

Out on top

Carmel's Chen, Rodefeld cap unbeaten senior season with state doubles title; Moore falls in singles final

Carmel's Susie Chen and Sarah Rodefeld ended their perfect doubles season in perfect fashion Saturday, taking the IHSAA state doubles championship with a 6-4, 6-4 win over South Bend St. Joseph's duo of Elle Harding and Bridget Veldman. The title was the fourth in doubles for Carmel and the first since 2003. An early bout of nerves saw the Greyhound seniors down 3-0 in the first set before rallying to win six of the next seven games. After adjusting their game "to be more patient", according to both, Chen and Rodefeld won the second set, and the title, with an identical score. Earlier, in the morning semifinals, Chen and Rodefeld defeated Terre Haute South's Emma Bilyeu and Mallory Metheny, 6-3, 6-0. The state title in singles went to Mishawaka Marian's Caroline Eberhart, a 6-2, 6-0 winner over Bethany Moore of Lebanon. Eberhart earned her spot in the final with an 0-6, 7-5, 6-4 win over Macie Elliott of Evansville Memorial in a match that went nearly three hours. Moore needed less than an hour in her semi, defeating Eastern Hancock's Daniela Debnarova, 6-3, 6-1. All semifinal and final matches were moved indoors to the Five Seasons Sports Club due to weather.



Doubles results (semifinals):

Harding/Veldman (South Bend St. Joseph's) def. Batliner/Shackelford (Floyd Central), 6-0, 6-1
Chen/Rodefeld (Carmel) def. Bilyeu/Metheny (Terre Haute South), 6-3, 6-0

Final: Chen/Rodefeld (Carmel) def. Harding/Veldman (South Bend St. Joseph's), 6-4, 6-4

Singles results(semifinals):

Eberhart (Mishawaka Marian) def. Macie Elliott (Evansville Memorial), 0-6, 7-5, 6-4
Moore (Lebanon) def. Debnarova (Eastern Hancock), 6-3, 6-1

Final: Eberhart (Mishawaka Marian) def. Moore (Lebanon), 6-2, 6-0

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