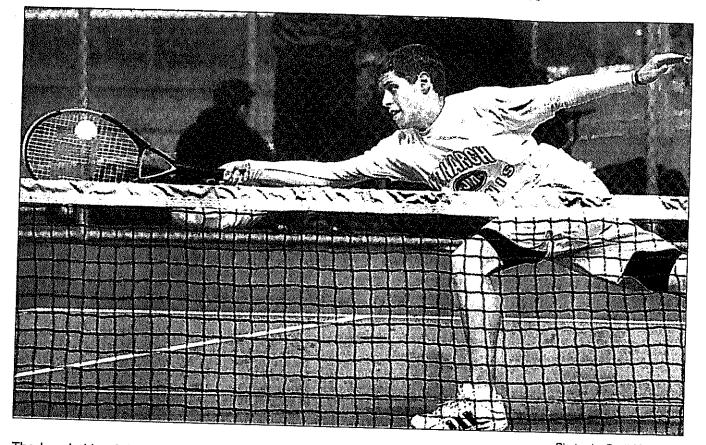
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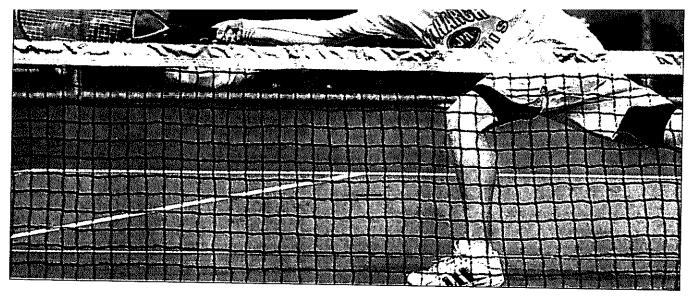
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McClelland's run included a 10-0, quarterfinal win over Weir's Jason Larch, a 6-0, 6-1 win over Linsly's Shane Early, and the victory over Macedo that didn't even take an hour.

In No. 2 singles, Park's Steve D'Angelo enjoyed similar success - after he got past his quarterfinal opponent, Hugo Andreini of Wheeling Central. He made short work of Weir's Brad Paris, 6-0, 6-0 in the semis, then defeated the Red Devils' Will Lake, the top seed, in the finals, 6-2-6-0.

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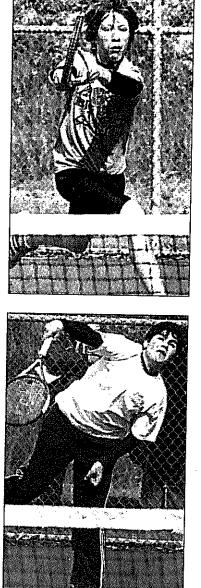
"I just played my best match all year," he said.

And of a long day on the courts?

"It's very grueling. I was very fatigued, but I sorta just played my way in a couple of matches that I was fortunate to come out victorious.

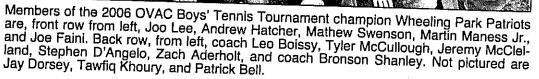
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It did on Wednesday, as he captured Park's third title well before Tyler McCullough, the Patriots' No. 4, even started his match, as a couple of marathon matchups pushed things back in the division. Cambridge's Mike Evancho and Magnolia's Derek Dunn were involved in one of those in the semifinals. When he eventually won, Evancho was forced to jump right into a match with the well-rested McCullough.

McCullough won, 6-0, 6-3. He said he kinda liked being the only game in town, as everyone remaining at the tournament had their eyes on the match.

"They were sitting there cheering for me for once," McCullough said. "I don't get that a lot."

When it was over, tournament director George Frazier handed over the trophy to the Patriots along with these words, "Youguys were awesome this week." It's true.

"We just have some very strong players this year," Boissy said. "When you look at the scores, they just blew people out pretty well.

All told, the Patriots lost just six games in the finals. Were it not for a loss in the No. 2 doubles' finals Monday - against St. Clairsville - they would

have pulled off a very rare sweep of the tourney.

"We were expected to do pretty well, but we really didn't let that get to us," D'Angelo said. "We wanted to take it one match at a time.

St. Clairsville finished with 19 points, not far from the maximum amount a second-place team can produce.

"Overall, the four guys we had today had really good seasons, and the guys that made it to the finals really worked hard to get there,' St. Clairsville coach Kevin Sacco said. "We knew coming in we were going against Park and they were going to be good. We really needed a big day today. That didn't necessarily happen, but we're not going hang our heads. "A lot of bigger schools left

already and we're still here."

Cambridge was third with 11 points, followed by Wheeling Central with nine, Linsly and Magnolia with eight, and Weir High with seven.

