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South Sweeps Tourney

Patriots claim first conference crown

By **JOSH STROPE**
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WEST LIBERTY — The Parkersburg South girls' tennis team sent a simple message to their male counterparts — anything you can do, I can do better.

One day after the boys' team had an impressive performance winning the OVAC Tennis Tournament, the girls ran away from the pack early to win their first championship trophy in just their second season Thursday at West Liberty University.

The Patriots swept the singles portion of the tournament to go along with the No. 1 Doubles title won

OVAC Girls' Tennis

Tuesday.

Kelsi Halbert (No. 1), Taylor Bush (No. 2), Merideth Dushkoff (No. 3), and Olivia Osborn (No. 4) were the happy recipients of first-place trophies from tournament director George Frazier.

"This was very important to us," Parkersburg South coach Marge Politz said. "It was a good opportunity for the girls to show what they can do."

"They are driven. They all played very well. They wanted it and they went and got it."

Parkersburg South finished with 24 points, well above the 15 totalled by Linsly, Wheeling Central, and Wheel-

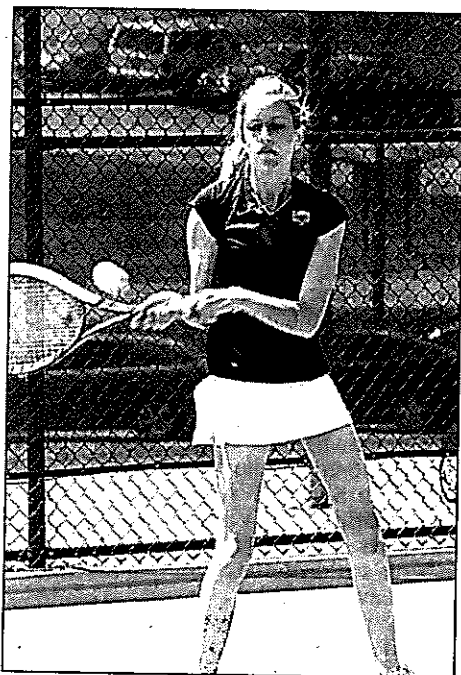
ing Park, last season's champion.

Last season, Wheeling Park tied with Parkersburg South in points, but was awarded the first-place trophy by virtue of more champions. This season, that is what did it in. Wheeling Park and Linsly each won a doubles title, but the Cadets claimed second place by having three finalists to Wheeling Park's two.

"We are real happy about it because we were about the fifth team in the regular season," Linsly coach Dave Riethmiller said. "The girls played really well and really rose to the occasion. This was better than anyone could have ever expected."

Linsly's Morgan McDermott was down 6-1 in her semifinal match against Wheeling Central's Alex

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Linsly's
Morgan
McDermott
eyes a shot
during a
match
Thursday.

Photo by
Josh Strope

PIRATES EARN SPLIT

Garrett Jones' double in the 14th inning give Pittsburgh its second straight victory in Milwaukee/21

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South Wins Team Title

Bird, McCormick win individual crowns

By **JOSH STROPE**
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WEST LIBERTY — It might be new to the OVAC, but Parkersburg South has already left its mark on the conference.

The Patriots pulled away from Linsly down the stretch to claim the school's first OVAC tennis title, winning the boys' championship Wednesday at West Liberty University.

Add this title to the wrestling crown the team won last January and Parkersburg South is looking more and more like a force to be reckoned with.

OVAC Boys' Tennis

"It feels pretty good and we are real excited," Parkersburg South coach Scott Ash said. "This is the second year for us in the OVAC and this is our first title, so it's pretty special. We were third place last year and this is a step up for us. The kids worked hard for it."

The Patriots had a participant in the finals of each of the four singles brackets, with Spencer Tebay winning at No. 1 and Joe Holland winning his second consecutive title at No. 3.

Linsly's Jose Bird won at No. 2, while Wheeling Central's Neil McCormick was the champion at No. 4.

"They are pretty deep," Ash said.

"When we go next week for regionals, being in this type of atmosphere is going to help."

Tebay and Martins Ferry's Anderson Riberio had what was arguably the match of the day in their final showdown.

The two battled back and forth the entire match before Tebay won the final three points to take the match at 10-8.

