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BRYAN BENNETT TOURNAMENT

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A TRIBUTE TO BRYAN BENNETT '94

Bryan Bennett graduated from Delbarton School in 1994. As a student, Bryan played four years of tennis, three of them on the varsity and two at first singles. He made the varsity team as a sophomore and turned in an outstanding performance at the third singles position. During his junior year he surprised many people by earning the number one position through his gritty and determined play. He also played first singles during his senior year and was co-captain of the team along with Jim Cullen '94. While at Delbarton, Bryan also played squash, participated in the Big Brothers and Appalachia programs, and was a member of the senior council.

Bryan was a special part of the Delbarton tennis program. He participated in the first spring break trip to Puerto Rico that has now become a tradition with the Delbarton tennis program. In addition, Bryan was an integral part of the Delbarton tennis program that went on to win the first Delbarton Invitational Tennis Tournament, defeating Chatham 4-1. Bryan emerged victorious at first singles after a long and grueling match against Brian Ruddy of Chatham. Finally, Bryan was a key player in the return of Delbarton as a state tennis power that continues to this day. He led the '94 team to the Parochial A North Championship for the first time in several years where the team defeated Don Bosco. Delbarton then faced CBA in the state finals and was narrowly defeated 3-2, but it would be the beginning of several trips to the Tournament of Champions for the Delbarton team.

After graduating from Delbarton, Bryan went on to Boston College and graduated from there in 1998. Bryan stayed in Boston for the following year and then moved to New York City, both to take a job in sales for eSpeed and to be closer to his family.

Tragically, Bryan was a victim of the events of September 11th at the World Trade Center. Here at Delbarton, Bryan will always be remembered for his big smile, never-ending energy, trusted friendship, and zest for life. Bryan was an outstanding athlete and student here at Delbarton who represented all that the school seeks to instill in its young men. Delbarton School is proud to call Bryan Bennett one of its graduates.

The Bryan Bennett Tournament has grown into one of the largest and most competitive tournaments in the state of New Jersey and fields some of the best teams from across the state. Several years ago Delbarton School decided to rename the tournament the Bryan Bennett Memorial Tennis Invitational in memory of Bryan. We wanted to commemorate his life in a significant and meaningful manner. Thus, we decided to name the tournament which he helped to build into such a great success after him to preserve his memory here at Delbarton. There will be a permanent trophy bearing Bryan's name that will be presented to the winning team on Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm at Delbarton School. The trophy will be kept permanently on display in the trophy case in the gymnasium at Delbarton.

John P. Thompson
Craig Paris

BRYAN BENNETT MEMORIAL TENNIS INVITATIONAL HISTORY

PREVIOUS INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONS:

1994 DELBARTON DEFEATED CHATHAM 4-1
1995 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED MOUNTAIN LAKES 5-0
1996 WESTFIELD DEFEATED LIVINGSTON 4-1
1997 LIVINGSTON DEFEATED MILLBURN 4-1
1998 MILLBURN DEFEATED COLUMBIA 5-0
1999 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED NORTHERN HIGHLANDS 3-2
2000 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED MONTVILLE 4-1
2001 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED MILLBURN 4-1
2002 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED HOLMDEL 3-2
2003 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED DELBARTON 5-0
2004 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED BRIDGEWATER RARITAN 5-0
2005 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED MILLBURN 4-1
2006 MILLBURN DEFEATED MOORESTOWN 5-0
2007 WESTFIELD DEFEATED CHERRY HILL EAST 3-2
2008 WESTFIELD DEFEATED DELBARTON 3-2
2009 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED WESTFIELD 3-2
2010 CHATHAM DEFEATED WESTFIELD 3-2
2011 LIVINGSTON DEFEATED MORRIS KNOLLS 3-2
2012 DELBARTON DEFEATED LIVINGSTON 4-1
2013 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED LIVINGSTON 4-1
2014 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED HADDONFIELD 3-2
2015 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED LIVINGSTON 3-2
2016 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED MONTGOMERY 3-2
2017 MONTGOMERY DEFEATED WEST WINDSOR SOUTH 3-2
2018 WEST WINDSOR SOUTH DEFEATED MONTGOMERY 3-2
2019 MONTGOMERY DEFEATED NEWARK ACADEMY 3-2
2021 NEWARK ACADEMY DEFEATED DELBARTON 4-1
2022 EAST BRUNSWICK DEFEATED BERGEN TECH 5-0
2023 PINGRY DEFEATED EAST BRUNSWICK 3-2
2024 EAST BRUNSWICK DEFEATED PINGRY 3-2
2025 WEST WINDSOR SOUTH DEFEATED PINGRY 4-1

THE BRYAN BENNETT SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

2000 LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL
2001 MILLBURN HIGH SCHOOL
2002 PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL
2003 SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
2004 CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL
2005 HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL
2006 SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
2007 RAMAPO HIGH SCHOOL
2009 PASCACK HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
2011 MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
2012 GILL
2013 WATCHUNG HILLS

2014	MOUNTAIN LAKES
2015	RANDOLPH
2016	NOTRE DAME
2017	HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
2018	DWIGHT-ENGLEWOOD
2019	HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL
2021	SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL
2022	EPISCOPAL ACADEMY
2023	WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
2024	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY
2025	MORRIS HILLS

THE BRYAN BENNETT COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS AWARD

2013	ELLIOT LOVI
2014	VIRGINIA O'DONNELL
2015	GEORGE KAPNER
2016	JOHN DELLOIACONO
2017	MICKEY FERGUSON
2018	BILL KINGSTON
2019	GARY MILLER
2022	CURT WEAVER
2023	JEFF TUKEL
2024	COURTER SMITH
2025	JOE IWANSKI
2026	RICH ARNOLD

HISTORY OF THE TOURNAMENT:

The 32nd annual Bryan Bennett Tournament has become one of the largest and most prestigious tournaments in the state of New Jersey. Many top teams have participated in this tournament over the years, including Newark Academy, Westfield, Millburn, Livingston, Cherry Hill East, Moorestown, West Windsor South, Ramapo, Princeton High School, Bridgewater Raritan, Holmdel, Haddonfield, Hillsborough, Pingry, West Essex, Columbia, Northern Highlands, Ridgewood, Summit, Pascack Hills, Dwight-Englewood, Ridge, Bergen Catholic, Sparta, East Brunswick, Bergen Tech, and Marlboro. The tournament maintains its roots in Morris County. Several Morris County teams have participated in the tournament over the years, including Chatham, Delbarton, Hanover Park, Kinnelon, Madison, Mendham, Montville, Morristown, Morristown Beard, Mountain Lakes, Parsippany, Parsippany Hills, and Randolph. The purpose of the tournament is to provide some of the better teams in Morris County a chance to participate in a competitive team tournament. The tournament has grown into the largest and most competitive high school tennis tournament in the state. This year's field of teams includes some of the top teams from across the state. The tournament guarantees all participants at least two matches, weather permitting, with a consolation bracket for teams that lose in the first round. The tournament provides all of the players that participate with a tournament T-shirt and free beverages and lunch courtside. We welcome all of the participants and fans to the 32nd Annual Bryan Bennett Memorial Tennis Invitational.

