# 2014 Phillips Academy Boys Varsity Tennis Team Photo and Roster

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Andover's Boys Tennis Team took part in the 15th Annual National High-School All-American Team Tennis Tournament in Newport Beach, CA on March 14th and 15th and took home some important hardware: the Stan Smith Award for team sportsmanship, voted on by players and coaches. It was the first time Andover, New England Class A champions, had been invited to the prestigious event. Arriving early during spring break, the Big Blue prepared briefly in La Jolla, doing fitness work on the beaches and trails with John Parker of the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and playing (and winning 7-2) in a scrimmage with last year's third-place team from La Jolla High. Matches ensued the next two days with number one seeded team University School, Irvine, and tough teams from Greenhill in Dallas, Gilman in Maryland, and Viewpoint in Calabasas, CA. The Beacon School from New York City won the tournament, with University School, Irvine, coming in second out of sixteen public and private school teams from all over the country.
Andover Begins Season on High Note

The Boys Varsity Tennis season officially began on the first truly playable day of the putative spring, and two teams that had done recent preparations indoors made their appearance on the upper varsity courts, visiting BB&N and host Andover, players and coaches looking a little squinty-eyed and incredulous during intros, like the released prisoners at the end of Fidelio. Freedom from constraint was fittingly the principle of play, if any, in the early doubles action, the Big Blue second and third doubles teams of Huang/Kalb and Wang/Way whanging away with forehand returns, seeming invested in a friendly competition about who could make the loudest racket-on-ball racket irrespective of directionality, as often as not challenging the surprised but frequently grateful partners-at-net from Cambridge. Rather like starting a baseball game by plunking the first four batters with your hardest fastball, it was an undertaking in equal parts impressive, bizarre, and unpromising. Opportunistic play on court one from Chris Kralik and James Heaney, some wise adjustments in approach on courts two and three, and the doubles point went to Andover. Crucial singles wins came from Chris at one against Zach Lovett (6-1, 6-2), James at two against Adam Carlson (6-1, 6-0) and Henry Kalb at four against Tristan Young (6-1, 6-2), very welcome results, since William Way at six encountered another fine ninth-grader at the top of his game in Carter Liou, coming out on the short end 6-2, 6-1, the first off in singles. BB&N’s Gary Rasin at fifth singles against Dan Wang and their lefty Oliver Kendall at three fought off late charges (6-4, 6-3 and 6-0, 7-5), Michael catching fire too late. Jonathan Jow at the seventh spot did a superb exhibition-match job with senior Justin Flaumenhaft, 6-1, 6-0 on the windswept end court, forbearing mercifully to break into the baritone solo “Wie kalt ist es.”

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Kendall/Lovett, W 8-2
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Carlson/Young, W 8-2
3) Wang/Way vs. Rasin/Liou, unfinished

Singles
1) Christopher Kralik vs. Zach Lovett, W 6-1, 6-2
2) James Heaney vs. Adam Carlson, W 6-1, 6-0
3) Michael Huang vs. Oliver Kendall L 6-0, 7-5
4) Henry Kalb vs. Tristan Young, W 6-1, 6-2
5) Dan Wang vs. Gary Rasin, L 6-4, 6-3
6) William Way vs. Carter Liou, L 6-2, 6-1
7) Jonathan Jow vs. Justin Flaumenhaft, W 6-1, 6-0
Big wins for Heaney, Huang, Kalb and Way

Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Taft School
April 5, 2014 at home

It was a special day for Andover tennis, a gathering of former players, friends and parents having been convened in honor of Mark Adamsson, ’11, before the match against perennial Founders League power, Taft. Inspired by memories recounted about their two-time captain and friend, and fortified by a lavish lunch supplied by Peter Heidrich’s mom, the Blue benefited not only from the advice of their three-man coaching staff and their current co-captains, Henry Kalb and James Heaney, but also from the encouragement of three visiting former team captains, Trey Meyer (’09), Alasdair McClintic (’13) and Peter Heidrich (’11), who joined Michael Kontaxis (’11), Trey Jennings (’12) and Myles O’Neill (’12), hitting with the boys and each other before the match. With that kind of support, it was no huge surprise that the Blue were able to dig deep against a very sound Taft contingent and pull out a good victory despite the loss of the doubles point, the result of two close tie-breakers at one and two dubs. William Way and Jonathan Jow had made pretty quick work of Griffin Conner and Jacques Pellet at third doubles, and both kept that momentum rolling in singles, with William beating Conner 6-4, 6-0 and Jonathan taking his first set against Pellet 6-2. Our kind, faithful visitors and friends huddled every which way they could in the increasing wind but were unflagging in their support for Andover. James had a spirited foe at second singles in your man Boyle, the Celtic vox clamantis, but played the kind of scrambling defense he was always known for in his underclassman days, a fitting throwback strategy, considering not only the occasionally howling wind but also the stylish retro team shirts the kindly alums supplied for the team in Mark’s honor. Henry reported later how tired he was, fighting the wind and cold, but you couldn’t tell it in his second set, where he really blitzed Johnston after a tight-as-could-be tiebreaker. That was the match, because Michael Huang had taken Mulroy in straight sets, artfully contriving baffling arrhythmias in his ball-striking, like the puckish, crowd-pleasing misfit character in The Blue Man Group. (OK, I’m just making that up; I’ve never seen the Blue Man Group. I don’t even know if it’s BlueMan Group or Blue ManGroup, and I have no idea if they have a puckish, arrhythmic, crowd-pleasing character, but nothing seems more likely to me than that they do. We certainly do.) All that remained was for the matches at six and one to finish, and the long battles between Chris Kralik and Raymond Kanyo (quite a few over thirty shots in length, none of them trivial) did just after Jonathan and Monsieur Pellet, having split, virtually split their tiebreaker, which went 8-6 to Taft. Our fervent thanks to Mike Kuta, who watched over our complicated proceedings all day and had lots of problem-solving ideas, Geraldine Robarge and her crew, who
made, set up and broke down our feast, and all our long-suffering friends, parents and generous alumni donor-supporters. It’s pretty outrageous that such fun could be had on such a cold, windy day, and they made it possible, along with our worthy foes from Watertown. (The best thing all day? The Big Blue team chant after the intros, a strong, deep, clear surprise under the big tree in whose complicated light and shade he played some of his greatest points: “One, Two, Three….MARK!”)