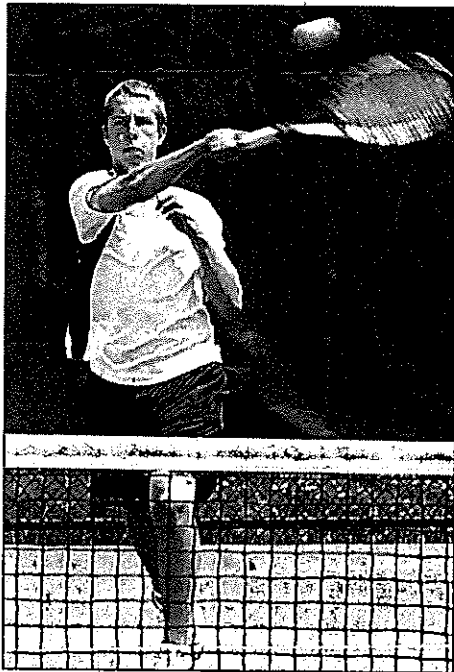
"Spencer played out of his head to beat Anderson," Ash said.

For Riberio, it was a strong first performance.

The senior from Brazil is the lone Martins Ferry tennis player and he made his outing a memorable one.

In the semifinals, Riberio outlasted last season's No. 1 singles champ —

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Wheeling Central's Neil McCormick won the No. 4 Singles title Wednesday.

Photo by Josh Strobe

South wins OVAC tennis

The boys' OVAC Tennis Championships concluded at West Liberty University today with boy's singles. Parkersburg South won this year's OVAC with a total 22 team points. They had 4 player's in the singles finals, one in each division.

Two of them ended up with individual titles. Second place went to Linsly which stayed close all day and finished with 19 points. Linsly had 1 singles champion.

Martins Ferry exchange student Anderson Riberio finished second in the singles' competition.

The rest of the team scoring ended up as follows: Cambridge 14, Brooke & Wheeling Central 8, Oak Glen 7, John Marshall 6, East Liverpool, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Wheeling Park 4, Martins Ferry 3, and Zanesville 2.

Jesse Beilhart of Oak Glen earned the Carol Strasser Award.

#1 Singles - Spencer Tobay (South) def. Anderson Riberio (Martins Ferry) 10-8.

#2 Singles - Jose Bird (Linsly) def. Josh Wise (South) 10-3.

#3 Singles - Joe Holland (Parkersburg South) def. Connor Engstrom (Cambridge) 10-1.

#4 Singles - Neil McCormick (Central) def. Andri Svidron (South) 10-5.

Girls doubles matches highlight OVAC tennis

• Linsly, Parkersburg tied for lead

Day two of the OVAC Tennis Championships featured girls' doubles.

The matches were played Tuesday at West Liberty University.

Linsly and Parkersburg ladies lead the OVAC after the first day of competition

with 8 points each.

John Marshall, Wheeling Central and Wheeling Park each have 6 points followed by St. Clairsville and Brooke with 2 points each and Weir High, Weirton Madonna and Indian Creek with 1 point.

The ladies' OVAC competition will conclude on Thursday with girls' singles beginning at 8:30 a.m.. Team awards will be presented to the champion and runner-up.

Individual awards for singles and doubles will also be presented on Thursday.

Doubles Results:

#1 Doubles - Kelsi Halbert/Taylor Bush (Parkersburg South) def. Morgan McDermott/Kelsy Fithen (Linsly) 8-2.

#2 Doubles - Alli Hone/Kristin Randolph (Wheeling Park) def. Mallory Zinn/Allie Howard (John Marshall) 8-4.

#3 Doubles - Hannah Soloninka/Emilee Woodfin (Linsly) def. Olivia Blazer/Shannon McLaughlin (John Marshall) 8-3.




