Ortberg, Peterson head to NCAA Championships

by Beth Gray

On May 15 Coach Jack L. Swartz will accompany junior John Ortberg and freshman Norm Peterson to the NCAA Division III Tennis Championships. Ortberg will enter the singles competition with Peterson as his alternate. Both Wheaton players will pair up to compete in the doubles.

Ortberg was named the most valuable player in the CCIW Conference Championships held last weekend at North Central College. He captured the number one singles crown, defeating the defending champion senior Roger Nelsen of Augustana, 0-6,

6-3, and 6-1.

Ortberg and Peterson scored the major upset of the match when they beat Augustana's Nelsen and Eric Rossing, the three-time conference champions, in the semi-finals, 7-6, 4-6, and 7-5.

Ortberg and Peterson went on to take the conference doubles title beating Russ Bernthal and Ray Leffler of Carthage in the finals.

The Wheaton and Augustana teams dominated the match, as all the conference titles went to members of these two teams. The Augustana Vikings, defending champions, pulled out a total of 21 points to top Wheate close behind with 19 team points for second place.

Number two singles player Peterson and third singles player Jon Hollansworth both made it into the finals but were then defeated by Augustana opponents.

Junior Paul Jorden was the conference champion at number four singles beating Ted Thanasworth of Carthage 6-3 and 6-1 in the finals. This was Jorden's third conference title.

Crusader Brad Smith worked his way into the finals at the sixth singles slot and at number three doubles, with his partner Jorden, but was then defeated by Augustana contenders.