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Kanyo/Boyle, L 8-9 (5-7)
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Mulroy/Johnston, L 8-9 (4-7)
3) Jow/Way vs. Conner/Pellet, W 8-3

Singles
1) Christopher Kralik vs. Raymond Kanyo ('14), L 5-7, 3-6
2) James Heaney vs. Cortland Boyle ('16), W 6-4, 6-4
3) Michael Huang vs. Mike Mulroy ('15), W 6-4, 6-4
4) Henry Kalb vs. George Johnston, '15, W 7-6 (6), 6-3
5) William Way vs. Griffin Conner ('15), W 6-4, 6-0
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Jacques Pellet ('17), L 7-6 (6), 6-3
Andover lost in a scrimmage with Millfield School, England, 6-1 April 9, 2014 at home

It was a pleasure to host our new friends from the Millfield School in Somerset, England, led by coach Joe Dewhurst, as they continued their barn-storming scrimmage-campaign through the Boston area. Even though we don't have a full-size tennis barn, we were lucky enough not to have a storm, chilly and windy though it was, and we played a lot of tennis, doubles first. Millfield play (don't the Brits use plurals for their singular teams? yet another attempt to meet our visitors halfway) in a mens' doubles league back home, and the lads in red came in behind everything, even when it had the look of gamely diving on grenades. Andover's largely defensive strategies almost worked, but Millfield went out to a point advantage as singles began. Our visitors had presented us with a beautiful plaque, showing the Millfield crest, a four-bladed windmill on a field vert, crosslets (looking like stars) quarterly, one of them quite big. In singles, there were, in fact, at least four crosses for Andover to bear, all of them looking like stars, one of them quite big, Luke Hammond, a 6' 4" 15-year-old ranked number five in Great Britain, whose one-handed backhands, even under the duress Chris Kralik successfully brought to bear, were nearly as fast and accurate as his first serves, themselves quite formidable. James Heaney, seeming to be inspired by the Millfield motto, "molire molendo," which their scholars rendered with a twinkle in the eye as "to succeed by grinding," played brilliantly to take down the talented, hard-hitting, hard-charging Millfield number two, Nick Brookes. Henry Kalb and Jonathan Jow both split with their opponents, and both narrowly lost super-tiebreakers. Good value.

**Doubles**
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Hammond/Hussey, L 4-8  
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Darrington/Kim, W 8-6  
3) Jow/Shen vs. Prestwich/Phipps, L 5-8  

**Singles**
1) Christopher Kralik vs. Luke Hammond, L 0-6 2-6  
2) James Heaney vs. Nick Brookes, W 7-5 5-2 (ret.)  
3) Michael Huang vs. Giles Hussey, L 2-6 1-6  
4) Henry Kalb vs. Max Darrington, L 6-3, 1-6, 7-10  
5) William Way vs. Harry Phipps, L 2-6, 0-6  
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Timothy Kiehl, L 2-6, 6-4, 9-11  
7) Tyler Shen vs. Max Prestwich, L 3-8  
   Tyler Shen vs. Alexandr Kim, L 4-8
Boys Tennis Over Middlesex

Andover Boys Varsity A def. Middlesex, 6-2
April 11, 2014 at Middlesex; indoors

A light rain arriving just as we began warm-ups, Middlesex was good enough to invite us indoors for a match comprising three eight-game doubles sets, each counting for points, and six six-game-single-set singles matches. Middlesex was playing without senior number one Peter Beatty and Andover without seniors Henry Kalb and Dan Wang. William Way fought hard against capable Middlesex senior John Luke Tittmann, but lost in a slugfest 6-4, the only loss in singles.

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. David Fan/John Luke Tittmann, W 8-4
2) Huang/Way vs. John Lathrop/Chase Parisi, W 8-3
3) Jow/Shen vs. Ben Painter/Tim Wing, L 5-8

Singles
1) Christopher Kralik vs. David Fan, W 6-1
2) James Heaney vs. John Lathrop, W 6-1
3) Michael Huang vs. Chase Parisi, W 6-3
5) Jonathan Jow vs. Tim Wing, W 6-3
6) Tyler Shen vs. Will Painter, 3-3

Coaches:
Andover: Greg Wilkin, Will Speer
Middlesex: Rob Munro
Andover vs. Noble and Greenough School
April 18, 2014 at home
W 5-2

Yet another really good match with a good, deep team: Chris Burr’s Nobles doubles pairs all showed fine volleying skills and kept on coming, requiring our boys to hit very accurate passes or lobs before coming to net if they wanted to win, which of course they did, and did, and did (i.e. which they did so want and did so do, on all three courts). Doubles point in hand, our singles players all started out aggressively, Chris Kralik playing some of his most forceful and accurate tennis of the season in a beautiful bagel set before succumbing to back pain and the insistent athleticism of Will Samuels in a match settled by a super-tiebreaker. Will Way weathered the big forehands of his veteran opponent, winning in straight sets just after James found a way to solve the all-court threat of young Maroni. Henry’s strong play against Holding clinched the match for Andover, making it possible for Michael and Winfred Li to decide their split sets with a simple, tense seven-point tiebreaker, won by Michael with an assortment of shots that Mansour Bahrami would have been proud of.

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Will Samuels/Will Holding, W 8-3
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Jack Maroni/Winfred Li, W 8-3
3) Way/Wang inconcl. vs. Armen Festekjian/Kunal Gupta, 6-5

Singles
1) Christopher Kralik, (A ’17) vs. Will Samuels (NG ’14), L 6-0, 2-6 (6-10)
2) James Heaney (A ’14) vs. Jack Maroni (NG ’17), W 6-2, 6-3
3) Michael Huang (A ’15) vs. Winfred Li (NG ’16), W 6-3, 4-6 (7-5)
4) Henry Kalb (A ’14) vs. Will Holding (NG ’15), W 7-6, 6-2.
5) William Way (A ’17) vs. Armen Festekjian (NG ’15), W 6-1, 6-2.
6) Daniel Wang (A ’14) vs. Seth Gluzman (NG ’16), L 3-6, 1-6.
Deerfield Wins Close One

**Andover Boys Varsity A vs. Deerfield**
April 19, 2014 at home; singles played first

Singles were contested first on this day since ensuing girls matches would otherwise have been delayed. These were all good battles, even though Andover’s number one, Chris Kralik, was sidelined with a sore back and Senior Dan Wang was unavailable at six with a sore arm. James Heaney stepped up against the large game of Gil Roddy, as we knew he would, and fought hard before going down in the see-saw second, 6-4. By this time, William Way had toppled Watson with hard forehands and some bold forays to the net. The wind gusted at times, but Henry kept pounding against the steady retrieves of Therrien, and Michael, after losing a first-set tiebreak, heard some tactical advice from Assistant Coach Trey Meyer that helped him turn it around and take the second set 6-0 and the super-tiebreaker 10-5, creating a tie after singles, Jonathan coming very close in his match but falling just short of a breakthrough into a match tie-breaker of his own. Seeing his team tied, Chris applied for and was granted medical clearance to give a doubles pro-set a try, and he and James almost pulled it off against the team of Roddy and Watson, whose serving came alive as the winds died. Huang and Kalb played great against Therrien/Horton, but Danforth/Ho played too tough at third doubles. A great day of fun tennis.

