

Ross sends four into semis

Clyde's Huss, Stallard advance to district tournament

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Ross singles players Rob Myers and Wilhelm Kling and the doubles team of Mark Schwartz and Justin Oxley on Friday qualified for today's semifinals at the Class AAA sectional tennis tournament at Sandusky High School.

In the Class AA-A sectionals at Norwalk High School, Clyde's No. 1 doubles team of Larry Huss and Kevin Stallard advanced to next week's district tournament at Bowling Green State University.

For Ross, Myers defeated Port Clinton's Steve Benko in the third round 6-1, 6-0 and was to face Nate Haring of Mansfield Senior in the semifinals at 9 a.m. today. Myers, who had a first-round bye, beat Galion's Chad Germann 6-1, 6-1 in the second round.

Kling also had a bye in first round. He defeated James Webb of Vermilion 6-0, 6-0 in the second round and came back to beat Brett Kaufman of Lexington, 6-0, 6-7 (7-5), 6-0, and Ramesh Krishnamurthi of Ashland, 7-5, 0-6, 6-2.

Kling's semifinal match also was today at 9 a.m.

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Ross's other doubles team of Shaun Badertscher and Jamie Schroeder defeated Jon Blatt and Tim Ward of Port Clinton 6-2, 6-2 in the first round but then lost to second-seeded Mike Hobbs and Tucker Bacquett of Lexington 6-0, 6-1.

Schwartz and Oxley are scheduled to face top-seeded Toby McCammon and Ward Fisher of Lexington in today's semis.

Schwartz and Oxley had a first-round bye and beat Galion's Scott Schieber and Matt Zieg in the second round, 7-5, 6-3. In third-round play, Schwartz-Oxley won a 6-1, 6-2 decision over Mansfield's David Jun and John Holland.

Mike Byrnes of Ross upset No. 3 seed Matt Schoder of Sandusky 6-1, 6-2 and then beat Chad Kaufman of Lexington 6-4, 6-3. Byrnes then lost to Haring 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

"Overall, everybody played well," Ross coach Mike Andrews said. "That's about the best we've played all year."

AA-A sectional

Huss and Stallard beat Matt

Wollenberg and Scott Fischer of St. Mary's 6-2, 6-1 and came back to beat Joe Delahunt and Brandon Kenning of Huron in the quarterfinals by a 5-7, 6-3, 6-3 margin. The win qualified them for district competition next Friday and Saturday at Bowling Green, where they will play John Pardee and Rob Schultz of Tiffin Calvert in the semifinals at 8 a.m.

"I'm very happy with the way they played," Clyde coach Jeff MacFarland said. "If they keep with it, they should be able to go quite far."

In singles matches, Clyde's Micky Kritzel lost his first-round match to Joe Pullizzi of Sandusky St. Mary's 6-2, 6-2. The Fliers' Jerry Thome had a first-round bye and was beaten in the second round by Jeff Orshoski of Edison 6-0, 6-0.

Brad Shellhammer of Clyde beat Alan Boos of Norwalk St. Paul 6-3, 6-1. Shellhammer then lost to Ben Dennis of Bellevue 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles play, Clyde's Eric Kramer and Shawn Stiefel lost to top-seeded Brad Lynch and Tom Schultz of Perkins 6-2, 6-1.

Sectional tournament concludes

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Sectional tennis tournament action concluded Monday afternoon after a weekend of rain postponed Saturday's semifinal and championship matches.

At the Class AAA sectional at Sandusky, Ross's Rob Myers and Wilhelm Kling played singles matches and Mark Schwartz and Justin Oxley took the court in doubles.

At Norwalk, in the Class AA-A sectional, Clyde's doubles team of Larry Huss and Kevin Stallard competed.

In semifinal action at Sandusky, top-seeded Brad Emmons of Norwalk defeated Kling 6-4, 6-1, and in the other semifinal, Myers defeated Nate Haring of Mansfield Senior 6-2, 6-4. Myers then lost to Emmons in the finals 6-1, 6-1.

Kling came back to beat Haring 6-0, 6-1 to finish third heading

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into Friday's district tournament at Bowling Green State University.

Schwartz and Oxley lost to Toby McCammon and Ward Fisher of Lexington 6-1, 6-1 in a semifinal match. The Ross duo then defeated Andy Tridico and Brian Golbus of Mansfield Senior 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) to finish third.

Class AA-A

Huss and Stallard took runner-up honors after being beaten by Brad Lynch and Tom Schultz of Sandusky Perkins 6-2, 6-0.