

THE BOYS' TENNIS ALL-STARS

Wesley Young/Foxboro

The No. 1 singles player for the past four seasons closed out his career in fine fashion, Foxboro advancing to the semifinal round of the MIAA Division 2-South Tournament. Young posted a 12-7 record, avenging a loss to Franklin's No. 1 with a three-set win and beating North's Anthony Rinaldi for the decisive third team point. "Because he became more athletic, that improved his net game," said Foxboro coach Dan Damish. A two-time all-star and All-Hockomock League selection, Young was the Warriors' MVP. The Bryant University-bound Young is also a member of the National Honor Society, the winter track team, the Foreign Language Club and Best Buddies.



Liam Riess/Foxboro

The recipient of the Warrior Award, Foxboro's sophomore No. 2 singles player is already a two-time Sun Chronicle all-star. Riess compiled a 14-5 record, beating KP's Cole Ginter in three sets, beating Franklin's No. 2 in three sets for the decisive third team point, and overcoming a one-set deficit to beat Walpole's No. 2 in the MIAA Tournament. "His net game improved and his serve became a weapon," said Foxboro coach Dan Damish of the two-year starter at No. 2 singles. Riess was an almost certain point as Foxboro won 16 matches overall, advancing to the MIAA semifinals. Riess is also a member of the DECA group and the Foreign Language Club.



Brian Bortolotti/Foxboro

A four-year contributing member of the Warrior soccer and tennis teams, Bortolotti teamed with Jack Marino for the past two seasons as Foxboro's No. 1 doubles team, the duo compiling a 15-4 record in guiding the Warriors to 16 wins overall and to the Final Four of the Division 2-South Tournament. "He's an athlete," said Foxboro coach Dan Damish of Foxboro's Doubles MVP. The duo won 14 regular season matches, the lone two losses being to Sharon. "His serve improved and his net game was tremendous," added Damish, Bortolotti doing a lot of the poaching and hitting volleys. He plays in the Explosion FC soccer program and will attend Quinnipiac.



Jack Marino/Foxboro

Improving his baseline game, the 6-foot-2 senior could run and hit all day, teaming with soccer standout Brian Bortolotti over the past two seasons as the No. 1 doubles team. The result this season was a 15-4 record, helping Foxboro earn 16 wins as a team and a Final Four berth in the Division 2-South Tournament. "They gave us 14 of our 16 (wins)," Foxboro coach Dan Damish said. "Jack uses his height, he's very consistent with his forehand returns. He understands how to play doubles." Also a member of the cross country and winter track teams, the Student Council and Best Buddies program, Marino will travel to Philadelphia to attend St. Joseph's University.



THE ROSTER

Name	School	Year
Jack Lahiff	Bishop Feehan	Sr.
Jack Leonard	Bishop Feehan	Soph.
Tim Miller	Bishop Feehan	Soph.
Anthony Rinaldi	North Attleboro	Sr.
Mitchell Dyer	North Attleboro	Jr.
Ryan Gilmore	Dighton-Rehoboth	Sr.
Tyler Doane	Dighton-Rehoboth	Jr.
Wesley Young	Foxboro	Sr.
Liam Riess	Foxboro	Soph.
Brian Bortolotti	Foxboro	Sr.
Jack Marino	Foxboro	Sr.
Michal Kozuchowski	King Philip	Jr.
Cole Ginter	King Philip	Fr.
Benny Lin	Mansfield	Soph.

HONORABLE MENTION

- ATTLEBORO:** Eric Carey.
BISHOP FEEHAN: Brendan Scanlon, Collin Kane, Luke Fuller, Patrick Fuller.
DIGHTON-REHOBOTH: Ryan Andrade, Patrick Newman.
FOXBORO: Andre Jaberl.
KING PHILIP: Ed Washington, Justin Rohan, Garrett Schneider.
MANSFIELD: Jake Cavicchi, Jackson Peters, Josh Haradon.
NORTH ATTLEBORO: Kumail Alikhan, Zach Pfeffer, Barsomo Nuay.
NORTON: Brandon Jenkins, Alex Belinsky, Sean Murphy.
SEEKONK: Brandon Costa, Aaron Branco.

OUR SELECTIONS, WITH ASSISTANCE

THE 2015 Sun Chronicle all-star boys' tennis team was selected by the sports staff. Local coaches were consulted for their recommendations. All-star portraits were taken by the photography staff or submitted.

Jack Lahiff/Bishop Feehan

"Jack uses his great athleticism and determination to rack up the wins," said Bishop Feehan coach Dustin Demers of the three-year No. 1 singles player placing an exclamation mark on his career with a 16-0 season, beating Sharon's Peter Hu twice and including a three-set win against Walpole's No. 1 in the MIAA Division 2 Tournament. "Jack is the consummate 'gamer' who does anything to win," added Demers of the four-year varsity member, who also won three rounds of the MIAA Singles Tournament, advancing to the semifinal round. With his basketball background, the UMass-Amherst-bound Lahiff got to the corners, got the endline, got to the net and got wins.



Tim Miller/Bishop Feehan

In his first season on the varsity, the sophomore teamed up with Jack Leonard at the No. 1 doubles spot and contributed almost a sure point, the duo compiling a 14-4 record. The duo's best wins were against Martha's Vineyard, giving the Shamrocks the EAC title. "They had a great campaign and won some huge points for us," said Feehan coach Dustin Demers, the duo also winning three rounds at the MIAA Doubles Tournament, advancing to the semifinals. Also a member of the football team and Wounded Warrior Project, Miller is "technically sound," said Demers. "This will certainly translate to more success over the next two years at doubles or singles."



