Ro (Essex)	Daniel Ro (Essex)
2013 David Ro (Essex)	Cody Yu (South Burlington)
2014 Youssef Rajia (Fair Haven)	Gabe Katz (South Burlington)
2015 Trent Newman (South Burlington)	Gabe Katz (South Burlington)
2016 Trent Newman (South Burlington)	Preston Gordon (Essex)
2017 Preston Gordon (Essex)	Trent Newman (South Burlington)
2018 Preston Gordon (Essex)	Josh Ashooh (CVU)
2019 Mate Koszo (St. Johnsbury)	Josh Ashooh (CVU)
2020 No event due to Covid	
2021 Mate Koszo (St. Johnsbury)	Aidan Jensen (Essex)
2022 Nick O'Donnell (Burr&Burton)	Nathan Kim (Brattleboro)
2023 Nathan Kim (Brattleboro)	Nick O'Donnell (Burr & Burton)
2024 Nathan Kim (Brattleboro)	Jackson Murray (Middlebury)
2025 Jackson Murray (Middlebury)	Oscar Andersson (CVU)

Most Winners by School (since 1990)

8 --	Essex
5 --	South Burlington
4 --	Middlebury
3 --	St. Johnsbury
2 --	Woodstock, Brattleboro
	Mount Mansfield
	Burlington
	Stowe
	Burr & Burton

Most Finalists by School (Since 1990)

5 --	Stowe
	South Burlington
4 --	Essex
	CVU
3 --	Burlington
	Rutland
	Brattleboro
2 --	Burr& Burton, MSJ
1 --	Colchester

1 --	Fair Haven, Rutland	Middlebury
Most appearances in final by school (Since 1990)		
12 --	Essex	
10 --	South Burlington	
7 --	Stowe	
5 --	Burlington	Brattleboro Middlebury
4 --	Rutland CVU	Burr & Burton
3 --	St. Johnsbury	
2 --	Woodstock	Mount Mansfield MSJ
1 --	Colchester	Fair Haven

Doubles

	Winner	Finalist
1995	Travis Goodkind (Burlington) Dragos Gabudeanu	Bryan Cairns (South Burlington) Kyle Morton
1996	Chuck Gaede (Woodstock) Brett Gaede	Ketan Gangatirkar (Essex) Nick Papaseraphim
1997	Shawn Tao (Burlington) David Dickson	Eric Jacob (Burlington) Eric Allard
1998	David Dickson (Burlington) Mike Flowers	Gabe Cole (South Burlington) Jake McDougal
1999	Dan Glaser (CVU) Kevin Hirten	Tim Klein (U-32) Matt Edwards
2000	Nikhil Kelkar (South Burlington) Alex Cavin	Dan Glaser (CVU) Aaron Smith
2001	Nikhil Kelkar (South Burlington) Alex Cavin	Andrew Samara (South Burlington) Jai Kelkar
2002	Andrew Samara (South Burlington) Jai Kelkar	Aaron Voldman (South Burlington) Dimitri Repnikov
2003	Mike Davidson (South Burlington) Dimitri Repnikov	Oliver Francis (Stowe) Mason Graddock
2004	Austin Ranz (CVU) John Olson	Andrew Kasprisin (South Burlington) Carlo Dall'Amico
2005	Andrew Boerman (Rice) Chris Paganelli	Max Gordon (Burlington) Brandon Rouille
2006	Eli Keller (Mount Mansfield) Doug Yeates	Josh Cohen (Mount Mansfield) Jeff Demas
2007	Gregg Lachtrupp (Stowe) Jeremy Lachtrupp	Cameron Williams (Burlington) Alan Gottesman
2008	Tyler Murphy (Stowe) Luke Grosvenor	Gregg Lauchtrupp (Stowe) Jeremy Lauchtrupp
2009	Luke Grosvenor (Stowe) Kevin Kohlmorgen	Rob Cole (South Burlington) Brad Cole
2010	Kevin Kohlmorgen (Stowe) Alex Hunter	Matt Dunn (Brattleboro) Cesar Moore
2011	Cesar Moore (Brattleboro) Matt Dunn	Kevin Xie (Burlington) David Elizaga
2012	Peter Gibb (Rutland) Cameron Pierce	Sam Salvas (Stowe) Sam Birmingham
2013	Matt Jenkins (South Burlington) Nikko Pasanen	Peter Gibb (Rutland) Cameron Pierce
2014	Marsh Palin (Essex)	Ben Price (South Burlington)

