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John Termotto: Racquet Buster

By JOHN DOSER

Some tennis players who don't exert themselves too much may never experience the breaking of a racquet during a match.

John Termotto, 14, a September freshman at McQuaid Jesuit High, broke a pair of racquets in warmups yet, and ended up playing with an unaccustomed lighter racquet in the recent Western New York Junior Championships in the 16-and-under tournament at the University of Rochester.

Termotto, who has been playing tournament tennis for the past two years, has dented the local tennis scene impressively this summer and shows definite signs of becoming the "Bill Nealon of McQuaid."

Nealon, of course, is the outstanding young tennis player at Bishop Kearney whose level of competition is far and away higher than that of his Monroe County/City-Catholic high school peers.

Termotto, incidentally, lost 6-4, 5-7, and 6-0 to Seth Bown of Buffalo in the finals of the WNY match and made no excuses, blaming only his lack of aggressiveness for the defeat.

Termotto is expected to be among the top three possibly top-ranked, when the Eastern 14-and-under age group rankings come out; the most recent previous ratings accorded him a computer non-ranking "insufficient data."

Since then he's had to make room for a number of classy trophies, including the State Hardcourt Boys Championship, three Grand Prix Junior Circuit titles (two for the 16-and-unders, one for the 14), a Mid-Town Grand Prix singles crown, plus several runnerup honors in a number of tournaments throughout the U.S.

Termotto is growing physically as well as competitively. He's a half-foot taller than he was a year ago and a shade on the slimmer side.

He's receptive to chalking off his losses (there aren't many) to experience, a proper attitude considering his youthful age and potential future.

In his WNY loss he determined that when he played the net, he was usually successful in beating his opponent; the problem was that he didn't play the net often enough.

"I don't ever want to make those mistakes again," he says. "I've been practicing hard. I'll just work harder now," he adds.

Fortunately most tennis tournaments always have room for doubles when the singles competition is over.

In the WNY matches he teamed with Tom Frisher of Israel to defeat Alex Gaeta and Steve Fink of Buffalo, 6-0, 6-1, for the doubles title.

He's confident of his prospective ranking among his Eastern tennis brethren — he says he's beaten everyone else in the Top Five already (in the East).

If he's not successful in gaining the top spot, or to be among the top spots, he figures it will be because he hasn't played in enough tournaments.

His biggest tournament this summer was gaining the third round in the National Invitational Championships in Little Rock, Ark., before losing and dropping into the consolations.

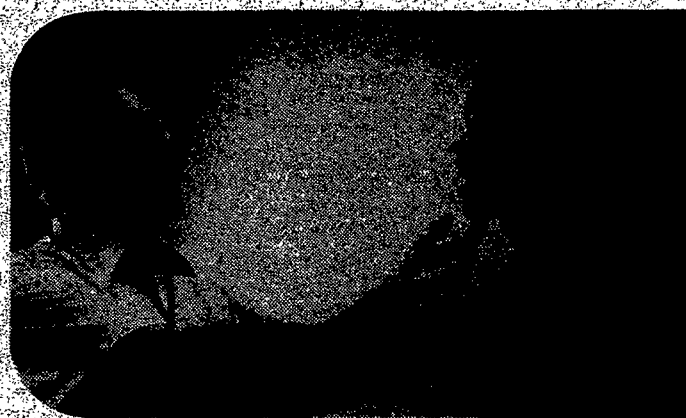
When he's not criss-crossing the country, he can usually be found at Mendon Valley Tennis Club.

Termotto has an excellent future in the local Rochester tennis world and certainly won't make life easy for his opponents at McQuaid for the next four years.

Theater Call

The Aquinas Performing Arts Club is preparing for its 1976-77 theater season.

High school girls wishing to participate in Aquinas theater may contact Father J. L. Cullen any day after school in the Aquinas auditorium.



