Saints reach 1A substate finals before falling

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WATERLOO - The Xavier boys tennis team reached the finals of the Class 1A substate tournament Saturday before running into a talented team from Davenport Assumption.

The Saints clipped Waterloo Columbus, 5-1, in the substate semifinals Saturday morning with Kyle D'Mello, Grant Hunt, Mitch Steffensmeier, Bill Young and Ben Curley all winning their singles matches.

The Saints were then blanked by Davenport Assumption, 5-0.

XAVIER 5, WATERLOO COLUMBUS 1

Singles

- 1. Alex Bernt (WC) def. Noah Schmall, 6-0, 6-3.
- 2. Kyle D'Mello (X) def. Robert Hart, 6-4, 6-3.
- 3. Grant Hunt (X) def. Ben Hansen, 6-2, 6-2.
- 4. Mitch Steffensmeier (X) def. Chris Barnard, 6-4, 7-5.
- 5. Bill Young (X) def. Connor Barnard, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3.
- 6. Ben Curley (X) def. Tucker Sink, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

DAVENPORT ASSUMPTION 5, XAVIER 0

Singles

- 1. Kyle Gacke (DA) def. Noah Schmall, 6-4, 6-1.
- 2. Luke Powers (DA) vs. Kyle D'Mello, 3-6, 6-2, 5-4 (DNF)
- 3. Eric Lammers (DA) def. Grant Hunt, 6-3, 7-6.
- 4. Jimmy Husikamp (DA) def. Mitch Steffensmeier, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6.
- 5. Stephen Nicknish (DA) def. Bill Young, 6-2, 6-2.
- 6. Mikey Corsiglia (DA) def. Ben Curley, 6-1, 6-4.