



TOM KOKAI, LEFT, AND DAVE DEEMER, ROSS LETTERMEN
Head Coach Paul Goszyk, veterans Set For Coming Season

First Match Thursday

Two Lettermen Anchor Ross Tennis Contingent

Four lettermen are gone, weather has hampered preparation and a volunteer had to step forward to provide coaching. Still "Ross High tennis team is preparing for a good season" is the word of volunteer Coach Paul Goszyk. "Hard work and effort on the part of the team and the coaches should make this season a successful one for Ross," stated Goszyk.

The inclement weather this spring is a particular problem to Ross which does not have adequate indoor practice facilities. The hopes are built on larger turnout this season, the attitude of the players and two lettermen. The lone lettermen and co-captains are Dave Deemer and Tom Kokai. When Ross first steps into action Thursday Deemer and Kokai not only will represent the top two singles players but likely the number one doubles team. Others on the traveling team will be Dave Abbott, Mark Klopfer, Jeff Keefer and alternates Steve Klay and Dave Schatt. Abbott and Klopfer will likely combine as the number two doubles team.

Goszyk is a volunteer who is adding his tennis knowledge to the work of official head coach Norman Paeth of the school staff. The two coaches are working with a squad of 12 players. Of this squad Kokai, Schatt, Klay, Klopfer, Gary Jaeger, Kirk Kistler and manager Ed Shultz are seniors. Juniors are Deemer, Abbott, Keefer and Mark Little. Two sophomores are working out with the team, Doug Spriggs and Chuck Vandergrift.

The Ross tennis team will have a 13-match schedule, plus competition in Buckeye Conference, sectional and district tournament.

The Little Giants open Thursday at Findlay. They follow this with an April 15 match at Marion before the home start, April 17, against Mansfield. Ross has seven home matches against Mansfield; Findlay, April 22; Sandusky, April 24; Fostoria, April 25; Marion, April 29; Port Clinton, May 7 and Bellevue, May 13.

They meet all the same teams in road encounters.

Little Giant Net Team Is Blanked

FINDLAY — Opportunity for indoor facilities to prepare for the season showed Thursday as Findlay displayed a finely tuned tennis team in a 6-0 opening victory over Ross high school. The visiting Little Giants extended their Findlay opponents to three sets in only one match. This was in the number three singles where Dave Burr of Findlay nipped Ross' Dave Abbott, 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Ross Coaches are Norman Paeth and Paul Goszyk. The losing coaches pointed to the accurate service of Findlay players as crucial in the match. Ross tries again for its first victory Tuesday at Marion.

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SINGLES

Dan Somers (F) over Dave Deemer (R), 6-1, 6-3.

Keith Bookwalter (F) over Tom Kokai (R), 6-4, 6-1.

Dave Burr (F) over Dave Abbott (R), 6-2, 6-8, 6-3.

Rod Wywkoop (F) over Jeff Keefer, (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Dave Stealey (F) over Steve Klay (R), 6-2, 6-0.

Exhibition—Paul Fairchild (F) over Dave Schatt (R), 6-1, 6-1.

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DOUBLES

Sommers-Burr (F) over Deemer-Abbott, 6-3, 8-6.

Bookwalter-Fairchild (F) over Kokai-Keefer (R), 6-0, 6-1.

Net Team Blanked

MARION — Fremont Ross for the second time found winning tennis in the Buckeye Conference comes hard. The Little Giants suffered their second shutout in as many matches, losing to Marion, 8-0. All matches were decided in two sets.

Fremont came closest to the strong Marion team in the number one doubles match. Dave Deemer and Tom Abbott were beaten by Marion's Mike O'Day and Ed Gentzler, 6-4, 6-2.

SINGLES

Mike O'Day (M) defeated Dave Deemer (F), 6-1, 6-0.

Ed Gentzler (M) defeated Tom Kokai (R), 6-1, 6-1.