**BRYAN BENNETT COMMITMENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS AWARD:
RICH ARNOLD, WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO SOUTH**

In 2013 we decided to create an award to honor someone who has shown great commitment to high school tennis. Over the years many legendary coaches have won this award such as Elliot Lovi of Livingston High School and George Kapner from Westfield High School. This year's recipient is Rich Arnold from West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School.

As many may not know, Coach Arnold had a stellar career playing tennis in high school. He attended Bridgewater Raritan East where he played first singles for four years, no easy feat indeed! When he finished his career at Bridgewater he finished an astounding 74-0 in regular season dual matches. His only losses came in the state singles tournament. When his tennis career ended he had notched 91 wins. Coach Arnold made it to the finals of the state singles tournament before falling to Stephen Kendall of Millburn. As Coach Arnold noted, "My only four losses were in the state individual singles tournament losing in the finals in 1973 to Stephen Kendall of Millburn. To this day that loss still haunts me, especially when I coach against Millburn in our Group 3 State tourney. I finally beat Millburn in the State Championships twice as a coach and lost to them twice." His stellar playing career would soon lead to an outstanding coach career as well.

Coach Arnold served as a substitute teacher at West Windsor South High School. He saw an opportunity to serve as a coach there as well. As Rich noted, "West Windsor-Plainsboro South was a school I substituted for since 2001 and knew their tennis program was pretty good. I said to myself I would love to coach at this school some day and my dream came true. I was the assistant coach for three years and took over in 2012 as head coach." Coach Arnold has had an amazing career at West Windsor South ever since. He has had many highlights to his career but some stick out more than others. "I lost to Millburn in the Tournament of Champions my first year coaching" said Arnold. "I went on to reach two more Tournament of Champions finals losing to Newark Academy and Montgomery." Coach Thompson of Delbarton remembers these teams well and said that "we had reached the semifinals of the Tournament of Champions and thought we had a great chance to make it to the finals but Coach Arnold and his team were too much for us that year. He has always fielded strong teams and is

not afraid to compete against the state's best. What is most impressive about him though is that he never makes tennis about himself but always about his players."

For Coach Arnold winning and losing is not the most important thing as a coach. He has other things in mind as well that he always emphasizes with his players. As Arnold related, "Coaching at our school is always a challenge and rewarding. I hope I might have given one bit of encouragement, advice and just help a player enjoy playing tennis and being a quality person on and off the court. Tennis is a lot like life itself- full of ups and downs. I tell kids that you only get to play high school tennis once in your life." Coach Arnold and his team have become a fixture at our tournament representing the best that South Jersey has to offer. As tournament director John Thompson explained, "we love having West Windsor South at our tournament not just because they are a great team but because they play with great enthusiasm and joy and you can tell that Coach Arnold and his players enjoy what they are doing a great deal."

We congratulate Coach Arnold for receiving this year's Commitment to High School Tennis Award here at the Bryan Bennett tournament. His record currently stands at 301 wins and 28 losses. Not many coaches could claim to have so few losses over the course of his career. But you won't hear Coach Arnold take the credit for this milestone, it is always about his players.

Chaminade

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: JOHN HONERKAMP

HEAD COACH: ANDREW SALECKER

ASSISTANT COACHES: TIMOTHY MANGAN, TAYLOR STANTON, NICHOLAS SZABO

2025 RECORD: 11-3

TEAM CAPTAIN: LUKE HYNES

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: LUKE HYNES

SECOND SINGLES: TREVOR SAGLIOCCA

THIRD SINGLES: PETER ARCIERO

FIRST DOUBLES: CARTER DURAN AND DAVID ONDOCIN

SECOND DOUBLES: JAIDEN AKMEEMANA AND CHRISTIAN SCHERR

ALTERNATES: MICHAEL BIMONTE, GRIFFIN BOYLE, RYAN KAPOOR

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Chaminade makes its first ever appearance in the Bryan Bennett Tournament. Always one of the strongest teams in New York, they have played against Delbarton in dual matches for several years now, and Delbarton coach John Thompson has always been impressed with their program. "I am always amazed to see the amazing hospitality that the Chaminade tennis program and athletic department show to Delbarton School whether I am coaching soccer or tennis. We are thrilled to have them in our tournament this year. Coach Andrew Salecker is optimistic about this year's team and noted that "Chaminade High School enters its 2026 spring season as the defending NSCHSAA League Champions. Last year, the team went undefeated in league play while also competing against several top-ranked private and public schools across the tri-state area. Led by senior captain Luke Hynes, who will continue his tennis career at Catholic University in the fall, the team aims to defend its league title, capture the New York State Catholic title, and further expand its non-league schedule. The athletes and coaches look forward to competing for the first time in Delbarton's Bryan Bennett Tournament." We welcome them to our tournament this year and appreciate the fact that they are coming from so far away to be a part of this year's amazing field of teams.

CHATHAM

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: DARREN D'ALCONZO

HEAD COACH: JAMES CAI

ASSISTANT COACH: JOE REEL

2025 RECORD: 15-3

TEAM CAPTAINS: CHRIS ALLEN AND GRAYSON RIVERA

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: DAVIS ZHANG (12)

SECOND SINGLES: ROGER LIN (10)

THIRD SINGLES: ELIAS BRUU-SYVERSEN (9)

FIRST DOUBLES: AIDAN WONG (12) AND RANVIR IYENGAR (11)

SECOND DOUBLES: CHRIS ALLEN (12) AND GRAYSON RIVERA (12)

ALTERNATES: WILL SHEHADI (12), TEDDY BACON (12), DYLAN ZHAO (10), ANISHI GOSWAMI (9), BORA AKCAY (12), CASTON HARWELL (12)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Chatham has always been a fixture at the Bryan Bennett tournament and is a previous champion. This year Chatham fields another strong team that should compete for county, conference, and state titles. The addition of Freshman Elias Bruu-Syversen at third singles gives Chatham added depth, and first singles player Davis Zhang is playing some of his best of his career. As Coach James Cai explained, "Chatham enters the 2026 season looking to build on last year's success after finishing 15-3 and advancing to the sectional semifinals. The team returns a solid core of experienced players along with a group of younger athletes who have shown strong potential during preseason challenge matches. One of the team's biggest strengths this year will be its depth and overall competitiveness throughout the lineup. The doubles teams, in particular, should be a key factor, as they bring experience and the ability to compete in tight matches. In addition, the team has demonstrated a strong work ethic early in the season, with players pushing each other during challenge matches and practices. Chatham will once again face a competitive schedule, highlighted by matches against top conference opponents as well as the Delbarton Invitational and the Morris County Tournament. These events will serve as important benchmarks as the team prepares for postseason play. The goal this season is to continue improving each week and be playing our best tennis by the time the county and state tournaments arrive. If the team continues to develop consistency and chemistry, particularly in doubles play, Chatham has the potential to be a strong contender in both conference and postseason competition." Coach John Thompson of Delbarton noted, "Chatham comes to play every match, and their fiery competitive nature makes them a tough team to overcome year in and year out." We welcome Chatham back to the Bryan Bennett Tournament.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ACADEMY

