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Natalie Savage of Warren Hills wins title at Hunteron/Warren/Sussex Tournament

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Natalie Savage of Warren Hills won the first-singles title and North Hunterdon took the team crown at the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament yesterday in front of 100 at Courtside Racquet Club in Lebanon.

Savage, who had lost just two games during her first two rounds combined, defeated Sunny Jakubas of Voorhees, 6-2, 6-1, in the final. Savage, a senior, ended her two-year long bid to win the crown. She finished runner-up last season.

Jakubas' sister, Zara, took the title at second singles with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Lauren Dianora of North Hunterdon.

Dianora's team needed just one point to clinch its second title in the three-year history of the tournament. Liz Witte and Isabelle Ennis provided that point by downing Mary Ilardi and Emily Morre of Pope John, 6-1, 6-3, during the second-doubles final. They were second off the courts after Zara Jakubas.

Danielle Sumner added another point to North Hunterdon's total when she took out Sian Barry of Sparta, 7-5, 6-3, in the third singles final. The final title, first doubles, went to Sparta's Kezia Santos and Brittney Nieslen, who topped Cynthia Vlad and Katherine Spencer of North Hunterdon, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the last match off the court.

North Hunterdon ended up with 15 points, Sparta took second with 12 and Voorhees finished third with 10. Defending-champion Hunterdon Central placed fourth with nine points.

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TEAMS: 1-North Hunterdon 15. 2-Sparta 12. 3-Voorhees 10. 4-Hunterdon Central 9. 5-Warren Hills 8. 6-Pope John, Vernon 5. 8-Kittatinny 4. 9-Newton, Phillipsburg 2. 11-High Point, Wallkill Valley, Hopatcong 1.

FINALS

FIRST SINGLES: Natalie Savage, Warren Hills, d. Sunny Jakubas, Voorhees, 6-2, 6-1.

SECOND SINGLES: Zara Jakubas, Voorhees, d. Lauren Dianora, North Hunterdon, 6-3, 6-3.

THIRD SINGLES: Danielle Sumner, North Hunterdon, d. Sian Barry, Sparta, 7-5, 6-3.

FIRST DOUBLES: Kezia Santos and Brittney Nieslen, Sparta, d. Cynthia Vlad and Katherine Spencer, North Hunterdon, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

SECOND DOUBLES: Liz Witte and Isabelle Ennis, North Hunterdon, d. Mary Ilardi and Emily Morre, Pope John, 6-1, 6-3.



Natalie Savage of Warren Hills downed Sunny Jakubas of Voorhees, 6-2, 6-1, in the first singles final the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tournament on Friday.