Tournament Notes

Steubenville's Rich Pankus won the Carol Strasser Sportsmanship Award. The award is given to an athlete who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship during the OVAC tournament as selected by the coaches. This award was started to honor the late Strasser, former OVAC

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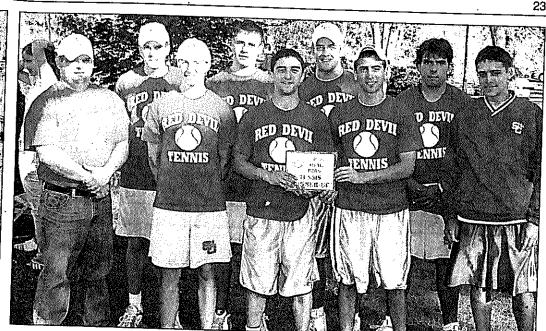
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A Patriot Sweep

Wheeling Park girls win third straight OVAC Championship

By JOSH STROPE Staff Writer

members of Wheeling Park girls' tennis team stands on top of the Ohio Valley mountain, winning the OVAC Tournament Thursday at Bethany College.

The title marks the third straight time the Lady Patriots have won the tournament, and coach Leo Boissy was just as happy today as he was for the other championships.

"We rock," he said. "But really, I am proud of these girls and what they have been able to accomplish.

"With the boys winning (Wednesday), they weren't going to be outdone. They set out on a mission and did really well in accomplishing their goal."

The Patriots accumulated 23 total having a target on their backs, Aderpoints, nine ahead of second-place holt's answer was a very emphatic. Just like their male counterparts, the finishers Brooke and Wheeling Central.

Wheeling Park did so with three OVAC Champions in Jenny Aderholt (No. 2), Tier-ra Waldrum (No. 3), and Emily Ball (No.4).

The winner at No. 1 was Mount de Chantal's Gabi Marginean, who defeated Wheeling Central's Nicole Andreini 8-2 for the title.

Aderholt won her final matchup 8-4 against Brooke's Megan Gialluco. The top-ranked Aderholt defeated St. and Mount de Chantal's Raven Ball said. Weaver (8-4) along the way. Asked if she felt any pressure of

"No," she said.

Waldrum defeated top-ranked Amanda Milton of Wheeling Central 9-7 in the finals. Before that, she defeated Mount de Chantal's Anda Weaver (8-4) and Linsly's Richelle DeGuzeman (8-2),

Ball took her title with a finals win over Persephoni Martin of Brooke, 8-3. Her route to the crown included wins over Magnolia's Rebecca Longwell (8-2) and Weirton Madonna's Jennifer Fletcher (8-2).

"It was nice to put that last shot Clairsville's Jenni Williams (8-3), away, and win our last OVAC title,"

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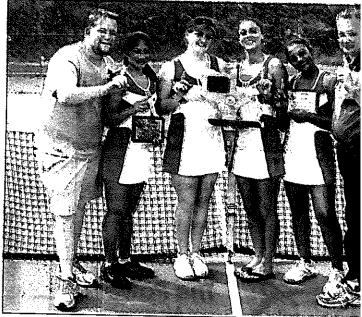


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Members of the Wheeling Park girls' tennis team that cor Thursday's singles' finals at Bethany College are, front row, coach Bronson Shanley, Jenny Aderholt, Emily Ball, Allie C Tierra Waldrum, and head coach Leo Bolssy.

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Ŀ Ball, a senior along with ² Aderholt and Allie Crutchfield, ² now look to end their tennis careers on a more positive note and defend their regional crown.

"This was a nice way to end it, but the focus for us now is the regionals," Crutchfield said. "This was definitely exciting because we get more drive with everyone wanting to beat you."

Crutchfield lost to Marginean 8-0 in the semifinals.

Boissy has a confident group of young ladies that have worked like a team all year in obtaining its goals. The girls feed off the boys all year round in efforts to become the best in the Valley.

"We work off each other," Crutchfield said.

Added Boissy: "They talk among themselves and this just isn't something they work on during the season.

"Tennis is a 12-month program, and they work hard on their skills to get better and better."

Notes

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Park Tennis Leads OVACs

Wheeling Park captured two of the three girls' doubles championship matches Monday to take the early lead in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tennis championships at the Bethany College courts.

The Patriots lead the girls standings with 10 points. Wheeling Central stands in second place with six points, followed by Brooke with five points.

Wheeling Park's No. 2 dou-

bles tandem of Jenny Aderholt and Emily Ball won an OVAC title by topping the Wheeling Central duo of Amanda Milton and Ashley Wolfe, 8-4.

The Patriots' Emily Freeman and Tiffany Waldrum topped Linsly's Nikita Urval and Jen Gardner, 8-3, in the No. 3 doubles title tilt.

