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83rd ANNUAL PIAA BOYS' TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MECHANICSBURG - The 2024 PIAA Boys' Tennis Championships will take place at the Hershey Racquet Club in Hershey, Pa. The Championships are scheduled to be contested Friday, May 17th and 18th 2024. Boys' Individual Tennis will be held the week after, Friday, May 24th and 25th, 2024. This is the 83rd Annual PIAA Boys' Individual Tennis Championship and the 23rd Annual PIAA Boys' Team Championships.

The inaugural Boys' Tennis Championship was in 1941. It was the fifth sport approved by the PIAA Board of Directors. Since the sports inception, a boys' singles and a doubles champion has always been crowned. In 1999, instead of just one classification, Boys' Tennis was split into two classifications to include both 3A and 2A. The championships haven't always been played in a closed environment facility. For years, the championships were played outside. Weather played a big role in crowning a champion in 1960. The rain made the conditions impossible to compete. This was the only year cochampions were crowned.

In the history of the event, the Individual Championships have been contested at seven sites:

- Penn State University (47)
- Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey (17)
- Bloomsburg University (7)
- Shippensburg University (4)
- Dickinson College (4)
- West Branch Tennis Club, Williamsport (2)
- Altoona (1)

In 2001, was the addition of the Boys' Team Tennis Championships. In the first 23 years, there have been 22 different teams that have won titles in 3A and 2A, respectively. Moravian HS has made the most appearances, competing at nearly all the team championships, making 19 appearances. Wyomissing HS had a pretty impressive run, competing at 18-consecutive championships from 2003-2018. Wyomissing also has the most team contests contested at the PIAA State Championships with 54 and an overall record of 43-11.

The Team Championships have been contested at three sites:

- Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey (18)
- Penn State University (2)
- West Branch Tennis Club, Williamsport (1)

3A Team Champions: *Ten different teams have won 3A boys titles. Lower Merion HS has won the most with 7-team titles. Lower Merion and Conestoga HS are tied with the most consecutive titles with three.*

- 7: Lower Merion (2006-2007, 2015-2017, 2021-2022)
- 4: Conestoga (2011-2013, 2023)
- 2: Strath Haven (2001-2002), Shady Side Academy (2003, 2014), North Allegheny (2005, 2009)
- 1: Dallastown (2004), Upper St. Clair (2008), Bulter (2010), Unionville (2018), Great Valley (2019)

2A Team Champions: Twelve different teams have won 2A boys titles. Wyomissing HS has the most titles with six, while also having the longest streak winning three consecutive championships.

- 6: Wyomissing (2009-2010, 2012-2014, 2018)
- 3: Sewickley Academy (2006, 2016-2017)
- 2: Moravian (2002, 2015), Harriton (2004-2005), Lower Moreland (2007-2008)
- 1: Wyoming Seminary (2001), Quaker Valley (2003), Holy Ghost Prep (2011), Pequea Valley (2019), Lancaster Catholic (2021), Masterman (2022), Lancaster Country Day (2023)

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Here's a link to the Tennis Championship page for all brackets : <u>http://www.piaa.org/sports/championship_details.aspx?sport=tennis&gender=boys</u>

For a full list of any previous championship results, follow this link: https://tinyurl.com/4y6vph5a

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