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But I am not the only one traveling, passing busses and school vans on the way, while more buses cruised by heading to Wheeling Park.

After an hour at Linsly, I am told to head back to Wheeling Park's Stoneroom, where the tournament directors have set up a temporary office.

So I trek back up National Road.

Now, it's 4 p.m., and I run into Wheeling Park tennis coach Leo Boissy. I figure he will tell me I have made my last stop, pull up a chair and enjoy the matches.

But with an equal look of despair, he tells me they are hoping to start the finals around 6 p.m., at the courts up at Wheeling Park High School.

Fast forward to 6 p.m., as I arrive at the high school.

The skies are growing more ominous by the minute and the players are scrambling to get their matches in.

For some players, like Michael Matika of Cambridge, East Liverpool's Zack Kinsey and Beaver Local's Chad Grey, they have other things on their minds.

Like a long ride home and the prospect of getting little sleep.

"It was tough," said Cambridge coach Mike Denniston. "Matika played four different matches at four different sites on Thursday.

"At times, we were split up as a team, we had one kid at one site and one at another. But I don't think it was anymore a disadvan-

tage to us than anyone else."

Then, around 6:30, it happens again. The skies open up, and the players, coaches and I head back down the hill to the Stoneroom, where they announce the remaining matches will be finished tonight, and will be played at the Bubble.

By now, most of the matches have been played, and only a few semifinal matches are left before the championships can begin.

At 9:30 p.m., the finals are over. Wheeling Park had swept the singles championships to claim the boys overall title, joining its girls team, which won the overall title a day before.

I was exhausted, having been either watching tennis or driving a car for nearly seven straight hours and having covered more than 50 miles.

It was only one day.

Imagine if I had to do it four straight days, or mix in say, 10 tennis matches, with all that traveling.

Truthfully, it was tough on everyone. As we're constantly reminded, a fight with Mother Nature is one that can't be won.

Because of the perseverance of directors, players, and coaches alike, they got this tournament in, mostly on schedule — Game. Set. Match.

And for that, everyone who participated is a winner. And the champions have a lot to be proud of.



CHRIS NASH

Tennis
Notebook

A Battle Rarely Won

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That, in a word, is dedication. Now fast forward to Thursday, the day of the boys' finals.

Drawing the assignment of covering the finals, I head outside around 1:30 p.m. and see clear skies. I think to myself "they must be at Bethany," so I head to Brooke County.

About halfway there, it starts to rain, but already en route, I press on and find the courts empty.

So I head back to Wheeling, and finally arrive at the Bubble around 2:30 where, unlike the previous stop, tennis is being played.

"Finally," I think to myself "now I can sit down and start to relax."

But then I am told by a coach that matches are not only being played here, but at the courts on Linsly's campus as well.

So I pack up my stuff again, journey down National Road and arrive at Linsly.

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Park girls still lead OVAC tennis tourney

Wheeling Park is still on top after another day of the OVAC Girls' Tennis championships Wednesday.

The Patriots hold a slim lead with 21 points, while Wheeling Central has 19 points. Linsly and Magnolia are tied at third with 11 points.

Jen Aderholt helped Wheeling Park stay in front by winning the No. 3 singles title with an 8-1 decision over Wheeling Central's Amanda Milton.

No. 1 singles was claimed by Mount de Chantal's Gabrielle

Marginean, with an 8-3 victory over Nicole Andreini of Wheeling Central.

The championship of No. 2 singles will be played today between Emily Ball of Wheeling Park and Oak Glen's Kristen Thomaselli.

In No. 4 singles, Wheeling Park's Tierra Waldrum will face Christina DiBartolomeo, of Brooke, in the semifinals, with the winner facing Alexis Keller of Oak Glen or Wheeling Central's Brittany Wolfe.



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Cadets Finish Second in Boys' Tennis

Upon further review, Linsly's boys tennis team finished second in the recently-completed OVAC Tennis Championships.

