## Northern fools them all in net finals

By Mark Gail

In one of the biggest upsets of the season, the Northern Vikings captured the singles and doubles badminton title from favorite Western last week, in the city's badminton tournament held at Poly-Western.

In the singles com-

petition, Northern's star player Stacy Ridgeway, a junior who was talked into playing badminton last year by her cousin and again this year by Coach Linda Hollis, beat Rosella Hopkins of Western, 11-6, 11-1. Just two weeks Ridgeway suffered her only loss of the season to Hopkins in a match

played at Northern, 8-11, 11-0, and 0-2. But time apparently gave Stacy the room she needed to plan her strategy against her most formidable op ponent of the season, and she appeared poised and

ready for the showdown

match again. Coach Hollis, acknowledging the talent of Ridgeway, attributes much of her skill on the courts to her height (5'9") and to her strength. Ridgeway also Vikings, and through game.

training has developed "We're good friends,"

have much to say about nice person...and I'm the strength and height really going to miss her that her coach brags of, next year. (Paulette is a but prefers instead to senior this season.) explain about the hard work and good teaching sister," said Paulette, that has led her to where she is today.

"It's been a lot of hard work," Stacy said, "and I've had a lot of good teaching and support from my teammates "Itseems like her accomplishments this year will prevent her from having to be talked into playing again next year.

"I was going to go out for track this year, the Stacy grinned, "but the second day of practice, I decided to go out for badminton again. I don't really know why."

In the doubles competition, Paulette Gaylord and Kim Brown of Northern basically squashed Western opponents Zonda Hayes and Michelle Stepter 15-

After the game, and Kim recognized a mutual had in over five years. 4); Lake Clifton. (2-5); friendship off the courts Hollis, who played Forest Park (1-6), and plays tennis and that inevitably has badminton at Ed- Southern (0-7). basketball for the helped them in their mondson herself some Despite the lost in one

the muscles necessary said Kim, who has for excellence in all three played with Paulette for two consecutive years. Stacy herself doesn't "I think Paulette is a

> "She could be my "because she's such nice person."

Coach Hollis says the double's duo has played well together because of Gaylord's excellent drop shot, and Brown's favorite slam shot, which has stymied opponents all year: "I was really surprised

at this victory," said Eastern, 15-11, 11-15, 15-Hollis, saying, that when Vikings played Western two weeks ago, games finished, the the team literally froze when they heard the word "Western." "They were physically

ready for that game." she said, "but not mentally. I thought they were going to do the same thing this time, but they played their own game and won." Overall, Coach Hollis

believes that this year's team is the best she has years ago, said this tournament, Western

years's Vikings record of 6-1 is a great improvement from last year's final tally of 4-3. The top four single

players for the city-wide meet this year included Ridgeway, the number 1 singles player, Hopkins, of Western number 2, and number 3, Brenda Cornish of Western and Zanjala Reddy of Nor-

In the doubles consolation rally, star players included Cedile Florendo and Loren McDonald of Poly beating out Felicia White and Jackie McKenzie of

With the tournament public school standings ended up with Division I being led by Western (7-0), followed by Northern (6-1); Eastern (5-2); Edmondson (3-4); City (2-5); Patterson, with a dismal (0-7).

Division II champs this season were the Carver Bears, with a 7-0 record, followed by Poly (6-1); Douglass (5-2); Dunbar (4-3); Southwestern (3-



SMILING QUARTET from Northern High's badmint on squad (L to R) are Paulette Gaylord and Kim Brown the doubles champs, Coach Linda Hollis,

holds the city cham- 2.

