

Zionsville, Brebeuf win state titles

Hammond, Laconi in doubles; Barnard in singles

Not since the fall of 1970 had a boys' high school doubles team won back-to-back state titles. That feat was finally equaled Saturday when Zionsville's Joe Hammond and Nick Laconi (below, left) defeated Brebeuf's Charlie Hurst and Chris Plump, 7-5, 6-4. Having dispatched of Homestead's Jordan Mauk and Brad White in the rain-delayed morning session at Park Tudor, Hammond and Laconi then had to deal with a Brebeuf duo that had yet to lose all season. Zionsville took advantage of a break late in the first set and another midway through the second, with Hammond serving out the match. The Eagles ended the season with a 21-2 record. The singles final figured to go the distance between Brebeuf's Dougie Barnard (below, right) and Ray Leonard of Bloomington North and it did. The last one standing proved to be Barnard, who won 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. He earned his spot in the final with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Connor Andrews of Homestead in the morning semifinal. Leonard was a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Merrillville's Leonard Matthews II in the other semi.

