

Baraboo duo triumphs

By Larry Gallup
Sports reporter

Along the lines of great pairs like Laurel and Hardy and peanut butter and jelly comes Baraboo's dynamic duo of Dave Risgaard and Rob Traxler.

The pair scored a 6-2, 6-4 first-round victory over Eau Claire Memorial's Dave McNicoll and Paul Peterson as the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association boys' tennis tournament opened Thursday night at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

Second-round action in both singles and doubles gets underway at 9:45 this morning with matches being held through the quarterfinals.

Risgaard and Traxler own an 18-2 record this season, mainly because they "complement each other very well," according to Baraboo coach Karl Kruse.

Watching the two play is a study in contrasts. Risgaard, a 5-foot-10 senior with brown hair, is the more experienced of the two, having reached the state tournament last year in doubles with Rusty Larson. He has an excellent return of serve and does a good job of setting up his teammate.

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Meanwhile, Traxler, a 6-2 blond-haired junior, has a long reach and the power to put away the ball with smashes.

"There's things he can do that I can't do," Traxler said, "and there's some things that I can do that he can't."

Together, they make a formidable pair. But, being from Baraboo, one of the smaller schools in the tournament, they don't get a lot of respect.

"We get no recognition," Risgaard said. "They don't think a good tennis player can come from a smaller school."

In today's second round, they'll face the third-seeded team of Dave Tyggum and Greg Louison from Brookfield Central.

In the most hard-fought match of the evening, Bret Pautsch of Fond du Lac came back from a second-set match point to defeat Madison La Follette's Greg Newman, 6-7 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

Pautsch took a 5-2 lead in the third set but Newman rallied to tie the set

at 5-5 before Pautsch prevailed in the last two games.

In a singles match involving two area players, Monona Grove's Paul Zobel handily defeated Sun Prairie's Art Turnbull, 6-1, 6-1.

Zobel used a powerful serve and superb poise to control the match from the outset.

Team scores: Wauwatosa West 4, Appleton East 2, Appleton West 2, Baraboo 2, Cedarburg 2, Fond du Lac 2, Greendale 2, Monona Grove 2, Neenah 2, Onalaska 2, Racine Horlick 2, Sheboygan North 2, Sheboygan South 2, Wausau East 2, West Bend West 2.

SINGLES

First round
Mike Hickmann, West Bend West, beat Scott Reed, Stevens Point, 7-5, 6-3; Chad Koehler, Cedarburg, beat Mark Syverud, Sun Prairie, 6-3, 7-5; Tom McGuire, Sheboygan South, beat Joe Barrette, Kenosha Bradford, 6-2, 6-1; Mike Patneoude, Greendale, beat Scott Schuett, Racine Horlick, 6-3, 6-2; Bret Pautsch, Fond du Lac, beat Greg Newman, Madison La Follette, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; Scott Anderson, Onalaska, beat Mike Hebert, New Richmond, 6-1, 6-2; Paul Zobel, Monona Grove, beat Art Turnbull, Sun Prairie, 6-1, 6-1; Doug Dietzen, Appleton East, beat Jeff Hardacre, Greendale, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES

First round
Rudy Vukicevic-Kevin Lock, Racine Horlick, beat Ody Bellos-Fred Chen, Marshfield, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; Ken Muth-Rob Walker, Sheboygan North, beat Bob Pachirer-Trot Wehe, Brookfield East, 7-5, 6-4; Chris Moore-Jim Hackinson, Appleton West, beat David Wilks-Scott McKibben, Racine Park, 6-3, 6-2; Scott McConeghy-Dave Slonac, Wauwatosa West, beat Paul Tranetzk-Dan Mahler, Wausau West, 6-1, 6-0; Mike Seim-Bob Paradowski, Wausau East, beat Pete Christofferson-Mark Trier, Whitewater, 7-5, 6-0; Dave Risgaard-Rob Traxler, Baraboo, beat Dave McNicoll-Paul Peterson, Eau Claire Memorial, 6-2, 6-4; John Gerstner-Craig Waaley, Neenah, beat Jeff O'Malley-Chris Davis, Chippewa Falls, 6-2, 6-0; Tim Mettelman-Greg McKath, Wauwatosa West, beat Rich Todch-Kurt Gutknecht, Beaver Dam, 6-1, 6-0.



