



## BOYS FINALISTS



**Andres Carro**  
*MUS senior*

Carro helped continue the Owls' state tennis tradition as he teamed with Frederick Danielson to win the Division 2-AA doubles championship. He also played at No. 1 singles as MUS finished second in the team competition. Carro is the only senior among this year's finalists.



**Frederick Danielson**  
*MUS junior*

After combining with Carro for the region championship, Danielson was one-half of the state champion doubles team at Spring Fling. It marks the fourth year in a row that an Owls doubles team has won the D2-AA championship.



**Jonathan de Jesus**  
*Houston junior*

The No. 1 player on a talented Houston team, de Jesus led the Mustangs to district and region championships before a runner-up finish in the AAA state tournament. He also teamed with Ben Leonard to win district and region doubles before losing in the state quarterfinals.



**Hamilton Jackson**  
*ECS freshman*

One of two freshmen in the final five, Jackson went 11-2 during the regular season while finishing third in the D2-AA West Region tournament. He then took it up a notch at Spring Fling, losing in the state semifinals.



**Weston Touliatos**  
*MUS freshman*

Touliatos won the West Region singles championship before advancing to state, where he lost in the Division 2-AA semifinals. His play also helped the Owls finish second at state while continuing their long run of region championships.

### All-Metro Teams

#### DIVISION 1

Blake Armour, Brighton, junior; Austin Avery, Bartlett; Alex Berrios, Munford, junior; Jonathan de Jesus, Houston, junior; Joe George, Houston, senior; Jeffrey Lee, Munford, freshman; Ben Leonard, Houston, senior; Pranay Lingareddy, Germantown; Tyler Mitchell, Whitehaven, junior; Arvind Ramesh, White Station, freshman; Austin Russell, Brighton, freshman; Ryan Stepp, Bartlett, senior; Caleb Svenson, Arlington, senior; Garrett Whitehorn, White Station, sophomore.

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Andres Carro, MUS, senior; Ryan Casey, CBHS, senior; Frederick Danielson, MUS, junior; Andrew Douglas, MUS, junior; Nick Green, CBHS, senior; Hamilton Jackson, ECS, freshman; Justin Linder, CBHS, senior; Matt McCalla, ECS, senior; Stephen Ogle, St. George's, senior; Will Patterson, St. George's, senior; Jack Powell, MUS, freshman; Sloan Schneider, MUS, junior; Weston Touliatos, MUS, freshman.

### Boys Coach of the Year

Tony Benzing, Houston

Benzing guided the Mustangs to a banner season as they won the district and regional championships before finishing runner-up at the AAA state tournament.

### Best of the Preps Spring schedule

**Sunday**, baseball and softball • **Monday**, boys soccer • **Today**, tennis • **Wednesday**, track & field • **Thursday**, lacrosse  
For more information about Best of the Preps, e-mail David Boyd at david.boyd@commercialappeal.com

**The Best of the Preps awards ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, at The Duncan-Williams Performance Hall at Germantown Performing Arts Center**

## GIRLS FINALISTS



**Caroline Culpepper**  
*St. Mary's junior*

Another in a long line of talented Turkeys, Culpepper was the D2-A region runner-up while leading St. Mary's to the team title. At state, the repeat all-metro performer advanced to the semifinals. Her St. Mary's team also lost in the semifinals of the team competition.



**Catherine Owen**  
*Hutchison junior*

It was another big year for the Sting and Owen played a key role, playing No. 1 singles on a team that won the region championship while finishing second in the state in D2-AA. Owen also combined with Caroline Hastings to win the region doubles title.



**Peyton Sessions**  
*Briarcrest junior*

After an all-metro season as a sophomore, Sessions was even better this spring. She qualified for the Division 2-AA state tournament after winning the West Region championship.



**Sneha Sinha**  
*Collierville sophomore*

The youngest player among the final five, Sinha burst on the scene for the Dragons in 2016, winning the district and region singles championships to advance to the AAA state tournament where she ended the year with a runner-up finish.



**Claire Sullivan**  
*St. George's senior*

Last year's Best of the Preps winner, Sullivan won the D2-A singles championship at Spring Fling. It's her second straight title to go along with a doubles crown she won in 2013 and she's the only Shelby County singles champ — male or female — for the second year in a row.

### All-Metro Teams

#### DIVISION 1

Kelly Carney, Houston, senior; Mikaila Coleman, Center Hill, eighth grade; Cassie Davis, Brighton, junior; Mickayla Douglas, Bartlett, senior; Savanna Geeslin, Olive Branch, senior; Allison Griffin, Houston, sophomore; Ava Jackson, Arlington; Lydia Jones, Munford, junior; Morgan Leek, Brighton, junior; Menzie Montgomery, Houston, senior; Dinobi Onyeagocha, Houston, freshman; Sneha Sinha, Collierville, sophomore; Sarah Todd, White Station; Emma Kate Virdon, Olive Branch, senior; Anne Wellford, Germantown, senior.

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Caroline Conrad, St. Agnes, junior; Caroline Culpepper, St. Mary's, junior; Kelsey Crunk, ECS, senior; Katherine Del Priore, Lausanne, junior; Grace Anne Dunavant, Hutchison, freshman; Sarah Edwards, Lausanne, junior; Grace Garrott, Hutchison, senior; Caroline Hastings, Hutchison, senior; Hannah Grace Howell, St. George's, freshman; Hannah Kate McDowell, St. George's, junior; Meggy Muller, Hutchison, sophomore; Grace Murray, St. Mary's, sophomore; Catherine Owen, Hutchison, junior; Georgia Peeler, ECS, senior; Peyton Sessions, Briarcrest, junior; Eliza Sims, Hutchison, senior; Lillie Smith, St. Agnes, senior; Karsen Springfield, St. Mary's, freshman; Claire Sullivan, St. George's, senior; Cameron Touliatos, ECS, senior.

### Girls Coach of the Year

Tony Benzing

Benzing guided Houston's girls to a runner-up finish in the AAA state tournament, losing to a powerful Brentwood team in the final. His doubles team of Menzie Montgomery and Kelly Carney were also state runners-up as Houston's boys and girls reached state in the same year for the first time in school history.



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