	Evan Price	David Kunin
2015	Marsh Palin (Essex)	David Huber (CVU)
	Dylan Garcia	Stephen Asch
2016	Carl LaBarbera (Stowe)	Andrew Burroughs (St. Johnsbury)
	Ben Salvas	Eric Weiss
2017	Ryan Anderson (South Burlington)	David Huber (CVU)
	Ragulan Sivakumar	Ethan Leonard
2018	Ryan Anderson (South Burlington)	Ben Hancock-Song (Montpelier)
	Michael Cafiero	Cole Bingham
2019	Takahiro Matsumoto (St. Johnsbury)	Eli Pay (Essex)
	Owen Pakseubzin	David Knickerbocker
2020	No event due to Covid	
2021	Tido Schulman (Burlington)	Bo Graves (Stowe)
	Sam Silberman	Woody Reichalt
2022	Augustin Gil Tricio (St. Johnsbury)	Nevin Morton (Burlington)
	Berenguer Puche	Kheim Nguyen
2023	Nevin Morton (Burlington)	Riku Momozawa (St. Johnsbury)
	Kheim Nguyen	Alejandro Marquez
2024	Iver Anderson (Middlebury)	Milo Rees (Middlebury)
	Nate Cook Yoder	Eddie Fallis
2025	Sam Wick (Burlington)	Nate Cook-Yoder (Middlebury)
	Quinn Moore	Baker Nelson

Most Winners by School (since 1995)

7 –	South Burlington
6 --	Burlington
5 --	Stowe
2 –	CVU
	Essex
	St. Johnsbury
1 --	Mount Mansfield
	Brattleboro, Rutland, Rice,
	Woodstock, Middlebury

Most Finalists by School (Since 1995)

7 –	South Burlington
5 –	Burlington
4 --	Stowe
3 --	CVU
2 –	Essex, St. Johnsbury, Middlebury
1 --	Rutland, U-32,
	Mount Mansfield, Brattleboro,
	Montpelier

Most appearances in final by school (Since 1995)

14 –	South Burlington	4 --	Essex, St. Johnsbury
11 --	Burlington	3 --	Middlebury
9 --	Stowe		
5 –	CVU	2 --	Mount Mansfield, Brattleboro, Rutland
		1 --	Woodstock, Rice, Montpelier, U-32

Most Winners by School Singles & Doubles Combined (since 1990)

12 --	South Burlington
10 --	Essex
8 --	Burlington
7 --	Stowe
5 --	St. Johnsbury
	Middlebury
3 --	Woodstock
	Brattleboro
	Mount Mansfield
2 --	Burr & Burton
	CVU

Rutland
Brattleboro
1 -- Rice, Fair Haven

Most Finalists by School Singles & Doubles Combined (Since 1990)

12 -- South Burlington
9 -- Stowe
8 -- Burlington
7 -- CVU
6 -- Essex
4 -- Brattleboro
Rutland
3 -- Middlebury
2 -- MSJ, Burr & Burton, St. Johnsbury
1 -- Colchester, Montpelier, MMU, U-32

Most appearances in final by school Singles & Doubles Combined (Since 1990)

24 -- South Burlington
16 -- Stowe
Essex
16 -- Burlington
9 -- CVU
8 -- Middlebury
7 -- St. Johnsbury
Brattleboro
6 -- Rutland
4 -- Mount Mansfield
Burr & Burton
3 -- Woodstock
2 -- MSJ
1 -- Colchester, Rice, Montpelier, U-32, Fair Haven