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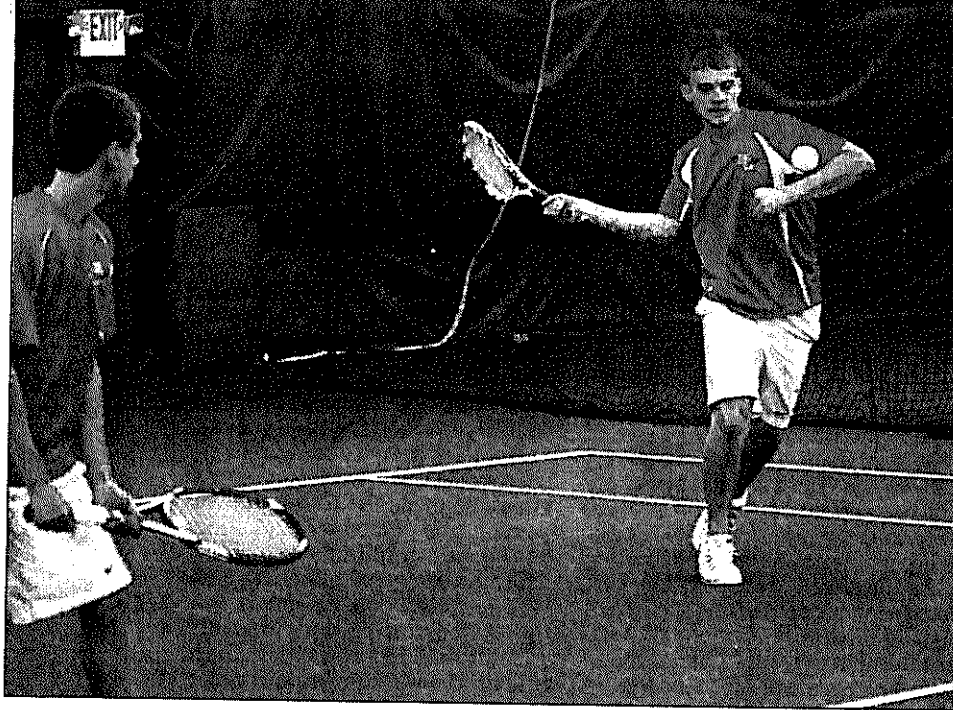


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Above: St. Clairsville's Bryce Bonnette, right, returns a serve Monday as partner A.J. Ball looks on. Right: Brooke's Joey DiBartolomeo lets go with a serve. Bottom: Wheeling Central's Jacob Mayles waits to return during action of the OVAC tennis tournament at Wheeling Park's bubble. Due to rainy conditions, the event was moved indoors. Tennis action continues through Thursday.

Photos by Andy Lloyd

Linsly Takes Early Lead With Two Titles

Action gets started at 12:30 today

WHEELING — Linsly's James Long and Jose Byrd won the boys' No. 1 doubles title Monday as the OVAC Tennis Championships began at the Wheeling Park Tennis Bubble.

Long and Byrd defeated John Marshall's Dylan Berlin and Ryan Wilson, 8-4.

The Parkersburg South tandem of Joe Holland and Brian Galici topped Linsly's Derek Andreini and Mitchell Saludes, 8-1, to win the No. 2 Doubles crown.

Cambridge's Austin Wilkinson and Anthony Miller defeated Brooke's Derek Wayne and Jackson Carey, 8-1, to win at No. 3 Doubles.

Linsly leads the team standings with nine points, followed by Parkersburg South with eight and Cambridge with seven. Brooke has five points, followed by John Marshall with four, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Wheeling Central and Wheeling Park all with two.

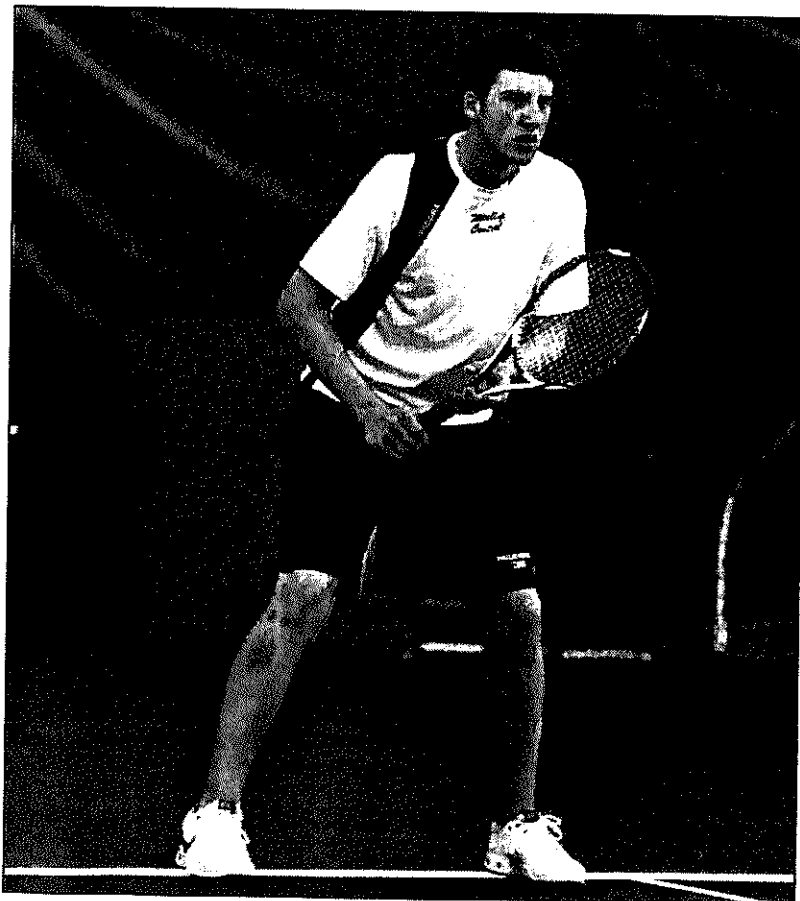
East Liverpool and Zanesville each have one point.

