

Sports

McEnroe is his idol

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The similarities between the tennis styles of Dallas Senior Chris Lawley and John McEnroe is no accident since McEnroe is Lawley's favorite tennis player.

Lawley, a member of the Dallas High School tennis team, watches McEnroe's matches on television and tries to play the same style as his favorite pro. Lawley plays a hard-hitting game of serves and volleys most of the time. It was this type of play that helped him win the District 2 singles against Riverside's John Emiliani, 6-3, 6-2.

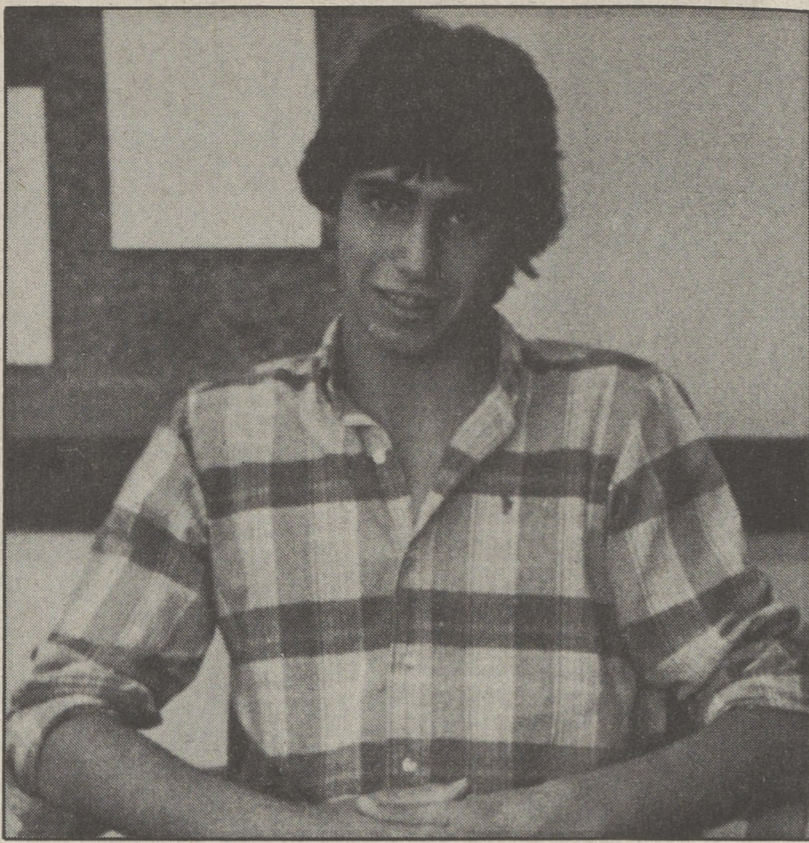
"John was a hard hitter so in order to win, I had to get to the net and hit hard," said Lawley. "I couldn't play a slow game but that was fine because a hard-hitting game is my favorite. I did a lot of practicing this season and I believe that is why I was so successful." This season is not the first season Chris Lawley has been successful, however. Last season, he and his doubles partner, Joe O'Donnell, took the PIAA District 2 title and advanced to States where they won the first two rounds.

The unusual part of Lawley's outstanding ability in tennis is that he never played until he was in junior high school. He used to enjoy watching the tennis matches on television and decided he would like to play. Dr. Burak, a neighbor of the Lawley family, has a tennis court on which he lets the kids play. This is where Chris first started to play and continues to play today.

The son of Dr. Charles Lawley, Shavertown, and the late Frances Lawley, Chris took a few lessons from a young man who was an instructor at a city court. He also attended a tennis camp in Florida for two weeks but he said the important thing is to practice, practice, practice. He practices most of the time at Newberry Estates, Kirby Park or at the neighbor's house.

Ninth grade was a big year for Chris —

that was the year he became a member of the senior high school varsity team. That year he played in the number three spot. In 10th grade, Chris played in the number one slot and finished the season with a 7-3 record. He made it



CHRIS LAWLEY

to the quarter-finals in Districts that year in singles and he and his partner were runners-up in doubles. This qualified them for states but they lost in the first round.

In his junior year, Chris and his partner, Joe O'Donnell, took the doubles in the Districts to advance to States where they won two rounds before being defeated. Chris played number one on the team last season and went undefeated in league play but lost in the semi-finals in the District competition. Until this season, Tom Kilduff was the team's coach.

In their junior year, the team ended the season with a 15-1 record and was ranked No. 2 in Pennsylvania.

This season the Dallas High School team is the Northeastern Pennsylvania champion which is far as they can go as a team. They ended the season undefeated with a 13-0 record.

Lawley again went undefeated in singles this season before taking the District 2 title. In order to take the title Chris defeated a Carbondale player, 6-0, 6-2, to advance to the second round where he defeated the Honesdale player, 6-1, 6-1. In the quarter-finals he defeated the player from North Pocono, 6-1, 6-0 and advanced to the semi-finals where he defeated Terence Cawley

of Scranton Prep, 7-5, 6-1, then to the finals where he took John Emiliani of Riverside, 6-3, 6-2.