Past winners: Singles

- 2025:** MMU's Bea Molson def CVU's Anna Daurer 6-4, 6-3
- 2024:** CVU's Anna Daurer def Stowe's Julia Biedermann 2-6, 6-3, 10-4
- 2023:** BFA St.Albans Aroa SanJuan Mas def. Stowe's Charlotte Stevens 6-3, 6-4
- 2022:** MMU's Bea Molson def. Burlington's Georgia Wool 6-1, 6-4
- 2021:** Stowe's Skyler Graves def. Burlington's Ruby Wool 6-4, 6-4
- 2020:** No event held due to Covid
- 2019:** CVU's Sophie Daurer def. Hartford's Phelan O'Keefe 7-6 (4), 6-3
- 2018:** CVU's Stephanie Joseph def. Woodstock's Momo Biele, 6-0, 6-0
- 2017:** CVU's Stephanie Joseph def. Rice's Claire Parry 6-2, 6-1
- 2016:** CVU's Kathy Joseph def. Essex's Jordan Walsh 6-1, 6-0
- 2015:** CVU's Kathy Joseph def. St. Johnsbury's Ayame Yazawa 6-3, 6-3
- 2014:** CVU's Kathy Joseph def. St. Johnsbury's Ayame Yazawa 6-1, 6-2
- 2013:** St. Johnsbury's Ayame Yazawa def. CVU's Kathy Joseph 6-2, 1-6, 10-4
- 2012:** South Burlington's Samantha Wulfson def. CVU's Emily Polhemus 6-3, 6-3
- 2011:** Harwood's Mariel Golden def. South Burlington Samantha Wulfson 6-1, 6-2
- 2010:** Burlington's Madison Hartley def. Harwood's Mariel Golden 6-4, 6-4
- 2009:** CVU's Cassie Smith def. Rice's Madison Hartley 6-2, 6-1
- 2008:** CVU's Cassie Smith def. Rice's Amber Schneider 7-5, 6-2
- 2007:** Essex's Gabby Bonfigli def. CVU's Cassie Smith 6-4, 5-7, 7-5
- 2006:** South Burlington's Danika Robison def. Rice's Amber Schneider 7-6, 6-0
- 2005:** St. Johnsbury's Kimiko Maruoka def. CVU's Laura Sopher 6-7, 7-5, 6-3
- 2004:** Rice's Amy Berkman def. Burlington's Elizabeth Campbell 6-0, 6-0
- 2003:** Rice's Amy Berkman def. Montpelier's Talia Williams 6-0, 6-1
- 2002:** South Burlington's Kelsey Hughes def. Rice's Amy Berkman 6-2, 6-2
- 2001:** South Burlington's Sara Hughes def. St. Johnsbury's Emily Bratt 6-4, 6-0
- 2000:** South Burlington's Sara Hughes def. South Burlington's Kelsey Hughes 7-5, 6-2
- 1999:** South Burlington's Sara Hughes def. Burlington's Alicia Ballard 6-2, 6-1
- 1998:** South Burlington's Sara Hughes def. CVU's Amy Cluff 6-3, 7-5
- 1997:** Montpelier's Anne Coates def. BFA-St. Albans' Jodi Langdell 6-2, 6-4
- 1996:** Montpelier's Anne Coates def. BFA-St. Albans' Jodi Langdell 6-1, 6-0

Most Winners by School (since 1996)

9 -- CVU
 7 -- South Burlington
 2 -- Rice
 St. Johnsbury
 Montpelier
 Mount Mansfield
 1 -- Stowe
 Burlington
 Essex
 Harwood
 BFA St. Albans

Most Finalists by School (Since 1996)

6 -- CVU
 5 -- Rice
 4 -- Burlington
 3 -- St. Johnsbury
 2 -- South Burlington, Stowe
 BFA St. Albans
 1 -- Harwood
 Montpelier
 Essex
 Hartford
 Woodstock

Most appearances in final by school (Since 1996)

15 -- CVU
 9 -- South Burlington
 7 -- Rice
 5 -- St. Johnsbury
 Burlington
 3 -- Montpelier
 BFA St. Albans
 Stowe
 2 -- Essex
 Mount Mansfield
 1 -- Harwood
 Hartford
 Woodstock

Past winners: Doubles

2025: CVU's Ariel Toohey/Rylee MaKay def. MMU's Estelle First/Ava Poehlmann 7-6 (1), 3-6, 10-4

2024: Stowe's Gabby Doehla/Kate Tilgner def. CVU's Ariel Toohey and Addie Maurer 6-2, 6-0

2023: Stowe's Gabby Doehla/Kate Tilgner def. CVU's Ariel Toohey and Addie Maurer 6-1, 6-1

2022: Stowe's Gabby Doehla/Kate Tilgner def. South Burlington's Lilla Erdos/Wynne Adamson 6-1, 6-2

2021: Stowe's Gabby Doehla/Kate Tilgner def. Burlington's Anna Jeneman/Libby Westbrook 6-2, 7-5

2020: No event held due to Covid.

