

Northfield girls tennis claims 2026 Section 1AA championship

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The Northfield High School girls tennis team won the Section 1AA team tournament with a 4-3 victory over Simley. Pictured (Front Row L-R): Dalilah Amores, Gigi Knutson, Abby Kauffeld, Maia Richardson, Lindsey Clark and Kate Grant. (Second Row L-R): Coach Elisabeth Hulbert, Coach Beth LaCanne, Kate Truman, Annika Briske, Gwen Tapper, Siri Richardson, Maggie LaCanne, Evie Bengtson and Coach Jake Odell. (Photo provided by Beth LaCanne)

For the second consecutive season, the No. 1 seeded Northfield High School girls tennis team has earned a trip to the MSHSL Class AA state team tournament. The Raiders punched their ticket to the state meet with a 4-3 win over No. 3 seed Simley in the Section 1AA team tournament championship match that was played in Rochester on Friday, Oct. 9.

Northfield gained the victory thanks to a strong showing by its doubles teams against Simley. The No. 1 double team of Siri Richardson and Gwen Tapper charted a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Simley's Maisey Tormoen and Isabel Tix.

At second doubles, Northfield's Abby Kaufeld and Gigi Knutson rolled to a 6-1, 6-1 win over Simley's Sarai Acuna and Gaona Vang. To cap the doubles sweep, Northfield's No. 3 double duo of Dalilah Toldeo Amores and Kate Truman defeated Simley's Elena Roykov and Harlow Klinger by a score of 6-2, 6-0.

In singles play, Northfield's Maia Richardson won by a 6-2, 6-3 margin over Simley's Makenzi Ries Grade. At No. 2 and No. 3 singles, Northfield's Kate Grant and Lindsey Clark both lost close split set matches respectively and Evie Bengtson lost at No. 4 singles.

The No. 1 seeded Northfield High School girls tennis opened play in the Section 1AA team tournament with a 7-0 victory at home over No. 8 seed Albert Lea on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The Raiders continued their Section 1AA tournament run with a 6-1 victory over No. 4 seed Jordan on Wednesday, Oct. 7 in Northfield. Simley advanced to the championship round with a 5-2 victory in the other semifinal match against No. 2 seed Tri-City United on Oct. 7.

In play against Albert Lea, Maia Richardson posted a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 1 singles. The wins continued with a 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 2 singles by Grant along with a 6-2, 6-2 victory at No. 3 by Clark and a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 4 singles by Bengtson.

The Northfield doubles crew also swept starting with a 6-2, 6-3 win by Siri Richardson and Tapper at No. 1. Annika Briske and Truman added a 6-4, 7-5 win at No. 2 doubles and the duo of Maggie LaCanne and Toledo Amores won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3.

In the match against Jordan, Northfield's Maia Richardson opened with a 6-2, 6-3 victory at No. 1 singles. The Raiders also received a key 1-6, 6-1 (10-5) win at No. 3 singles by Clark, while Bengston posted a 7-5, 6-1 win at No. 4 singles. Northfield's lone loss on the day came at No. 2 singles as Grant lost 6-2, 1-6, 7-5 to Addisyn Weckman of Jordan.

In doubles play, Siri Richardson and Tapper won by a 6-4, 7-5 score at No. 1 doubles along with a 6-1, 6-2 win by Kauffeld and Knutson at No. 2 doubles. Truman and Amores completed the day with a 6-0, 6-1 win at No. 3 doubles for the Raiders.

In exhibition play, Northfield earned wins in singles play by Emelia Zayas and in doubles play by the team of Maggie LaCanne and Briske.

Northfield will represent Section 1AA at the upcoming MSHSL Class AA team tournament that will be played at the Life Time Bloomington South facility on Oct. 27-28.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, Northfield will open play in the Section 1AA individual tournament that will take place at the Rochester Athletic Club. The second round of the Section 1AA tournament is scheduled to be played on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The MSHSL Class AA individual state tournament will then be played on Oct. 29-30 at Life Time Bloomington South.

