The North Carolina High School Athletic Association has released its pairings for the state tennis tournaments this weekend. In the Class 4A Tournament, which will be played at the Millbrook Exchange Park in Raleigh, Michael Smith

of Watauga High will take on Warren Bryan of Greensboro-Page in his first-round match. It's a single-elimination format. Smith, who played No.1 singles and No.1 doubles for the Pioneers this season, is 18-2 in singles play. And Smith, who has signed with Appalachian State University, won the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference singles championship by knocking off teammate Harrison Battle in straight sets in the finals.

Smith was also a regional finalist. He lost to Mike Roberts of Charlotte-Ardrey Kell in the championship match. If Smith advances, he will face either Graham Duncan of Apex or Josiah Boda of Scotland County in the state quarterfinals. There is a chance that Smith could meet Roberts in a rematch in the state semfinals on Saturday.

The state tournament will officially get underway on Friday morning with the opening round of play at 9 a.m. after the coaches' meeting in all classifications. Two rounds will be played on Friday, with the semifinals Saturday morning and the championship matches on Saturday afternoon. Since the field is smaller for the 1A tournament, the only match on Saturday will be the championship match at 9 a.m. The Class 4A championships will be held at the Millbrook Exchange Park in Raleigh; The 3A event will be held at the Burlington Parks and Recreation Tennis Center; and both the Class 1A and 2A championships are set for the Cary Tennis Center.

CLASS 4-A--Millbrook Exchange Park, Raleigh
SINGLES--FIRST ROUND

A.J. Stilwell (Wilmington Laney) vs. Kelly Patch (Cary Green Hope)
Scott Gallimore (Davie County) vs. Jim Fan (Charlotte Ardrey Kell)
Graham Duncan (Apex) vs. Josiah Boda (Scotland)
Michael Smith (Watauga) vs. Warren Bryan (Greensboro Page)
Mike Roberts (Charlotte Ardrey Kell) vs. Matt Tutton (High Point Central)
Tyler Pyle (Durham Jordan) vs. Alex Gaines (Wilmington New Hanover)
Austin Ansari (Greensboro Page) vs. Jake Combs (Mooresville)
Grey Hamilton (Southern Pines Pinecrest) vs. Matt Stachowiak (Apex Middle Creek)