

ALL-COUNTY **BOYS TENNIS**

Player of the Year

KEVIN LI

URBANA SOPHOMORE SINGLES

Served as the No.1 singles player for the second consecutive season for a team that captured the Frederick County Public Schools and Class 4A North regional team tournaments

Qualified for the state tournament for the second straight season after reaching the final of the 4A North regional tournament. In the regional tournament, he lost a pair of tie-breaking sets to Dulaney's Alex Panyan.

■ Won his second Frederick County Public Schools singles title with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Middletown's Gage Kirkwood in the championship match.

JACK KAMINSKI

MIDDLETOWN

regional title.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Qualified for the state tournament

in mixed doubles with partner Alexa

Orlando after winning the Class 2A West



FIRST TEAM

GAGE KIRKWOOD SOPHOMORE SINGLES MIDDLETOWN

Reached the state tournament after winning the Class 2A West regional title and finishing as the runner-up in the Frederick County Public Schools tournament

JOHAN KLAUSEN JUNIOR SINGLES BRUNSWICK

Advanced all the way to the Class 1A singles final to become to the first Brunswick tennis player to play in a state-championship match. Also won the 1A West regional title without dropping a set.

LANDON LEVERING **SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES** CATOCTIN

Reached the Class 1A state final in mixed doubles with partner Lily Smith after the team finished as the 1A West runner-up.



ANISH BABU

URBANA

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Placed fourth in the state tournament

in mixed doubles with partner Aaliya Husain

after placing second in the 4A North region-

al tournament. Also won the county title at

No. 2 doubles with partner Van Holson

KEVIN LIGE SENIOR DOUBLES URBANA

Won the county tournament at No.1 doubles with partner Richard Lombardo before placing third in the Class 4A North regional tournament. Helped the Hawks win the team title in both events.



VAN HOLSON

URBANA

SENIOR DOUBLES

with partner Anish Babu.

Won the county title at No. 2 doubles

RICHARD LOMBARDO SENIOR DOUBLES URBANA

Won the county tournament at No. 1 doubles with partner Kevin Lige before placing third in the Class 4A North regional tournament. Helped the Hawks win the team title in both events



BASSEM RAFIQ SENIOR DOUBLES URBANA

Won the county title at No. 3 doubles with partner Saket Thakrar and helped the Hawks claim the county team title

SAKET THAKRAR JUNIOR DOUBLES URBANA

Won the county title at No. 3 doubles with partner Bassem Rafiq and helped the Hawks claim the county team title.



CHARLES LOWERY FRESHMAN SINGLES URBANA

Earned a straight-set victory to win the county title at No. 2 singles and helped the Hawks claim the team championship.











HONORABLE MENTION

Brunswick—Mylz Hahn, Jonathan Henry, Chase Rogowsky: Linganore—Charlie Rasmussen: Middletown—Matteo DeMarchi, Cooper Fisher, Tyler James, Ananthakrishnan Nair, Henry Nylen, Jack Schneider; Oakdale—Andrew Amadeo, Luke Bebee, Carter Flayhart, Kurt Gryzbowski, Sean Thompson; Tuscarora—Martin Cevallos, Ritik Gupta, Tan Le, Joseph Lee, Wade Sappington, Karthick Sankar; Walkersville—Grayson Eyler, Bryan Miller, Drew Morhiser, Hunter Owen, Tanner Owen, Walker Owen, Mike Pollak

TOUR DE FRANCE

After a Tour on TV, Pinot now looms large in the picture

By JOHN LEICESTER Associated Press

love, the Tour de France gains in screens but also is most definitevalue for riders who can't race in it.

That was the lesson Thibaut is on July 28. Pinot learned last year when the French rider, who'd fallen sick fans to cheer for since Bernard Hiat the Giro d'Italia in May, then missed the Tour and watched on and heads into the Tour's second TV as others wrote history at cycling's showcase race.

'It was no fun," he recalls. "I realized how important the Tour is for a French rider."

tention to the toughest climbs to come in the Pyrenees and Alps, BRIOUDE, France – Like a lost Pinot is not only lighting up TV ly in the picture among top pretenders for overall victory in Par-

> With no Tour winner for French nault in 1985, Pinot is third overall week looking like France's most credible contender in years.

Unlike Julian Alaphilippe, the punchy, exciting yellow-jersey wearer from France who wowed This year, he's making amends. in Week One but who is dreading

looking forward to them.

'That's where I get the most pleasure," he said Sunday before the start of Stage 9, a hilly trek through the Massif Central mountains won by South African Daryl Impey, while Pinot and all the other top racers took it easy behind, saving their strength.

Pinot excelled with the Groupama-FDJ squad in the Stage 2 team time trial, losing just 12 seconds to defending champion Geraint Thomas and his teammates at Ineos. That performance raised French hopes that Pinot might also be able to limit damage in the

With the race shifting its at- the high-altitude ascents, Pinot is individual time trial, upcoming on change on Sunday's Stage 9. Top Stage 13 and where former track specialist Thomas should excel.

"Thomas will take back time," Pinot said.

But it is anyone's guess as to which of them will get the upper hand on the climbs. On Stage 6, the first mountain stage, Thomas couldn't seriously distance Pinot, who rode in just two seconds behind him.

On Stage 8, it was Pinot who gained time, surging ahead with Alaphilippe and frustrating Thomwho crashed and couldn't as, catch back up with them.

The gap between them didn't will change a lot."

contenders took a breather, allowing Impey and 14 other riders who aren't threats for the overall title to build up the biggest lead of any breakaway this year, as they raced off far ahead for the stage win. Thomas is still fifth overall, 72 seconds behind Alaphilippe and 19 seconds behind Pinot.

Alaphilippe knows his days in vellow are numbered. Not a climber like Pinot, he's expecting to suffer on the Tourmalet climb to be scaled on Stage 14 in the Pyrenees.

It "is going to be terrible for ev-eryone," he said. "The rankings





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