Mark Syverud of Sun Prairie puts everything he has into a backhand return against Chad Koehler of Cedarburg.

—State Journal photo by Chris Corsmeier

French Open

Martina, Chris win semifinals

PARIS (AP) — Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd won their semifinal matches at the French Open tennis championship Thursday and will meet for the 69th time Saturday to battle for the title.

The world's two top-ranked women managed to avoid the upset wave that washed away so many other hopes on the red clay courts of Roland Garros stadium, though Navratilova seemed a potential victim before fighting back to defeat third-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Lloyd brushed aside No. 5 Hana Mandlikova, also of Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 6-1.

The women's final will be a rematch of last year's championship match, which Lloyd won.

"It's not water under the bridge," Navratilova said of that three-set Lloyd victory, "because I will always remember."

Today, the men's semifinals will be staged with top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia meeting American Johan Kriek, and Henri Leconte of France taking on Sweden's Mikael Pernfors. The men's title match is scheduled for Sunday.

The "Chris and Martina Show" has been touring the world since 1973, when they first tried out their opposing styles in Akron, Ohio. Navratilova holds the career edge, 36-32.

Fittingly, the first time they moved their act into the big time was at Roland Garros, meeting in the French Open final in 1975. Lloyd, then ranked No. 1 in the world, won.

Saturday will be Lloyd's 33rd Grand Slam singles final. She has won 17. Navratilova, who has won 13, will be making her 20th bid for a women's singles crown at either the French Open, Wimbledon, the U.S. Open or the Australian Open. She has won 10 times in her last 16 Grand Slam appearances.

Saturday's match will be the 14th time the two have battled for a Grand Slam crown.

On Thursday, though, there was a serious question as to whether Navratilova would be there.

"I cannot be more disappointed than I am," Sukova said.

Lloyd's victory was almost uneventful, except for a brief rain delay and a five-minute injury timeout when Mandlikova reinjured the little finger on her right hand by falling on it in the first and second sets.

X-rays were taken of her finger, and it was disclosed that she had suffered a sprain. Mandlikova will be able to play her semifinals doubles match with Australian Wendy Turnbull on Saturday, according to Francesca Watson of the Women's International Tennis Association.

Mandlikova and Turnbull will play Navratilova and Hungary's Andrea Temesvari.

Men's doubles semifinals
Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd, Sweden, beat Henri Leconte, France, and Sherwood Stewart, Woodlands, Texas, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, 7-5; John Fitzgerald, Australia, and Tomas Smid, Czechoslovakia, vs. Heinz Günthardt, Switzerland, and Paul McNamee, Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 5-5, match suspended because of darkness.

Women's singles semifinals
Chris Evert Lloyd (2), Fort Lauderdale, Fla., beat Hana Mandlikova (5), Czechoslovakia, 6-1, 6-1; Martina Navratilova (1), Fort Worth, Texas, beat Helena Sukova (6), Czechoslovakia, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

Mixed doubles quarterfinals
Regina Morikova, Czechoslovakia, and Dacio Campos, Brazil, beat Rosalyn Fairbank, South Africa, and Mark Edmundson, Australia, 6-3, 6-0; Rosalyn Fairbank, South Africa, and Mark Edmundson, Australia, beat Regina Morikova, Czechoslovakia, and Dacio Campos, Brazil, 6-2, 6-2; Kathy Jordan, King of Prussia, Pa., and Ken Flach, Prairie Oaks, Fla., beat Rosalyn Fairbank, South Africa, and Mark Edmundson, Australia, 6-3, 6-0.

Local kickers on state team

Three members of the Madison 56ers soccer team have been selected to represent Wisconsin in the Midwest Regionals in competition leading up to the U.S. Olympic Festival in Houston.

Madison's Mark LaPorte, Gerard Averill and Carl Murray are among 18 players picked for the team.

Wisconsin and eight other state teams will meet in the next weeks in Cleveland. From that competition an all-star team will be chosen by regional coach Jerry Panek, of Marquette University, to play in the Olympic Festival held in August.