Tournament director John Chatlak reported Saturday an error was made in the final scoring of last week's event, resulting in Cambridge and Linsly switching spots in the final standings.

Wheeling Park captured the boys' title with 24 points, followed by Linsly with 16 points and Cambridge with 15 markers.

Originally, it was listed as Cambridge and Linsly both finishing with 15 points, with the Bobcats taking the tiebreaker.

Wheeling Park was the girls' winner.

Linsly's Georgie Cassoff and Park's Emily Ball were named recipients of the first Carol Strasser Memorial Sportsmanship Award.

The award is named in honor of Strasser, former director of the tournament and a champion of tennis throughout the valley, who died last year.

OVAC TENNIS

BOYS

Team Standings

Wheeling Park 8, Linsly 7, Cambridge 6, East Liverpool 4, Oak Glen 4, Weir 3, Zanesville 3, Magnolia 3, Steubenville 2, Wheeling Central 2, Weirton Madonna 2, Brooke 1, St. Clairsville 1

No. 1 Doubles

First Round

Cassoff-Kepner (L) d. Jenkins-Whorton (JM) 10-0; Shirak-Scheibelhood (M) d. Ball-Brooks (BL) 10-7; Cozad-Edwards (B) d. Merick-Molinaro (IC) 10-3; Campbell-Grosshandler (Z) d. Bickerton-Payne (EL) 10-7; Greco-Conway (WC) d. Heath-Long (O) 10-1; Matika-Fields (C) d. Gajika-Matthis (WM) 10-1; Morgan-Salata (S) d. Like-Pytlak (SC) 10-8; McClelland-Felici (WP) d. Paris-Parker (V) 10-0.

Quarterfinals

Cassoff-Kepner (L) d. Shirak-Scheibelhood (M) 10-3; Campbell-Grosshandler (Z) d. Cozad-Edwards (B) 10-3; Matika-Fields (C) d. Greco-Conway (WC) 10-3; McClelland-Felici (WP) d. Morgan-Salata (S) 10-6.

Semifinals

Cassoff-Kepner (L) d. Campbell-Grosshandler (Z) 10-3; McClelland-Felici (WP) d. Matika-Fields (C) 10-6.

Finals

McClelland-Felici (WP) d. Kepner-Cassoff (L) 10-9 (7-5).

No. 2 Doubles

First Round

McCullough-McIntyre (WP) d. Mott-Buchanan (B) 10-1; Morris-Long (L) d. Pierre-Ryan (IC) 10-2; Byers-Canning (C) d. Gilbert-Boyd (WM) 10-0; Stubbins-Hubbard (Z) d. Miller-Breiding (SC) 10-5; McGeehan-Beckwith (O) d. Altmeyer-Cornforth (WC) 10-5; Gonzalez-Robinson (M) d. Seachrist? (JM) 11-9; Leppar-Larch (W) d. Tobin-Cannon (BL) 10-3; Hull-McIlvain (EL) d. Zenc-Pankins (S) 10-8.

Quarterfinals

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Semifinals

McCullough-McIntyre (WP) d. Byers-Canning (C) 10-2; McGeehan-Beckwith (O) d. Hull-McIlvain (EL) 10-7.

Finals

McCullough-McIntyre (WP) d. McGeehan-Beckwith (O) 10-6.

No. 3 Doubles

First Round

Earley-Long (L) d. Dunn-Smith (M) 10-0; Regel-Nelson (SC) d. Michetti-Neilly (IC) 10-5; Tolbert-Gioia (WC) d. Dickson-Duck (BL) 10-4; Holbrook-Nagy (W) d. Delbert-Half (JM) 10-0; Kinsey-Bobalik (O) d. Hatcher-Dorsey (WP) 11-10 (7-5); Nunn-Valentine (C) d. Matthis-Matthis (WM) 10-0; White-Williams (S) d. Hamilton-Short (Z) 10-2.

