

Port Huron Northern's Adams earns Athlete of the Week

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Huskies' Chris Adams readies a hit Monday, Sept. 12, during boys tennis action at Sanborn Park tennis courts. (Photo: ANDREW JOWETT, TIMES HERALD)

Chris Adams has been all about the team all season long. The Port Huron Northern No. 1 singles player has been stellar all season, concluding his season in the semifinals at the Division 1 state finals.

However, even with all of that going on, he wanted to talk about the team first.

“The team did well, we performed better than I thought we would in a couple flights,” Adams said when asked about his thoughts on the tournament.

The Huskies tied for ninth overall as a team, and Adams' deep run was a huge factor in that strong finish. For his

accomplishment over the weekend, Adams is the Times Herald Athlete of the Week.

“He established himself as one of the best players in the state,” Huskies head coach Chris Smith said. “Finishing in the semis at No. 1 singles in Division 1 isn't a joke, it's something to be proud of.”

As the No. 4-seeded player in the bracket Adams picked up a 7-5, 6-3 quarterfinals win over Clarkston's Alex Matisse after a first round bye. Adams season then ended in the semifinals to Troy's Steve Forman – the eventual state champ – in a 6-2, 6-1 loss.

Despite the loss on Saturday, Adams was able to still look at how special his season was.

“It was a good season,” Adams said. “I think this is only the second time someone from Northern has reached a singles semifinal, so I'm happy with that.”

Adams also noted other big wins from the Huskies, including Nishaan Makim's run to the No. 3 singles quarterfinals with a three-set win over the No. 4-seeded player.

Throughout the day Friday when Adams wasn't making his run to Saturday's semifinals, he was right there cheering along his teammates. Then again, that's the kind of teammate he's been all year, so it's no surprise that was one of his favorite parts of the weekend.

“I like cheering on my teammates, especially at the end of those matches,” Adams said. “And getting match point (as an individual is exciting) just knowing you're going on and getting the team a point.”