

# Tournament Preview



The 2013 OHSAA boys state tennis tournament will be held Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 at the Outdoor Varsity Tennis Courts at The Ohio State University in Columbus. Play will begin both days at 9 a.m. with Division I singles players, followed by Division II singles players, followed by doubles teams.

The Division I singles bracket features the most experience, as 12 of the 16 individual qualifiers are returning from the 2012 state tournament. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit junior Aaron Sandberg is the highest returner placer from 2012 (3rd place) and will be challenged by top-seeds Jacob Dunbar (Sr.; Lodi Cloverleaf), Zach Berry (Jr.; Springboro), Jeffrey Schorsch (Sr.; Perrysburg) and Stuart Little (Sr.; Upper Arlington). Singles tournament newcomers Luke Tsai (Jr.; Mason) and Miguel Cepeda (Sr.; Mason) also look to be strong contenders after winning last year's Division I doubles championship.

With the movement of Tsai and Cepeda to the Division I singles tournament, the Division I doubles tournament is highlighted by the return of Cincinnati Sycamore's Yuri Karev (Sr.) and Nakul Narendran (So.), the 2012 doubles runner-up. Dublin Coffman (Jack Buchan, Sr.; Leon Cai, Sr.) North Canton Hoover (Rob DeMarco, Sr.; Mike O'Connor,

Sr.) and Copley (Andrew Ong, Jr.; Jarad Pennington, Sr.) are the other complete duos returning from the 2012 tournament. Other returning competitors to the Division I bracket with new partners include Cincinnati Sycamore's Dylan Stern (Sr.), Toledo St. John's Jesuit's Kevin Brown (So.), Upper Arlington's Jeffrey Melvin (Jr.), Copley's Austin Aten (Sr.) and New Albany's Alex Kobelt (So.).

The Division II singles bracket features an array of familiar faces including Cincinnati Country Day's Patrick Wildman (Jr.), the 2012 runner-up, and Asher Hirsch (So.), the 2012 third-place finisher. They will be challenged by other top-seeded returning qualifiers Mason Dragos (So.; Lexington) and Joel Montgomery (Jr.; Worthington Christian). Coshocton's Jim Magness (So.) and Poland Seminary's Garrett Gardner (Jr.) claimed the other top seeds and are making their first state tournament appearance.

The Division II doubles bracket is wide open as Cambridge seniors Cody and Connor Engstrom are the only returning duo to the Division II bracket. Other returning competitors with new partners include Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy's Colin Kenney (Sr.), Cincinnati Indian Hill's Will Jaroszewicz (Sr.), Gahanna Columbus Academy's Abram Schottenstein (Sr.) and Lexington's Jake Youse (Sr.).



Gates Mills Hawken's Siddharth Ahuja celebrates after defeating Lima Central Catholic's John Kidd (Sr.) and Alex Swick (Jr.) to claim the 2012 OHSAA Division II doubles state title. After dropping a heart-breaking 6-7 (7-9) set one, Ahuja and his partner, Daniel Lubarsky, found themselves down 5-1 early in the second before fighting back to claim set two, 7-6 (7-3). They then took a commanding 5-2 lead in the third and were able to hold on by a final count of 7-5. It was the first state tennis title for Hawken.



For the second consecutive year the OHSAA boys state tennis tournament will be held at the OSU Outdoor Varsity Tennis Courts.

## OHSAA Spring State Tournament Schedule

Boys Tennis, May 31-June 1 OSU Outdoor Varsity Tennis Courts	
Baseball, June 6-8 Huntington Park, Columbus	
Softball, June 6-8 Akron Firestone Stadium, Akron	
Track & Field, June 7-8 Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, OSU	