**Doubles**
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Gil Roddy/Jackson Watson, L 8-6
2) **Huang/Kalb** vs. Luc Therrien/Cole Horton, W 8-5
3) Jonathan Jow/William Way vs. Scott Danforth/Darren Ho, L 8-3

**Singles**
1) James Heaney vs. Gil Roddy, L 6-2, 6-4
2) **Michael Huang** vs. Cole Horton, W 6-7, 6-0 (10-5)
3) Henry Kalb vs. Luc Therrien, W 5-7, 7-6 (5), (10-6)
4) **William Way** vs. Jackson Watson, W 6-1, 6-1
5) Jonathan Jow vs. Darren Ho, L 6-7 (5), 6-7 (6)
6) Tyler Shen vs. Scott Danforth, L 6-2, 6-4

**Coaches:**
**Andover:** Greg Wilkin, Will Speer, Trey Meyer
**Deerfield:** Jay Morsman, Peter Hines
New England/Mid-Atlantic Tournament

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Underclassmen Jow and Way Bring Home Trophies from Maryland

*Andover Wins Second Doubles Draw*
PEA Earns Comeback Victory

Andover vs. Exeter
April 30, 2014 at Exeter

Match highlights from Coach Speer:

James refused to lose at number one, his anger after the first set giving way to steely resolve. On match point, he lured [Moyses Escobar] into net, who hit a nice volley to force a weak lob from James, which the Exeter number-one spiked, eliciting cheers from the crowd. However, James used the spacious backcourt to run down the ball, throw up another lob, and win the point a few shots later. Chris came alive in the second and bageled [Brian Niguidula], but came up a few shots short in the super breaker. Michael settled in during his second set, forcing [Nikhil Raman] to play into his strategy, and was the first off in singles. Dan was on fire his first set; he couldn't miss! Unfortunately [Joon Kim] adjusted and Dan couldn't counter-adjust. Tyler hung in there against the big flat groundies of Rex Tercek, and was actually up a break in the second before succumbing. James' win in the penultimate match left it all up to Will, who was up a set and 5-2 before his opponent's much improved play turned things around, first in a second set tiebreak and then in the match tiebreak.

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Moyses Escobar/Nikhil Raman, W 8-3
2) Kalb/Huang vs. Cameron Gruss/Brian Niguidula, W 8-4

Singles
1) James Heaney vs Escobar, W 4-6, 6-3, 10-4
2) Christopher Kralik vs. Brian Niguidula, L 7-5, 0-6, 10-6
3) Michael Huang vs. Nikhil Raman, W 6-4, 6-1
4) William Way vs. Cameron Gruss, L 4-6, 7-6 (4), 10-7
5) Daniel Wang vs. Joon Kim, L 1-6, 7-5, 10-6
6) Tyler Shen vs. Rex Tercek, L 7-5, 6-4

Coaches:
Andover: Greg Wilkin, Will Speer
Exeter: Fred Brussel
Boys in Blue Win in Concord

Andover visited St. Paul's School on Monday afternoon, May 5th, and came away with a 4-2 win, with James Heaney fighting off George Congdon to keep the match, mercifully, from going into doubles, which has been a particular strength for St. Paul's. Congdon's volley game was sometimes quite spectacular, but James was his usual inexorable self and came through in fine form in a well-played super-tiebreaker. Michael Huang, playing second with Chris Kralik sidelined, did not have his usual energy, and Dan Wang at five could not close out his long match with Bai, having come back strong in the second set. Well-conceived, clean matches from Henry, Will and Jonathan made a huge difference. A closely-contested team match, doubles foregone, homework, eventually, completed.

Singles
1) James Heaney vs. George Congdon '15, W 7-6 (4), 4-6, 13-11
2) Michael Huang lost to Jeffrey Bai '14, W 6-1, 6-4
3) Henry Kalb vs. Harry Song, '14, W 6-2, 6-3
4) William Way vs. Seon Joong Kim, '14, W 6-1, 6-2
5) Daniel Wang vs. Alexander Nassar, '14, 6-4, 3-6, 10-4
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Kris Eiamsakulrat, W 6-0, 6-0
Blue Tennis Hitting Stride

In terrific conditions, Andover hosted Dexter on Wednesday, a Class A power for the last few years, and played forceful tennis against what is this year a young team. James was almost perfect against the dangerous Dexter number one, mixing his shots and making very few errors. Dan Wang at six, in the final match of the day, competed very well despite arm soreness. We elected to forego the doubles because difficult traffic had made for a late start.

Singles
1) James Heaney vs Will Conigliaro 11, W 6-0, 6-1
2) Christopher Kralik vs. Harris Bert 11, W 6-1, 6-1
3) Michael Huang vs. Giles Carr-Locke 11, W 6-1, 6-1
4) Henry Kalb vs. Nick Bridgeman 10, W 6-1, 6-1
5) William Way vs. Keaton Beams 11, W 6-0, 6-0
6) Dan Wang vs. Zack Baker 9, W 6-3, 6-2
Heaney/Kralik Doubles Pair Lead the Way

Andover vs. Choate, 5/10/14 at Choate

Warm weather in Wallingford was welcome for a while, and roughly half of the doubles was played on the Hunt courts before the temperature and humidity produced thunder, lightning and, soon enough, heavy rain, driving us inside to the Choate gym’s three courts, where Michael and William fought hard to take a closely contested deciding pro-set at second doubles. We played the 2, 4 and 6 singles matches first. Chris played impeccably against Alex Newhouse, as did Henry against Jeremy Reikes while Jonathan Jow played to exhaustion in a long first-set tiebreak won against the speedy Canadian senior, Zain Dhanani, who came back in another long set, despite Jonathan’s best efforts. Taking some nourishment, Jonathan felt his strength and stamina returning, and he fought his way to a 4-2 lead in the third. By this time, Will Way had taken Chris’s vacated court and vanquished the smoothly stylish lefty Brandon Barrett, who had begun to assert himself more dangerously in the second set. Matches at one and six were called, and Michael’s didn’t get started, since the team outcome was determined. We would like to thank Coach Ned Gallagher and the Choate staff for help in getting these good matches onto court and our parents, grandparents, siblings (no less than our assistant coaches Will and Trey) for making the trip and supporting the team so well.