"He was tough," said Chris. "He hit hard, but it was fortunate because that is my game."

Chris, with his teammates, Dave Dillon and Jack Albert, who won District 2 doubles, will go to States, May 24. The three athletes, as well as the members of the track teams, sacrificed their senior class trips in order to go to States, knowing well that it was possible they would not win. Chris said it was a chance he knew he would have to take.

Following graduation, Chris plans to attend Gettysburg College in the Fall where he intends to play tennis. Chris, who plans to take pre-med or biology, selected Gettysburg rather than a large school because his grandparents and his father attended the college. He also liked the fact that it is a small school and has a beautiful campus.

He is very close to his grandparents, Charles F. and Betty Lawley, who live next door. He and his sister spend a lot of time with them. His sister, Heather, has no interest in tennis but plays field hockey, is a member of the track team and the cheerleader squad. Chris is the only member of the family who plays tennis but his sister, dad and grandparents are ardent fans.

Dallas gets AAA spot

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The Dallas Mountaineers saved themselves a shot at the fourth spot of the AAA playoffs with a 3-0 victory over Wyoming Seminary, after losing to Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West.

Rob Dombek was the man of the day as he fired a three-hit shutout, while striking out 11 and walking no one.

Brian Moye gave the Mountaineers all the runs they would need in the first inning with a two-run single. Ed Kwak started the inning when he struck out, but the pitch got by the catcher and he reached first base. A.J. Bittner then earned a walk and both runners advanced on a double steal. Matt Medura then drew a walk, before Moye delivered his hit.

Dallas tallied another run in the third on a Mark Ramirez sacrifice fly which scored Jubis.

WA 4, DALLAS 2
Dallas slipped out of first place

for the first time this year with a 4-2 loss at the hands of the Warriors.

Wyoming scored first when Tom Markavage hit a bases loaded, two run double to give the Warriors a 2-0 lead.

The Mountaineers came back with a run when Mark Ramirez led off the bottom of the first with a triple and scored on a base hit by A.J. Bittner.

It was Markavage again however who spelled trouble, when he tripled home Jeff Hague in the third to make it 3-1 Warriors. A sacrifice by Joe Nocito in the fifth made it 4-1.

Dallas tried to come back in the last two innings. In the sixth, Ed Kwak scored Dombek with a double but Ramirez was retired for the last out.

In the last inning Brian Moye led off with a triple, but Gary Volpe who had nine strikeouts retired the next three Mountaineers for the win.

W.V.W. 10, DALLAS 0

Jim Griffin of Valley West threw a one-hit 10-0 shutout and Ken Chakon went three for four at the plate as the Spartans mauled the Mountaineers for sole possession of first place.

The only hit for the Mountaineers came from Matt Medura, a two out shot in the fourth. Only one runner reached second base during Griffin's masterful performance.

Lehman's hopes dashed with loss

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Coach Barbacci's Black Knights of Lake-Lehman made it known early that the AA playoff berth was theirs. Needing a win over Hazleton, the Knights batted around the order twice in the game to rout the Mounts, 16-3.

In the first inning, the Knights sent 10 men to the plate, accounting for six runs to set the pace. Spencer highlighted the inning with a two run R.B.I. single.

Lehman secured the victory in the fourth, this time sending 13 batters to the plate, producing eight runs to take a commanding 16-2 lead.

Brian James was the winning pitcher, striking out five and issuing three walks. After giving up two runs in the second, James settled in allowing only one lone run in Hazleton's last at bat. T. Willy Cadwaller, Spencer, Weidner and Boyle led the offense collecting eight of Lehman's 13 hits.

GAR 7, LAKE-LEHMAN 5

The Knights literally saw their AA title hopes blown away from them when, in the fifth inning and the score tied 5-5, Pat Liberaski, hit what appeared to be the third out, when the wind got hold of his fly ball and put it just out of the reach of the rightfielder Bill George's glove for a two run double, which gave GAR a 7-5 victory and title.

GAR took a 1-0 lead in the second,

and rallied for four more runs in the third. McCarthy got the big blow for the Grenadiers a three run homer.

Trackmen win first title

Saturday, May 11 saw the Lake-Lehman Junior High Track team in its first ever District event which was held at the Scranton Memorial Stadium.

Although the complete results had not been tallied at press time Lake-Lehman was lying in an impressive 5th place out of 15 schools competing.

Coaches Reinert and Nark were very pleased with the efforts put forth by all the Lehman athletes.

In the boys event, Scott Shafer came away with two medals. Champion in the shot put with a throw of 46 feet and second in the javelin at 123-10.

In the girls events Stephanie Kukosky broke the District meet record of 29-1 in the triple jump to take 1st place. She also took 2nd place in the 100 intermediate hurdles and 3rd in the long jump.

Carolyn James brought home a 2nd place medal in the 3200 meters and placed 4th in the 1600 meters. Also taking fourth places was Tammy Laidecker in the shot put and Michelle Lucas in the high jump.

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