2019: Woodstock's Kenzie Biele/Chloe Noble def. Stowe's Abby Rice/Sage Lively 2-6, 6-2, 13-11

2018: CVU's Renee Dauerman/Kendall Blanck def. South Burlington's Helen Bujold/Eve Heroux 6-2, 6-2

2017: South Burlington's Helen Bujold/Elise Turner def. CVU's Meara Heininger/Kendall Blanck 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory

2016: South Burlington's Sajani Sivakuma/Kailey Yang def. CVU's Erika Barth/Meara Heininger 6-0, 6-1

2015: South Burlington's Anna Wulfson/Jasmina Jusufagic def. South Burlington's Vaish Andra/Amanda Anderson, 6-4, 6-3

2014: South Burlington's Anna Wulfson/Jasmina Jusufagic def. CVU's Elyse Killkelley/Isabelle Angstman 5-7, 6-1, 10-5

2013: CVU’s Claire Stoner/Leah Epstein def. South Burlington’s Linley Shaw and Jasmina Jusufagic 6-0, 6-1

2012: South Burlington’s Erika Price/Linley Shaw def. Montpelier’s Alexis Boucher/Caitlyn Bashara 7-5, 4-6, 6-4

2011: Rice’s Katie Kowalaski/Basa Zvarova def. Burr and Burton’s Melanie Thulin/Hannah Harrington 7-5, 6-3

2010: CVU’s Emily Polhemus/Claire Stoner def. Burlington’s Lilly Cutts/Julie Mulowney 6-3, 6-4

2009: Sarah Kartluke/Zuzy Zvavora, Stowe def. Rice’s Alex Beattie/Molly Conroy 6-3, 6-3

2008: Burlington’s Jesse Kaplan/Kate Labracio def. Stowe’s Livy Grosvenor/Maggie Newman 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

2007: Burr and Burton’s Kelly Webster/Sarah Hartfield def. St. Johnsbury’s Morgan Hill/Sarah Weigl 6-4, 6-4

2006: South Burlington’s Jackie Smullen/Jamie Sheahan def. Stowe’s Kristen Chambers/Sarah Kartluke 6-2, 6-0

2005: South Burlington’s Jackie Smullen/Jamie Sheahan def. CVU’s Missy Fischer/Gaby Berkman 6-2, 7-6

2004: South Burlington’s Jackie Smullen/Jamie Sheahan def. Colchester’s Molly Terrien/Kacy Carter 6-3, 6-3

2003: South Burlingtons’ Kim Turnquest/Michael Grau def. CVU’s Jessica Hearn/Mattie Clark 7-6 (10-8), 3-6, 6-3

2002: South Burlington’s Nicole Martin/Kelsey Luxembourg def. South Burlington’s Kim Turnquest/Erika Crabtree 7-5, 6-3

2001: South Burlington’s Jen Turnquest/Laura Cavin def. Burlington’s Lindsay Hoehn/Kim Brow 6-4, 6-4

2000: Burr and Burton’s Elise Henson/Jill Prouty def. South Burlington’s Emily Sclafani /Laura Cavin 6-3, 6-4

1999: Stowe’s Kate Wise/Leah Felis def. Woodstock’s Sarah Hopewell/Kaitlin Berry 6-2, 6-3

1998: CVU’s Erica Grayson/Clara Rosenthal def. Stowe’s Lindsey Neilson/Natalie McKechnie (scores not reported)

1997: CVU’s Eve Agna/Jen Levanchy def. South Burlington’s Nicole Mitchell/Caroline Bell 2-6, 6-2, 6-3

1996: CVU’s Cayce LaTulippe/Hillary Haselton def. Montpelier’s Sarah Rikken/Meredith Sanger 6-4, 6-1

Most Winners by School (since 1996)

- 10 -- South Burlington
- 7 -- CVU
- 6 -- Stowe
- 2 -- Burr & Burton
- 1 -- Rice
- Burlington
- Woodstock

Most Finalists by School (Since 1996)