Quarterfinals

Earley-Long (L) d. Regel-Nelson (SC) 10-2; Holbrook-Nagy (W) d. Tolbert-Nagy (W) 10-2; Kinsey-Bobalik (EL) d. Mazazka-Childers (O) 10-6; Nunn-Valentine (C) d. White-Williams (S) 10-4.

Semifinals

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First Round

Slacum (B) d. (W) Foster 8-5; Kostalova (M) d. Mathieu (IC) 8-1; Aringo (WM) d. Smith (JM) 8-2; Randolph (O) d. Bannon (SC) 9-7.

Quarterfinals

Marginean (MdC) d. Slacum (B) 8-0; Kostalova (M) d. Lowe (L) 8-4; Crutchfield (WP) d. Arango (WM) 8-0; Andreini (WC) d. Randolph (O) 8-1.

Semifinals

Marginean (MdC) d. Kostalova (M) 8-1; Andreini (WC) d. Crutchfield (WP) 8-1.

Finals

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No. 2 Singles

First Round

Gjallico (B) d. White (WM) 8-1; Wojchowski (SC) d. Murthy (MdC) 8-0; Little (M) d. Cunningham (IM) 8-5; Adamovich

Park Wins Boys' Tennis Title

By **CHRISTOPHER S. NASH**
Staff Writer

Wheeling Park is back on top.

After watching Linsly win back-to-back OVAC Boys' Tennis Championships, the Patriots swept all four single titles to win the 2005 OVAC Boys Tennis Championship by a 21-15 count at the "Bubble" at Wheeling Park on Thursday night.

"This is great," said Wheeling Park coach Leo Boissy. "Our singles our are bread and butter and they did a really good job."

Wheeling Park had won nine straight boys titles from 1994 through 2002, until the Cadets toppled the Patriots in 2003 and 2004.

Cambridge finished in second with 15 points and Linsly finished third. Linsly also had 15 points, but lost a tiebreaker with the Bobcats.

The boys victory also gives Wheeling Park a sweep of the ournament with the Patriots' girls

also winning the OVAC team championship.

"It is wonderful to have both the boys and girls win it," said Boissy.

With the rain throughout the day, the players scrambled from site to site. Matches were held at Wheeling Park High School, the "Bubble" and at Linsly.

"It was tough for everyone having to go from place to place," said Boissy.

But for one player, Wheeling Park's Andrew McIntyre, the day was extra sweet.

The lone senior on the Patriots' roster, McIntyre clinched the overall title for the Patriots early in the evening with a 10-1 victory over East Liverpool's Dave Bickerton in the first finals match up of the day. McIntyre won No. 4 singles.

"It feels great," said McIntyre. "I have been playing four years now and this is the first time I have won a tournament championship, and I win two of them."

McIntyre teamed up with Tyler McCullough to win the No. 3 doubles title.

McCullough also took home twin gold, winning the No. 3 singles championship over Linsly's Alex Kepner.

"Alex was a great opponent," said McCullough. "But it feels great to win it and help the team get back the title."

One of the most dominant performances of the tournament came from Wheeling Park's Jeremy McClelland at No. 1 singles.

McClelland took down Michael Matika of Cambridge 10-1 in the finals, but even more impressive was McClelland lost only four games all tournament.