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Brandon Rosenbluth/Alex Newhouse, W 8-5
2) Huang/Way vs. Jeremy Reikes/Rashad Saleh, W 9-7
3) Jow/Shen vs. Brandon Barrett/Shane Phillipps L 8-5

Singles
1) James Heaney vs. Brandon Rosenbluth ’15, W 6-1, 5-2, 30-0
2) Christopher Kralik vs. Rex Newhouse, ’14, W 6-0, 6-4
3) Michael Huang vs. Rashad Saleh, ’15, unnecessary
4) Henry Kalb vs. Jeremy Reikes, ’14, W 6-3, 6-4
5) William Way vs. Brandon Barrett, ’14, W 6-0, 7-5
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Zain Dhanani ’14, L 7-6, 5-7, 4-2
Doubles Comebacks Highlight Victory

**Andover vs. Groton, 5/10/14 at Andover**

In a late-afternoon Monday match, Andover took on Groton, undefeated in the ISL, and came away with a satisfying win, spiced up by two zesty comebacks in doubles. Mike Huang and Jonathan Jow, taking the AP physics exam, were late to the doubles portion of the match, forcing Henry and William to improvise at two. They rather quickly went down 7-1 in their eight-game set against You and Girian while Dan and Tyler also took some time to get on the same page, down 5-2. But both teams stormed back from the brink to take leads they would not relinquish. Singles play for Andover was very strong against good opponents.

**Doubles**
1) **Heaney/Kralik** vs. 1/2, W 8-4
2) **Kalb/Way** vs. 3/4, leading 8-7
3) **Wang/Shen** vs. 5/6, 9-7

1) **James Heaney** vs. Macgregor Beatty, W 6-1, 6-1
2) **Christopher Kralik** vs. Charles Oberrender, W 6-2, 6-0
3) **Michael Huang** vs. Michael You, 3-6, 5-6, unfinished
4) **Henry Kalb** vs. Sam Girian, W 6-2, 6-3
5) **William Way** vs. David Howe, W 6-0, 6-1
6) **Jonathan Jow** vs. Peter White, W 6-0, 6-1
PA and Andover Celebrate Great Rivalry/Partnership

PA brings down cross-town rival: Phillips 7, AHS 0

Assistant Coach Will Speer's highlights:
A warm and sunny Thursday greeted us as the top two high schools in town met for a scrimmage, both teams seeking a tuneup for their respective postseason tournaments. With both teams' respective B squads squaring off as well, all twelve courts were utilized, and the sounds of balls on rackets echoed throughout Siberia. Doubles went on first, and the visitors were forced to improvise as they adjusted to our 6-and-3 allocation of matches. The PA teams' familiarity with each other paid off on all three courts, although the team of Imrie and Penamatsa fought long and hard, the last to come off by a good margin.

Singles went on next, and was limited to eight-game pro sets in the interest of time. At 1, James had a worthy foe in the Warriors' Andrew Imrie, a talented freshman with a big serve-and-volley game. The match outlasted nearly all the others, and although James' experience prevailed in the end, Imrie will certainly be a formidable figure in the years to come. PA also found success in the fourth and sixth singles spots, where both Henry and Jonathan pounded forehands and kept their feet on the gas, finishing in short order. Edelman made a run midway through his match with Will, but the freshman remained cool under pressure and closed out the match 8-5. Chris' win over the hard-hitting lefty Penamatsa (whose start was slightly delayed due to poor court allocation by the rookie assistant coach) left Michael and Rooks alone on the court, trading groundstrokes as the sun began to set. With an audience consisting of both teams, a handful of PA spectators, and a group of Andover High parents, our trick-shot artist put on a bit of a show, one "tweener" nearly finding a way over the net. The match wrapped up around 5:30, and the scores do little justice to the quality of tennis played today. Thanks to our friends down the road for making the short trip.

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Andrew Imrie/Varun Penamatsa, W 8-3
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Aaron Edelman/Kellen McAuliffe, W 8-3
3) Jow/Way vs. Arun Padykula/Arman Rafiee, W 8-0

Singles
1) James Heaney vs. Andrew Imrie, W 8-3
2) Christopher Kralik vs. Varun Penamatsa, W 8-2
3) Michael Huang vs. Drew Rooks, W 8-4
4) Henry Kalb vs. Arun Padykula, W 8-0
5) **William Way** vs. Aaron Edelman, W 8-5
6) **Jonathan Jow** vs. Kellen McAuliffe, W 8-1
Great Tournament Start for Boys Varsity Tennis

**Andover vs Milton, Quarterfinals of NEITA, at Milton**  
**Andover won, 4-0**

*Invited to take part in the eastern draw of the New England Class A Team Tournament, the Andover boys team faced Milton in the first round at Milton and won, 4-0 before taking on Exeter in the afternoon, winners against Deerfield in the other quarterfinal. Andover went on to win that match 4-0 to gain the final to be played at Taft Sunday against western finalist Hotchkiss.*

**Doubles**  
1) *Heaney/Kralik* vs Bart Panarese, Alex Lee, *W 9-7*  
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Chris McDonough, Alex Vivado, leading *7-6*  
3) *Way/Jow* vs. Andy Hahm, Noah Cheng, *W 8-1*

**Singles**  
1) James Heaney vs Bart Panarese, leading 3-6, 7-6 (0), 2-1  
2) Christopher Kralik vs Chris McDonough, leading 6-7 (5), 7-5, 5-1, 15-0  
3) *Michael Huang* vs Alex Vivado, *W 6-1, 6-1*  
4) Henry Kalb vs. Andy Hahm, leading 6-1, 5-1  
5) *William Way* vs. Alex Lee, *W 7-6, 6-3*  
6) *Jonathan Jow* vs. Noah Cheng, *W 6-4, 6-3*

Coaches:  
Andover: Greg Wilkin, Will Speer, Trey Meyer  
Milton: Chad Bright-Reason
Andover vs. Exeter, Semifinals of NEITA, at Milton, May 15, 2014
Andover won 4-0

Doubles
1) Heaney/Kralik vs Moises Escobar/Brian Niguidul, W 8-2
2) Huang/Kalb vs Nikhil Raman/Cam Gruss, W 8-1

Singles
1) James Heaney vs Moyses Escobar, leading 7-5, 1-1
2) Christopher Kralik vs Brian Niguidula, W 6-2, 6-0
3) Michael Huang vs Nikhil Raman, leading 6-3, 3-4
4) Henry Kalb vs. Cameron Gruss, W 6-1, 6-1
5) William Way vs. Rex Tercek, leading 7-5, 3-2
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Nicolas Diao, W 6-2, 6-0

