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Player of the year
Andy Peters, McDonogh

Peters, a senior, beat reigning champion Ted Kelly, 6-4, 6-1, in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association's No. 1 singles championship, avenging two regular-season losses. Kelly jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Peters won 11 of the next 12 games. Peters also reached the finals in the New England/Mid-Atlantic Invitational Tournament, which featured 16 teams primarily from the East Coast, and had a big early season win over Zach Pine from Flint Hill (Va.) that helped the team finish third at the Woodberry Forest Invitational.

"What distinguishes Andy is a downright unusual competitiveness that makes him stay keyed and fired up in any situation, which usually results in his running down so many balls that opponents think have gone for winners," Eagles coach Laddie Levy said. "He either wears them out or just plain frustrates them. He's a great deal of fun to watch play."

Coach of the Year
Jim Busick, Gilman

Under Busick, the Greyhounds won their second consecutive MIAA

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McDonogh senior Andy Peters beat reigning champion Ted Kelly, 6-4, 6-1, in the Maryland Interscholastic Athletic Association's No. 1 singles championship. (Sun photo by Gene Sweeney Jr. / May 30, 2007)

championship. The Greyhounds won the MIAA No. 2 and No. 3 singles titles in the tournament. Gilman also won the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. Over the past two years, Gilman has lost only one MIAA league match. Last year's championship ended a string of 14 straight league titles for McDonogh.

The team **Chris Brown, Liberty //** Brown won the Carroll County title for the third straight year. The senior also won the Region VII individual championship with a 6-4, 6-4 win over David Minor of Bel Air. He lost in the state tournament to Centennial's Ryan Lissner, who advanced to the semifinals. "He showed the kids how to work and he grew up emotionally on the court," Liberty coach Bruce Damasio said. "He learned how to control himself in order to be a better tennis player." He will play tennis at Neumann College in Philadelphia.

Zach Gorn, Gilman // Gorn won the MIAA No. 2 singles. The senior is a four-year varsity player whose only

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career loss came during his freshman season. Gorn also won the No. 2 singles championship during his freshman and sophomore years, but could not compete last season because of an injury. He was undefeated this season with an 11-0 record and will attend the University of Pennsylvania.

John Healey, Atholton // Healey and mixed doubles partner Julia Southerland won the Howard County, regional and state titles. Healey, a freshman, and Southerland, a sophomore, were the only players from the metro area to make it to a championship game in tennis.

John Kelly, Gilman // Kelly, the younger brother of teammate Ted Kelly, won the MIAA No. 3 singles this season. The sophomore finished the year at 12-0 and competed several times in the No. 1 spot. He could take over at the No. 1 role for Gilman next season.

Ted Kelly, Gilman // Kelly finished the season with only one loss, which occurred in the MIAA No. 1 singles championship match against Andy Peters of McDonogh. The senior had beaten Peters twice during the regular season. The championship loss also was the only blemish on Kelly's record over the past two years. He left Gilman for his sophomore season to train at a tennis academy in Florida. He will attend Stanford in the fall.

Ryan Lissner, Centennial // The senior won his third straight Howard County championship, defeating David Nguyen, a sophomore at Wilde Lake who is also one of the top players in the metro area. Lissner fell to Nguyen in the regional championship. Lissner was seeded third in the state tournament, where he advanced to the semifinals. He lost to eventual champion Jared Pinsky of Churchill.

David Nguyen, Wilde Lake // Last year's state champion fell short this year, but still had a solid season. After losing the county championship to Ryan Lissner of Centennial, he avenged that loss by beating Lissner in the regional final. Nguyen was this year's No. 1 seed in the state tournament, but he had a shoulder injury for most of his matches. Nonetheless, the sophomore advanced to the semifinals before losing to Daniel Stahl of [Walt Whitman](#), 7-5, 7-6.

Hayden White, Towson // White finished the regular season undefeated and won the Baltimore County title over defending champion Paul Burgin of Pikesville. The sophomore then went to beat Burgin again for the District VI regional title. He also advanced to the state quarterfinals, where he lost to second-seeded Ryan Lissner of Centennial. White is ranked No. 14 in the Mid-Atlantic region by the United States Tennis Association.

Kevin Zingler, Severna Park // Zingler won the Anne Arundel County championship over Broadneck's Zach Hare. Zingler finished the regular season without losing a set. The senior helped Severna Park finish second to Broadneck for the team county championship. Zingler made it to the second day of the state finals in College Park before falling to Hayden White of Towson.

Note // Team selected by Todd Karpovich after consultation with *The Sun* staff and area coaches.

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