

Highlanders win own girls' tennis regional

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The Floyd Central girls' tennis team defeated the New Albany Bulldogs 5-0 Wednesday in the championship game of the Floyd Central girls' tennis regional. A day earlier, the Lady Highlanders won 3-2 over a tough Silver Creek squad. It was their 11th overall regional title in girls' tennis, and the

Floyd Central girls' tennis volunteer assistant coach Brandon Miller said that the team has been at their best all through the state tournament.

"All the girls played their best tennis," Miller said.

New Albany drew the praise and respect of Miller, noting that with the two schools being big Floyd County rivals and Hoosier Hills Conference foes, the Lady Bulldogs were coming into a "hostile environment".

"New Albany always has great teams," Miller said.

Miller said that his father, head girls' tennis coach Rick Miller, was the type who prepared intensely for all teams, not overlooking anybody.

"Don't overlook any team," Brandon Miller said. "We prepare the same way every time. We try to get mentally ready for a grueling match."

For example, the first round match with Silver Creek was a close 3-2 win for the Lady Highlanders.

"It was very close; closer than anybody would have liked it to be."

Against New Albany, Carmen Schreiber def. the Lady Bulldogs' Kyla Sullivan 6-3, 7-5 at the no. 1 singles spot. In the no. 2 singles position, Sandra McCaffrey took three sets to dispatch New Albany's Kylie Crecelius by a score of 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. In the third singles spot, Floyd's Annie Hunt def. Hayley Haws 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles spots, at the no. 1 position, Chelsea Burch and Chelsey Shackelford won 7-5, 6-0 over New Albany's pair of Madeline Bellew and Sarah Nale. At the no. 2 doubles spot, Emily Wimbec and Kayla Oldham won 6-3, 6-1 over Ashita Jain and Emory Jones.

In the 3-2 win over Silver Creek in the semi finals, Floyd Central won capturing both doubles spots, as well as the no. 1 singles spot.

At no. 1 singles, Carmen Schreiber won 6-1, 6-3 over Silver Creeks' Morgan Courquille and in the no. 1 doubles spot, Chelsea Burch and Chelsey Shackelford won over Silver Creek. In the no. 2 doubles slot, Floyd's Emily Wimbec and Kayla Oldham won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 over Silver Creeks' Kristen Haerberlin and Raine Hopkins.

Silver Creek's no. 2 singles player Kendall Regan def. Floyd's Sandra McCaffrey 6-1, 6-2. At the no. 3 singles spot, the Creekers' Taylor East def. Shelby Garber 0-6, 6-3, 6-3. 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!