Coaches:
Andover: Greg Wilkin, Will Speer, Trey Meyer
Exeter: Fred Brussel
Arriving in Watertown, we congratulated Hotchkiss on their semifinal upset win over Taft, who had beaten them earlier in the season, but it didn't take long for matters to get serious, as we faced tough doubles foes right away in Thornton/Holmes, Kennedy/Eberth and DeSouza/Kagan. Young Thornton's brazen forehands were quite convincing at one, and the tall lefty-righty combo of Kennedy/Eberth closed quite well enough to undo the best efforts of Michael and Henry, which included what could have been the shot of the tournament, a skimming step-over by Michael on a mid-court touch volley that got behind him. All that Andover effort not really withstanding, we found ourselves down a point as singles started, but were reminded by Henry in a spirited huddle that last year we hadn't needed the doubles point to win against the same team. Of course it wasn't exactly the same team, augmented notably by scions of two well-known Hotchkiss tennis families. Andover's James Heaney had to be completely on his game to blunt the hard-driving of Elliott Thornton, but he was, and did, one and love, while Chris found some interesting ways to deal with the smooth net rushes of lanky Alex...
Kennedy, son of the brilliant former Hotchkiss/Yale number one, Craig, with whom Coach Wilkin had a wonderful time catching up on the sideline. These two brilliant wins brought Andover some breathing room, but Hotchkiss had come from behind any number of times this season and Coach Markey has a deep team, even without the services of world-class senior Fedor Andrienko. It was a relief, then, when William Way fought off the dangerous DeSouza in a dramatic first-set tiebreaker after Henry, Michael and Jonathan each went up a set. Jonathan closing out Shields in a close second set, Hotchkiss needed to win all three of the remaining matches and Henry’s final combination of big forehands against Kagan made sure that didn’t happen. We want to thank the Paresky staff for getting up early both days to get us fed before the trips, Mike Kuta, Karen Kenney and the Athletic department staff for fine-tuning arrangements, Baptiste Battaille of Taft for hosting on a Sunday, the Heaneys for a very generous lunch on Saturday, the Kennedy clan of Hotchkiss for their gracious collegiality, and Trey Meyer and Will Speer for their great coaching and willingness to saddle up for the sake of the boys. Our thanks, too, to Coach Ned of Choate, who organizes the NEITA, and of course our congratulations to Hotchkiss for their remarkable successes in the tournament.

**Doubles**
1) Heaney/Kralik vs Thornton/Holmes, L 6-8
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Kennedy/Luke Eberth, L 6-8
3) Jow/Way vs. DeSouza/Kagan, 8-8, 4-4

**Singles**
1) **James Heaney** vs. Elliott Thornton, W 6-1, 6-0
2) **Christopher Kralik** vs. Alexander Kennedy, W 6-1, 6-2
3) Michael Huang vs Austin Holmes, L 6-3, 0-6, 2-2
4) **Henry Kalb** vs. Tristan Kagan, W 6-3, 3-6, 6-1
5) William Way vs. Daniel DeSouza, L 7-6 (6), 4-4
6) **Jonathan Jow** vs. Peter Shields, W 6-1, 7-6 (4)
PA finishes season on a high note: Andover 6, Exeter 1

Boys tennis held its own version of Andover-Exeter day on a sunny Wednesday afternoon, with the varsity A squads looking to decide their season series (Exeter won a nail-biter on their own courts nearly a month ago, but Andover won the rematch in the New England tournament). The match marked the final fixture in the high school careers of seniors James Heaney, Henry Kalb, and Dan Wang, each of whom brought home a doubles win. The team of Henry and Michael was the first off, and the James/Chris pair finished not long after. Attention then shifted to Court 3, where Dan played his self-described "best tennis of the season," he and William closing out Rex and Charlie by a score of 8-2.

Jonathan's singles match had started along with the doubles, and so he had a head start, cracking forehands and pushing through shoulder pain to take down Joon at #6. This caps an absolutely stellar rookie season for Jow, who promises to be a bright spot in the lineup for years to come. Unfortunately, his fellow rookie William could not bring home a win at #5, as Rex kept his shots coming back faster than they came out, and Will just couldn't find a rhythm. It was nonetheless a successful season for Will, who won matches in no fewer than five different lineup spots (4, 5, and 6 singles, as well as 2 and 3 doubles), as well as the NEMA second doubles draw (with Jonathan).

Henry finished an undefeated singles season, bludgeoning his signature forehand to topple Gruss in a nearly-perfect match. Michael's second set against Nikhil was never in doubt, and at #2, Chris fought off Brian, continuing his great play from over the weekend. Fittingly, with the outcome of the match decided and the shadows growing long over the court, all eyes turned to James, locked in battle with Moises on Court 1. Escobar's booming delivery produced more second serve aces than I've seen all year, and he backed it up with a quite impressive all-court game. In the end, James was not to be denied in the final dual match of his PA career, taking the second-set tiebreaker 7-4 and putting an exclamation point on an extremely successful year.

Thanks to alumni Alasdair, Quinn, and Alec for coming out to support the team today, and to all eight of our players for an unforgettable season.

**Doubles:**
1) Heaney/Kralik vs. Moises Escobar/Brian Niguidula, W 8-3  
2) Huang/Kalb vs. Nikhil Raman/Cam Gruss, W 8-1  
Singles:
1) Heaney vs. Escobar, W 6-2, 7-6 (4)
2) Kralik vs. Niguidula, W 6-2, 6-4
3) Huang vs. Raman, W 6-3, 6-1
4) Kalb vs. Gruss, W 6-1, 6-0
5) Way vs. Tercek, L 6-2, 6-0
6) Jonathan Jow vs. Joon Kim, W 6-1, 6-2

Coaches:
Andover: Greg Wilkin, Will Speer
Exeter: Fred Brussel
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Community Honors Late Alumnus Mark Adamsson ’11 with Memorial Fund

By Erica Shin
Friday, March 28th, 2014

Members of the class of 2011 in conjunction with faculty members are in the beginning stages of establishing a memorial fund in honor of Mark Adamsson ’11, Andover alumnus and Georgetown student, who passed away while on spring break in the Dominican Republic.

Adamsson, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, died from lung and heart failure because of medical reasons, according to the “Washington Post.” He was 22.

“He was a gentleman and a scholar, and he was thoughtful and kind to his peers and the adults on campus, and I was very proud that he represented Andover. I was really shocked to hear that he’d passed away because he was so young and had such promise... People who knew him were all impressed by him. It was a real loss for a lot of people,” said Christopher Odden, who served as Adamsson’s house counselor at Andover.

While at Andover, Adamsson was a captain of the Boys Varsity A Tennis team, and the memorial fund will be dedicated to providing equipment and uniforms for Varsity Tennis in the upcoming years.

“It’s still in the very early stages, but the short term goal [of the fund] is an immediate honoring of Mark with embroidered uniforms for the Boys Varsity A [tennis] team,” said Michael Kontaxis ’11, teammate and friend of Adamsson at Andover.

Kontaxis helped coordinate the establishment of this fund, along with Peter Heidrich ’11, Adamsson’s Co-Captain on the tennis team, Trey Meyer ’09, former Captain of the tennis team and friend of Adamsson, Michael Kuta, Athletic Director, and some of Adamsson’s other former teammates.
“[We] have been discussing possibilities at length to honor his memory, and this fund was decided upon in coordination with Coach Kuta and the administration as a solution to both immediate and long term goals,” said Kontaxis.