- 7 -- CVU
- 6 -- South Burlington
- 4 -- Stowe
- 3 -- Burlington
- 2 -- Montpelier
- 1 -- Woodstock
- Rice
- Burr & Burton
- St. Johnsbury
- Colchester
- Mount Mansfield

Most appearances in final by school (Since 1996)

- 16 -- South Burlington
- 14 -- CVU
- 10 -- Stowe
- 4 -- Burlington
- 3 -- Burr & Burton
- 2 -- Rice
- Montpelier
- Woodstock

- 1 -- St. Johnsbury
Colchester
Mount Mansfield

Most Winners by School Singles & Doubles Combined (since 1996)

- 17 -- South Burlington
- 16 -- CVU
- 7 -- Stowe
- 3 -- Rice
- 2 -- Burlington
St. Johnsbury
Montpelier
Burr & Burton
Mount Mansfield
- 1 -- Woodstock
Essex
Harwood
BFA St. Albans

Most Finalists by School Singles & Doubles Combined (Since 1996)

- 13 -- CVU
- 8 -- South Burlington
- 7 -- Burlington
- 6 -- Stowe
St. Johnsbury
- 3 -- Montpelier
- 2 -- Woodstock
BFA St. Albans
- 1 -- Hartford
Essex
Harwood
Burr & Burton
Colchester
Mount Mansfield

Most appearances in final by school Singles & Doubles Combined (Since 1996)

- 29 -- CVU
- 25 -- South Burlington
- 13 -- Stowe
- 9 -- Burlington
Rice
- 6 -- St. Johnsbury
- 5 -- Montpelier
- 3 -- Woodstock
Burr & Burton
BFA St. Albans
Mount Mansfield
- 2 -- Essex
Harwood
- 1 -- Colchester
Hartford

Boys Participants

Brattleboro Union High School

Singles: Mark Richards, Eli Welch, Elias Frazer Olsen

Doubles: Logan Waite/Hudson Smith, Dashiell Moyse/Seamus Bald

Burlington High School

Singles: Oscar Crainich, Niah LeMay, Sam Wick

Doubles: Miles Kenny/Ben Koh, Charles Murphy/Jaxin Dubose

Burr & Burton

Singles: Liam Hershberg, Davis Johnston

Doubles: Luke Bronstein/Forrest Barnes, KJ Na Lampang/Lucca Pacheco

Champlain Valley Union

Singles: Dash Tota, Sawyer Lake

Doubles: Cal Caputo/River Enser, Freddie Boardman/Ty Tota

Colchester High School

Singles: Steven Vicino, Josh Bierer

Doubles: Louie Timmerman/Nate Myers, Ben Shpaner/Brock Payea

Essex High School

Singles: Ian Plasse, Lewis Pilcher

Doubles: Ethan Koch/Ethan Pringle, Riley Anger/Kohen Lindsay

Killington Mountain School

Singles: Noah Chester

Middlebury Union High School

Singles: Charles Young, Adrien Malhotra, Xander Lu, Arthur Calvi

Doubles: Nate Cook-Yoder/Nathan Stefani, Leo Swenton/Spencer Copeland

Montpelier High School

Singles: Willem Colvin, Winter Holloway

Doubles: Braeden Schuren Burns/Griffin Hike, Skyler Barnard/Tristan Rogers

Mount Anthony Union High School

Singles: Micah Whitmire

Mount Mansfield Union

Singles: Max Clegg

Doubles: Luka De Gruttola/ Marlon White

Rice Memorial High School

Singles: Jaden Binkhorst, Tristan Schreiber

Doubles: Christopher Guyette/Charlie Stinchcombe, Alex Binkhorst/James Waite

St. Johnsbury Academy

Singles: Carlos Villarreal, Nepomuk Dressler

South Burlington High School

Singles: Peter Lyon, Jamie Mills

Doubles: Cody Eagle/Spencer Higgins, Henry Polifka-Rivas/Ayush Kyasa

Stowe High School

Singles: Ryan Juzek, Hayden MacDonald

Doubles: Ben Sherman/Bennett Eliason, Tanner Carlson/Declan Coggins

Woodstock Union High School

Singles: Keller Murphy, Vasco Malik

Doubles: Finn Costello/Beck Welch, Jacob Legayada/Ethan Rebentisch

Girls Participants

Burlington High School

Singles: Clio Barr-Brandt, Dieuna Beynnon

Doubles: Julie Dang/Sasha Monteagudo, Willow Vander Merwe/Antonia Constantino, Olivia Case/Cora Smith