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: NICK MARINELLI

HEAD COACH: COURTER SMITH

2025 RECORD: 22-4

TEAM CAPTAINS: VINCENZO CARUSO AND JULIAN VOORHEES

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: VINCENZO CARUSO (11)

SECOND SINGLES: NATHAN VIDUN (10)

THIRD SINGLES: DYLAN CUNEO (10)

FIRST DOUBLES: TEDDY PEREDNIA (10) AND JULIAN VOORHEES (12)

SECOND DOUBLES: NICHOLAS CARUSO (9) AND STERLING PORTER (10)

ALTERNATES: NIKLAS MILLER (9), SEAN POLLAK (9)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Christian Brothers Academy returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year after a strong season last year and a strong showing at our tournament. Coach Courter Smith, former winner of the Bryan Bennett Commitment Award to High School Tennis, runs one of the best programs in the state and demands the best of his athletes both on and off the court. As Smith explained, "The CBA Colts are thrilled to venture north and to be included in the Bryan Bennett Invitational field. Despite losing a pair of four-year starters, the young Colts are led by junior 1st singles player Vincenzo Caruso and a pair of promising sophomores, Nathan Vidun and Dylan Cuneo. The doubles lineup is anchored by a four-year starter in doubles, co-captain Julian Voorhees. While the pairings are not set, there will be a pair of sophomores (Teddy Perednia and Sterling Porter, who last year advanced to the 2nd round of the NJSIAA doubles tournament) and three 9th graders (Nicholas Caruso, Niklas Miller, and Sean Pollak) in the mix, and all will see extended playing time this season. The goals for the season are for the team members to have a great time together and to improve as the season progresses to conference and state tournament time. Facing a challenging schedule, the Colts are looking to face the state's best teams in order to improve and learn. Against such an incredible field, this weekend should serve as a strong barometer for the state of the program and the areas needing improvement." The addition of Nathan Vidun at second singles this year gives CBA one of the strongest one-two punches at first and second singles in the entire state. We welcome Coach Smith and his team back to our tournament this year.

Delbarton

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: TONY NEGRIN

HEAD COACH: JOHN THOMPSON

ASSISTANT COACHES: PETE O'CONNELL, PAT SAVIDGE, CHRIS DITTRICK

2025 RECORD: 21-5

TEAM CAPTAINS: HUGH WELDON, CHASE EAGAN, AND ALEX CHOI

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: AARON PAUL (9)

SECOND SINGLES: AIDEN PAUL (9)

THIRD SINGLES: ADI SOMAIYA (11)

FIRST DOUBLES: HAYDN LEE (10) AND HUGH WELDON (12)

SECOND DOUBLES: CHASE EAGAN (12) AND ALEX CHOI (12)

ALTERNATES: SEAN MCKINNON, RYAN MOUMDJIAN, OWEN CLOW, CONNOR PERTUSI, MAK CHEUNG, OWEN ARMSTRONG, COLIN REILLY, STHIR KHANDLWAL, LUCAS NEVISTICH, ROSHAN SEKHAR

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Delbarton will have to make up for the loss of several key players from last year's team including the Bonetti brothers. However, with the addition of four new players the team should field a strong lineup. Freshman twin brothers Aaron Paul and Aiden Paul joined the team this year and have played well at one and two thus far. Junior Adi Somaiya did not play last year but returned to the team this year and has settled into the third singles spot and has already notched some impressive wins. Haydn Lee transferred to Delbarton and has emerged as the team's top doubles player. The team also returns many veteran players from last year's team including Hugh Weldon, Chase Eagan, Alex Choi, Ryan Moumdjian, and Connor Pertusi. Freshman Sean McKinnon has also looked strong and should get a chance to play a good deal this year. The team notched impressive wins over Winston Churchill School in Maryland and Sidwell Friends in Washington, D.C., on their annual spring break trip and went into the Bryan Bennett Tournament with a record of 5-0 in the regular season including two key wins over Chatham and Westfield. The team hopes to compete for County, Conference, and State titles this year. As Coach John Thompson noted, "This is one of the deepest teams that I have ever coached with many players on the roster who would have started in years past but are currently alternates. We have quickly made up for the loss of key players from last year's team and are off to a strong start but know we have much work to do to be able to play with the top teams in the state. The Bryan Bennett tournament will give us this opportunity."

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: TODD FAIRLIE

HEAD COACH: WHITAKER POWELL

ASSISTANT COACH: MICHAEL WHALEN

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: ADAM GRAHAM (10)

SECOND SINGLES: JAYDEN ZHOU (10)

THIRD SINGLES: YOUSUF GILANI (10)

FIRST DOUBLES: DANIEL ABIDI (12) AND ARTHUR HAMPEL (11)

SECOND DOUBLES: ANDREW AHN (10) AND ROHAN VUYYURU (9)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Episcopal Academy returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year and are always a welcome addition to the tournament. They are always one of the top teams in the Mid-Atlantic Region and have an impressive program indeed. As Coach John Thompson of Delbarton noted, “We have participated in the Episcopal Academy Doubles Tournament for many years and have gotten to know the school and Coach Powell very well. Our favorite weekend of the year is their tournament, and it is largely due to the stellar organization and leadership of Coach Powell and his staff. We are thrilled to have them back this year.” Coach Powell likes his team this year and sees great promise. Powell related that “we’re really young but talented and when Preston is there, we’re really solid, but they’ll compete hard and have fun doing it. Thanks again, as always for having us! We have 4 strong 8th graders for next year so this year is about experience to get us ready for next year.” It is unfortunate that Episcopal Academy’s star first singles player could not make it to our tournament this year, but Episcopal will still field a strong team. Everyone was impressed with how well Episcopal played in our tournament last year against the best teams New Jersey has to offer, and there is no doubt that they will do the same thing this year. We welcome Coach Powell and his team to our tournament this year.

