

Regional Boys COY - Class 2A - 2021

Gerald Smith (Maine South)

Gerald Smith led Maine South to its first sectional title in 18 years. The Hawks had a great run at the state meet, finishing 13th in the team standings. Maine South qualified four non-seniors for state, with both singles players (juniors Jack Belconis and Marco Czosnyka) finishing in the top 24 to earn all-state certificates.

Will Rose (Neuqua Valley)

Will Rose led Neuqua Valley to its first team sectional title in five years and followed that up with a 12th place finish at the state meet. Neuqua's sectional title was earned by a single point over rival Naperville Central. The Wildcats qualified five players for state, with both doubles teams (Javeri / Grover and Beck / Considine) finishing in the top 24 to clinch all-state status.

Tad Eckert (New Trier)

Tad Eckert led the Trevians of New Trier to the school's 22nd boys tennis state title in 2021. It was New Trier's 12th team trophy in Tad's thirteen years at New Trier. Max Bengtsson won the state singles title, while teammates Colin Fox and John Rogers finished 2nd in doubles. Matthew Plunkett and Jay Wagh finished 4th in doubles, and Nikita Filin finished in the top 12 in singles.

Andy Walton (Hersey)

In Andy Walton's seventh year at the helm, Hersey captured its first sectional title in 27 years, qualifying all six players for state. The Huskies went on to tie for 4th at the state meet. Senior Max Sheldon finished second in singles, while teammates Mitch Sheldon and Kacper Pasielak finished in the top eight in doubles. Brent Chen also earned all-state in singles.



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