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Lutheran High School took top honors in the Maryland Scholastic Association (MSA) "B" Conference tennis tournament, at Clifton Park when Tom King grabbed the number one singles title over Charles Coleman of Mervo, 6-0, 6-

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pionship when it beat King, a junior, also well beat Cook to capture played No. 1 singles for the No. 2 singles title, 6-1. the Saints last year, 6-1. finishing in the top five of last year's tournament. slot, Marty Schmidt of In the No. 1 doubles Lutheran defeated Marc match, King teamed up Dozier of Mervo, 6-2, 3-6, with Ron Cook of 6-1. Lutheran to beat Steven

singles champ Stacy Ridgeway after last week's big upset of Western in the Tournament.

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In the No. 3 singles

No. 4 singles com-Blackwell and Raynard petition saw Cleveland Bolling of Forest Park, 6- Jarrett of City beat John 2, 6-2. In an interesting Lohn of Lutheran, 6-3, 6-, yet to be announced.

No. 5 singles action: Darryl Edmonds of City wallowed Darrel Owens of Forest Park, 6-2, 6-4. The net title will be decided within the next two weeks, and will probably feature Forest Park facing undefeated Lutheran. The championship schedules have

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8 new record set

## Western girls track team finishes on top

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AFRO Staff Writer When it comes to girls track it seems that there is just no other team in Baltimore City that can beat Western.

The Western girls proved it again by winning their 11th straight track title last week at the city-wide finals held at Northwestern last week.

Led by star sprinter Connie Hitchcock and distance runner Nori Wilson, Western came away with first place victories in nine of the 17 events, while setting new record times in four of the nine events.

Bringing the total Western tally to 159 points with their closest competition from rival Northwestern with a distant 105 points.

Overall, there were eight new records set last week in the 100 meter hurdles by Poly's Stephanie Cooper with a time of 14.4 the old time of 15 flat was set by Jones of Forest Park in 1978.

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In the 300 meter hurdles, Janet Williams Douglass broke Stephanie Cooper's record of 46 last year with a time of 45.6.

Connie Hitchcock of Western captured a new record in the 400 meter dash clocked at 56.4 over the old time of 57.5 set by Jones of Northwestern last year.

Hitchcock's teammate Nori Wilson took the 300 meter run at 11:44.9 over last year's time of 11:4 set by Balentiene of Walbrook.

In the 800 meter relay, Western broke its won record set last year shaving four tenth of a second off the old time of 1:44.5 to a new time of 1:44.1.

While in the 800 medley relay, Western paced itself to a 1:44.1 win over Northwestern's 1:50.7 record of last year.

But in the 1600 meter turned the tables by Indian Head High in Brennon of Mervo. setting a record of 4:02.2 Prince Georges County over Western's time of by three inches. Sheff's last season of 4:05.8.

The lady Wildcats inches set last year. Saundra Hyman, Pat Fisher, looked something like Juana Hamlin and Dinah this: Jones in the 1600 meter 800-meter relay: relay were undefeated Western-1:49.5; Nor-

for the season. Northwestern is long Western (10:16.1), jumper Annette James followed by Dunbar and who set a new record of Mervo.



UNBEATABLE - Western's Connie Hitchcock crosses finishing line in 100 meter dash, one of her three first -

AFRO photos by Mark Gail place finishes in last week's city - wide cha m pi onship.



TIRED BUT HAPPY - Nor-Northwestern Wildcats, unbeatable, 1600 meter relay team is helped by

james set a record of 17'4

AFRO Photo by Mark Gail thwestern's Diahn Jones, (C), of the classmates after running in last week's

in the long jump. Annette can also smile because she broke the state record set by Sheff

record was for 17 ft. 6 12 Individual events

thwestern, Dunbar. Another bright spot for 3200 meter relay:

100 meter Lurdles: Just two weeks ago in a Stephanie Cooper-Poly armeling match with 144, followed by Jones of

Northwestern and Robinson of Northern. 100 meter dash: Connie Hitchcock of Western

(12.1), followed by Cousins of Dunbar and Western Norrie thwestern

Wilson), 5:05.4, followed by Reynolds, also of Western and Osietski of Patterson. 800 meter relay:

Western, 1:44.1, followed by Dunbar and Northwestern. 400 meter dash: Connie. Wilson of Western and

Hitchcock of Western (56.4), followed by Jones of Northwestern and Williams of Douglass. 300 meter run: Nori Wilson of Western Dunbar.