Livingston

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: DAVE COHEN

HEAD COACH: PAUL CIRLINCIONE

ASSISTANT COACH: JEFFREY LAPIDUS

2025 RECORD: 11-11

TEAM CAPTAINS: ARJUN BANSAL AND JAKE MANDALA

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: DENNIS WANG (11)

SECOND SINGLES: AYAAN JAYANTY (9)

THIRD SINGLES: ARJUN BANSAL (12)/JULIAN TUROVETS (12)

FIRST DOUBLES: AARUSH GUPTA (10) AND JAKE MANDALA (12)

SECOND DOUBLES: JUSTIN LI (11) AND MAYANK TIKU (12)

**ALTERNATES: SEAN KIM, ARKIT SHAH, NICO TARRABOCCHIA,
WILLIAM YU**

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Besides host school Delbarton, Livingston has had the most appearances in the tournament since its inception. As Coach John Thompson of Delbarton explained, "We not only invite Livingston back to our tournament again and again each year because they always field a great team, but we also do so because of the class and character of their program. There are many great teams out there to choose from, but we always make sure that the programs selected epitomize the values and sportsmanship of our venue." Livingston should have another strong team this year. Coach Paul Cirilincione likes what he sees and when asked about his team noted that "the Livingston Boys Tennis Team returns several starters from last season and is excited to compete in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year. Most notably, the team returns Dennis Wang at first singles, who took a year off last season. Along with strong senior leadership, the team also will have a talented group of underclassmen in their lineup. This year's team will also look to build on their conference championship from last season, which they have not accomplished since 2019. The singles lineup will feature returning varsity starters Dennis Wang, Arjun Bansal (Captain), Julian Turovets, and newcomer Ayaan Jayanty. The doubles lineup returns many of the doubles players from last season, with Jake Mandala (Captain), Aarush Gupta, Justin Li, Mayank Tiku, Arkit Shah, and William Yu all seeing significant playing time. Livingston's goals for this year include competing and advancing in their competitive and prestigious invitational county and state tournaments. Individually, the team hopes to send their experienced singles players and doubles teams to compete in the state singles and doubles tournaments at the end of the season. Livingston High School is extremely honored to be invited to the Bryan Bennett Tournament this season and always admire the high level of play and good sportsmanship from all teams that compete in it. We look forward to competing at a high level, improving from last year's tournament, and displaying first-class sportsmanship." We welcome Livingston, one of the former champions in the tournament, back to Delbarton again this year!

Montclair Kimberley Academy

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: TODD SMITH

HEAD COACH: BILL WING

2025 RECORD: 16-7

TEAM CAPTAIN: ALEX CRESPO

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: ALEX CRESPO (12)

SECOND SINGLES: THOMAS IRWIN (10)

THIRD SINGLES: SCOTT SKIPPER (11)

FIRST DOUBLES: NIKHIL SHAH (11) AND HENRY BLAU (9)

SECOND DOUBLES: NICK WOLF (11) AND MASON WANG (9)

ALTERNATES: SANTOS GARNER (12), ZEMAR ALI (11), OSCAR OOI (11)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Montclair Kimberley returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament under first-year coach Bill Wing who has coached high school tennis for many years (see coach profile). Coach Wing is excited about this year's team and said, "Montclair Kimberley Academy is honored to be here in the Bryan Bennett Tournament with the best teams in the State of NJ and their surrounding area. We are a relatively inexperienced group after graduating some very strong singles players the last few seasons. Our top returning singles player from last year is coming off of a year of inactivity due to back issues. He is slowly recovering and we look forward to having Santos in the lineup in the very near future. Alex Crespo has been a four-year varsity doubles starter for us, and he is competing hard at the first singles position. Thomas Irwin played first doubles as a freshman last year and he is slotted at second singles. Scott Skipper, another doubles starter last year, is at third singles. Nikhil Shah was a doubles starter last season and has teamed nicely with freshman Henry Blau at first doubles. Nick Wolf returns and teams with freshman Mason Wang to form our second doubles. We have been off to a nice 3-0 start, but we are looking to play hard and get better every day as we compete in the very strong SEC Tennis Conference and the highly competitive Non-Public State Championship division. Montclair Kimberley Academy has always been considered one of the strongest tennis programs in the State and we look to continue that legacy with strong competitive play, tremendous sportsmanship, and professionalism." We welcome Montclair Kimberley and Coach Wing to our tournament this year.

Newark Academy

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: DAVE PASQUALE

HEAD COACH: THOMAS BATTAGLIA

ASSISTANT COACH: LISA MULLIGAN

2025 RECORD: 23-0

TEAM CAPTAINS: OWEN GERSHWIN, AADIT SHRIVASTAVA, BRYSON SELIG

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: ROGER HU

SECOND SINGLES: ARYAN GROVER

THIRD SINGLES: KAAZ OZSAHIN

FIRST DOUBLES: AADIT SHRIVASTAVA AND OWEN GERSHWIN

SECOND DOUBLES: AARAV SEKHRI AND EVAN LAI

ALTERNATES: SEBASTIAN TOPOR, RIAAN RULATI, SCOTT YAO, BRYSON SELIG, TYLER REN

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Newark Academy returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament after a hiatus of several years. We are very happy that first-year coach Thomas Battaglia was determined to have his team participate in our tournament this year. As Delbarton Coach John Thompson noted, "Newark Academy will be missing four of its top players this year during the Bryan Bennett tournament. While most coaches would have decided not to participate, Coach Battaglia will bring his team here this weekend anyway because he feels it is still important to compete even when short-handed. I believe this sentiment speaks volumes about Coach Battaglia and the Newark Academy tennis team this year." Newark Academy has been the premier program in New Jersey for years and has notched the most championships at the Bryan Bennett Tournament. As first-year coach Thomas Battaglia explained, "My team enters the 2026 season looking to repeat as state champions in 2025. NA added key transfer Nolan Sharma from Ridgewood as well as promising first-year players Roger Hu and Sebastian Topor. Daniel Zhou enters the singles lineup at 3rd and Caden Millerman moves into the 1st doubles position for the 2026 season. The Minutemen added two out-of-state opponents to their schedule for 2026: Haverford (PA) and Syosset (NY) visiting the campus of NA in April. Syosset is fresh off a State Championship as well in 2025. Under former collegiate coach Thomas Battaglia, NA looks towards an exciting future." Though not one of the top seeds in the draw this year, even without their top players in attendance Newark Academy will still be a formidable opponent given their remarkable depth. We welcome them back to our tournament this year.

