

Griffin reaches state tennis quarterfinals; teams advance

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LEXINGTON – After winning seven consecutive matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores in the post-season, Bullitt East 8th-grader Natalie Griffin ran into some tougher competition on Tuesday at the 2026 KHSAA State Tennis Championships.

Competing on the courts at the University of Kentucky for the second straight season, Griffin opened play in the round of 16 with another 6-0, 6-0 win, beating Hannah Davidson of Hazard High School.

That victory lifted Griffin into the quarterfinals and a match against Audrina Schaefer, a junior at Manual High School. Schaefer is one of the few teenage players in Kentucky with a better ranking than Griffin. Schaefer, the third-seeded player in the tournament, is at an 8 level while Griffin is a 7.

After the first two rounds of the state tournament were played at four sites around the state, the KHSAA took the final 16 players and ranked the top four players from one to four. The next four players were grouped 'five through eight', this group



The girls' team from Bullitt East advanced to the state

included Griffin. So, barring an upset, Griffin was bracketed to play one of the top four seeds in the quarterfinals.

As it turned out, Schaefer had been the top-seeded player a year earlier. Griffin was again seeded in that second group of players.

The showdown with Schaefer was a battle from the start and it went to a tie-breaker at the end of the first set with the players tied at 6-6. In the extra points, Schaefer had just enough to edge out Griffin by a 7-4 count.

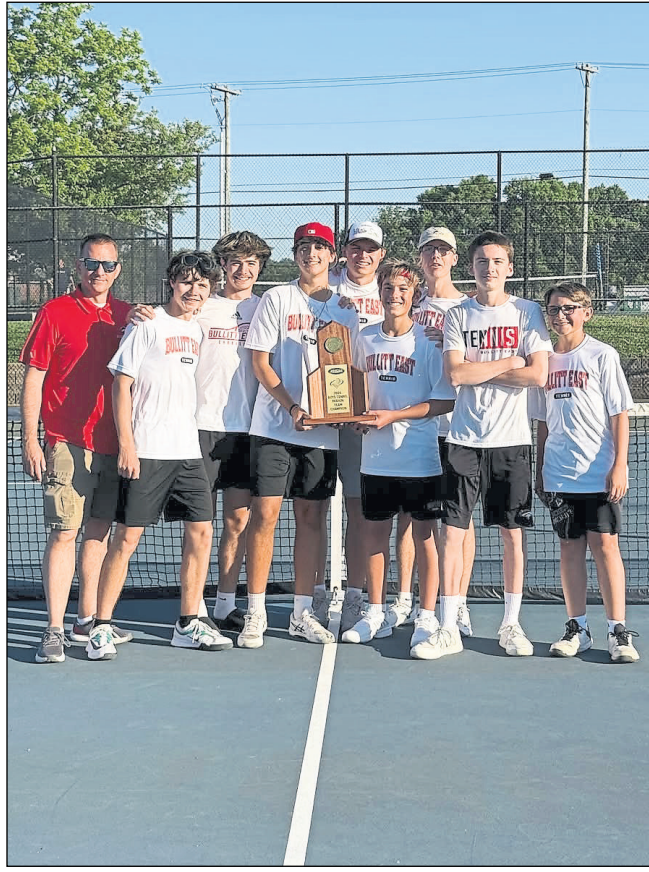
The momentum of winning

the tie-breaker carried over to the second set as Schaefer broke Griffin's serve twice to win 6-2.

This marked the second straight season that Griffin was defeated in the quarterfinals.

Schaefer advanced to the semifinals the following day and had an even tougher match against top-seeded Katie Lankford of Lexington Christian. Lankford won that match by a 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5) score.

Later Wednesday, Sacred Heart junior Bailey Scott, the number two seed, defeated Lankford for the



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state title by a 6-1, 6-0 score.