Sports digest

Ferdinand early Belmont favorite

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Whittingham will send out Kentucky Derby winner Ferdinand Saturday in a bid to snap fellow trainer Woody Stephens' string of Belmont Stakes victories at four.

Stephens, a 72-year-old Hall of Fame member, will try to stretch the streak with Danzig Connection, and he admits, "I don't have as good a chance this year."

Eight other 3-year-olds will attempt the 1½ miles of the final leg of the Triple Crown at Belmont Park.

Missing from the race will be Snow Chief, the beaten Derby favorite, who foiled Ferdinand's bid for the Triple Crown by winning the Preackness. Ferdinand was second, four lengths back.

Ferdinand, the early 9-5 favorite, will be the only horse to start in all three races this year.

Ferdinand will start from the No. 7 post and be ridden by Bill Shoemaker, who will be bidding to win a record equaling sixth Belmont in his 11th appearance.

Danzig Connection was the early co-fourth 6-1 choice with Johns Treasure behind Ferdinand, Mogambo, 4-1 and Rampage, 9-2.

Badger men advance five crews

State Journal staff

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Five University of Wisconsin men's crews won heats Thursday and advanced directly to Saturday's finals at the 84th annual National Intercollegiate Rowing Championships on Lake Onondaga.

The Badger varsity and freshman eights as well as varsity, open and freshman fours with coxswain rowed to victory over the 2,000-meter course. Wisconsin's junior varsity eight and varsity pair without coxswain finished second in their heats and face repechage (second chance) races today.

Also advancing to the finals Thursdays were varsity eights from Pennsylvania and Brown and freshman eights from Brown and Navy.

Wisconsin varsity's No. 7 oarsman Bryan Hanson suffered a right shoulder injury during the course of Thursday's race and is doubtful for the finals. Coach Randy Jablonic said John Tucker of the JV boat likely will move up if Hanson can't row Saturday.

Odds and ends

AP, State Journal staff

Wisconsin sophomore Stephanie Herbst, who set a National Collegiate Athletic Association 10,000 meters record Wednesday, has been named to the College Sports Information Directors Academic all-America district team after compiling a 3.31 grade point average.

Mitch McDowell, a freshman from Waupun who hit .390 with 12 home runs for Madison Area Technical College, was drafted in the 22nd round of this week's baseball free agent draft by the Milwaukee Brewers. . . . Three of the top 15 money winners on the pro tour — **Payne Stewart**, **Dan Pohl** and **John Cook** — have told officials of the Greater Milwaukee Open that they will participate in the tournament Sept. 18-21. . . . Wisconsin Dells Motor Speedway will host the 11th annual Lyle Nabbefeld Memorial Class Saturday. The race is in honor of the late driver who was killed at the speedway in 1973. There will be two 55-lap races featuring drivers from the Central Wisconsin Racing Association Late Model circuit. Sportsman and Street Stock divisions will also compete on the one-third mile paved oval. Time trials begin at 6:45 p.m. and racing at 8 p.m.

Sports on TV

TODAY

8 a.m. — **Tennis** — French Open, live from Paris; ESPN.
7 p.m. — **College World Series** — Arizona (47-18) vs. Florida State (59-11), from Omaha, Neb.; ESPN.
7:30 p.m. — **Cubs baseball** — Chicago at St. Louis; WGN.
9 p.m. — **Braves baseball** — Atlanta at San Diego; WTBS.

Freshman plan impractical

Big Ten Conference presidents who unilaterally want to make freshmen ineligible to participate in football and basketball are poor students of history.

The conference did something similar with the "need" factor for athletic scholarships back in 1957 and the move proved disastrous. That's just one of the reasons why this proposal should be dumped as soon as possible.

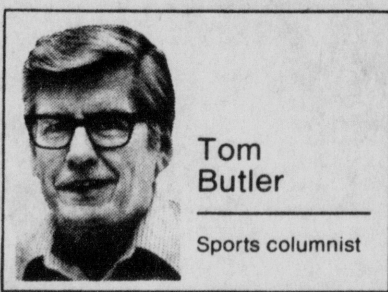
The objective is noble but impractical. One suggestion would permit freshmen to do everything but play in games. They could practice, spend hours in the weight room and attend all team meetings.