Champlain Valley Union

Singles: Anna Dauerman, Rylee Makay, Sara DiGuglielmo

Doubles: Chapin Grubbs/Justyna Amblo, Allie Barrett/Ella Trevithick, Stella Rakochy/Elsa Klein

Colchester High School

Singles: Olivia Badillo, Reese Perry

Doubles: Maddie O'Brien/Logan Jewett

Essex High School

Singles: Hannah Knickerbocker, Jiya Asher, Priya Asher

Doubles: Riley Austin/Reese Gregory

Middlebury Union High School

Doubles: Alex Garcia/Vicky Garcia

Montpelier High School

Singles: Alegra Muller

Mount Mansfield Union

Singles: Lilana Carrick

Doubles: Lila Bisset/Molly FitzPatrick, Aria Smith/Brooke Koenig

Rice Memorial High School

Singles: Lily Collins, Tess Nagy, Reese Billings

Doubles: Abby Booth/Hanna Stanislawski, Mary Biggins/Kaylee Dye, Liliana Conoscenti/Maryann Nunn

Saint Johnsbury Academy

Singles: Nia Mulings, Sara Mascareno

Doubles: Katie Smith/Eleanor Reed

South Burlington High School

Singles: Jessie Zhang, Ella Stein

Doubles: Madison Dewees/Emme Stein

Stowe High School

Singles: Harper Freund, Lucy Gaines

Doubles: Sophie Knight/Lolly Deslin, India Freund/Belle Gaines

U-32

Singles: Slyvia Emmons, Arianna Conti

Woodstock Union High School

Singles: Mia Zilan, Ava Zilan

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The Pied Piper of the Courts

The pitter patter of feet, the screams of excitement: they follow the pied piper of the courts.
Faith or Arabia, Adnon or Thombu, give me a win-win situation, the pied piper attracts all sorts.

When first I saw his buzz-cut head, of him I was not quite sure what to make.
Little did I know my life's path would follow the lead so closely of this pied piper named Jake.

Do something good on the courts, out of his pocket comes a lifesaver.
Indeed, with the rate of inflation, to earn a pack there's no need to be Rod Laver.

Around the courts, he walks with what we like to call the Jake shuffle, "Give me some," he says, his
palm outstretched for a high five.

He comes from Cincinnati with definite urban flair, his movement on the court is complete with a
hint of jive.

It does not matter your age, six, thirty-six, sixty-six, Jake will make the game fun for everyone.
Just jump into the mix, the pied piper will make you smile a ton.

He can paint a canvas most beautiful with his racket, but please don't ask him for an email address.
When it comes to technology, he will call a let.

Backhands, forehands or rush the net, those are the brushstrokes of his realm. Okay, now maybe he
can send a text, but God forbid, please don't ask him to surf the net.

The games have not changed much, Numbers, top dog, and elimination. The approach game is my
favorite by far.

Just remember when playing approach shot, volley, five shots to fame and fortune, do what you want
to do, but always be who you are.

Because there is no future back there, one day in his car, he came up with a way to get people to the
net.

With Super Top Dog his vision of bringing people forward gloriously was met.

When I was young, I followed him around from Lakeside to Quarry Hill to Twin Oaks.
Almost 45 years later, standing beside him, now I help teach all the strokes.

With Kids on the Ball, he now brings tennis to hundreds of kids every week.

During the summer, the public courts at Roosevelt Park, friendship and tennis kids and adults of all
ages seek.

Many trips to Cuba to improve and resurface their courts and share the love of the game.

A celebration in 2017, to Cuba the likes of Martina Navratilova, Jim Courier, and Stan Smith, on the
courts with Jake came.

Yes, Jake is an ambassador of the game.

And now, he shuffles in the Vermont Sports Hall of Fame.

The pitter patter of feet, the screams of excitement, the pied piper named Jake leads them all.

Faith or Arabia, Adnon or Thombu, give me a win-win situation, come one, come all with Jake and
let's hit the tennis ball.