Pingry

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: CARTER ABBOTT

HEAD COACH: MARION WEBER

ASSISTANT COACH: KEVIN GUIDICIPIETRO

2025 RECORD: 14-2

TEAM CAPTAINS: RYAN HAO AND WILLIAM ZHOU-ZHENG

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: COLE LANGER (12)

SECOND SINGLES: RYAN HAO (11)

THIRD SINGLES: RISHI GAJJAR (10)

FIRST DOUBLES: WILLIAM ZHOU-ZHENG (11) AND SUVID BORDIA (10)

SECOND DOUBLES: SAVEER GREWAL (10) AND GAVIN GRUNSTRA (9)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Pingry returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament once again this year. They had a strong performance last year beating Delbarton in the semifinals and then falling to a strong West Windsor South team in the finals. This year Coach Weber is very optimistic about her team. She stated that, "Pingry is excited to be participating in the Bryan Bennett Tournament once again! Runner-up in '24 and '25 after a win in '23, we look forward to competing for the prestigious trophy again. We are hoping to build on last year's strong, competitive season and defend our titles. As always, the Skyland Conference is filled with talent, and we're looking forward to the challenge. 2025 was a successful season - record 14-2 with losses to WWPS in the Bryan Bennett finals and to Newark Academy in the Sectional Finals. As Somerset County Champions, Prep A Champions, Skyland Conference champions, the team played great tennis! Pingry closed out the 2025 season ranked #4 in the NJ.com Top 20. After graduating 1 senior, and having 2 seniors take the season off, we have 4 players returning to the team and are looking at a changed lineup. Two players (Cole and Rishi) are returning from injury and will join the singles lineup. Cole Langer is looking to complete his high school tennis career on a high note playing 1st singles. After a successful season at first singles, Ryan Hao will be playing second singles this season. Rishi Gajjar is back in action and is looking forward to his first year on the team in 3rd singles. Last year's third singles (Suvid Bordia) has moved to the doubles lineup and will join experienced doubles players William Zhou-Zheng and Shea Patel. Freshman (Gavin Grunstra) and last year's top JV player Saveer Grewal will also be joining the lineup in doubles positions. Co-captains Ryan Hao and William Zhou-Zheng are excited to lead the team and add to the success of last season. The team is eager to get the season underway, and the captains are excited to lead a cohesive group of players. We appreciate the invitation and opportunity to compete in the Bryan Bennett Tournament, and we're looking forward to the competition. It's a great tournament to kick off the season!" Many believe Pingry may just have the best team in the entire state and the Bryan Bennett Tournament will help see where they stack up against the best the state and region have to offer.

Ridge

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: MICHAEL MANCINO

HEAD COACH: CHAD GRIFFITHS

ASSISTANT COACHES: ENZO MINICOZZI AND CALVIN ENG

2025 RECORD: 12-7

TEAM CAPTAIN: NIKHIL NARSI

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: VIHAAN IYER

SECOND SINGLES: ELIJAH GLAZE

THIRD SINGLES: NIKHIL NARSI

**DOUBLES: BEN GORDON, BRIAN LEE, RAJVEER SHETTY, LIAM CHEN,
MAHIR SHAH**

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Ridge High School, led by long-time coach Chad Griffiths, returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year after a strong season last year. Coach Thompson of Delbarton noted, "We had a very tough match with Ridge last year. They have a deep and talented team once again this year." As long-time coach Chad Griffiths noted, "The Ridge Boys Tennis Team is gearing up for another competitive season in the challenging North II Group III section of New Jersey. Ridge lost 2-3 to Millburn in the Finals last year after wins against Red Bank Regional, Summit, and Princeton. Ridge returns 5 of its starters from last year's state finalist team including Iyer, Glaze, and Narsi at singles. In the NJSIAA Tournament, Ridge was fortunate to have all three singles, and both doubles teams compete in the individual tournament. In addition to this year's Bryan Bennett Tournament, Ridge will compete in the Blue Devil Invitational. Last year, Ridge defeated Westfield in the first round but lost to West Windsor-Plainsboro South 2-3 in the finals. Ridge is excited to be invited back to the Bryan Bennett Tournament as the Red Devils will once again test themselves against some of the top programs in the state." Ridge has an interesting first round match against state power Montclair Kimberley and should be one of the top teams in the state this year. We welcome them back to our tournament this year!

West Windsor-Plainsboro South

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: KATE DOBINSON

HEAD COACH: RICHARD ARNOLD

ASSISTANT COACH: JONATHAN WALTON

2025 RECORD: 25-0

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: PRAHALAD DHARMA (10)

SECOND SINGLES: ROHAN RAMACHANDRAN (11)

THIRD SINGLES: SHRIYAN KUMAR (11)

FIRST DOUBLES: RICHARD HAO (11) AND PAVAN BUDDHIDINESH (9)

SECOND DOUBLES: SAHEB MANKU (9) AND ARNAV BADISA (9)

ALTERNATES: ARCHYUT RAVINDRAN (12), KARTHIK BUDDHIDINESH (12)

TEAM OUTLOOK:

West Windsor South had a phenomenal year last year and looks to repeat that this year. They won the Bryan Bennett Tournament last year defeating Pingry 4-1 in the finals. Though they have lost a few players from last year's team, they still have an impressive lineup. As Coach Arnold explained, "Our job is cut out for us from the start of this season. We are defending Champions of this great tennis event, and we will definitely be challenged by all teams. We would like to try and duplicate last year. That will be very tough. We are playing 3 competitive tournaments even before the States. Our whole team is honored to be playing in this great tennis tourney." Delbarton is honored to have one of the top teams in South Jersey and in the entire state return. As Coach Thompson of Delbarton noted, "West Windsor South has been a fixture at our tournament for many years and have brought many talented teams to play here. Coach Arnold always gets the best of his team, and we are excited to have them back defending their title this year." We wish them luck and are proud to have the defending champions back once again.

Westfield

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: JAMES DESARNO

HEAD COACH: MATT VARHLEY

ASSISTANT COACH: DANNY PERIERA

2025 RECORD: 16-6

TEAM CAPTAINS: LEO GOLDMAN, EVAN KAHN, ARDEN RAPPOPORT

TEAM LINEUP:

FIRST SINGLES: CHRIS WINTERS (11)

SECOND SINGLES: JUSTIN LEE (10)

THIRD SINGLES: EVAN KHAN (12)

FIRST DOUBLES: JUSTIN ANDERSON (10) AND LEO GOLDMAN (12)

**SECOND DOUBLES: ARDEN RAPPOPORT (12), BRENDAN LEEGAN (12),
BRIAN OU (9), COOPER STANEK (9), ELI ROCKMORE (10), GABE GARFIELD (9)**

**ALTERNATES: JONAH LICHTENTHAL (12), GRAYDEN MILSTEIN (10),
ALEX HU (11), JUSTIN OU (11), JACKSON PRAGER (10)**

TEAM OUTLOOK:

Westfield returns to the Bryan Bennett Tournament. As one of the former champions and winners of the Sportsmanship Award, it is always a pleasure to have them back. Chris Winters is one of the top first singles players in the state and has already notched some impressive victories this year. Coach Varhley is excited about his team this year and explained that, "The Blue Devils wrapped up the 2025 season with an impressive 16-6 record, highlighted by winning both the Union County Championship and the Group 4 North II State Championship. Their season concluded with a competitive loss in the Group 4 semifinal. Blending experienced returners with exciting new additions, the Blue Devils head into the 2026 season with high expectations. Chris Winters, Justin Lee, and Evan Kahn bring valuable experience and stability to the singles lineup. At doubles, the team will feature a fresh first doubles pairing of veteran Leo Goldman and newcomer Justin Anderson. The second doubles spot will be highly competitive, with Arden Rappoport, Brian Ou, Brendan Leegan, Cooper Stanek, Eli Rockmore, and Gabe Garfield all vying for the position. The team's success this season will hinge on consistent performances at singles and strong depth at doubles. The Blue Devils are aiming to defend their Union County and Group 4 Sectional titles, while setting their sights on a return to the Group 4 finals. A key early test always starts at the Bryan Bennett Tournament. The tournament consistently brings in strong competition from a variety of programs, giving the Blue Devils an opportunity to measure themselves against top talent. Regardless of the results, the experience provides valuable lessons in handling pressure, adjusting strategy, and continuing to grow. The team is grateful each year for the opportunity to compete in such a respected event." We welcome Westfield to our tournament this year and wish them well.

