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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HONOR THE MILLBURN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TENNIS TEAM

2016 GROUP 3 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS



Freeholder Patricia Sebold (left corner) and Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano (rear center) honor the Millburn High School Girls Tennis team, 2016 Group 3 State Championship and Tournament of Champions PHOTO BY GLEN FRIESON

(Newark, NJ) – During its Wednesday, December 14th meeting at the Hall of Records, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored the Millburn High School Girls Tennis Team for winning the 2016 Group 3 State Championship and Tournament of Champions to finish its season 24-0 and ranked #1 in New Jersey.

Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano began the ceremony with opening remarks, saying, “We are all proud of you, and I can imagine how proud your coaches, parents, and the entire school are of each and every one of you for your hard work and accomplishments.”

Freeholder Patricia Sebold, cosponsor of the Commendation, also shared remarks, adding, “On behalf of the entire Board of Chosen Freeholders, we congratulate and commend the members of Millburn High School Girls Tennis Team for their wonderful, superlative season and for winning the 2016 Tournament of Champions. We are so proud of all of you, and we hope to see you again in the next few years as you continue your wonderful success.”

The team won the NJSIAA Group 3 State Championship, it’s eleventh consecutive Group Championship, and earned its 22nd overall title when they defeated Northern Highlands 5-0.

The Millburn High School Girls Tennis Team captured their State Championship win with a 5-0, match victory over Northern Highlands Regional High School in the NJSIAA Group 3 Championship Tournament match at Mercer County Park in West Windsor, New Jersey. By capturing their 11th consecutive Group State Championship win, the team advanced to participate in the Tournament of Champions where they defeated Ridge High School 5-0, and Holmdel High School 3-2, in the finals.

The team won 100 consecutive matches dating back to the end of the 2012 tennis season in its 5-0 win over Columbia. This year's group of seniors have won 98 consecutive matches over the four years and were ranked #1 in New Jersey for four consecutive years.

The Millburn High School Girls Tennis Team was coached by Bill Wickenheisser, Lee Robinson and Rob Elia. The team also received administrative support from Superintendent Dr. Christine Burton, Principal Dr. William S. Miron and Director of Athletics Frank Bifulco.

Coach Wickenheisser expressed his gratitude, saying, "I would like to thank the Board of Chosen Freeholders for recognizing the hard work that all the student athletes put in across the state, and thank you again for having us here and honoring the team."

The Board's Commendation was sponsored and presented by At-Large Freeholder Patricia Sebold of Livingston and District 4 Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano of West Caldwell.

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