Action continues at 12:30 p.m. today with girls' doubles at West Liberty University. Matches will shift to the Wheeling Park tennis Bubble if there is inclement weather.

OVAC Tennis Championships Boys

Team Standings
Linsly 9; Parkersburg South 8; Cambridge 7; Brooke 5; John Marshall 4; Oak Glen 2; St. Clairsville 2; Steubenville 2; Wheeling Park 2; Wheeling Central 2; East Liverpool 1; Zanesville 1

Doubles Finals
Long-Byrd (Lin) d. Berlin-Wilson (JM), 8-4; Holland-Galici (PS) d. Andreini-Saludes (Lin), 8-1; Wilkinson-Miller (Cam) d. Wayne-Carey (Brk), 8-1

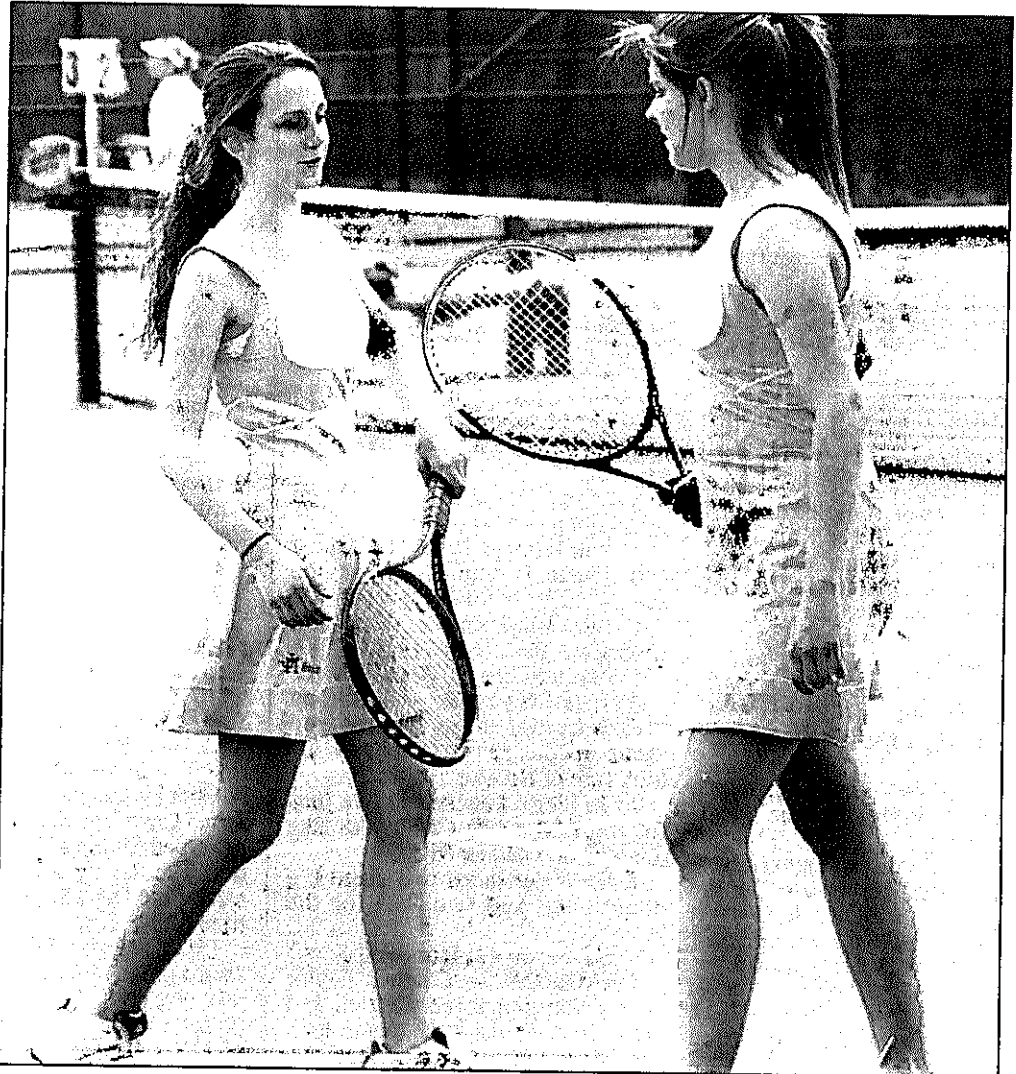