COACH PROFILE: WHITAKER POWELL, EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

1. Tell us a bit about your tennis career as a player if relevant.

My tennis career was wildly unassuming. I played #1 singles for four years at Pottsgrove High School and was named All-League multiple times, but I was really just an athlete with a tennis racket in my hand. I never had formal coaching or training—I just tried to make one more ball than my opponent. My true passion was soccer, which I played through college.

2. When did you get into coaching?

I started coaching tennis in 2001 when I was hired at Episcopal. I had absolutely no clue what I was doing, but my mentor told me to say yes to anything offered at a private school—so I did. I learned on the fly. There was no ChatGPT or Google to lean on, so I created drills I thought would work and coached the tennis team like a soccer team: everyone matters the same, every win counts the same, and we compete hard.

3. Why do you coach?

Truthfully, I was too stupid to say no—and they didn't hire me for the soccer job.

4. What do you like about coaching at Episcopal Academy?

Coaching is the vehicle I use to teach life lessons. Honor is everything, integrity is paramount, and hard work makes up for a lot. We don't measure success by wins and losses—we ask if we're better today than we were yesterday.

5. What is your coaching philosophy?

First and foremost, have fun. Tennis is a game, and kids are surrounded by seriousness in their daily lives. If I can give them two hours of fun, I'm doing my job. Beyond that, it's about competition—never getting outworked or outhustled. And if you're going to make mistakes, do it with aggression and intent. Play big, play fast, and live with the results.

6. How do you think high school tennis has changed in the last five to ten years?

I've been incredibly fortunate to coach teams made up mostly of students I've taught in the classroom. That creates a level of comfort and familiarity, although I'm probably a bit more "chill" during the school day. The first time I bark at a player I've taught, they usually do a double take—I never raise my voice in class. A consistent theme across all my teams is effort and teamwork. Our goal is to never let the ball bounce twice—impossible though it may be—but it builds a mindset centered on effort.

7. What is your greatest moment as a tennis coach?

It's impossible to name just one—every year has great moments. But if I had to pick, it would be winning the league last year against Haverford. The match was tied 3-3 (a familiar scoreline for us over the past eight years, where we often came up short), and it came down to a 10-point tiebreaker at 2nd singles with our captain, Connor Chambers. The level of play was outstanding—no unforced errors, just winners and forced errors. Connor saved two match (championship) points and won 11-9. I was so happy for him and the team, but almost more so because of the quality of the match—no one really lost; we just happened to win. The emotion and celebration on the court is something I'll never forget.

8. If you are also a teacher, please let us know your background and how it impacts your coaching.

I've taught history and math at Episcopal for 25 years, primarily to 5th graders. The transition from 10-year-olds during the day to high school students in the afternoon is a great balance. Being on campus and watching kids grow into young men is incredibly rewarding, and it definitely shapes how I approach coaching.

9. What are the strengths of this year's team?

Our biggest strength is our doubles lineup. We have interchangeable pieces across 1-3 doubles, with a great balance of experience, youth, ability, and athleticism. And having Preston lead the team each day doesn't hurt either.

10. What are your goals as a team this year?

Simple—get better every day and don't chase wins. If the work is there, the wins will take care of themselves.

11. Why does your team want to play in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year?

I love bringing our team to this event. North Jersey tennis is unlike anything we see in our regular league—the intensity and depth of talent are outstanding. I also appreciate the history of the tournament and whom it honors. That's something I make sure our players understand and respect before we compete.

12. Anything else you would like to add?

We really appreciate the invitation and the opportunity to be part of this event.

COACH PROFILE: BILL WING, MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

1. Tell us a bit about your tennis career as a player if relevant.

I played football, baseball, ice hockey, and tennis at Seton Hall Prep. Then I played 2 years of college tennis at East Carolina University.

2. When did you get into coaching?

I started coaching Newton North HS Boys Varsity tennis in Boston when I was a junior in college.

3. Why do you coach?

I love the great game of tennis and have been teaching the sport for 42 years, but I love coaching a group of individual players and creating that special team atmosphere!

4. What do you like about coaching at Montclair Kimberley Academy?

I love watching high school players compete with their teammates and represent their school in the team format. Tennis players are on their own competing most of their lives and to see the joy they get being with their friends and classmates is the BEST!

5. What is your coaching philosophy?

My coaching philosophy is to get the most out of our team on a daily basis as we work for common goals in a positive and close-knit family environment!

6. Please give us an overview of the tennis teams that you have coached.

After coaching in Boston I came back home to NJ to coach the Passaic Valley HS Boys team, the Drew University Men's team, and then the Seton Hall University Men's team. After coaching at SHU I have been at Montclair Kimberly Academy coaching the Girls Varsity Tennis team the last 29 years. During that time I also coached the Boys Varsity Tennis team on and off while also coaching the boys JV tennis team. My first year at MKA I also was assistant coach for the Boys Varsity Ice Hockey team.

7. What is your greatest moment as a tennis coach?

Greatest coaching moment was winning the 2004 Girls State TOC Championship after losing in 2003. The team went 24-0 and was the Team of the Year.

8. What are the strengths of this year's team?

The strength of our team is our depth. We have 9-10 players who love to compete and are very close in ability.

9. What are your goals as a team this year?

I know it is cliché, but we just want to get better every day and have fun hitting the courts March till May!

10. Why does your team want to play in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year?

We are honored to be in the BB tournament with all of the best teams in the state and surrounding area. I want our kids to learn what it takes to compete at the highest level and how the best teams focus, fight, and dig while maintaining the utmost sportsmanship and integrity.

PLAYER PROFILE: LUKE HYNES, CHAMINADE, SENIOR, FIRST SINGLES PLAYER

1. When did you start playing tennis?

I started playing when I was 6 years old.

2. Why do you play tennis?

Tennis gives me a lot of mental relief and is a good way to compete with others while staying physically healthy.