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(11.44.9), followed by Osietski of Patterson and. Stewart of Mervo.

300 meter hurdles; Janet Williams of Douglass (45.6), followed - by Robinson of Walbrook 1500 meter relay: and Hyman of Nor-200 meter dash: Connie

Hitchcock of Western (25.71) followed by Cousins of Dunbar and Muleman of Western. 800 meter run: Susan Reynolds of Western 2:27.41 followed by

western. 400 meter relay: Northwestern (49.41, followed by Western and

Bigelow of North-

## in both athletics and academics her award, told the Jones believes that it is a super ac-AFRO she attributes her Harris had the qualities complishment. The William F. success to her family and to succeed in anything "I believe in lots of 'Sugar' Cain Athletic especially to her mother, she does. hard work and pushing Scholarships were who she says "is always "She made coaching yourself", said Ed-

Cain Scholarship awardees outstanding

Marjorie M. Edmonds Harris of Dunbar is not all of Bernadette's field." received the awards in special ceremonies held and enjoys the theater as

Marjorie, on the other Edmonds said. Education's executive offices last week.

Edmonds who played tennis, badminton and swan for the Engineers as well as being a part of the gymnastic's team, is on her way to Oberlin College in Ohio to study pre-med.

Harris is bound for Howard University with a major in electrical engineering. She also played volleyball, basketball and softball for the Poets.

Both girls will graduate this year with enviable averages. Edmonds with a 89 prestigious Poly "A" course, and Harris, president of the National Honor's Society at Dunbar, will finish her high school days with a 90.8 average. Harris, pleased with

1600 meter relay:

Northwestern (4:02:21,

followed by Western and

Shotput: Saundra

Hyman, of Northwestern

(34.41/2), followed by

Keene of Western and

Long jump: Annette

James of Northwestern

undefeated) - 17'9".

followed by Brown of

Northwestern and

Hyman of Northwestern

(108'234"), followed by

Guice of Carver and

High jump: Ruth Cole

of Dunbar (4'11'')

followed by Proctor of

Western and Williams of

Overall scores for the

meet Western (159),

Northwestern (105).

Dunbar (62); Douglass.

(48); Mervo (43);

Northern (231; Carver

Park and Eastern, each

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Douglass.

awarded this year to two there when I need her." outstanding female stars "I'm not very religious," who also happened to be she said, "but without star academicians as God's help none of this possible." world. She loves dancing

Harris had special

words for Poets Coach Jennifer Jones who coached her in all three sports.

"She was a coach on and off the court" said Bernadette. "She only asked that you tried and did your best."



Dunbar's Berna dette

Harris

easy," Jones said. "She monds.

would have been you told her was wrong, compete. She was an ideal team of Poly and Bernadette Sports and academics member on and off the

hand, set a school record

major accomplishment has proved it.



Poly's Marjorie M.

Edm onds

was the type of person Gymnastics is her who worked hard to favorite sport because of improve or fix anything skill and time it takes to

> "Gymnastics is the hardest sport of them all. Your mind has really got to be together for it",

Her coach, Paula by earning 12 varsity Rooks, believes that she letters in four years at is the top athlete male or female in the This would have been a history of the school and

for anyone but for 'Marjorie is someone in the everything a teacher and demanding "A" course, coach looks for in which requires three to students," Rooks said. four hours of homework, "She is a quality student

and will go far." In what little spare time she has, Marjorie spends it reading, sewing, jogging, and goint to the movies.

The "Sugar" Cain scholarships were ago. "Sugar" Cain coached basketball at Dunbar for a number of years. Each year, scholarships are awarded to athletes who exhibit the qualities that will make them a leader on and off the field for the highly coveted award.

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