

CAPITAL GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS COUNTY/CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

# TENNIS



**FINN GARNER**  
BROADNECK, JR.  
County Boys Singles  
Boys Player of Year



**ABBY MOGHTADER**  
SEVERNA PARK, SO.  
County Girls Singles  
Girls Player of Year



**HENRY CREAMER**  
SEVERN, SR.  
MIAA B Singles



**ERIC RESNICK**  
SEVERN, SR.  
MIAA B Singles



**SEAN SWANSON**  
INDIAN CREEK, JR.  
MIAA C Singles



**JONATHAN LEVY**  
INDIAN CREEK, SO.  
MIAA C Singles



**FORD SMITH**  
INDIAN CREEK, SO.  
MIAA C Singles



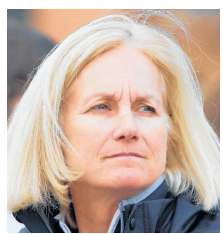
**JAMES FOXEN**  
SPALDING, FR.  
MIAA B Singles



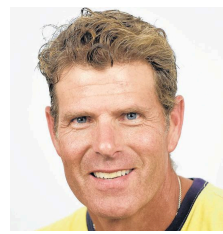
**JESSICA GOODMAN**  
SEVERNA PARK  
County Girls/Overall



**KATHY PERROTTA**  
BROADNECK  
County Boys



**CATHY OFFICER**  
SEVERN  
MIAA B Conference  
Champion Coach



**ROBERT NUSCHER**  
INDIAN CREEK  
MIAA C Conference  
Champion Coach



**EMMA BRINDLEY (JR.)/MADDIE ALTMAN (FR.)**  
SEVERNA PARK  
County Girls Doubles



**GRACE APPEL (JR.)/LAUREN BREITINGER (JR.)**  
SEVERNA PARK  
Region Girls Doubles



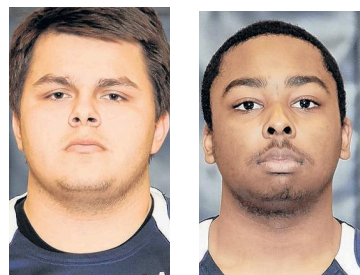
**JAKE LARSON (JR.)/ANDREW PROVINCE (SO.)**  
SEVERNA PARK  
County Boys Doubles



**MATT KILCHENSTEIN (JR.)/SOPHIA WHITNEY (FR.)**  
SEVERNA PARK  
County Mixed Doubles



**SAM ANDERSON (SO.)/JARED ALBERT (SO.)**  
INDIAN CREEK  
MIAA C Doubles



**JEFF KOLBEINS (JR.)/MARCUS ABERCROMBIE (JR.)**  
AACS  
MIAA C Doubles



**ALEXANDER HONICK (FR.)/GRANT SHANAHAN (FR.)**  
SEVERN  
MIAA B Doubles

Athletes selected for this page won a title at the county or region tournaments or their respective private school tournament.

## TENNIS

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taught me a lot of stuff.”

Garner, who plays in USTA tournaments throughout the year, wasn't tested much during the regular season and through the county and region tournaments. As the No. 3 seed in the state tournament, he rolled to a pair of straight-set wins while dropping just two games to advance to the semifinals, where he fell to Pikesville's Jake Fishkin, 7-5, 6-3. Garner then earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Bowie's Mikeal Carpenter to finish third.

“Jake is an unbelievable player,” Garner said. “That's the best I've ever done against him. I made him stay out there for two hours and put the pressure on him a little.”

Garner describes his game as versatile. He uses a one-handed backhand and is comfortable on the baseline, but is not afraid to go the net.

After Garner didn't try out for the team as a freshman, Bruins' coach Kathy Perrotta

wasn't counting on him trying out this year. “It didn't work out that first year and I was resigned to the fact he wasn't going to try out this year,” Perrotta said. “I guess some of the other kids talked to him, he ended coming to our first meeting and tried out. I'm glad he did.”

Perrotta and the Bruins might be in for another treat next year, as Garner's younger brother, Luke, will be a freshman and might try out for the team.

“I think being a part of a team really helped him (Finn Garner) socially,” Perrotta said. “He's really a team player and was really instrumental in getting the team to unite. When he's done with his matches, he's the first one going around and watching all his other teammates. He is focused on each match and really helps them get pumped up and excited.”

Not only did Moghtader crack the Severna Park lineup as a freshman last year, she played No. 1 singles. Like this year, she won county and region titles. She advanced to the second round of the state tournament as a freshman, but with the random seeding outside of the top four, she drew Wootton's

Miranda Deng and fell in the first round this year. Deng went on to finish second after falling in the state final.

“I think Abby improved and stepped her game up a level this year,” Severna Park coach Jessica Goodman said. “I just love her patience and on-court demeanor.”

Just a sophomore, Moghtader played No. 1 singles for the Falcons again this year. She went undefeated during the season and won the county and region tournaments for the second straight year. After running cross country as a freshman, she didn't run this year so she could focus on tennis. When she's not working with the high school team, she plays out of Chartwell Country Club under Andrew Carlson, who played at Arundel and Ohio State.