Adamsson’s memorial fund will also have a long-term impact on the tennis team, as the money will also go towards improvements to the tennis facilities in both practical ways and ways commemorative of Adamsson’s time at Andover.

Organizers of the fund hope that both the fund and its contributions can stand as lasting testaments to Adamsson’s legacy at Andover both as a tennis player and as a friend.

“While Mark’s life may have been tragically cut short, we’re hoping that his contributions to Andover Tennis will live on through the players and facilities of years to come,” said Kontaxis.

During his time at Andover, Adamsson was a fierce competitor on the tennis court, and he brought his team to many victories. Most prominently, Adamsson triumphed in the deciding match during the championships his Senior year, winning first place for himself and his team, according to Boys Varsity Tennis Coach Greg Wilkin.

“It was magnificent,” Wilkin said of Adamsson’s victory during the deciding game of the 2009 semifinals. “Put Hans Zimmer’s soundtrack from Gladiator on in the back of your mind and imagine that. ... Nobody who saw that match that day will ever forget it nor the obvious, indisputable fact that Mark had the heart of a lion.”

Adamsson was also a great friend, a proctor, a Flagstaff GeograBee cluster finalist and winner of the “best-dressed” senior superlative among other achievements, according to Kontaxis.

“I’d argue Mark got the ‘best-dressed’ superlative not merely for his sense of style, but for the way he carried himself... He was a hard worker and an intense competitor, had a wry sense of humor and, for those who knew him, a respectable amount of humility. I’ll always remember him for his distinct combination of poise and determination,” said Kontaxis.

Heidrich said, “Mark was a very well-dressed, tall Swede. He was very helpful in my transition to Andover my junior year of high school and a well-respected athlete at Andover... and in class he was a great student and intellectual.”

“He was a natural leader and instilled a great deal of confidence in the younger players with his dedication to practice and willingness to share advice with the [Juniors],” Heidrich continued.
Crucial Doubles Point Drives Team to Victory

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, April 4th, 2014

Co-Captain Henry Kalb ‘14 pounded a serve in the right-hand corner of the service box, sending his opponent flailing and closing out the match 6-1 and 6-2, the fifth victory in Andover Boys Tennis’s 4-3 win over BB&N last Wednesday.

In its third day out on the home courts after an unforgiving winter, Andover made an excellent case for a repeat championship win.

The team pulled out two crucial doubles wins for the doubles point, putting it at an early 1-0 advantage.

Co-Captain James Heaney ‘14 and Christoph Kralik ‘16, who formed the number one doubles pair, won 8-4.

Kalb and Michael Huang ’15 pulled away from a 2-2 stall to win 8-2 at second doubles, an event Kalb described as a true act of synergy.

Huang said, “We started off slow, but we did much better at the net as time went on. My volleys and Kalb’s groundstrokes put us ahead.”

“[Kralik and I] both had a lot of focus and used the outdoor conditions to our advantage,” said Heaney.

Andover, however, cannot grow complacent, as it lost the rest of its singles matches on Courts 3, 5 and 6.

“Overall, we need to increase our consistency and play smarter,” Heaney continued.

“We need to work on keeping our focus through a long match and keep practicing point-play situations. Even though we had our ups and downs, we pulled out a solid win,” Kalb added.

The team will need to use its upward momentum against Taft on Saturday to avenge a narrow singles loss last season.
“We can’t afford to start slow against Taft, because otherwise it will be impossible to beat them. They have beaten us almost every year in doubles, so we need to nail our doubles and build off of that in singles,” said Heaney.

Wilkin also stressed the importance of solidifying the team’s doubles game.

“We’ve been focusing on doubles in practice. I think the guys understand the fundamentals, but sometimes their emotions take over, and they don’t play as strategically,” he said.

Kralik added, “It will be tough against Taft, but with our lineup, I think we have a good chance.”
**Vengeful Victory Against Taft**

By Isabella Haegg  
Friday, April 11th, 2014

Donning new team uniforms in honor of late teammate Mark Adamsson ’11, Andover Boys Tennis avenged its 3-4 loss to Taft last season with a 4-3 win on Saturday.

The solid-white polos carry Adamsson’s initials on the sleeve, a sharp contrast from the checkered uniforms Andover sported during last year’s season.

Harsh wind conditions were prevalent as the teams took to the courts.

In the doubles games, the duo of Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14 and Michael Huang ’15 dug itself in a 2-5 hole on the second court. Kalb credited the poor play to a lapse of focus.

After regrouping in the middle of the set, Kalb and Huang came back to 6-5. The teams went on to battle back and forth until Taft pulled ahead to close out the match 9-8 (4).

Co-Captain James Heaney ’14 and Christopher Kralik ’16 also lost in a nail-biting 7-5 tie-breaker on Court 1.

“What helped Taft win in doubles is that they come to the net together. No matter what’s happening or how many times they get hurt, they keep coming and driving out grenades,” said Head Coach Gregory Wilkin.


“We were volleying solidly and playing consistently from the baseline, so we were able to out-rally them for the win,” said Way.

Using the momentum from his doubles win, Way came into his own as a new addition to the team and quickly secured a 6-4, 6-0 win in singles on Court 5, tying the score 1-1.

Heaney and Huang found trouble after taking early game-point leads in their second sets. They let their leads slip, but both closed out their matches to win 6-4.

Kalb’s 7-6 (6), 6-3 win at Number 4 singles gave Andover the fourth point it needed to determine the match.

“I was just trying to find the balance between consistency and being aggressive,” said Kalb.

“We are delighted that our Co-Captains came through so well in tough matches. Kalb put the pedal to the medal and finished off in a big way in a great final set. It was a close and crucial win,” said Wilkin.

The long battles on Courts 1 and 6 finished after Andover’s win had been determined and both ended in tight losses: 7-5, 6-3 and 7-6 (6), 6-3.

On Wednesday, Andover faced a much tougher opponent when it played Millfield,
from Somerset, England.

Andover picked up two wins, one in singles and one in doubles, against the deep team.

Kalb and Huang won 8-5, thanks to constant and consistent net aggression.

Heaney was also leading his match 7-6 (6), 5-2 when his opponent retired with a crippling knee injury.

“Millfield plays in the Mens Doubles League in England, and they carry that high level into their singles, playing a very aggressive net game. This was the perfect kind of scrimmage for us to have, as we rose to the challenge against a talented team,” said Wilkin.

Andover faces Middlesex Friday.
New Talent Boosts Team to Victory

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, April 18th, 2014

Co-Captain James Heaney ’14 and Christopher Kralik ’16 played first doubles.
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Andover Boys Tennis made quick work of Middlesex last Friday for a 6-2 victory. In addition to playing inside, slightly different from what the team is used to, with six single-set singles matches instead of two set matches, the team successfully compensated for the absence of key players Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14 and Dan Wang ’14.