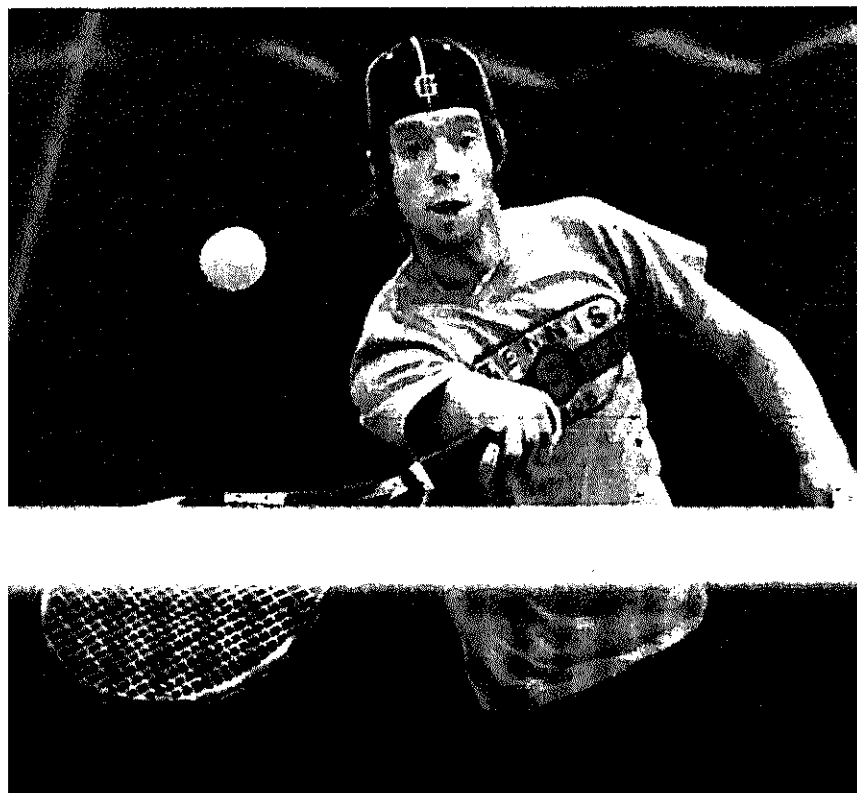
"It feels really good to win the title and be able to go through school and have people tell you 'good job,'" said McCullough. "I just played really well this week."

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Steubenville's Michael Zeno returns to Weirton Madonna's Ryan Rokisky during action of their match in the OVAC Tennis Championships Thursday at Wheeling Park. Zeno won the match, 10-0.

Photo by Scott McCloskey



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Quarterfinals

Ball (WP) d. Gjallico (B) 8-3; Smith (M) d. Wojchowski (SC) 8-6; Thomaselli (O) d. Little (W) 8-2; Adamovich (L) d. Velez (WC) 9-8 (7-4).

Semifinals

Ball (WP) d. Smith (M) 9-8 (7-5); Thomaselli (O) d. Adamovich (L) 8-4.

Girls No. 3 Singles

First Round

Kubicki (W) d. Dehanich (IC) 8-3; Pittinger (O) d. ? 8-6; Helfer (MdC) d. Kirkbride (WM) 9-7; Viglianco (B) d. Williams (SC) 8-4.

Quarterfinals

Aderholt (WP) d. Kubicki (W) 8-2; Batra (L) d. Pittinger (O) 8-3; Cross (M) d. Helfer (MdC) 8-0; Milton (WC) d. Viglianco (B) 8-4.

Semifinals

Aderholt (WP) d. Batra (L) 8-1; Milton (WC) d. Cross (M) 8-6.

Finals

Aderholt (WP) d. Milton (WC) 8-1.

Girls No. 4 Singles

First Round

DeGuzman (L) d. Santiago (IC) 8-2; Fletcher (WM) d. Givens (JM) 8-1; Throckmorton (M) d. Weaver (MdC) 8-4; McAlpine (W) d. Costine (SC) 8-4.

Quarterfinals

Wolfe (WC) d. DeGuzman (L) 8-4; Keller (O) d. Fletcher (WM) 8-3; Waldrum (W) d. Throckmorton (M) 8-1; DiBartolomeo (B) d. McAlpine (W) 8-1.

Patriots Take Early Lead at OVAC Tennis

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OVAC Tennis Tournament

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Quarterfinals

Andreini-Velez (WC) d. Randolph-Thomaselli (OG) 9-8 (7-2); Lowe-Adamovich (Lin) d. Foster-Little (Weir) 8-6; Kostalova-Smith (Mag) d. Crutchfield-Waldrum (WP) 9-7; Marginean-Weaver (MdC) d. Wojchowski-Bannon (StC) 8-3.

