

Flower, Ross doubles teams win

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TOLEDO — Defending state Class AAA singles champion Jim Flower led five Ross tennis players in a successful effort to reach district play Friday.

Flower and the doubles teams of Jack Hilty-Roger Parker and Art Gilberg-Joe Albrechta, reached the semifinals of the Toledo "South" Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament. The semis and the finals were slated to begin today at 9 a.m.

The only casualty from Ross was the only girl member of the squad, Karen Driftmyer. The Ross senior won her first match of the tourney, 6-3 and 6-4, over "Zip" Segura of Oregon Clay before running into Schmakiel of Central Catholic in the quarterfinal round.

The Little Giant player fell in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-3.

Flower looked like a finely tuned machine. He did not lose a point in the two sets that he played. In the first set, the Ross



THE EYES of Jim Flower follow the ball in his match against Mike

Eversman of Oregon Clay. Flower won the match, 6-0, 6-0.

champion took just 19 minutes to dispose of Mike Eversman of Clay in straight 6-0 sets.

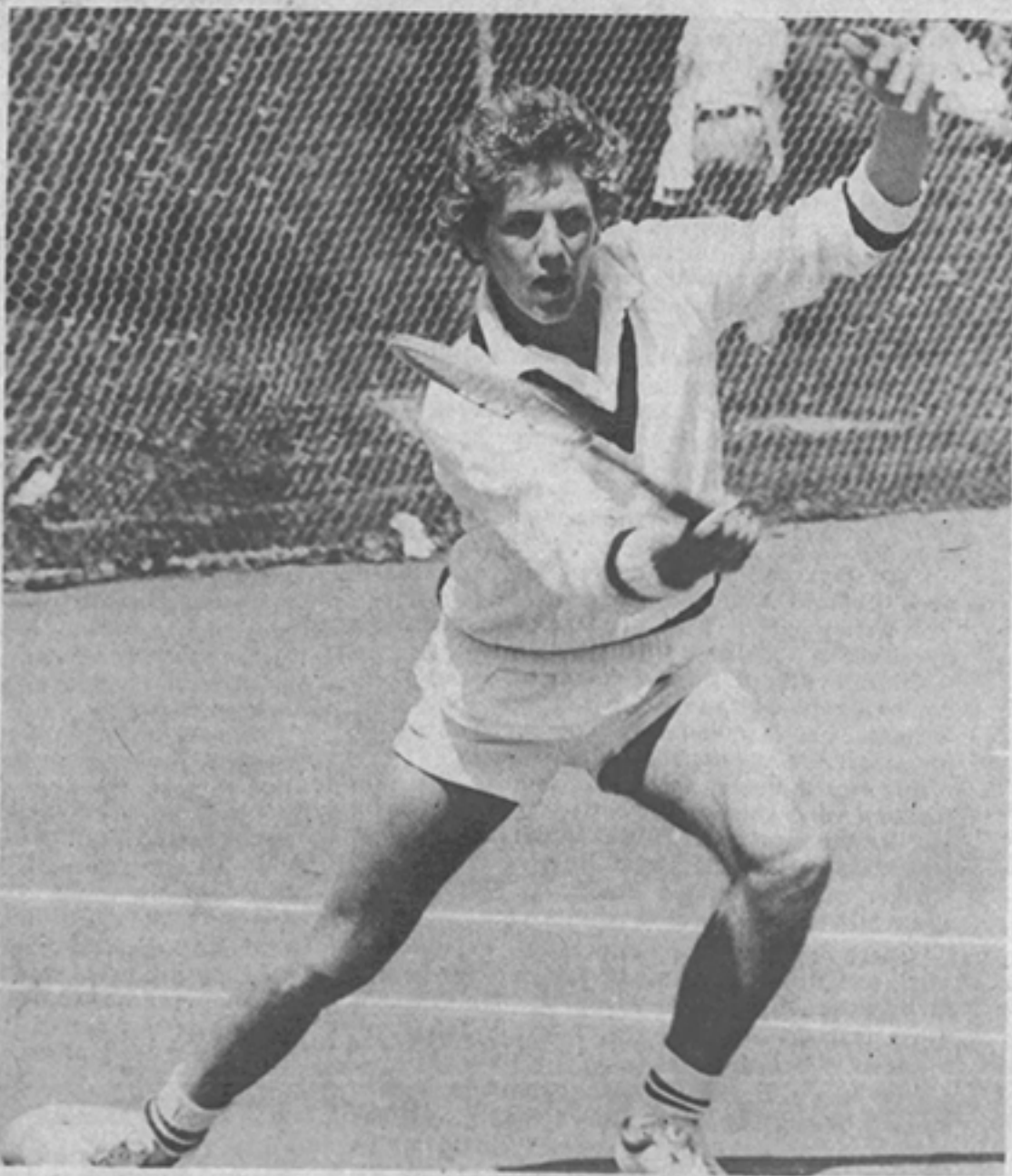
In his second match, Flower did not need much more time to whip Peters of Sylvania, once again in straight 6-0 sets. Today, Flower was to play third seeded player, Wiberg of

Napoleon in the first match.

Hilty and Parker breezed by the doubles team from Oregon Clay in straight 6-0 sets to win the second round match. The Ross duo had some trouble in the second set, dropping a 7-6 tie breaker before rebounding to win the final

two sets, 6-4 and 6-3, over Mauer and Shiedles of DeVilbiss.

Albrechta and Gilberg cruised by Dimitroff and Pepers of Clay, 6-0 and 6-3, in the first match of the day and reached the semifinals by upending Feldstein and Dresser of DeVilbiss, 6-0 and 6-2.



JACK HILTY appears to be using a "tomahawk" motion to return a shot in the doubles play. Hilty teams with

Roger Parker. The Ross duo reached the semifinals of district play. (Photos by Bob Marker)

McTear

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — McTear has blazed past poverty and a ragged running reign today, at age 18, as fastest human.

McTear became only the second in history to run 100 yards in seconds flat, tying the world record by Ivory Crockett 363 days later at a track meet in Knoxville, Tenn.

"I don't believe it," said McTear, matching history's fastest 100-yard preliminary heat of the Florida prep championship meet. "I might be a 9.2, but I never thought I was going that fast."

The odds against McTear, away from his family's poverty, much less an unexpected barrier, would seem astronomical today. McTear, who lives in a town too small to make the verge of reaching a star, attained before.

McTear lives with seven children of a parttime sawmill, a little shack at the end of a road in Okaloosa County. He is running five years ago when the President's Physical Fitness Program.

McTear, a junior at Baker College, sometimes practices on the football field and other times on a dirt adjacent to railroad tracks near home.

But with his enormous talent, seems to have been left behind in his competition. He's "a born runner," says track star Mel Pender.

McTear, who shattered the