

Park Girls Retain OVAC Tennis Honors

Wheeling Park successfully defended girls' tennis honors in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament, completed last night at the Wheeling Park tennis "bubble".

The tourney was originally scheduled for Grand Vue Park, Moundsville, but was moved indoors because of the rainy weather.

Coach Georgia Doerr's Park girls prevailed in spite of the fact that titles in No. 1 and No. 2 singles were captured for Brooke by Janet Chernenko and Melanie Martino. Chernenko established herself as the top girl player in the OVAC with an 8-4 nod over the Patriots' Pam Horne and Martino won No. 2 singles with an 8-2 nod over The Park's Rhea Dumas.

However, Wheeling Park had a finalist in each of the six levels of competition and three of them became titlists—Betsy Spears at No. 3, Sarah McConnell at No. 4, and Sue Mulley at No. 5.

Thus, the Patriots finished with 15 points while Brooke and Mount de Chantal tied for second with 9 each.

Mike Young, director of tennis activities for the OVAC, says that the boys' championship will be decided on Wednesday, with matches scheduled at both Oglebay Park and Wheeling Park Hilltop courts. However, all finals are to be at the Hilltop courts, opposite Sonneborn Shelter.

Competition will get underway at 8 a.m. with netters from 17 schools participating. Two team champions will be crowned, with one representing the larger schools and the other the smaller schools.

Team scoring in girls' play, along with results of semi-final and final matches, follows:

TEAM SCORING—Wheeling Park 13, Brooke and Mount de Chantal (tie) 7, Wheeling Central 7, St. Clairsville 5, John Marshall 4, Oak Glen 2, Weir 2, Weirton Madonna 1, Wellsville 0.

SEMI-FINALS

No. 1—Janet Chernenko, Brooke, d. Ann Osborn, St. C., 8-0; Pam Horne, Whg. P., d. Tammy Townsend, Weir, 8-4.

No. 2—Melanie Martino, Brooke, d. Linda Campbell, Whg. C., 8-1; Rhea Dumas, Whg. P., d. Martha Witte, Mt. de Chantal, 8-3.

No. 3—Ann Kennard, Mt. de Chantal, d. Shari Graham, Brooke, 8-3; Betsy Spears, Whg. P., d. Mickey Cordray, Weir, 8-5.

No. 4—Sarah McConnell, Whg. P., d. Amy Pramesa, Whg. C., by forfeit; Melinda Shepherd, St. C., d. Lisa Beeber, Brooke, 8-3.

No. 5—Judy Hardman, Whg. C., d. Cathy Booth, J. Marshall, 8-4; Sue Mulley, Whg. P., d. Pam Jones, Mt. de Chantal, 8-3.

No. 6—Ann Day, Mt. de Chantal, d. Donna Fester, J. Marshall, 8-3; Kip McConnell, Whg. P., d. Beth Davis, Brooke, 8-4.

FINALS

No. 1—Janet Chernenko, Brooke, d. Pam Horne, 8-4.

No. 2—Melanie Martino, Brooke, d. Rhea Dumas, 8-2.

No. 3—Betsy Spears, Whg. P., d. Ann Kennard, Mt. de Chantal, 8-1.

No. 4—Sarah McConnell, Whg. P., d. Melinda Shepherd, St. C., 8-0.

No. 5—Sue Mulley, Whg. P., d. Judy Hardman, Whg. C., 8-0.

No. 6—Ann Day, Mt. de Chantal, d. Kip McConnell, 8-4 (5-3 tiebreaker).

Park, Linsly Claim OVAC Tennis Laurels

Wheeling Park and Linsly Institute earned championships Wednesday in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference boys' tennis tournament held at Wheeling Hilltop courts and Oglebay Park.

Park edged out Brooke by two points to win the Class AAAA title, while Linsly prevailed over Martins Ferry by a three-point margin to capture the combined AAA-AA crown.

Park has now won two OVAC tennis titles this week. Earlier, the Patriot girls brought home a championship trophy.

Howard Franklin of Park surprised previously unbeaten Ray Kurey of Brooke, 8-6, in the No. 1 singles final. Other Patriot winners were Ted Becker, Troy Leyland and Todd Wisialowski.

The Patriots, who will defend their West Virginia Region 1 title Friday at John Marshall, finished yesterday's tournament with 15 points, followed by Brooke with 13. East Liverpool, with six points, was a distant third.

Linsly won the AAA-AA title with 12

points, followed by Martins Ferry with nine. Bridgeport's David Burkhardt won the No. 1 singles crown.

OVAC Tournament At Oglebay Park
(singles competition only)

AAAA

Team Standings—Wheeling Park 13, Brooke 13, East Liverpool 4, Wintersville 4, Weirton 3, John Marshall 3, Oak Glen 0, Steubenville 0, Cambridge 0.

Semi-Finals—Kurey (B) d. Hayett (EL), 8-0; Franklin (WP) d. Wells (W), 8-2; Becker (WP) d. Corallo (W), 8-4; Roberson (B) d. Carr (W), 9-4, 5-4; Hebraker; Kozlinski (B) d. Anderson (JM), 8-4; Freeman (WP) d. Patterson (W), 8-7; Leyland (WP) d. Rider (JM), 8-3; Watson (B) d. Bentley (EL), 8-1; Wisialowski (WP) d. Ericson (JM), 8-1; Payne (EL) d. Smith (B), 8-1; Richardson (WP) d. Thomas (W), 8-4; Smith (B) d. Babb (EL), 8-5.

Finals—Franklin (WP) d. Korys (B), 8-4; Becker (WP) d. Roberson (B), 8-8; Kestling (B) d. Freeman (WP), 8-2; Leyland (WP) d. Watson (B), 8-6; Wisialowski (WP) d. Payne (EL), 8-3; Smith (B) d. Richardson (WP), 8-7.

AAA, AAA (combined)

Team Scoring—Linsly 12, Martins Ferry 9, Steub. Central 4, Bridgeport 5, Toronto 5, St. Clairsville 3, Wheeling Central 3, Weirton Madonna 0.

Semi-Finals—Rindlerer (MF) d. Parrish (L), 8-2; Burkhardt (B) d. Carson (ST. C), 8-0; Voytecek (MF) d. Mackett (T), 8-4; Gaphery (L) d. Irwin (St. C), 8-5; Fejas (ST. C) d. Heath (B), 8-3; George (L) d. Jenkins (MP), 8-1; Vaca (L) d. Mills (MF), 8-8; Prysock (T) d. Saboley (ST. C), 8-6; Bolger (St. C) d. L. Heath (B), 8-1; McCart (T) d. Kobelas (MP), 8-4; Straub (L) d. Piechewicz (St. C), 8-2; Peluchette (WC) d. Sambeco (MF), 8-5.

Finals—Burkhardt (B) d. Rindlerer (MF), 8-4; Voytecek (MF) d. Gaphery (L), 8-1; George (L) d. Fejas (St. C), 8-3; Vaca (L) d. Prysock (T), 8-1; Bolger (St. C) d. McCart (T), 8-4; Straub (L) d. Peluchette (WC), 8-1.