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WELCHERS, MARTZOLF WIN INDIVIDUAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Megan Martzolf of Park Tudor won her second state singles title in three years and Tiffany and Deahna Welcher of Clarksville combined to capture the doubles championship at North Central High School in Indianapolis on Saturday.

The Welchers defeated Valparaiso's Lauren Prow and Christina Rodich, 6-3, 6-4, to become the second sister tandem to win the doubles title and first since Nancy and Sandra Gyorgyi of South Bend Adams in 1978. For Tiffany, a senior, she becomes the first girl to win both a singles and doubles crown during her prep career and just the second individual to do so, girl or boy. She won the singles tournament a year ago after finishing as the runner-up in 2005. This year, she opted to play doubles with Deahna, a freshman, and, together, they ran off eight consecutive tournament victories to finish the year 16-0.

In Saturday morning's semifinals, Tiffany and Deahna advanced with a 6-1, 6-3, victory over Park Tudor's Elizabeth Emhardt and Heather Rogers.

Martzolf won a straight set match from Columbus North freshman Caroline Hedrick, 6-1, 6-0, in the final for her 10th consecutive tournament win and her second championship in three years. She finishes the 2007 season 24-2 overall a week after helping her school capture its third consecutive team state championship.

Megan beat Lauren Delaney of Franklin Central on Saturday morning, 6-1, 6-1, to earn her spot in the final match. She is the younger sister of Katie Martzolf, who won four state singles championships from 1998 to 2001.

IHSAA Individual Tennis State Finals

June 8-9, 2007

North Central High School, Indianapolis

Singles

Championship Match

Megan Martzolf, 12, **Park Tudor** (14-2, 10-0) **def.** Caroline Hedrick, 9, **Columbus North** (18-0, 8-1), **6-1, 6-0.**

Consolation Match

Lauren Delaney, 12, **Franklin Central** (13-3, 8-1) **def.** Katelyn Desper, 12, **East Noble** (16-5, 6-2), **6-1, 6-1.**

Doubles

Championship Match

Deahna Welcher, 9 / Tiffany Welcher, 12, **Clarksville** (8-0, 8-0) **def.** Lauren Prow, 12 / Christina Rodich, 10, **Valparaiso** (13-1, 6-1), **6-3, 6-4.**

Consolation Match

Brooklyn Becher, 12 / Margot Eckerle, 12, **Jasper** (19-1, 9-1) **def.** Elizabeth Emhardt, 11 / Heather Rogers, 11, **Park Tudor** (15-1, 8-2), **6-1, 6-0.**