That makes no sense. Freshmen aren't going to rush to the library on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Just try to imagine how the Big Eight and the rest of the conferences in the country are rubbing their hands in anticipation of the Big Ten freezing out freshmen. Right away Big Ten coaches will face an almost insurmountable recruiting hurdle.

Every freshman worth his salt thinks he can play right away, or at least be a backup. He might say he doesn't expect to play his first year, but deep down inside there's a burning desire to defy all odds.

Next there's an elite group of athletes such as Lorenzo White, Tim Krumrie and Magic Johnson who aren't going to sit still during their freshman season. They will go someplace where then can play right away. Most are on the way to pro careers and want to get there as fast



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as possible. Adding a fifth year for them is of little significance.

Immediately during the recruiting period those blue chip prospects will eliminate any Big Ten school if the conference unilaterally bans freshman participation. The decline of the Big Ten will be dramatic.

Now, if every school in the country treats freshmen the same, then the Big Ten presidents might have something worth consideration. If they take these young football prospects over to one corner of the practice field, dress them in green jerseys like the old days and make the transition from high school a slow and low key proposition, that's another matter.

They could practice about 90 minutes a day, scrimmage the varsity a couple times a season and play a three-game schedule. Then they could spend two hours a night at a supervised study table with tutors available.

The basketball freshmen could scrimmage the varsity more often and play about 14 games. They would have the same study table arrangement and refrain from taking

Players happy Qualls ordeal is over

By Perry Hibner

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Most University of Wisconsin women's basketball players were relieved that a decision was finally reached on coach Edwina Qualls.

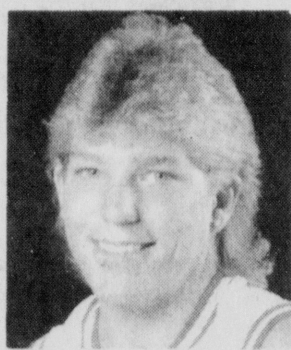
And while most of the players don't think Qualls was given a fair shake by UW athletic department officials, there were few tears shed when it was learned Qualls' career at UW is over.

"It's not up to me to make those decisions," said Karen O'Malley, a freshman from Madison. "I respect them. . . . but I respected the lady so much and her determination for the game. It's just kind of hard for me to accept right now."

But many others indicated the UW's decision was the best one for the program.

"I'm grateful to coach because she gave me a chance to play, but I sometimes questioned her coaching strategy, and I don't think she communicates with the players very well," said Lisa Bonnell, a sophomore from Merrill and the team's most valuable player last season.

Qualls' 10th season at Wisconsin was a rough one. Junior college trans-



Karen O'Malley

fer Tracy Faulkner was kicked off the team after reportedly having a postgame locker-room squabble with Qualls.

Most players said Qualls' lack of communication was a big reason for the problems last season.

"I want a coach who cares about us but tells us where we stand," sophomore Marsha Millhouse said. "That was a big problem with coach Qualls."

During her last season, Qualls, 38, contended the controversy surrounding her program and her job was a product of articles published in The Wisconsin State Journal and the Cap-

ital Times in February. The articles called attention to Qualls' in-state recruiting practices, and the program's losing record the past two seasons.

The day the articles were published, Qualls, who is black, said a white coach would not have had what she called negative articles written about her or the Badger program.

Controversy was not new to Qualls or her program. In 1984, Qualls pulled her team from the court during a game against Minnesota because of poor officiating, which she feared might result in injury to her players.

Five players returned to the court, finished the game and were later suspended by Qualls. They were reinstated after UW athletic department officials told Qualls to do so, but Qualls refused to play any of the five in the next game.

Chiefly because of the incident, the Athletic Board's Personnel Committee originally recommended Qualls' contract not be renewed, but, after an appeal, the Board decided to renew Qualls' one-year contract.

In her 10 seasons as coach of the Badgers, Qualls had a 131-141 record. Three years ago, Wisconsin was 18-10 overall and finished second in the Big Ten, the best finish for a Qualls team.

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