PIRATES WIN

Jeff Karstens threw six-plus strong innings
and Ryan Doumit hit a grand slam as the
Pirates beat the Brewers/16

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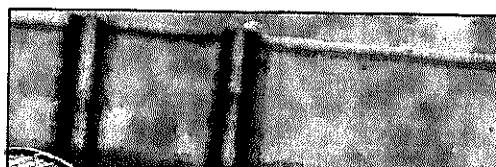
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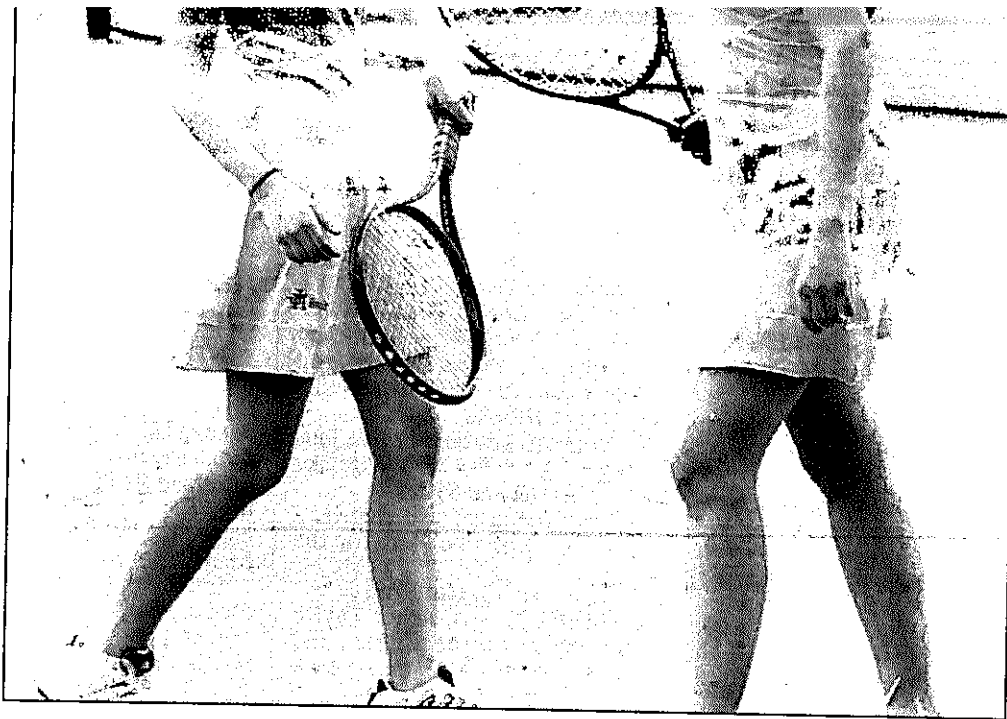
Above: John Marshall's Christina Pauley, left, and Katelin Francis talk things over.
Below: Weir's Ashley Shaver readies for a return Tuesday during action of the OVAC
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Linsly, South Girls Jump to the Front