3. Give us a brief summary of your high school tennis career.

I have been playing Varsity singles for my entire high school career and have helped lead our team to the NSCHSAA Championship each year. In addition to being recognized by Newsday as one of the top high school tennis players on Long Island, I have also won the NSCHSAA Individual Singles Championship and been named Player of the Year and the Chaminade MVP.

4. What are your goals for this year's season?

My goal is to help Chaminade win the league for the fourth time and to defend my title at the Individual Tournament.

5. What are your team's goals for this year's season?

Chaminade's goal is always to be the best and win the league. We also hope to perform well at the New York State Catholic Championship, which is new this year.

6. What are the strengths of your team this year?

This year, we have some very strong singles players who can grind and good doubles teams that can attack really well at the net.

7. Who has played the greatest role in your development as a tennis player?

My coach, Danny. He has been my coach for a long time and has guided me to be the player that I am today. I couldn't be where I am without him.

8. Who provides leadership on this year's team?

Our team is pretty young this year, but we have a great senior class ready to lead us throughout the season.

9. How does your coach help your team play to its best ability?

He does a great job helping guys at practice and working on strategy; he always finds the best doubles teams to play against opponents.

10. What do you hope to gain by playing in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year?

I'm looking forward to playing some great opponents outside of Long Island.

11. What is your favorite moment during your tennis career?

All the success we've had on the Chaminade team these past few years.

12. Please add anything else you would like to say here for your program.

Roll Flyers!

PLAYER PROFILE: NIKHIL NARSI, RIDGE, SENIOR, THIRD SINGLES PLAYER

1. When did you start playing tennis?

My tennis journey started when I was eight years old at the local courts within walking distance of my house. I watched my dad play and coach for a long time and wanted to follow in his footsteps.

2. Why do you play tennis?

I grew up an extremely competitive child and loved tennis due to watching my father play. Before he was a coach he played at the collegiate level at Colorado State University.

3. Give us a brief summary of your high school tennis career.

I have been a member of the varsity tennis team all four years of high school, playing second doubles, first doubles, and most recently third singles. My competitive record includes winning a Group IV sectional and state championships, as well as being a county finalist and co-county champion. I have also competed in the state individual championships twice.

4. What are your goals for this year's season?

My goals for this year include being a state sectional champion, being a Somerset County finalist and helping my team be one of the best in the state by winning as many matches as possible.

5. What are your team's goals for this year's season?

State and Group III State Team Championship.

6. What are the strengths of your team this year?

The environment at Ridge High School has further strengthened my passion for the sport and provided me with friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime. Each year, I look forward to the unique bond I share with the coaching staff and my teammates. This sense of brotherhood is the most rewarding part of the sport because it provides such a strong support system.

7. Who has played the greatest role in your development as a tennis player?

My father. He was my first ever coach and he still is my personal coach to this day. I am able to call him and talk about tennis and my matches whenever I need to and he has played a super influential role in growing my love for the game. Having someone who supports you unconditionally is one of the most important influential aspects to my development as a player.

8. Who provides leadership on this year's team?

I would like to say myself, being a captain for two years has taught me a lot about how to lead my team and how to embrace leadership positions. But I would also like to highlight my co-captain Brian Lee for always being one of the most supportive and influential leaders on our team. Brian always brings energy to the team and provides that extra boost to our team that sometimes helps us get through some tough days.

9. How does your coach help your team play to its best ability?

Our coaching staff is composed of three very knowledgeable coaches who not only understand tennis as a game but also take the time to understand and learn about each and every one of their players. Without the support of the coaches, whether it's a simple "Let's Go" or an in depth analysis of the match, the team would not be able to thrive the way it does.

10. What do you hope to gain by playing in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year?

The Bryan Bennett Memorial Tournament is an event that I look forward to as a player every single year. Being able to compete against some of the best teams in the state provides an excellent way for our players to prepare for the season ahead. This year I hope to gain more good memories and great matches with my teammates.

11. What is your favorite moment during your tennis career?

My favorite moment would probably have to be winning the Group IV Championship as a freshman, not only was it the first in school history but I was able to be a part of a really tight knit team. I would also have to say watching my close friend Ronald Gualario win the individual state singles title. Being able to support my closest friend and teammate at one of the biggest moments in our program's history is truly special. But I will never forget getting Shake Shack or Buffalo Wild Wings with the boys after a big win.

PLAYER PROFILE: HUGH WELDON, DELBARTON, SENIOR CAPTAIN, 1ST DOUBLES PLAYER

1. When did you start playing tennis?

I started playing tennis from a young age, in private lessons with my siblings. Tennis was a sport I always played, just not competitively until I reached high school. I played in middle school for Delbarton with Alex Choi as my partner, but with soccer still as my main focus, it still wasn't my main sport. Only when I was injured before freshman soccer tryouts and was cut from the team, did I switch my focus to tennis, making the Varsity team freshman year.

2. Why do you play tennis?

I play tennis because it is a sport that is not defined solely on athletic ability; rather there needs to be an equal amount of strategy and resilience. If you are unable to keep a level head during off-days, you struggle to compete. As a result, it caters to my combination of athletic and mental ability, leading to the nickname Hugh "Grind it out" Weldon.

3. Give us a brief summary of your high school tennis career.

I began my high school tennis career my freshman year, making varsity alongside my fellow senior captains. Despite tough challenge match results, I shined in doubles tryouts landing me a spot at first doubles with Anthony Reale. As the season progressed my role switched to second doubles and eventually, I ended up as an alternate for a large part of the season. At the Episcopal Academy tournament, I played with Jack Gibbons and got to the Semi-finals, helping the team to win the tournament for the first time in Program history. Later in the season, I rejoined Gavin Tripido at second doubles, pushing Newark Academy to the limit in their own tournament and helping to reach the State Semi-finals. In my sophomore year, I changed roles and became the third singles alongside Adi and Jack Gibbons. With a tough schedule, I won just over half of my matches that season but helped to win counties with an important win over Yash Gupta in the Semi-finals and narrowly losing to Davis Zhang in the finals. In my junior year I returned to third singles alongside the Bonetti brothers. However, I had a major setback with a back injury that prevented me from playing at the start of the season. With physical therapy and a combination of other treatments I got back on the court and had a stellar season with a high win-rate. With hopes waning in counties with the loss of both doubles in the Semi-finals, it came down to a singles sweep in the County Finals. With the Bonetti brothers winning their matches, I won against Yash Gupta sealing another county championship. In addition, I took Newark's third singles to the limit, losing in a third set tiebreak in the Newark Academy tournament.

4. What are your goals for this year's season?

This year my goal is to lead the team in a similar way to previous captains, creating a tight-knit group where everyone is a part of the team. In addition, I want to do everything possible to go undefeated this season at doubles alongside my partner.

5. What are your team's goals for this year's season?

I want to continue the County winning streak with a sweep, something that has not been done in many years. However, my main focus is ensuring we do not fall short again in States and reach the final to give us a shot at winning the long-awaited State title.

