

### **THS Boys Tennis Has Up-And-Down Week At Districts**

#### **Sports**

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Both team and individual district competitions were held over the past three days for Class 1, District 16, with the Savannah Savages advancing to sectionals on Thursday, followed by a dominant Chillicothe Hornet showing on Thursday.



After Monday's rainfall pushed team districts back by 24 hours, the Trenton Bulldogs, with a #4 seed, dominated their opening round battle against the #5 seed Cameron Dragons, winning by a 5-0 shutout. For the Bulldogs, Isaiah Swann beat Riley 6-0, 6-4; Alex Davis downed McDaniel 6-1, 6-4; Chanse Houghton beat Hershberger 6-1, 6-0; Jacob Marlay claimed a 6-2, 6-3 win over Byrom; and Leighton Fletchall took a 6-0, 7-5 win over Rogers. A match between Utley (Trenton) and Hahn (Cameron) was stopped, and was not completed, due to Trenton clinching the team victory. Doubles matches were not played either.

The result moved Trenton into the semifinal round, and a meeting with the Maryville Spoofhounds. With all six singles matches decided in two sets, Maryville took the 5-1 win. Trenton's only victory was in a dominant performance by Isaiah Swann, who rolled over Maryville's Goecken 6-2, 6-0. Maryville victories were: Macali over Utley (6-2, 6-0), Dougan over Davis (7-5, 6-3), Filips over Houghton (6-1, 6-1), Mattson over Marlay (6-4, 6-2), and Farlow over Fletchall (6-4, 6-3).

The other semifinal was won by Savannah, 5-3 over Chillicothe. The Savages earned the Class 1, District 16 title with a 5-3 win on WEDNESDAY afternoon against arch-rival Maryville. In the first round of the state playoffs, Savannah will take on District 15 champion Pembroke Hill, a 6-0 winner in their district championship match against Bishop LeBlond. The Savannah - Pembroke Hill state sectional will be played on Saturday, May 24th.

The Chillicothe Hornets proved to be very strong in individual competition on Thursday afternoon in Cameron, taking both the singles and doubles titles.

The Hornets nearly took all four of the sectional qualifying spots, but Trenton's duo of Isaiah Swann and Alex Davis advanced, finishing runner-up in the doubles event.

In singles, Trenton had a disappointing day, with the Bulldog entries going a combined 0-2. Jacob Marlay was bounced in the opening round by Zane Beattie of Savannah, 7-6, 6-3. Leighton Fletchall moved into the quarterfinal round, courtesy of a first-round bye, before bowing out to Kennyn Sandy of Savannah 6-2, 6-1.

An early surprise in the doubles tournament was a first-round elimination for one of the pre-event favorites, Maryville's Ian Macali and Michael Filips. The MEC champions lost to Chillicothe's Garrett Peterson and Nate McKiddy, 6-2, 6-3.

Both of Trenton's entries (Swann and Davis, Wilson Utley and Chanse Houghton) had first-round byes. Utley and Houghton were eliminated in the quarterfinals, falling to Peterson and McKiddy, 6-2, 6-1.

Swann and Davis got their momentum going in the quarterfinals, downing Maryville's duo of Goecken and Dougan, 6-4, 6-4.

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That result moved Swann and Davis into a semifinal showdown with Riley and Hahn of Cameron, and with a spot in Monday's first round of the state playoffs at stake, the Bulldog team rose up for a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (tiebreaker) win.

McKiddy and Peterson won a thrilling final against Swann and Davis, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, again with the third set decided by tiebreaker.

Chillicothe's Gabe Poling won the singles championship, rolling past freshman teammate Nathan Sims in the final, 6-0, 6-1.

Advancing to sectionals on Monday are both Poling and Sims in singles, along with the McKiddy/Peterson (CHS) and Swann/Davis (THS) teams in doubles.