

Warner McNair Fargo

Warner McNair and his family were involved in Fargo and North Dakota tennis for well over 80 years and the Island Park Tennis Courts in Fargo are dedicated in his name.

McNair volunteered in a number of different capacities, including teaching tennis to juniors at Courts Plus in Fargo, where he was hired in 1976 after he retired from the grocery business. He worked at Courts Plus until he was 90 years old. In addition, he served as a past-president of the North Dakota Tennis Association and the Fargo Tennis Club. He founded and coordinated many local leagues and tournaments in Fargo and was a member of the Northwestern Lawn Tennis Association's (now USTA Northern) Board of Directors.

An avid player, McNair won the North Dakota High School Singles Championship in 1928, representing Fargo Central. He played college tennis at the University of Texas at Austin and was a three-time letter winner. In 1930 McNair won the North Dakota State singles crown, and in 1931, he claimed the doubles title. He also was ranked in singles in the Northwestern Lawn Tennis Association.

McNair was inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame in 2002. He passed away on October 13, 2009, at the age of 100.