Jack Leonard/Bishop Feehan

The sweet-swinging sophomore combined with Tim Miller at No. 1 doubles to win 14 matches, advance to the semifinal round of the MIAA Doubles Tournament and to help Feehan win the Eastern Athletic Conference title. "Both players are committed to winning, but more importantly are hard workers who are constantly working on playing doubles the right way," said Feehan coach Dustin Demers. "It is rare to see two young players so committed to being technically sound players." Leonard is also a member of the cross country team. He and Miller posted three wins at the MIAA Doubles Tournament and two regular-season wins over Martha's Vineyard's top team.



Ryan Gilmore/Dighton-Rehoboth

Stationed atop the Falcons' singles ladder over the past two seasons in the No. 1 spot, the senior captain is talented and tested. This season, Gilmore won nine matches as D-R went 14-2 during the regular season, taking second place in the South Coast Conference and then reaching the quarterfinals of the Division 2-South Tournament. "He learned how to build his points and he won the matches that he was expected to win," said D-R coach Victor Augusto. "He improved his all-around game, he came to the net more, he made adjustments as needed." Also a member of the D-R soccer team and the Portuguese Club, Gilmore will attend Roger Williams University.



Tyler Doane/Dighton-Rehoboth

The Falcon junior, in his first full-time duty at the No. 2 singles spot, played progressively better and with improved results as well. Doane compiled a 14-2 record, most of which were straight set wins in helping D-R win 15 matches overall, take the runner-up spot in the South Coast Conference and advance to the quarterfinals of the Division 2-South Tournament. An All-SCC selection, Doane, a former doubles player, is a member of the D-R Student Government, the Best Buddies program and DECA. "His level of play improved, he was more aggressive," said D-R coach Victor Augusto of Doane, who provided a key point in the tournament win over Pembroke.



Michal Kozuchowski/King Philip

A product of the clay courts and club level of tournament play in Poland, the exchange student was stellar at hitting forehands and backhands, setting up his points and compiling an eye-popping 16-1 record (lone loss to Oliver Ames' No. 1) in his first season state-side. Kozuchowski earned the Warrior MVP Award, losing just three sets during the regular season. He also won a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament. "He gave his opponents all sorts of trouble because of the variety of his shots," said KP coach Lori Puddester. Winning 12 straight matches in one stretch, Kozuchowski is planning to compete at the International Baccalaureate in Warsaw.



Cole Ginter/King Philip

The Warriors' "Rookie of the Year" even surprised himself, starting his first varsity season in the No. 3 singles spot, then taking over at No. 2, delivering 11 wins for KP. Ginter even won a round at the MIAA Singles Tournament, losing his second match in three sets. Long, lean and athletic, Ginter is built for the long haul in his matches, able to rally and recover, showing a steely resolve for winning, even playing a pair of matches at No. 1 singles, too. "He's a hard hitter and he handles the pressure well," said KP coach Lori Puddester, noting that Ginter won all of the matches that he should have, as KP won 12 matches and qualified for the MIAA Tournament.



Benny Lin/Mansfield

Lin, a sophomore, proved to himself that he could play with the big boys, winning marathon matches (against Natick and Scituate) at the MIAA Singles Tournament, being promoted from No. 2 singles to No. 1 and guiding Mansfield to 11 wins and into the quarterfinals of the Division 1-South Tournament. Lin was 9-2 at No. 2 singles, then 4-2 at No. 1 singles, his 13 wins including big wins over Kyle Pandiscio from Franklin, a win over KP's Cole Ginter and a three-set win over Rahul Herur of Franklin in the Division 1 Tournament. Lin went unbeaten (4-0) in three set matches. "He is strong and steady from the baseline with heavy topspin from both sides," said coach Gary Belastock.



Anthony Rinaldi/North Attleboro

North Attleboro's No. 1 singles player over the past three seasons, Rinaldi served the Rocketeers with competitive fire and good sportsmanship. "He's a grinder, he's a fighter," said North coach Sean Mulkerrins of his do-whatever-to-win philosophy. The Endicott College-bound Rinaldi won nine regular-season matches, beating Mansfield's Jake Cavicchi and Benny Lin along the way and also playing in the MIAA Singles Tournament. A two-time Sun Chronicle all-star and All-Hockomock League selection, "he's a smart player, he can set up his points," added Mulkerrins, Rinaldi's presence enabling North to win 15 matches and a share of the Kelley-Rex Division title.



Mitchell Dyer/North Attleboro

When an injury forced No. 1 singles player Anthony Rinaldi to the sidelines, the Rocketeer junior moved up a notch on the ladder for six matches and "played on," serving with gusto, retrieving balls all over the court, hitting winners and winning matches, posting a 15-3 slate. "Win or lose, he's poker-faced," said North coach Sean Mulkerrins of Dyer, who never allowed a bad shot or a lost set to get the best of him. With a strong forehand, Dyer earned the Rocketeer MVP award, guiding the team to a share of the Hockomock's Kelley-Rex Division title and 15 wins overall. "He has phenomenal hands and he's aggressive," said Mulkerrins of the heir apparent to the No. 1 spot in 2016.

