

## Hand Claims Third Straight SCC Division 1 Tennis Title

Madison, CT - The boys tennis team at Hand has won 70 straight regular-season matches and the last two SCC Division 1 post-season tournaments.

Make that three. Hand beat Cheshire 5-2 on May 26, 2021 to claim the 2021 SCC Boys Division 1 title.



The Tigers won all three doubles matches and split the four singles matches to claim the title.

Cheshire, which lost 4-3 to Hand earlier in the season, made the Tigers sweat though, winning at third and fourth singles, while also coming close to capturing the first and second singles matches.

Hand's Josh Israel, who missed part of the season due to contact tracing, rallied to beat the Rams Utsav Subramani. After losing the first set 4-6, Israel won a pair of sets 6-2.

"Once I was able to establish myself in the second set, I calmed down and rolled from there," Israel told GameTimeCT.com. "I have so much respect for him. He has maximized all of his assets to really play to his strengths and limit how much I am able to exploit his weaknesses. And he knows all of my weaknesses too. I know never to count him out."

At second singles, Hand's Sebastian Lowy beat Cheshire's Yasha Laskin 6-4, 6-4.

All three Hand doubles teams won - Reilly Vejar/Will DeCharbert, Will Fumex/Elliott Booth, and John Van Ostenbridge/ Patrick Hennessey - losing only four games in the three matches.

Cheshire's wins came from Andrew Gersfeld and Josh Goldstein at third and fourth singles.

**COACH'S QUOTE:**

"Now I have a team that is quite deep that worked extremely hard this year. This means more now to me, our boys and our seniors," Hand coach Dawn Fagerquist told GameTimeCT.com. "I kind of hate to see it end."

**Hand 5, Cheshire 2**

(at Madison). Singles: Josh Israel (H) def. Utsav Subramani 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; Sebastian Lowy (H) def. Yasha Laskin 6-4, 6-4; Andrew Gersfeld (C) def. David Levchenko 6-1, 6-4; Josh Goldstein (C) def. Max Gulla 6-2, 6-2; Doubles: Reilly Vejar/Will DeCharbert (H) def. Nathan Houle /Jacob Niebling 6-1, 6-1; Will Fumex/Elliott Booth (H) def. Ryan Shan/Shrey Sheth 6-1, 6-1; John VanOstenbridge/ Patrick Hennessey (H) def. Shawn Lawless/Jon Chen 6-0, 6-0.