Brad Taft (M) defeated Tom Abbott, 6-0, 6-3.

Ken Leser (M) defeated Randy Keefer, 6-1, 6-1.

Ron Brust (M) defeated Don Clay (R), 6-0, 6-1.

Bob Wintringham (M) defeated Ken Looper (R), 6-1, 6-0.

DOUBLES

O'Day—Gentzler (M) defeated Deemer-Abbott (R), 6-4, 6-2.

Taft-Leser (M) defeated Keefer-Kokai (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Ross Net Team Draws Third Blank

Fremont Ross tennis team opened at home season in an unsuccessful quest for its first points of the season. The Little Giant netters extended the opposition more than in the previous two matches but still was a 7-0 victim of Mansfield. It was the third consecutive shut-out loss.

The first doubles team of Dave Deemer and Tom Kokai came closest to a victory in extending their foes to three sets before losing.

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SINGLES

Ken Brown (M) defeated Dave Deemer, 6-1, 6-0.

Denny Bruns (M) defeated Tom Kokai, 6-1, 6-0.

George Wesner (M) defeated Dave Abbott, 6-1, 8-6.

Ramsey Slugg (M) defeated Jeff Kaefer (R), 7-5, 6-3.

Greg Smith (M) defeated Steve Klay (R), 9-7, 6-1.

DOUBLES

Burns-Wesner (M) defeated Deemer-Kokai (R), 6-0, 4-6, 6-0.

Brown-Slugg (M) defeated Abbott-Keefer (R), 9-7, 6-1.

Whitewashed Fourth Time

The individual matches were closer but the results were the same Thursday as Ross tennis team suffered its fourth shutout loss of the season. This time it was Sandusky which stopped the Little Giant netters, 7-0. The match was contested on the Rodger Young Park courts.

Nearest thing to a Ross point came in the number three singles match as Dave Abbot won the second set in a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 loss to Sandusky's Chris Johnson. Tom Kokai, Ross number two man, extended his Sandusky foe to an 8-6 first set but then fell 6-0 in the second.

SINGLES

George Steinemann (S) defeated Dave Deemer (R), 6-1, 6-0.

Gene Sens (S) defeated Tom Kokai, 8-6, 6-0.

Chris Johnson (S) defeated Dave Abbot, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Tom Till (S) defeated Jeff Keefer (R), 6-1, 6-0.

Mike Herman (S) defeated Steve Klay (R), 6-2, 6-4.

(Exhibition) Mark Klopfer (R) defeated Phil Miler (S), 6-1, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Steinemann-Sens (S) defeated Deemer-Kokai (R), 6-4, 6-1.

Johnson-Herman (S) defeated Abbot-Keefer (R), 6-3, 6-2.

(Exhibition) Till-Miler (S) defeated Klay-Klopfer (R), 6-2, 6-2.

Ross Tennis Team Ends Point Drought

A point has finally been won. Now the Ross tennis team is aiming for a win. The Little Giant netters broke a shutout jinx Friday, but still fell to Fostoria, 5-2. It was the first time Ross had won a point in five matches.

The whitewash habit was broken when Jeff Keefer won the number four singles match for the Little Giants. The number one doubles team of Tom Kokai and Dave Deemer then added the second point. The first Ross point came on a three-set 6-4, 5-7, 8-6 victory by Keefer. The Kokai-Deemer team won point number two in straight sets, 6-4, 9-7.

SINGLES

Greg Scharlach (F) defeated Dave Deemer (R), 6-2, 3-6, 6-0.

Wayne Schlosser (F), defeated Tom Kokai (R), 6-4, 6-2.

Steve Ward (F), defeated Dave Abbott (R), 6-1, 6-3.

Jeff Keefer (R) defeated Larry Robbins (F), 6-4, 5-7, 8-6.

Ken Rose (R), defeated Steve Klay (R), 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

(Exhibition) Mark Klopfer (R) defeated Jack Gilbert (F), 6-3, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Kokai-Deemer (R), defeated Ward-Schlosser (F), 6-4, 9-7.