Mount de Chantal won the No. 1 double title as the twosome of Gabi Marginean and Raven Weaver defeated Wheeling Central's Nicole Andreini and Christine Faini, 8-4.

Tournament play continues at 8 a.m. today at Bethany with boys' singles competition. Wheeling Park enters the last day of boys' play with the team lead, followed by St. Clairsville, Wheeling Central and Cambridge.

Girls' singles play will take place Thursday at Bethany.

OVAC TENNIS

Seedings for the entire OVAC tennis tournament in both the boys' and girls' in singles and doubles are as follows. The tournament begins today at 1:30 p.m. in Bethany with the boys' doubles championethins.

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OVAC Tennis Tournament Begins Monday at Bethany

By LISA KENZORA Staff Writer

High school tennis players will making the trek to Bethany College this week as the 2006 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tennis championships get under way Monday.

Tournament director George Frazier expects as many as 16 schools to be vying for OVAC supremacy in the boys' and girls' divisions.

Wheeling Park has taken home the boys' and girls' championships a combined 10 times in the last eight years.

The defending champs in both the girls' and boys' divisions, Coach Leo Boissy's Patriots look to be the teams to beat once again.

Rebuilding wasn't part of the agenda for Boissy this season as only one boy graduated from last year's title squad while every girl returned. "Our team is looking at this as the first jewel in

the triple crown of the season," Boissy said. "Our regular season is a growing opportunity and everything points to OVAC, regional and then the state. It's a triple crown."

Boissy believes the tandem of senior Jeremy McClelland and sophomore Steve DiAngelo both of whom are nationally ranked - combine to form the best doubles team in this area and possibly in the entire state.

Frazier, in his first year as OVAC tennis tournament director, is prepared for the coaches, players, parents and spectators who will descend on the Bethany campus this week.

While it's his first year running the OVAC event, Frazier is certainly no stranger to area tennis followers,

He's served for some time as the coordinator of the David Slaysman Memorial tennis tournament, which takes place during the end of May,

Frazier said the tournament was originally scheduled to be held at West Liberty's Edgar Martin Tennis Complex but construction delays on that project forced the event to return to Bethany for the second straight year.

The director noted that the Bethany College site has some indoor courts that can be used to keep things moving in the event of light rain. A daylong downpour, however, would force the tourna-ment to shift to the bubble at Wheeling Park.

Regardless of the venue, the rules have remained the same.

Players and doubles teams are seeded by the coaches according to their record prior to the tournament.

Every time a player or doubles tandem wins a match during the fournament, they earn a point for their team.

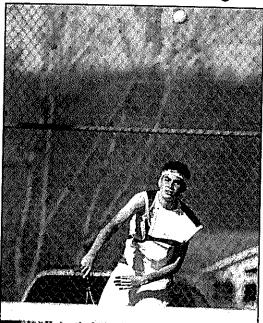




Photo by Alex Kozlowski Tyler McCullough and the Wheeling Park Patriots will begin defense of their OVAC Boys' Tennis title this week at Bethany College.

The school that compiles the highest number of points over the course of the four-day event will be crowned champion. There will be one overall boys' champion and one overall girls' champion. Seven individuals will earn All-OVAC honors at

the conclusion of the tournament.

The four semifinalists at No. 1 singles, the two finalists at No. 2 singles and the No. 3 singles champion will receive All-OVAC certificates.

Awards will be given to the champion and runner-up of each flight, as well.

The competition begins on Monday at 1:30 p.m. with the boys' doubles. The girls' doubles will follow on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Singles for the boys get underway on Wednesday at 8 a.m. The tournament concludes on Thursday with the girls' singles beginning at 8 8.m.

St. C. in second at OVAC tennis

The boy's doubles division of the 2006 OVAC Tennis Championships was completed at Bethany college late Monday night, April 24.

Wheeling Park leads the boy's QVAC with 11 points followed by St. Clairsville with 8 points and Cambridge and Wheeling Central with 5 points each.

Wheeling Park crowned 2 doubles champions in #1 Doubles with McClelland/D'Angelo defeating Dudek/Andreini of Wheeling Central 6-0,6-0.

They did not lose a game from any team in the doubles competition.

Wheeling Park's other champions were Hatcher/Faini at #3Doubles. They defeated Nelson/Breiding of St.Clairsville 6-0,6-2,

St. Clairsville won the #2 Doubles with the team of Luke/Regel, who defeated Wheeling Park's team of McCullough/Maness in the final 6-3,6-4.

Play resumes on Tueday, April 25 at 1:30p.m. in the girl's doubles divisions. All singles will be played on Wednesday and Thursday.