A thorough physical checkup is required before the two week training sessions which precede McQuaid's sports season. Issuing equipment, calisthenics, and scrimmages will be the order for the next few days before school opens. Above Dr. Kenneth Martin puts Ed Matuck through his paces — from saying ah! to recording blood pressure.



Photos by Susan McKinney

Athletes Look to Fall Sports

By JOAN M. SMITH

The answer was unanimous, "You bet we're in shape," chorused the McQuaid athletes waiting in line to complete their pre-season physicals. Regardless of their positiveness there was evidence of added pounds, sluggish gaits and restive energy — all products of an enjoyable summer.

Two weeks with their respective coaches, however, and "in shape" will be synonymous with the hard work, discipline, and rugged training through which players will be selected and prepared for the school's sport season.

Official play will begin for the varsity football team when they meet Utica Free Academy on Sept. 18 at McQuaid; the varsity cross country team will participate in an invitational in Binghamton on Sept. 18 while the freshman team will run its first meet in the Rush-Henrietta invitational on Sept. 25. Though the soccer team agenda has not been finalized, the players estimated they'll play about 14 games, and the swim team is looking forward to a successful season.

Although sophomore Chris Koller who is trying out for the cross country team confidently stated, "I'll go out on the limb and say McQuaid will be the best" the season along with the school's sport achievements are in the future.

first there are the physicals and then the gruelling task of workouts.

The line moved slowly as the boys waited to weigh in, produce necessary papers and submit to Doctor Kenneth Martin's stethoscope. But they were having a great time greeting buddies they hadn't seen all summer, teasing one another about not making the team, and razzing classmates about their choice of sports.

Some athletes like Steve Mancini changed their sports. Steve played football last year but participated in a summer soccer league and decided he preferred that game.

Freshman Joe Reagan who has played little league soccer for three years attested to its growing popularity, "It's catching on already to being a sport as big as football or baseball."

Two potential swimmers, freshmen Jeff Talbot and Paul Swift, while eagerly awaiting their turn to weigh in said they had kept themselves busy during the summer by swimming under Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) auspices at Rush-Henrietta school. Cross country aspirant Jim Malley indicated he'd been running eight miles a day to keep in top form.

Though track coach Bob Bradley doesn't suggest a regimen for his track team during vacation, McQuaid does have a 500-mile club which includes those runners who

complete this distance between mid-June and the last of August. According to Bradley there are at least 8 or 9 boys who accomplished this feat during the summer.

The coaches were on hand to help with the weigh-ins and to give instructions concerning workout sessions. Though the boys realize that the various teams will open their seasons without some of them they were all behind the school's sports program and were enthusiastically confident that McQuaid will have a winning season.



Dana Levy being weighed in by Mrs. Joseph Bayer.

Pageant Winner Sets Goal

Theresa Kusak, a junior at St. Agnes High School, was crowned Miss Monroe County Teenager on July 25.

The event which included 36 competitors was at the Marriott Inn. Theresa received crown, sceptre, trophy, flowers and an all expense trip to Norwich to participate in the state competition.

According to Theresa, this was the third year for the Monroe County Pageant and in her opinion this type of involvement is a definite benefit to teenagers.

"It's an experience you'll never forget in your entire life," she claimed and added, "It's a lot of fun and you get to meet a lot of people."

Theresa is so enthusiastic about the county's pageant that she plans to devote her reigning year to



THERESA KUSAK

promoting teenage involvement in the program. Anyone wishing information concerning the 1977 competition may call 473-2239.

Yearbook Course Draws Mercians

Eileen Vergo, Norah Tierney, and Pilar Esperon, staff members for Our Lady of Mercy's yearbook, Veritas, attended a four-day yearbook workshop conducted by Varden Studios. The program for high school and college yearbook editors and student photographers was held at St. John Fisher College, Aug. 9-12.

More than 300 students and yearbook advisers from New York State and Pennsylvania took part, and over 12,000 pictures were taken, processed, and critiqued during the event.

The program included theory lectures, multi-media shows and demonstrations by professionals in both photography and journalism.