Swartz-Scharlach (F) defeated Keefer-Abbott (R), 6-1, 6-2.

Klay Prevents Fifth Ross Net Shutout

PORT CLINTON—Steve Klay, Little Giant number four man, took a three-set victory Wednesday to prevent a Ross shutout loss. Port. Clinton high school won all the other matches in a 6-1 tennis victory.

Ross now has a 0-6 record and four of the losses have been shutouts.

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SINGLES

Mark Johnson (PC) defeated Dave Deemer (R), 6-0, 6-1.

Tim Warga (PC) defeated Tom Kokai, 6-0, 9-7.

Jack Thompson (PC) defeated Jeff Keefer (R), 6-4, 6-4.

Steve Klay (R) defeated Carl Myers, 6-1, 7-9, 6-0.

Jim Waltz (PC) defeated Mrk Klopfer (R), 7-5, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Mark Belknap — Rickel (PC) defeated Deemer-Kokai, (R), 9-7, 6-0.

Thompson-Mlinac (PC) defeated Klopfer-Keefer (R), 6-1, 6-1.

Giant Netters Get Fifth Whitewash

MANSFIELD — Buckeye Conference championship tournament favorite, led by defending singles champion Ken Brown, administered the fifth shutout and seventh loss of the season to Fremont Ross here Thursday in tennis play. The visiting Little Giants are still looking for their first win and their first point against a Buckeye Conference foe.

Nearest thing to a Fremont victory came in the number five singles where Steve Klay extended his foe to three sets.

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SINGLES

Ken Brown (M) defeated Dave Deemer (R), 6-1, 6-0.

Denny Burns (M) defeated Tom Kokai (R), 6-2, 6-2.

George Wesner (M) defeated Dave Abbott, 6-0, 6-1.

Ramsey Slugg (M) defeated Jeff Keefer (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Greg Smith (M) defeated Steve Klay (R), 6-2, 3-6, 10-8.

DOUBLES

Brown-Burns (M) defeated Deemer-Kokai (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Wesner-Slugg (M) defeated Abbott-Keefer (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Tournament At Rodger Young

Sectional Tennis Action Set

Ten schools will be represented in the sectional tennis tournament scheduled for Rodger Young park courts Friday and Saturday. Tournament manager is Gary Shelt of the Ross faculty.

Returning to defend their doubles title will be the team of Tim Warga and Bob Johnson of Port Clinton. Chris Amato of Norwalk St. Paul, the district qualifier from this sectional, is back in action but will be in the doubles this year. Amato will team with Don Smith, while Larry Hickey and

Tom Hug will be the St. Paul singles representatives.

Two entries in each doubles and singles will advance to the Toledo district tournament.

Ross will be represented in the singles by Mark Klopfer and Steve Klay. The two doubles teams will be the combination of Tom Kokai and Dave Deemer, the team co-captains; Dave Abbott and Jeff Keefer. The Deemer-Kokai pair drew the Calvert team of Bernard and Bernard in the first round. Abbott and Keefer will test Johnson and Herman of Sandusky. Klay first meets Norwalk's

Hughes and Klopfer faces Calvert's Seemuth.

Top-seeded in singles were Ebert of Sandusky St. Mary and Cook of Vermilion. Seeded in doubles was the Amato-Smith team of St. Paul and the Warga - Johnson combination from Port Clinton.

Schools represented in the sectional are Ross, Port Clinton, St. Paul, Norwalk, Perkins, Vermilion, Bellevue, Tiffin Calvert, Sandusky St. Mary and Sandusky.

The preliminaries begin Friday at 3 p.m. Finals start Saturday, 10 a.m.

Ross Netters Score Point, Lose Match

Victory was still denied but at least there was a point for Ross in the final results of a tennis match Wednesday at Rodger Young Park. Port Clinton was the victory in a 6-1 victory over Ross. Ross has been the victim of six shutouts this season.

