

1986 Buckeye Conference

# Findlay netters top Ross at BC

Kim White and Sara Hull win title to prevent Ross shutout in finals

**News-Messenger Reports**

Ross brought home a doubles title and a pair of runners-up but Findlay walked away with the title in the rain-delayed Buckeye Conference Girls Tennis Tournament at Sandusky High School Monday.

Added to those distinctions was an honor for the Ross coach, Pete Michaels. He was named the coach of the year in the conference by his peers.

Findlay, with finalists in all five championship matches, had 130 points to second place Ross's 80. Marion Harding was third with 58 and Sandusky had 52 to round out the top four. Admiral King, Lorain Senior and Elyria comprised the second division.

The tournament finals had been rained out Saturday afternoon and had to be completed with the wind Monday.

"The wind was tough," Michaels admitted, "but it was blowing on both sides of the net."

"I think we had a letdown," he continued. "We were keyed up and on a high roll Saturday; we were playing good tennis. Monday, though, it was tough for us to get started."

Kim White and Sarah Hull, the Little Giants' first court doubles team, had a slow start, losing 6-1 to the Findlay duo of Tracy Seppi and Tiffani Bott before coming to life to take the final two sets 6-3, 6-4 and claim the conference title.

Both of the Ross doubles teams had been seeded first but the second duo of Sherrie Hathaway

and Jennifer McKnight were forced to settle for second, losing to Findlay's Jill Hackenberg and Jody Wasbro 7-6, 3-6, 6-3. The Trojans took the tie-breaker 7-5.

Lisa Manahan finished second in the third court singles division for Ross, losing to Amie Parekh of Findlay 6-0, 7-5.

"In all of our matches Monday, we lost the first set," Michaels pointed out, "and that made it difficult to come back. Had we got by that tie-breaker (in the second doubles match), it might have been different."

"Lisa had a poor start but she came back very hard and lost a tough decision."

Tej Purewal of Harding successfully defended her first court singles title, defeating Sandra Nighswander of Findlay 6-3, 6-2. The second singles crown went to Kelly Hinkle of Findlay.

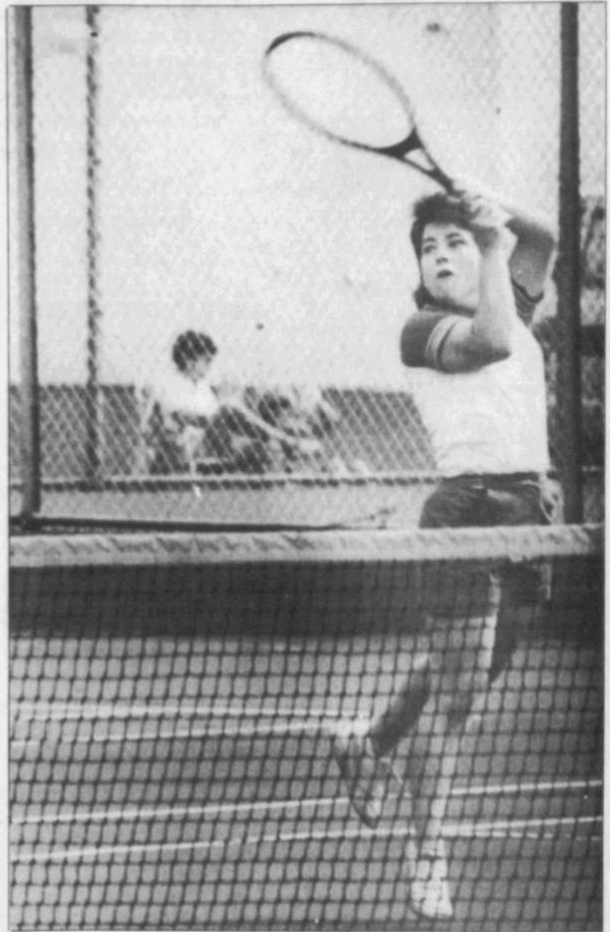
In another area match, Clyde blanked Mansfield St. Pete 5-0.

**Clyde.....5**  
**St. Pete.....0**

Clyde's first doubles team of Brooke Shaul and Bonnie Knight did not lose a game to lead the Fliers to their ninth victory against seven losses.

The Shaul-Knight duo defeated Vicki Bohland and Butty Wiecher in straight 6-0 sets.

Cathy Stahl, playing third court singles for Clyde, dropped the opening set to Barbie Sertell 7-5 but charged back to take the next two sets 6-3, 6-1.



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KIM WHITE of Ross sends a shot back over the net.

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### TEAM STANDINGS

Findlay	130	Admiral King	48
Ross	80	Lorain Senior	24
Harding	58	Elyria	18
Sandusky	52		

### FINALS

#### Singles

First: Tej Purewal (H) d. Sandra Nighswander (F) 6-3, 6-2.

Second: Kelly Hinkle (F) d. Sarah Linhardt (S).

Third: Ami Parekh (F) d. Lisa Manahan (R) 6-0, 7-5.

#### Doubles

First: Kim White and Sarah Hull (R) d. Tracy Seppi and Tiffani Bott (F) 1-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Second: Jill Hackenberg and Jody Wasbro (F) d. Sherrie Hathaway and Jennifer McKnight (R) 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 6-3.

Coach of the year: Pete Michaels, Ross.