Semifinals

Andreini-Velez (WC) d. Lowe-Adamovich (Lin) 8-6; Marginean-Weaver (MdC) d. Kostalova-Smith (Mag) 8-1.

Championship Final

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First Round

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Quarterfinals

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Quarterfinals

Freeman-Marshall (WP) d. Gumm-Larch (Weir) 8-2; Exley-Onishi (Lin) d. Throckmorton-Howell (Mag) 8-3; Martin-Sperlizza (Brk) d. Schoolcraft-Groves 8-5.

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Weather Won't Affect OVAC Tennis Tourney

The weather forecast is calling for chilly temperatures and rain and snow during the next few days.

But that's not going to stop the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's top tennis players from showcasing their skills.

Linsly's boys and Wheeling Park's girls will be back to defend their championships as action begins in the four-day event this week.

The tournament is normally conducted at West Liberty State College. But construction delays there resulted in a move to Bethany College's complex.

Tournament plays begins Monday at 2 p.m. with the girls' doubles championships.

The boys' doubles championships are slated for 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Singles action gets under way with the girls' championships Wednesday at 8 a.m. The boys' singles championships are slated

to begin Thursday at 8 a.m.

With inclement weather a huge possibility Monday and throughout the week, Chatlak and his staff have already made arrangements to move the event indoors if need be.

Chatlak, in his first year as tournament director, said Saturday matches could be moved to the "bubble" at Wheeling Park.

A decision on Monday's matches could come as early as today when he and coaches gather at Mount de Chantal Academy for the event's seeding meeting.

Chatlak took over the reins of the tournament from Carol Strasser, who died last year. Strasser was a champion of local tennis and was instrumental in the success of the OVAC event.

To honor Strasser, Chatlak said the Carol Strasser Sportsmanship Award will be presented to one boy and one girl following the tournament.

Cambridge posts second-place finish in OVAC boys

Park sweeps singles' matches to take conference crown; Bobcat doubles' team of Valentine & Nunn

WHEELING, W.Va. — Wheeling Park High completed a sweep of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tennis championships on Thursday, but the Cambridge Bobcats enjoyed a banner showing with a runner-up performance.

Thanks to a sweep of the four singles' titles, Wheeling Park finished with 21 points.

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Cambridge's best showing in singles came in the No. 1 spot where Michal Matika finished as the runner-up, falling to Park's Jeremy McClelland by a 10-1 count in the championship match. Matika had defeated St.

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The Bobcats also had two players reach the semifinals, both falling to the eventual champion.

In No. 3 singles, Darren Fields beat East Liverpool's Sam Kinsey, 10-6, and Oak Glen's

Collin McGeehan, 10-3, before losing to Tyler McCullough in the semis, 10-4.

In No. 4 singles, Jeff Canning downed Magnolia's Garrett Robinson, 10-0, and Oak Glen's Kenny Beckwith, 10-4 before losing to Wheeling Park's Andrew McIntyre, 10-4.

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Doubles' play took place on Tuesday, and Cambridge also fared well there, including in the No. 3 flight where the team of

Tyler Valentine and Tim Nunn captured top honors. Valentine and Nunn blanked the Weirton Madonna tandem of Matthis and Matthis, 10-0; the Steubenville duo of White and Williams, 10-4; and the East Liverpool team of Kinsey and Bobalik, 10-3; before topping the Linsly pair of



Nunn

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The No. 1 doubles champions were Park's McClelland and Felici, who beat Kepner and Cassoff of Linsly, 10-9 (7-5) in the finals while the No. 2 doubles crown



Valentine

went to Park's McCullough and McIntyre, who topped Oak Glen's McGeehan and Beckwith, 10-6.

Park's girls wrapped up the team title on Wednesday.

NEXT—Cambridge hosts Zanesville on Saturday at 10 a.m.