“I think I improved from last year to this year,” Moghtader said. “I actually worked on playing doubles a lot and that helped me get better.”

Moghtader, who started playing tennis when she was 4, plays in tournaments and works at camps outside of the high school season. Like Garner, she enjoys being part of a team during the high school season.

“It's a lot different. There's not as much pressure and it's a little more fun,” she said. “I like it a lot and always get excited when we have matches.”

Outside of her pure talent, one aspect of Moghtader's game that impressed Goodman this year was her level of maturity.

“When you're looking at freshmen or sophomores, that's one thing we take into account when we set our lineup,” Goodman said. “I just think maturity-wise she jumped three or four levels as far as her levelheadedness on the court.”

Like Garner, Moghtader wasn't challenged much during the regular season. Even her matches in the region tournaments were straight-set victories, with the closest a 6-1, 6-2 victory over her sister, Miriam, in the final.

“Abby can jump another two or three levels between now and next year if she's willing to push herself and focus on her strengths, while making sure to address any shortcomings in her game,” Goodman said. “She has huge potential.”

## CULP

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ing students with an additional voice, as well as multiple additional opportunities to learn, Culp and his staff met with 26 students — two representing each school — throughout the school year, five times to be exact. They met with Andy Warner, executive director of the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association to get an understanding of just what the MPSSAA does year-round. Those students also met with four officials groups, representing baseball, wrestling, track and field and soccer.

“They got to hear about how those officials hire, conduct training and evaluations, and how they all have second jobs,”

Culp said. “The kids enjoyed it and our superintendent (Dr. George Arlotto) really supported and encouraged us in this endeavor. Some schools have their own school-based athletic leadership group, but not all, and we are working on that as well.”

Culp also spoke about continuing the county's relationship with Howard County, and re-implementing the county championship contests as well. Anne Arundel County played Howard County in golf, volleyball, field hockey, basketball, indoor and outdoor track, as well as lacrosse and unified bowling this past school year, and will continue to do so. Culp

**“The great thing about this position is there is a beginning and an end every year, and then it starts up all over again.”**

Clayton Culp

is looking to add baseball and boys and girls soccer as well. It is an endeavor he says is “on the radar.”

Culp feels very strongly about the county championships, which were re-instituted this past year for all sports except for football.

“The players love it and we get to highlight different schools and their facilities,” Culp said. “We had 10 or 11 venues serve as hosts this past year. It came about because of our annual athletics legislative meeting. Any major philosophical change needs to be voted on by principals, assistant principals and athletic directors. One of the concerns has been

the instability of these games, but it is my intention to keep them and have them sustainable.”

Culp's love for all that he does and supports is palpable, and should carry over to his speech Wednesday evening. He says that he will write it in the next couple of days and it will focus “less about advice and more about challenging the student athletes themselves.”

“These are some of the best and brightest, and they have the opportunity to make a difference,” Culp said. “They need to continue to use their position for good, and hopefully they can assist us in solving issues regarding sportsmanship. Adults don't have all the answers, and these issues are not going to go away. I would love to see them plan to give back by coaching or taking part in administration. The more good people in athletic leadership positions, the better.”

## COLLEGE ROUNDUP

**NAVY TRACK & FIELD:** After spending the last 29 seasons as the head coach of the Navy men's track and field program, Stephen Cooksey has announced he will retire effective Aug.30. A national search is underway for his replacement.

“Words cannot adequately describe the impact and influence Coach Cooksey has had on our Midshipmen, the Academy and the sport of track & field over his unparalleled career,” Director of Athletics Chet Gladchuk said. “He is ‘an icon’ in our profession and one of the most highly

recognized and appreciated educators within our coaching and faculty ranks. To replace this distinguished leader will be a very difficult challenge because Coach has been one of a kind, the best at everything he does. A professional role model personified, and a man who always exudes the highest values of character, integrity and competitive spirit. We will miss him in so many ways, but wish he and Val the absolute best in their next chapter.”

“Navy has been a wonderful place to be,” Cooksey said. “I have been really lucky

and blessed to be able to coach the kids that we have here. They are really special. It is what I am going to miss more than anything. All of the young guys that are left behind as I leave; it is going to be hard to deal with. They are good kids that are really hard workers.”

In his nearly three decades at the helm of the Navy men's track and field program, the former All-American high jumper and 14-time Patriot League Coach of the Year guided 14 Midshipmen to a total of 23 All-America honors, with Lucas Stalnaker earning the most recent distinction with a

fifth-place finish in the 10,000-meter run at the 2017 NCAA Outdoor Championship. Under his watch, Navy compiled an overall dual meet record of 353-48 (.880), while earning 14 Patriot League team titles (9 indoor / 5 outdoor) with over 450 All-Patriot League honorees.

“I think what we have done coaching-wise has been a combination of all of the coaches working together,” Cooksey said of his staff. “I am the head coach in name. A lot of that glory gets pushed my direction, but it is really a case of all of us working together and getting it done.”