

St. Clair, Yale and Northern advance to states

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St. Clair's Eli Pinnoo returns a shot during the Division 2 regional at Sanborn Park on Oct. 7, 2016. (Photo: Matt Sheehan/Times Herald)

Nothing new here for St. Clair.

For the 19th straight year the boys tennis team is off to the state tournament after flexing its muscle at the Division 3 regional tournament at Sanborn Park.

"Every year they say we don't want to be the one (that ends the streak), and that's what drives them," St. Clair head coach Dave Clutts said.

St. Clair will also be joined by Yale and Goodrich at the state tournament next weekend at Kalamazoo College. The Bulldogs earned 22 points while the Martians picked up 19 points.

St. Clair's Seth Pinnoo got the 6-1, 6-1 win over Goodrich's Adam

Green to take the No. 1 singles title.

St. Clair's Eli Pinnoo dropped just two sets in his run to a No. 2 singles win, beating Yale's Matt Donnellon 6-0, 6-1 in the finals.

John Mason picked up another win for St. Clair in No. 3 singles, sweeping Goodrich's Tyler Wilson in the finals, 6-0, 6-0.

St. Clair's Troy Distelrath only lost three sets the entire day en route to a No. 4 singles victory, topping Goodrich's Blake Keefer in the finals 6-2, 6-0.

Griffin Vigneron and Joe Marcath won the No. 1 doubles title in two sets, 6-3, 7-6. Yale's Tommy Sanders and Ryan Meyers took the No. 2 doubles title with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-0 win, and Nathan Liebler and Nathan Hazel teamed up for a No. 3 doubles 6-5, 6-1 finals win. Chad Maben and Ryan Marino won the No. 4 doubles title with a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Division 1 at Eisenhower

Port Huron Northern is back in the state tournament after a day of dominance.

The Huskies took first in seven out of the eight flights to pick up 31 points on the day.



Yale's Matt Donnellon returns a serve at the Division 3 regional meet on Oct. 8, 2016. (Photo: Matt Sheehan/Times Herald)

Chris Adams (No. 1), John Betrus (No. 2), Nishaan Makim (No. 3) and Chase Moeller (No. 4) swept the singles brackets for Northern. In doubles Paul Brettschneider/Alex Walton (No. 1), Abhishek Tekumulla/Neehal Tumma (No. 2) and Ben Walton/Andrew Touma (No. 4) took first while Gabe Ferguson/Ammar Hussain (No. 3) picked up second place.

The Huskies will head to the Greater Midland Tennis Center to compete in the Division 2 state tournament.

Division 2 at Warren Woods-Tower

No Big Reds made it out of the Division 2 regional, but No. 2 singles Christian Harris pulled off a first round upset over the No. 2 seed en route to a finals appearance.

As a team, Port Huron took fourth overall out of eight teams with four points.

University of Detroit Jesuit took first with 22 points, and Grosse Pointe North took second with 16 points.

Division 4 regional at Almont

Almont just edged Flint Powers to take the regional title with 21 points. Powers was close behind with 19 points, and Sandusky took third with five points.

All singles and doubles finals were Almont-Powers matchups with the Raiders winning five of those matches to make the difference.