



Jake Critchfield (So, 2S) vs. Bellbrook. Photo: Rev Studios

VARSITY BOYS TENNIS · SPRING 2026

# Sophomores Leading the Way: Centerville Tennis Is 8-2 and Chasing a GWOC Title

Two 10th graders anchor the top of the lineup. The Elks have won eight of ten matches, swept the GWOC at 3-0, and have the two biggest conference matches of the season still ahead of them.

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<b>8-2</b> 2026 RECORD	<b>3-0</b> GWOC RECORD	<b>3rd</b> GWOC STANDING	<b>4-0</b> CRITCHFIELD AT 2S
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## THE STORY

Eight wins. A perfect 3-0 conference record. Two sophomores running the top two singles positions in one of the most competitive leagues in southwest Ohio. Centerville boys tennis has built one of the strongest starts in the program and is in the middle of a genuine GWOC title race heading into the back half of the schedule.

Timmy Lee (So) and Jake Critchfield (So) hold the 1S and 2S spots and have not dropped a conference match between them. In high school tennis, those positions typically belong to upperclassmen who have spent years working their way up the lineup. Lee and Critchfield are 10th graders — and they are competing at the top of the conference under head coach Scott Long.

THE COMBINATION

Lee holds first singles and carries a 2-0 GWOC record with a 3-1 overall mark. He is one of just two first-singles players in the conference without a league loss — the other being Ryan Hunt of Beavercreek. Consistency at 1S is hard to manufacture. Lee has shown it throughout the season.

The individual story at second singles is equally compelling. Jake Critchfield is 4-0 overall at 2S — leading all GWOC second-singles players in conference wins. He has not lost a match at his primary position all season. When the lineup required it, Critchfield moved up to first singles and went 1-1 against competition one tier above him. That kind of lineup flexibility strengthens every dual match Centerville plays.



Timothy Lee (So, left) and Vasakan Thambi-Pillai (Jr) vs. Bellbrook. Photo: Rev Studios

THE SCHEDULE IN CONTEXT

The 8-2 record includes two losses worth understanding. St. Xavier on April 1 and Mason on April 10 are among the most competitive programs in the state. Opening against St. Xavier on the road is a difficult draw for any team.

The eight wins include conference sweeps of Springfield (5-0), Northmont (5-0), and Fairmont (5-0), plus Bellbrook (3-2) and Lakota West (4-1) at the OTCA Tournament. The Lakota West win on a tournament stage adds weight to an already strong body of work.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS • GWOC STATISTICS

<b>1S - 2-0 GWOC</b>	Timmy Lee (So)	<b>3-1 Overall • Co-leads GWOC 1S</b>
<b>2S - 2-0 GWOC</b>	Jake Critchfield (So)	<b>4-0 Overall • Leads GWOC 2S wins</b>
<b>1S FLEX</b>	Jake Critchfield (So)	<b>1-1 when bumped to 1S</b>
<b>3S - 1-0 GWOC</b>	Vasakan Thambi-Pillai (Jr)	<b>2-1 Overall</b>
<b>3S - 1-0 GWOC</b>	Naval Singhal (Jr)	<b>1-1 Overall</b>
<b>2S</b>	Luke Edwards	<b>1-0 Overall</b>

THE PATH TO THE TITLE

Springboro leads the GWOC at 4-0 and is the team Centerville is chasing. The Elks have not played Springboro yet — that match is May 5 on the road. They have also not faced Beavercreek, which sits at 3-0. That match is April 30 at home. The two biggest conference matches of the season are both still ahead.

Lee and Critchfield at 1S and 2S give the Elks two reliable conference wins before the rest of the lineup plays. That structural advantage puts pressure on every opponent. Having it anchored by two 10th graders — with two more years ahead of them — gives this program a foundation that Scott Long can build on for a long time.



Timothy Lee (So, 1S) vs. Bellbrook. Photo: Rev Studios

2026 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Apr 1	at St. Xavier	L 4-1	0-1
Apr 6	at MVS	W 5-0	1-1
Apr 7	at Springfield (GWOC)	W 5-0	2-1 · 1-0 GWOC
Apr 8	Bellbrook	W 3-2	3-1 · 1-0 GWOC
Apr 9	at Northmont (GWOC)	W 5-0	4-1 · 2-0 GWOC
Apr 10	at Mason	L 4-1	4-2 · 2-0 GWOC
Apr 11	Lakota West (OTCA)	W 4-1	5-2 · 2-0 GWOC
Apr 13	at Walnut Hills	W 4-1	6-2 · 2-0 GWOC
Apr 14	Fairmont (GWOC)	W 5-0	7-2 · 3-0 GWOC
Apr 15	Tippecanoe	W 4-1	8-2 · 3-0 GWOC

Centerville boys tennis is 8-2, 3-0 in the GWOC, and chasing a conference title with two of the best players at their positions in the league. Beavercreek on April 30 and Springboro on May 5 are the matches that will decide the race. Lee and Critchfield have two more years of high school tennis ahead of them. The best of this program may still be coming.



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