

## Highlanders win 9th straight girls' tennis sectional crown

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Floyd Central won their own girls' tennis sectional title Friday evening, after breezing through the sectional opponents by 5-0 scores in all three instances. They defeated Crawford County, North Harrison, and Eastern by sweeping all five points in each team match.

"They said it was nine in a row," Floyd Central girls' tennis coach Rick Miller said of the streak. He said an observer at the finals said the last time some other school won at Floyd Central was in 2000.

"We want the tradition to keep going," he added.

Miller didn't think the sectional was necessarily easy, though. He thought that the competition got stronger further into the sectional.

"I've got to give those other teams credit; Eastern played fantastic, and North Harrison played great."

While they might have won the tourney, they also had fun in doing so, according to the coach.

"The kids were happy, and having a lot of fun, and enjoying themselves," Miller said. He stresses enjoying the sport over always stressing out over winning by itself.

"There are some people that take it too seriously," Miller said. "The kids have it in perspective."

Last Thursday, Floyd defeated Crawford County 5-0.

Floyd's no.1 singles player Carmen Schreiber def. Crawford' Brooke Tyler 6-0, 6-0. At the no.2 singles spot, the Highlanders' Sandra McCaffrey def. Crawford's Alexandria Mahoney 6-0, 6-1. In the no.3 singles spot, Floyd's Shelby Garber won 6-0, 6-0 over Jessa Ward.

In the doubles' spots, Chelsea Burch and Chelsey Shackelford won 6-1, 6-4 over Brandi Lewicki and Rebecca Koopman at the no.1 spot. In the no.2 spot, Emily Wimbec and Kayla Oldham def. Kaelin Baize and Nerissa Lindauer by a 6-0, 6-0 score.

On Friday, the Highlanders picked up two wins in the march to the sectional title.

In the 5-0 win over North Harrison, the scoring was as follows: No.1 singles, Carmen Schreiber

Def. Wynn Shroyer 6-3, 6-4; No.2 singles, Sandra McCaffrey def. Caitlyn Janes 6-2, 6-2; No.3 singles, Shelby Garber def. Hannah Raake 6-1, 6-2. In the doubles spots, at the No.1 spot, Chelsea Burch and Chelsey Shackelford def. Kelsey Jacobi and Maggie Cassidy 6-4, 6-3, and at the No.2 doubles position, Emily Wimbec and Kayla Oldham def. Jordan Corum and Katie Reed 6-0, 7-5.

And in the final team match, the Highlanders won 5-0 over Eastern.

Carmen Schreiber def. Eastern's no.1 singles player Alyssa Parker by a 6-0, 6-1 score; Sandra McCaffrey

def. Amie Shipman 6-0, 7-5 at no.2 singles, and at no.3 singles, Floyd's Kadey Welch won 6-1, 6-4 over Eastern's Alex Passafiume. In the pairs, the no.1 duo of Chelsea Burch and Chelsey Shackelford def. Eastern's Jill Ball and Paige Purkhiser, 6-0, 6-0. In the no.2 doubles, Floyd's Mercades Bierman and Jamie Wallace won 6-1, 6-1 over Nikki Nale and India Heady of Eastern. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets sold in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25. Total cash prizes of \$5,500 – even losers have a second chance to win!