

18TH ANNUAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT STATE FINALS

June 11-12, 1999

North Central High School, Indianapolis

Park Tudor's Katie Martzolf Repeats As Singles State Champion

Park Tudor's Katie Martzolf concluded her sweep through three opponents and captured her second consecutive singles title at the 18th Annual IHSAA Girls Individual Tennis State Finals on Saturday at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

Not only was it the second straight state championship for Martzolf, but she defeated a familiar opponent to win it in Marion senior Julie Beekman by a 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) count. The two also squared off in last year's finale with Martzolf claiming a 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4) victory.

For Martzolf, it was her second consecutive unbeaten season at 27-0 after going 20-0 in 1998. The sophomore earned her way into the title match by defeating Penn senior Melissa Woods in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-3.

For Beekman, it was the third straight year she finished as the state runner-up. She fell to Perry Meridian's Erika Quebe in the 1997 championship. Beekman finished 26-1 this season including a three-year run of 73-3. All three losses came in the state championship match. She defeated Lawrence Central senior Haley Heathman, 7-5, 6-2, in the semifinals to advance.

In the consolation round, Woods completed a 19-2 season with a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Heathman, who finished at 23-6. Woods had competed in the 1997 state finals falling in the semifinal round.

First Round

Tara Nofziger, Elkhart Central def. Zehra Mecuk, Fort Wayne Northrop, 6-0, 6-3.

Quarterfinals

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Melissa Woods, Penn, def. Tara Nofziger, Elkhart Central, 6-0, 6-1.

Katie Martzolf (25-0), sophomore, Park Tudor def. Gayal Jones (29-5), junior, Greensburg, 6-0, 6-0.

Julie Beekman (25-0), senior, Marion def. Lisa Herndon (25-2), junior, Frankfort, 6-1, 6-1.

Haley Heathman (23-4), senior, Lawrence Central def. Lindsay Martin (31-1), sophomore, Castle, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).

Semifinals

June 12, 10 a.m.

Katie Martzolf (26-0), sophomore, Park Tudor def. Melissa Woods (18-2), senior, Penn, 6-1, 6-3.

Julie Beekman (26-0), senior, Marion def. Haley Heathman (23-5), senior, Lawrence Central, 7-5, 6-2.

Championship

June 12, 2 p.m.

Katie Martzolf (27-0), sophomore, Park Tudor def. Julie Beekman (26-1), senior, Marion, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2).

Consolation

Melissa Woods (19-2), senior, Penn def. Haley Heathman (23-6), senior, Lawrence Central, 6-1, 6-1.