6. What are the strengths of your team this year?

The strength of our team this year is our depth. I have been a part of many different teams, and generally we have a really strong player at first and second singles which we have again this year. But the doubles have struggled to be as powerful a force and with the players at doubles this year, we have one of the strongest doubles lineups in the state, which is a huge strength this year.

7. Who has played the greatest role in your development as a tennis player?

The person who has had the greatest role in my development as a player is my coach Tyler Lowe. I have been working with him since freshman year, and he has taken me from a 5 UTR to over an 8 UTR in a short period of time. He has reworked my game to suit my playing style and to improve my consistency. Beyond tennis, he is like an older brother, who keeps me in check to ensure the best for me and my tennis.

8. Who provides leadership on this year's team?

This year, the leadership is provided by me and my fellow captains. We have had four years together on Varsity so we know how the program runs and what a unified team looks like. Our leadership is vital to ensuring the drive of the team and creating an atmosphere similar to our previous captains.

9. How does your coach help your team play to its best ability?

Coach Thompson helps the team by understanding how each individual learns and how they need to be coached. Some players require more direction, while others just need a reminder or encouragement and Coach Thompson knows exactly how to handle the differences. In addition, he creates an atmosphere that is forgiving. There is no looking over your shoulder after a bad match because you might get dropped from the starting lineup; rather he tells you what to improve and supports you to ensure that you play at the highest level you can.

10. What do you hope to gain by playing in the Bryan Bennett Tournament this year?

This year at the Bryan Bennett Tournament, I want to prove that our team is a force in the state. The field for the tournament is very strong, but with the level of our team we are able to beat any team. On a personal note, I was unable to play last year due to injury, so I want to prove what we could have been able to achieve last year if I was healthy and this year is an opportunity to do so.

11. What is your favorite moment during your tennis career?

My favorite moment of my tennis career is clinching Counties my junior year. After the tough losses to Madison and Morris Hills in doubles, we had to sit on the sidelines and hope for Chatham losses. As both of their singles lost narrowly, it gave us an opening to claim victory in the finals. With the quality of the Bonetti brothers, we were guaranteed a tie with Chatham, but victory rested on my match. I was playing Yash Gupta in the finals and was winning 5-2 when he found a way to turn the game around to go back to 5-5. I reset and won the next two games to win the first set. With the first set out of the way, I ensured the same issue did not happen again in the second. On the last point, I lobbed Yash who was unable to return the ball, I had done it. What at one point looked impossible became a reality.

2026 Bryan Bennett Tournament Schedule

Saturday Tournament Schedule

Day	Time	Match #	Matchup	Location	Teams
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	1	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Livingston vs Westfield
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	1	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	1	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	1	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	1	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	2	1st Singles	Villa Walsh	Ridge vs Montclair Kimberley
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	2	2nd Singles	Villa Walsh	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	2	3rd Singles	Villa Walsh	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	2	1st Doubles	Villa Walsh	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	2	2nd Doubles	Villa Walsh	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	3	1st Singles	Delbarton - OLD	Chatham vs Episcopal Academy
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	3	2nd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	9:00 AM	3	3rd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	10:00 AM	3	1st Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	10:15 AM	3	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	10:30 AM	4	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Chaminade vs Newark Academy
Saturday, 4/11	10:30 AM	4	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	

Saturday, 4/11	10:30 AM	4	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	10:30 AM	4	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	10:30 AM	4	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	5	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	5	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	5	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Christian Brothers vs Winner of Match #1
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	5	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	5	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	6	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	6	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	6	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	WW-PS vs Winner of Match #4
Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	6	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	6	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	7	1st Singles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	7	2nd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	12:00 PM	7	3rd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	Delbarton vs Winner of Match #2
Saturday, 4/11	1:00 PM	7	1st Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	1:00 PM	7	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	
Saturday, 4/11	3:00 PM	8	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	3:00 PM	8	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Saturday, 4/11	3:00 PM	8	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Pingry vs Winner of Match #3
Saturday, 4/11	3:00 PM	8	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	

Saturday, 4/11	3:00 PM	8	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW
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Saturday, 4/11	11:30 AM	Consolation #1	1st Singles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	11:30 AM	Consolation #1	2nd Singles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	11:30 AM	Consolation #1	3rd Singles	Villa Walsh
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Loser of Match #1
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Saturday, 4/11	11:30 AM	Consolation #1	1st Doubles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	11:30 AM	Consolation #1	2nd Doubles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	Consolation #2	1st Singles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	Consolation #2	2nd Singles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	Consolation #2	3rd Singles	Villa Walsh
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Loser of Match #3
vs
Loser of Match #4

Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	Consolation #2	1st Doubles	Villa Walsh
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Saturday, 4/11	1:30 PM	Consolation #2	2nd Doubles	Villa Walsh
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Sunday Tournament Schedule

Day	Time	Match #	Matchup	Location	Teams
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	9	1st Singles	Delbarton - OLD	
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	9	2nd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	Winner of Match #5
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	9	3rd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	vs
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	9	3rd Singles	Delbarton - OLD	Winner of Match #6
Sunday, 4/12	10:00 AM	9	1st Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	

Sunday, 4/12	10:15 AM	9	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - OLD	
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	10	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	10	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Winner of Match #7 vs Winner of Match #8
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	10	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	10	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	9:00 AM	10	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	1:00 PM	11	1st Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	1:00 PM	11	2nd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	Winner of Match #9 vs Winner of Match #10
Sunday, 4/12	1:00 PM	11	3rd Singles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	1:00 PM	11	1st Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	
Sunday, 4/12	1:00 PM	11	2nd Doubles	Delbarton - NEW	

2026 Bryan Bennett Tournament Draw

First Round Saturday, 4/11	Quarterfinals Saturday, 4/11	Semifinals Sunday, 4/12	Finals Sunday, 4/12	Champion
Christian Brothers	Christian Brothers			
Bye	Match #5 12:00PM Delbarton NEW			
Livingston				
Match #1 9:00AM Delbarton NEW		Match #9 9:00AM Delbarton NEW		
Westfield				
Chaminade				
Match #4 10:30AM Delbarton NEW	Match #6 1:30PM Delbarton NEW			
Newark Academy				
Bye	West Windsor Plainsboro South			
West Windsor Plainsboro South			Championship Match Match #11 1:00PM Delbarton NEW	
Delbarton	Delbarton			
Bye	Match #7 12:00PM Delbarton OLD			
Ridge				
Match #2 9:00AM Villa Walsh		Match #10 9:00AM Delbarton OLD		
Montclair Kimberley				
Chatham				
Match #3 9:00AM Delbarton OLD	Match #8 3:00PM Delbarton NEW			
Episcopal Academy				
Bye	Pingry			
Pingry				

Consolation Bonus Matches

Loser of Match #1
11:30AM Villa Walsh
Loser of Match #2
Loser of Match #3
1:30PM Villa Walsh
Loser of Match #4

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