

Sectional tennis titles go to Dover, Phila

The Dover and New Philadelphia boys' tennis teams qualified eight players for Saturday's district tournament by winning their respective sectionals over the weekend.

District action for Class A-AA and AAA is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Tuscora Park in New Philadelphia.

The Quakers totaled 12 points to edge East Liverpool by five points in the Class AAA sectional Saturday. New Philadelphia's Rob Wherley defeated teammate Jim

Amick in the singles finals 6-1, 6-2. They qualify for the district as does the Quakers' doubles team of Troy Furbay and Kevin Patrick, which defeated Tom Babb and Dallis Dawson of East Liverpool 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the tournament finals.

AMICK PROCEEDED to the finals by defeating Wintersville's B.J. Brockway 6-0, 6-1; Cambridge's Darren Thomas 6-3, 6-1; and East Liverpool's Ron Hockman 6-0, 6-1. Wherley advanced by beating Gene Hughes

of East Liverpool 6-0, 6-0 and Dave Rice of Wintersville 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Furbay and Patrick breezed to the finals. They defeated Dave Hutchman and Mark Stovall of East Liverpool 6-2, 6-1 and Woodsfield's Chuck Medves and Bryan Huggins 6-0, 6-0. Then they went three sets to win against Babb and Dawson, East Liverpool's top two singles players.

The Tornadoes' No. 1 doubles team of Jay Dalpiaz and Kyle Miller won the sectional championship, but they now must face teammates Mike Myers and Geoff Neal in district play.

Dover tallied 12 team points to claim the Class AA championship, edging out Zanesville Rosecrans and Steubenville Catholic with nine points each.

DALPIAZ AND Miller defeated Steubenville Central's Augusto Fojas and Greg Chesson 6-3, 0-6, 6-4 in a semifinal match, then ousted St. Clairsville's Tom Young and John Piehowicz 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 to claim the title.

The pre-determined draw for district doubles pairings puts the first-place team from the sectional against the fourth, and the second against third.