Wheeling teams take two
of three doubles titles

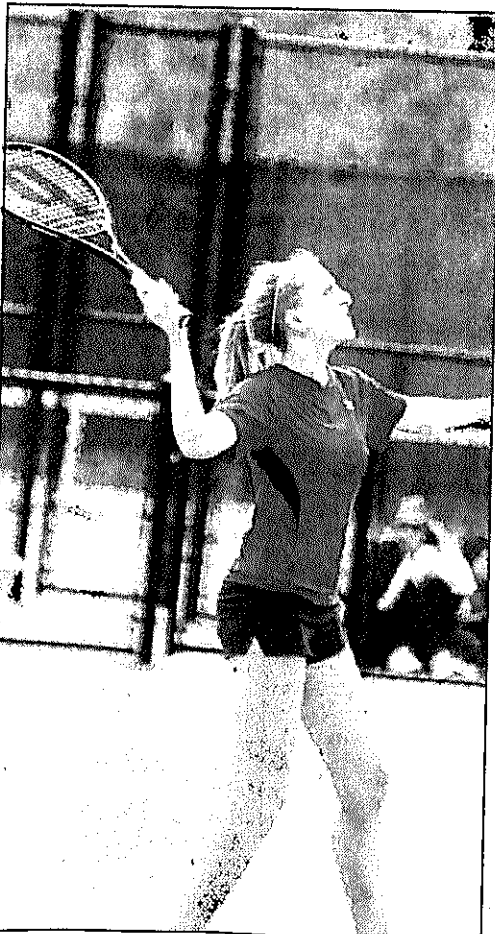
WEST LIBERTY — Action continued in
the OVAC Tennis Championships on Tues-



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Linsly, South Girls Jump to the Front



Wheeling teams take two of three doubles titles

WEST LIBERTY — Action continued in the OVAC Tennis Championships on Tuesday, with Day 2 being conducted on the hilltop at West Liberty University. The girls' doubles portion of the four-day event saw Wheeling teams claim two of the three titles.

Linsly and Parkersburg South lead the team standings with eight points each, while John Marshall, Wheeling Park and Wheeling Central are all two back. St. Clairsville and Brooke are sitting with a pair of points.

Relative newcomer Parkersburg South took home the title at No. 1 doubles as the team of Kelsi Halbert and Taylor Bush knocked off Linsly's Morgan McDermott and Kelsy Fithen, 8-2. Meanwhile at No. 2, the Park tandem of Alli Hone and Kristin Randolph scored an 8-4 victory against John Marshall's Mallory Zinn and Allie Howard.

Linsly's Hannah Soloninka and Emilee Woodfin are champions at No. 3 after knocking off the Monarchs' Olivia Blazer and Shannon McLaughlin, 8-3.

OVAC Tournament (at West Liberty) Girls' Doubles

No. 1

Kelsi Halbert-Taylor Bush(South) d. Morgan McDermott-Kelsy Fithen (Linsly), 8-2.

No. 2

Alli Hone-Kristin Randolph (Park) d. Mallory Zinn-Allie Howard (JM), 8-4.

No. 3

Hannah Soloninka-Emilee Woodfin (Linsly) d. Olivia Blazer-Shannon McLaughlin (JM), 8-3.

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Liberty University in all of the singles divisions beginning at 8:30 a.m.. A team champion and runner-up will be crowned at the end of the day on Wednesday.

Monday's results:
Finals

- #1 Doubles - James Long/Jose Bird (Linsly) def. Dylan Berlin/Ryan Wilson (John Marshall) 8-4.
- #2 Doubles - Joe Holland/Brandon Galici (Parkersburg South) def. Derek Andreini/Mitchel Saludes (Linsly) 8-1.
- #3 Doubles - Austin Wilkinson/Anthony Miller (Cambridge) def. Derek Wayne/Jackson Carey (Brooke) 8-1.

OVAC Tennis Starts Monday

The 2010 OVAC Tennis Championships will take place at West Liberty University Monday through Thursday.

Monday features boys' doubles and Tuesday features girls' doubles. Play begins at 12:30 p.m. each day.

Prior to the start of competition, Mark White, tennis pro from the Wheeling/Oglebay Park Commission and a U.S.T.A. teaching professional, will host a warm-up clinic each

day for all of the athletes. The clinics, sponsored by Head/Penn Racquet Sports and CentreTown Fitness, will start at 11:30 a.m. Monday and Tuesday, with all teams in the competition encouraged to participate.

Singles competition for boys is Wednesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the girls singles competition on Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Matches will be moved to the Wheeling Park tennis bubble if bad weather.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Bryce Bonnette makes a return shot during Monday's OVAC Tennis Tournament at Wheeling Park's Bubble.

OVAC tennis under way

The first day of competition was completed in the 2010 OVAC Tennis Championships with the winners determined in boys' doubles. Matches were played at the Wheeling Park Tennis Bubble instead of West Liberty University due to inclement weather.

Linsly is leading the boys division with 9 points followed by Parkersburg South with 8 and Cambridge is in 3rd with 7 points. The other schools with team points are Brooke 5, John Marshall 4, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Wheeling Central, and Wheeling Park with 2 points each and finally East Liverpool and Zanesville with 1 point.

Boys' competition will continue on Wednesday at West

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