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Linsly's Nicole Capuano, left, and Myra Adamovitch won singles championships at the OVAC Tournament on Tuesday, leading the Cadets to their first crown since 1997.

## Trading Places

### *Linsly wins OVAC girls' tennis crown*

The Linsly girls' tennis team turned the tables on Wheeling Park Tuesday.

Winning No. 2 and No. 3 singles titles, Myra Adamovitch and Nicole Capuano sparked the Cadets to the OVAC championship at West Liberty State College's Edgar Martin Tennis Complex.

The Patriots won the title the past two years by a mere point, while Linsly - the 1997 champion - was the hard-luck loser.

Park faced the tough luck on this occasion, losing 23-22 to the Cadets.

"It looked like it would be a three-way race between us, Park and Oak Glen," said Linsly head coach Dave Reithmiller. "I didn't feel real confident, although I knew we had a one out of three chance."

His team's chances were improved by Adamovitch, his No. 2 seed, who defeated Weirton Madonna's Nathalie Wujtow 8-6 in

the final. Capuano then defeated Madonna's Chantel Wujtow, Nathalie's sister, 8-2.

Wheeling Park's Beth DiNapoli rolled to the title at No. 1, not surrendering a point until the final when she won the title 8-2.

The Patriots' Melissa Kreitzer won the No. 4 title.

"It was a total team effort," Reithmiller said of his Cadets. "The key was balance. Every girl we had made the finals."

Oak Glen slipped back after the doubles when the Golden Bears were third, only two points behind.

The Bears No. 2 player, Hillary Norman, injured her ankle early in the singles tournament, which damaged Oak Glen's chances at a title.

The OVAC Tournament action continues today when the boys' doubles tournament gets underway. The singles championships are slated for Thursday at WLSC.

## Net Champs



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**WINNING THE** girls' OVAC tennis title last week was this team from Linsly School. Pictured, front row, from left, are Kara Lewis, Jennifer Jordan, Mera Adamovich and Kerry Kindler. Second row, from left, Nicole Capuano, Ashley Adamovich, Jenny Candari, Caroline Crutchfield, Clair Cholak and Coach David Reithmiller.

## Park boys lead OVAC tennis

Wheeling Park is the leader heading into today's final round of the OVAC boys' tennis tournament at West Liberty State College.

The Patriots have 11 points while John Marshall is second with eight while Linsly is third with five.

Rounding out the scoring are Brooke (3), Magnolia (2), Weirton Madonna (2), Wheeling Central (2), Weir (2) and Oak Glen (2).



**WINNING OVAC** tennis individual singles titles last week were Linsly's Nicole Capuano, left, and Mera Adamovich. Capuano was the No. 3 singles champ while Adamovich was the No. 2 titlist. Pictured with the two champs is Linsly coach Dave Reithmiller. Both Capuano and Reithmiller are Martins Ferry residents.

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## Park Boys Take Combined Title

The Wheeling Park boys' tennis team won the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference overall team championship Saturday in the manner to which the Patriots have become accustomed.

Total domination.

Fresh off its West Virginia-side OVAC tournament victory earlier last week, Coach Leo Boissy's netters blitzed Ohio-side champion Cambridge, 8-0, in Saturday afternoon overall title tilt at West Liberty.

The Park's Jamie Fox set the tone for the day at No. 1 singles when he blanked his Bobcat counterpart, Dustin Ross, 8-0.

While that was the only whitewash of the afternoon, Cambridge never mounted a serious threat as Chris Mercer won his No. 2 singles match easily, 8-3, over the Bobcats' Mark Lyons.

The closest match of the day came at No. 3 singles where the Patriots' Steve Mercer defeated the Bobcats' Kevin Donnelly, 8-5, while Simeon Blankenship made it a clean sweep in singles for The Park with an 8-2 rout of Cory Rowe at No. 4 singles.

(at West Liberty State College)  
Wheeling Park 8, Cambridge 0

### Singles

Jamie Fox (WP) d. Dustin Ross, 8-0;  
Chris Mercer (WP) d. Mark Lyons, 8-3;  
Steve Mercer (WP) d. Kevin Donnelly, 8-5;  
Simeon Blankenship (WP) d. Cory Rowe, 8-2

### Doubles

Fox-C. Mercer (WP) d. Ross-Lyons, 8-2;  
S. Mercer-Blankenship (WP) d. Stoner-Rowe, 8-3; O'Kelley-Elani (WP) d. M. Har-Warner, 8-4.

## Park netters lead OVAC

Wheeling Park's girls lead the OVAC Tennis Championships after Monday's opening round.

The Lady Patriots tallied 10 points while Linsly was second with nine tallies and Oak Glen is third with eight.

Rounding out the scoring were Weirton Madonna (4), St. Clairsville (4) Mount de Chantal (3), Magnolia (2), Brooke (2), John Marshall (1), Weir (1), Wheeling Central (1) and Indian Creek (0).

The Lady Cadets' doubles team of Adamovich and Jordan finished runnerup in the No. 1 doubles finals.

Linsly's No. 2 doubles team of Capuano and Cholak also finished runnerup. Meanwhile, the Lady Cadets' No. 3 doubles team Crutchfield and Adamovich also finished second.

## WP boys win OVAC net title

Wheeling Park came away with the championship in OVAC boys' tennis tournament which came to a conclusion Thursday at West Liberty.

The Patriots amassed 26 points, outdistancing John Marshall by seven points. Linsly took third with 15 markers.

Brooke was fourth with eight points followed by Weirton Madonna (7), Oak Glen (7), Weir (96), Wheeling Central (5) and Magnolia (4).

The Fox brothers captured singles titles to boost Park. Jamie won the No. 1 singles crown while Steven took home the No. 3 singles championship.

Linsly had two of its singles players finish as runnerups -- Steve Giacomelli and Amit Patel.

## Linsly's girls pocket OVAC tennis crown

Linsly School's girls netted their second OVAC tennis crown in four years, edging Wheeling Park Tuesday night.

The Lady Cadets produced two individual champions.

Nicole Capuano captured the No. 3 singles title. The Martins Ferry resident defeated Cathy Wujtow of Weirton Madonna, 8-2, in the championship bout.

Mera Adamovich won the No. 2

singles title for Linsly. She downed Natalie Wujtow of Madonna, 8-6, to gain the crown.

The Lady Cadets also had three doubles teams finish second.

Linsly last won the OVAC tennis crown in 1997.