The lone Ross point was won by the number one doubles team of Tom Kokai and Dave Deemer. They took a match from Port Clinton's Mark Belknap and Jim Waltz, 6-1, 6-3.

All but one of the losing matches went in two sets. In the number three singles match Little Giant Dave Abbott extended Port Clinton's Jack Thompson to three sets before losing, 6-1, 5-7, 6-0.

SINGLES

Mark Johnson (P) defeated Dave Deemer (R), 6-1, 6-1.

Tim Warga (PC) defeated Tom Kokai (R), 6-1, 6-1.

Jack Thompson (PC) defeated Dave Abbott (R), 6-1, 5-7, 6-0.

Carl Myers (PC) defeated Jeff Keefer (R), 6-2, 6-0.

Jim Waltz (PC) defeated Steve Klay (R), 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Kokai-Deemer (R) defeated Waltz-Mark Belknap (PC), 6-1, 6-3.

Jim Rickel-Ray Mlinac (PC) defeated Keefer-Klay (R), 6-4, 6-3.

Sectional Net Play Delayed

Tournament Manager Gary Shelt is faced with a tight schedule today, weather permitting, to get the sectional tennis meet completed at Rodger Young Park. The rain and cold weather cancelled the first day of action Friday. Saturday, the first round of play was not completed before the rains halted proceedings.

In the short bit of action one of four Ross entries survived. Dave Deemer and Tom Kokai teamed for a Ross doubles win over Bernard and Bernard of Calvert, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. The second Ross doubles team of Dave Abbott and Jeff Keefer fell to Johnson and Herman of Sandusky, 6-3, 6-2.

In singles both Ross players were swept aside. Steve Klay fell to Hughes of Norwalk, 6-0, 6-3, and Ron Klopfer was beaten by Calvert's Seemuth, 6-4, 6-4.

Manager Shelt has hopes of starting today at 3 p.m. and running to completion. The winners here, two doubles teams and two singles, advance to district play in Toledo.

Other first round results were:

DOUBLES — Beck-Zureich, Norwalk, defeated VanMeter-Borsick, Perkins, 6-4, 6-3; Meyer-Kropf, Vermilion, defeated Loulow-Loulow, Bellevue, 6-2, 6-2; McClain-Delahot, Huron, defeated Vogt-Budzieeswski, Norwalk, 6-1, 6-3; Evert-Kistler, Bellevue, defeated Eberly-Burroughs, Vermilion, 6-2, 6-4.

SINGLES — Krinke, Bellevue, defeated Hudson, Sandusky, 6-0, 6-0; Waltz, Port Clinton, defeated Athey, Vermilion, 6-3, 6-3; Seip, Bellevue, defeated Wintersteller, St. Mary's, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2; Till, Sandusky, defeated Manson, Perkins, 6-2, 6-3.

Netters Score, But Still Lose

Ross high school tennis team has its best showing of the season Wednesday but still went without a victory, falling to Bellevue, 5-2. It was the first time this season the Little Giants had won more than a single point.

Winning Ross' points were the doubles team of Dave Deemer and Tom Kokai and singles player Steve Klay.

SINGLES

Steve Krinke (B) defeated Dave Deemer, 6-3, 6-3.

Dave Lulow (B) defeated Tom Kokai (R), 6-1, 6-0.

Nelson Seip (B) defeated Dave Abbott (R), 6-2, 6-2.

Don Lulow (B) defeated Jeff Keefer (R), 6-4, 6-3.

Steve Klay (R) defeated Jack Evert (B), 6-2, 6-4.

(Exhibition) Mark Woodworth (B) defeated Doug Spriggs, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Deemer-Kokai (R) defeated Seip-D. Lulow (B), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Kistler-Sweigard (B) defeated Abbott-Klay, 6-2, 6-3.