

# Weston pulls out title

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## BOYS TENNIS

It did get a little hairy late, but the **Weston** boys tennis team was able to finally put away **Bromfield** to win the Division 3 state team title last night with a 4-1 win at Clark University's Corash Courts in Worcester.

"Obviously, it was a team effort," said Weston coach George Conlin after his Wildcats wrapped up their championship campaign at 20-3.

Once Weston's first singles star Will Spector ran to 6-0, 6-1 win over Tyler Phelan, and third singles Matt Gorelick defeated Luke Broganer, 6-3, 6-2, Weston looked on pace to sweep Bromfield (19-5).

But the Trojans first doubles team of James Bowling and Ryan Holmes, already up a set, rallied from 2-5 down to force a tiebreak with Weston's Duncan Van Nest and Tyler Pescek. The Bowling-Holmes tandem went on to win, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

"First doubles usually wins," Conlin said. "That kind of changed our equation."

Things got even more interesting as both second singles and second doubles entered a third sets. The real excitement was at second doubles, with Bromfield's Carlson Beale and

Matt Colony taking the second set, 7-5, after losing the first to Nick Peacher and Max Legocki.

"We weren't making our shots (in the second set). We had a tough time with our volleys," Peacher said.

But the Peacher-Legocki tandem shook residual nerves and went up 3-0 in the third, then Bromfield came barking back to get back on serve at 2-3. But Weston immediate broke back to go up 4-2. After swapping holds, Peacher-Legocki finally put the match away, with Legocki nailing an overhead slam for the 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 win to clinch the championship.

"I just (cleared) my mind and (tried) to get the serve in," Peacher said.

A few moments after the match was decided, Weston's Jason Mazzella closed out Bromfield's Drew Banker at second singles, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

## Div. 1

After losing the second set of his No. 2 singles match to Dylan Fletcher of **St. John's Shrewsbury**, 6-1, **Wellesley** junior Chris Cua knew he had to be more aggressive if he was going to secure the Div. 1 title for the Raiders.

Cua played about as well as he could in the third set, breaking Fletcher in the opening game on his way to a 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 win, clinching the state title in

an eventual 5-0 Raiders victory.

Seniors Ilya Levin and Neil Bhatt won at No. 1 and No. 3 singles, respectively, while both doubles teams — Gordon Peters and Alex Robertson at No. 1; and David Mykrantz and Jeff Baldwin at No. 2 — also won for the Raiders, who finished the season with a perfect 26-0 record. St. John's finished with a 23-2 mark.

"Coach (Mike Sabin) just told me to let go of the second set and focus on the things I did well in the first set," Cua said. I knew if I put pressure on him, I had a good chance of winning, and if I played defensively, he'd probably beat me. Getting that break early was the whole key for me mentally."

Cua rolled after that, dropping only Fletcher's next service game on his way to the win.

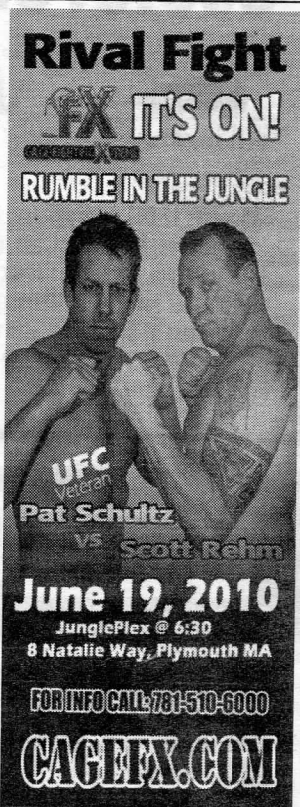
Levin's win was impressive, as he needed just under an hour to dispatch freshman Chris Ellis, 6-2, 6-1. Ellis is ranked No. 2 in the state and will play in the individual state semifinal tomorrow.

Bhatt rallied from a set down and down 3-5 in the second set to beat Parth Armin, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 — and rallied even though the Raiders clinched the win before the second set was over.

Peters and Robertson topped John Bannon and

Lucas Tata, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-3, while Mykrantz and Baldwin toppled Jack O'Day and Cam Lewis in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. Peters and Robertson will compete for the state doubles title tomorrow.

"It feels great to win the title," Peters said. "After losing to Concord-Carlisle in the state semifinals last year, we really hoped we could come back and get another shot at it this year."



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