TEAM COMPETITION

A day after the individual and doubles state titles were decided, the 'team' competitions were held with both Bullitt East boys' and girls'

teams among the final 16 squads competing in Lexington after winning Sixth Region crowns.

However, the competition was much tougher at the next level in a sport dominated by the 'private' schools.

In the boys' tournament, Bullitt East was paired with Fourth Region champion Greenwood in the first round. The school in Bowling Green just had too much for the Chargers. Greenwood won all three of the singles courts and the event was stopped at that point with the 3-0 score standing.

Greenwood did not last long after beating the Chargers. In the next round, the team was defeated by eventual champion St. Xavier 3-0. In fact, St. X won all four matches 3-0 to claim the state title.

The Bullitt East girls also had a very tough opening round match, facing off with South Warren, another school from the Fourth Region. Competing at the Sayre Athletic Complex, the Lady Chargers were defeated by a 3-0 score. South Warren won the second and third singles courts as well as the number one doubles court, losing just one game to get to the 3-0 score before Griffin could win her match and at least give the Lady Chargers a lone point.

South Warren rolled to two more wins before falling to Sacred Heart in the team final by a 3-0 score.

GBCYFL celebrates first Spring Flag Football Season

The Greater Bullitt County Youth Football League wrapped up its 2026 Spring Flag Football season recently with an exciting Championship Day that featured six title games, close finishes, and strong community support throughout the day.

Despite weather concerns earlier in the morning, the league operated on a two-hour delay and successfully completed all championship games at the GBCYFL fields.

In the Pre-K and Kindergarten division, the Titans coached by Randy Riley defeated the 49ers coached by Gage Hart by a final score of 20-6 to capture the championship.

The 1st and 2nd Grade championship saw the 49ers coached by Remy Burton defeat the Packers coached by Josh Happel 13-6 in a defensive battle.

In the 3rd and 4th Grade Girls division, the Cowboys coached by Dave Goff edged out the Bills coached by Paige Rogers 18-12 in one of the day's closest matchups.

The 3rd and 4th Grade Boys championship featured a strong performance from the Eagles coached by Brad Dwyer, who

defeated the Packers coached by Ashley Happel 31-12.

The 5th-8th Grade Girls championship came down to the final moments, with the 49ers coached by Breanna Hopkins narrowly defeating the Bills coached by Paige Rogers 15-12.

The 5th-8th Grade Boys division, where the Packers coached by Timmy Torrey defeated the Broncos coached by Tarell Holstein 17-13 to secure the championship.

Championship Day was filled with large crowds, competitive games, and emotional moments as teams closed out their first successful spring season.

League leadership said one of the organization's biggest accomplishments continues to be introducing football to children who have not played before, and teaching them to love the game.

The league's random draft format was also highlighted as a major success, creating unique opportunities for players and coaches from different districts to play together, something that may not have happened otherwise. Officials said the format has helped build friendships and relationships among children and families



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throughout the community.

GBCYFL also celebrated the success of the first-ever all-girls flag football league this spring, calling it one of the organization's proudest achievements. League officials confirmed the girls divisions will continue and expand into the upcoming fall season as interest in girls flag football continues to grow locally and statewide.

The 2026 spring season featured hundreds of athletes from across Bullitt County and surrounding areas competing in multiple age divisions throughout the spring.

HUBER

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And now the Bullitt East senior finds himself getting ready to continue his athletic career in that sport at the University of Louisville.

Huber recently signed to play rugby for the Cardinals.

During his freshman year, he began playing rugby and continued playing with the Louisville Crush.

Rugby brings a certain joy that Huber hadn't experienced before.

The proximity to the campus, the players and coaches on the team and the academics made the University of Louisville a perfect fit.

Huber had talked with Thomas More



College about playing football.

Of course, there are memories from football with Bullitt East that he will remember. This past season he got his first score and he got to celebrate with teammates.

Besides his parents, Huber has been cheered on by his siblings, Brooklyn Mueller and Desaree Coulter.

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