

## Exeter Boys Tennis 2022 Season Review



The 2022 season was another year of remarkable consistency for our program. For the 14th consecutive year, the Hawks won at least 10 matches, including winning a home playoff match vs. rival Concord 8-1. With the toughest schedule in Division I, Exeter battled every match. After a slow 2-4 start, the Hawks would finish 8-2 in their final 10 matches showing the improvement the team made throughout the season.

The highlight of the season came against an 11 win Dover team late in the season. The Hawks were trailing 4-1 with only #6 singles left playing. Lance Makabali, who was filling in, stepped up and won his match to keep Exeter's hopes alive. But down 4-2 going into doubles was still a great challenge. A strength of this team was their doubles. Exeter was able to sweep doubles to pull out the 5-4 win on their home court in front of a great crowd. #1 and #2 doubles were both settled by 8-6 scores with #1 doubles holding serve at 7-6 to win the match 8-6. Exeter's comeback win proved their mental toughness and ability to focus on the next point. Against the top 6 teams, Exeter would finish 11-10 in combined double matches.

In the first round, Exeter grabbed the #7 seed and hosted rival Concord. Exeter came ready to play, winning the match in singles before also sweeping doubles. Exeter would then travel to #2 Bedford before losing.

Ryan Byrnes would lead the team with 20 total wins, followed by Liam Simard with 19 wins. Oliver Berardino would lead the team with 12 doubles wins in the season. Exeter's #1 Doubles of Liam Simard and Charlie Gaughan and #2 Doubles of Dominic Theos and Ryan Byrnes both qualified for the NHIAA Doubles tournament being recognized as a top 32 team in the state.

Three seniors will leave the program this year: Tyler Dickinson, Ian Surprenant, and Liam Simard. These seniors started near the bottom of the line-up as freshmen and worked their way up to the singles and doubles line-up as seniors offering a great example to our younger Hawks. Thank you seniors!

Player Awards	Name
Best Singles Win	Charlie Gaughan vs. Derryfield (#1 Singles)
Best Doubles Win	Charlie Guaghan and Liam Smard vs. Dover (#1 Doubles)
Best Upset Win	Robert Berthel and Oliver Berardino vs. Bedford (#3 Doubles)
Blue Hawk Award	Henry Dangora
Unsung Hero Award	Ryan Byrnes
Most Improved Player	Robert Berthel
MVP	Charlie Gaughan