

## **Pederson wins title; Caro sisters 2nd**

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BETTENDORF - Jessica Pedersen of Kennedy defeated Haley Bankson of Bettendorf, 6-2, 6-0, in the championship match of the Class 2A girls regional tennis tournament in Bettendorf Thursday.

Vale Caro and Magui Caro of Prairie reached the finals in doubles before losing a hard-fought match to Dana Waterman and Emilia Porbcin of Bettendorf, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6.

Pedersen and the Caro sisters advance to the state tournament June 5-6 in Ames.

Pedersen drew an opening-round bye as the No. 1 seed before winning a pair of 6-0, 6-0 verdicts in the quarterfinals and semifinals. She lost only two games all day while compiling a 36-2 mark.

The Caro sisters, also seeded No. 1, drew an opening-round bye and sailed in the quarterfinals and semifinals.

Lauren O'Brian and Karleigh Schilling of Prairie placed third in doubles with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Lolly Telleen/Stephanie Moore of Bettendorf. Evann Martin of Kennedy finished fourth in singles after losing to Hannah Borgh of Bettendorf, 6-2, 6-1, in the consolation match for third place.

Only the champion and runnerup in singles and doubles advance to the state tournament.

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