Andover grabbed an early 2-1 lead with doubles wins at the Number 1 and 2 spots.

After a winning doubles performance at third doubles last week, newcomer William Way ’17 moved up to the second court to replace Kalb and play with Michael Huang ’15. The duo clicked and secured an 8-3 win for Andover.

Andover continued with this upward momentum in singles play, only dropping eight games total on Courts 1, 2, 3 and 5. Jonathan Jow ’16 filled in for Wang at Number 5 singles, stepping up to the plate with a decisive 6-3 win that gave Andover its sixth point.

After falling 1-6 to Millfield from Somerset, England, last week, Andover will hope to utilize this newfound confidence when it takes on Nobles & Greenough at home this Friday.
Number One Kralik’s Absence Cripples Team

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, April 25th, 2014

Stepping in with his right foot and lunging to catch the ball with his backhand, Chris Kralik ’16 seized up with a searing pain in his back. Just like his swing, Kralik’s momentum was cut short as he struggled to play through the injury. He lost the second set 6-2 and the super-tiebreaker 10-6 after shutting out his Noble and Greenough opponent 6-0 in the first set.

The team, however, covered for Kralik’s loss and went on to beat Nobles 5-2 last Friday.

Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14 opened with a confident 5-0 lead, but ultimately faced a tough opponent. He came out with a 7-6 victory and quickly sealed the second set 6-2, determining the match for Andover.

“I was able to use the wind to my advantage by slicing a lot. When I took the first set, my opponent just broke down, making too many mistakes trying to be aggressive,” said Kalb.

Kralik’s back injury, however, forced him to sit out the team’s match against Deerfield last Saturday, where his and injured Dan Wang’s ’14 absences were heavily felt. Andover suffered its first loss of the season 4-3, cutting its four game winning streak short.

Co-Captain James Heaney ’14 filled in for Kralik at number one singles. Battling a top ten player in New England and Bowdoin tennis recruit, Heaney fell after a tight second set, 6-2 6-4.

“He’s a very tough competitor and doesn’t make a lot of mistakes. I was really put on the defensive against his service weapon,” said Heaney.

The rest of the team shifted up the ladder to make up for the losses of Kralik and Wang.

Junior William Way ’17 continued his impressive antics. After winning 6-1, 6-2 against Nobles, Way defeated his Deerfield opponent 6-1, 6-1 on Court 4 with an aggressive forehand and net game.

• Michael Huang ’15 won doubles with Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14.

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Huang was next to win 6-7, 6-0 (10-5) at number two singles. Valuable advice from Assistant Coach Trey Meyer after the first set helped Huang turn the momentum in his favor and take command of the match.

“He told me to take advantage of the wind and my unorthodox slices in order to run my opponent around,” said Huang.

Kalb scraped out another close win 5-7 7-6 (5), (10-6) at number three singles. After saving a match point, Kalb used his forehand and shot variety to eventually wear down his opponent.

With Andover feeling the pressure, tied 3-3 going into doubles, Kralik applied for and was granted a medical clearance.

Heaney and Kralik grabbed a fast 6-3 lead in doubles, yet a surge in their opponents’ energy and serving power propelled Deerfield to an 8-6 win.

Number two doubles duo Huang and Kalb sealed the only doubles win for Andover 8-5.

With Kralik and Wang on the mend, Andover has high hopes going into the New England Mid-Atlantic Tournament this Saturday in Baltimore.

Kalb said, “We took second place last year, and that only makes us hungrier for the first place finish this year. If we utilize our shots and play true to our own style, we’ll be a force on the court.”
Underclassmen take Doubles Title At Tournament

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, May 2nd, 2014

With a match point ahead of him, Junior phenomenon William Way ’17 stepped up to the baseline and fired off an ace to clinch the match, claiming the doubles title in the number two bracket at the New-England Mid-Atlantic Invitational Tournament.

Way and partner Jonathan Jow ’16 took the only titles for Andover Boys Tennis in the tournament. The duo won two super-tiebreakers on the way to the top, one in the semi-finals and the other in the finals.

“Way and Jow had a very effective strategy going. Way used his power to keep his opponents glued to the baseline, so Jow could finish off with the easy volley,” said Co-Captain James Heaney ’14.

Andover Boys Tennis endured the 12-hour trek to Baltimore, MD, to compete at NEMA this weekend. The team ultimately placed fourth amongst 12 of the region’s top teams after finishing in second-place last year.

“We met or exceeded our expectations at NEMA. Our performance was very close to being as good as last year’s second-place finish, where we also had lots of players playing on the last day,” wrote Coach Gregory Wilkin in an email to The Phillipian.

The tournament had a different format than what the team is used to playing. No players were allowed to overlap for singles and doubles, altering Andover’s lineup.

Heaney played number one singles, followed by Christopher Kralik ’16 at number two singles and Michael Huang ’15 at number three singles.

Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14 and a healed Dan Wang ’14 joined forces for number one doubles. The pair fell just short of the title after losing 10-8 in a third set super tiebreaker against the top seeded team in the finals.

Andover faced more of a challenge in the singles brackets.

“We were a little banged up going in this year, with some sore backs and arms and ankle injuries, but the boys fought hard and played well, using their strengths very intelligently,” said Wilkin.

Heaney took on the most skilled opponents thus far in the season. He faced five and four-star competitors, according to “tennisrecruiting.com.”

“In my singles matches, I tried to grind really hard, which did bother my opponents somewhat, but ultimately I probably should have been more aggressive to overcome their power,” said Heaney.
Kralik had a close loss to the top seed in the number two singles bracket. He avenged this loss with a streak of success in the consolation rounds.

Huang also lost a close match to a player from Baltimore’s Gilman School, who would go on to win the tournament. He recovered quickly and was able to secure wins in the consolation bracket as well, thanks to his weapon of a forehand.

Closer to home, but without Kalb in the singles lineup, Andover fell 4-3 to Exeter last Wednesday.

Wins from Heaney, Kralik, Kalb and Huang gave Andover the doubles point, but the team could not continue the momentum in singles.

On the other courts, the players struggled with keeping their focus during the entire match.

“We played poorly and didn’t take advantage of our opportunities. We could have made better use of the wind and won more deuce points,” said Heaney.

With this in mind, the team will focus on match play and consistency in practice as it prepares to take on St. Paul’s this Monday.
Injuries No Threat to Win Streak

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, May 9th, 2014

Andover Boys Tennis overtook St. Paul’s 4-2 last Monday and followed up with a decisive 6-0 win against Dexter Southfield this Wednesday.

Number Two singles player Christopher Kralik ’16 was unable to play in the match against St. Paul’s due to an injury. Despite missing a player, the team played confidently and assertively on Monday.

Number One Co-Captain James Heaney ’14 won in a nailbiter, taking the match-determining tiebreaker 13-11. Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14, Dan Wang ’14 and Jonathan Jow ’16 also contributed key wins to Andover’s team victory.

Andover continued this upward momentum against Dexter on Wednesday, sweeping the team in just over an hour.

“We’ve really picked it up and executed nicely. Our singles started clicking once we realized how important it was to not lose concentration and hang in there on every single point,” said Kalb.

Heaney said, “Against Dexter I think I played my best match of the season. The player I played was as good if not better than my St. Paul’s opponent, but I was more focussed and I went for my shots more.”

Andover will play Choate away this Saturday and return home on Monday to play Groton. With two weeks left in the season, Andover’s record stands at 6-2.

“I think we are doing better than we were before, we are still a little bit injured so that’s kind of a problem. People are sort of in and out, and they haven’t been able to be 100 percent all of the time. Hopefully people will recover; that’s my hope,” said Heaney.
Boys Tennis

By Isabella Haegg
Friday, May 16th, 2014

With a 4-0 sweep over Choate and a 6-0 sweep over Groton, Andover Boys Tennis extended its win streak to four games.

Down 5-2 in Number Three doubles on Wednesday, a team undefeated in the Independent School League (ISL), Daniel Wang ’14 and Tyler Shen ’17 clawed their way to a 9-7 win, giving Andover the doubles point and the momentum to close out a 6-0 sweep.

Andover also demonstrated its single prowess against Groton, dropping a mere 11 games total across Courts 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

Andover crushed Choate last Saturday, bringing the team's total tally to three answerless victories in a row.

Beginning with doubles, Andover went up a quick 1-0 advantage thanks to wins on all three doubles courts.

William Way ’17 stepped up to the plate at Number Two doubles with Michael Huang ’15, filling in for Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14, and pulling out a resilient 9-7 win.

Way gave the team its fourth point with his 6-0, 7-5 win at Number Five singles. By that time, Christopher Kralik ’16 had won 6-0, 6-4 and Kalb won 6-3, 6-4. The remaining players were leading in their singles matches.

“We're not letting our opponents get into their rhythm in singles. We're being more aggressive and executing much better because we've gotten quite comfortable with our games. We're playing simple tennis and it's translating into solid singles wins,” said Co-Captain James Heaney ’14.

Andover faced Andover High School this past Thursday, which gave the team beneficial preparation going into the New England Team Championships on Saturday.

“It's our goal to win the title again this year, and we can make it happen. We rarely had a full lineup once in the season, which has been problematic, and now we're going into the tournament healthier than ever and playing stronger than ever,” said Kalb.
Repeat Victory Over Hotchkiss to Capture Championship

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▪ Andover Boys Tennis finished its season with an 11-2 record. COURTESY OF EDWARD HEANEY

After dropping the first set 3-6 against Hotchkiss in the finals of the Class A New England Championships on Saturday and fighting back to win the second set 6-3, Co-Captain Henry Kalb ’14 stepped up to the baseline in the third set, leading 5-1.

He fired off a serve and his signature blazing forehand to close out the match, giving Andover Boys Tennis its fourth point needed to defeat Hotchkiss, securing the title of New England Champions for the second year in a row.

Andover faced Number 1 seed Milton in the first round of the tournament on Saturday coming off positive momentum from its 7-0 sweep over Andover High School last Friday.

The team went up a quick 1-0 lead thanks to doubles wins on Court 3. William Way ’17 and Jonathan Jow ’16 defeating their opponent 8-1, and Co-Captain James Heaney ’14 and Chris Kralik ’16 won 9-7 at Number 1 doubles.

“We took the doubles point very fast. We had a lot of energy in the beginning and were very aggressive at net. We moved in a lot, and kept pushing our opponents,” said Kralik.

Michael Huang ’15 was next to nab a win for Andover, defeating his opponent 6-1, 6-1 at Number 3 singles. Jow followed on Court 6 with a 6-4, 6-4 win, and Way won at Number 5 singles 7-6, 6-3, deciding Andover’s 4-0 win over Milton.

Andover went on to face Phillips Exeter Academy in the semifinals, determined to avenge its prior 4-3 loss to Exeter earlier in the season.

Andover dominated at doubles, only dropping three games total, with wins on Courts 1 and 2, with scores of 8-2 and 8-1 respectively.
“Unlike last time we faced Exeter, we were all healthy and playing really well with confidence. We hit our stride,” said Kalb.

Andover overpowered Exeter in singles, giving up a mere six games total in decisive wins on Court 2 (6-2, 6-0), Court 4 (6-1, 6-1) and Court 6 (6-2, 6-0), putting Andover on top 4-0 and sending the team to the finals.

“All of us kept each other going and kept up the positive momentum from doubles. We looked down to each others courts to cheer the team on and motivate each other to keep winning,” said Heaney.

Andover met Hotchkiss in the finals on Sunday, the same team it faced in the finals of last year’s New England Championships.

After making the three-hour trek, the team arrived with little time to warm up before playing doubles.

Andover struggled to find its groove, dropping the doubles point after close 8-6 losses on Courts 1 and 2.

“We hadn’t warmed up our shots, so we were much more inconsistent than usual in doubles. We were playing tentatively, and Hotchkiss took advantage of that,” said Kalb.

Andover regrouped and regained its energy after a rousing pep talk from Kalb, where he reminded his teammates that Andover had also lost the doubles point in last year’s Championships and still emerged victorious.

Andover bounced back and won the first set on every court in singles, putting the pressure on Hotchkiss.

Heaney was first to close out a decisive 6-1, 6-0 win.

“I was really motivated to win in order to keep spurring my other teammates on in their matches. I stayed steady and hit the ball deep and hard to keep my opponent from being able to implant his aggressive game,” said Heaney.

Kralik followed suit with a 6-1, 6-2 win. Motivated after such a strong showing on Courts 1 and 2, Jow pulled out a close second set to win 7-1, 7-6 (4), and Kalb dug deep to finish off a grueling three-set match.

The team stormed the court in celebration, elated having achieved its ultimate goal of preserving its title as reigning New England Champions.

“It’s amazing to win two years in a row. I’m very proud of how far the team has come, and it’s a great way to go out my Senior year,” said Kalb, who finished the season undefeated in singles.

Andover faced Exeter again on Wednesday, defeating the team decisively 6-1 after sweeping doubles and overwhelming Exeter at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 singles. This win concluded the season, setting Andover’s record at 10-2.
“We were more motivated than ever to try hard and stay focused on the match because we wanted to end our season on a high note. We did a great job of not feeling too comfortable after winning this weekend and played confidently,” said Heaney.

Individual players from the team will compete in the NEPSITT Tournament this weekend; Heaney and Kralik will compete in the Number 1 and Number 2 singles bracket, and Way and Jow will represent the team at Number 1 doubles.