

St. Joe tennis team sends 3 to district

Ross advances both doubles teams

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SANDUSKY — The doubles team of Brad Darr and Brian Goetz and singles player Jan Dierking of Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic advanced to the Division II district tennis tournament following sectional tournament action Saturday at Perkins High School.

Darr and Goetz, the top-seeded doubles team at Saturday's sectional tournament, beat Clyde's Matt Mapus and Chad Archer 6-3, 7-5 in the championship round. It was the second sectional title for the St. Joe duo, 8-1.

The top four doubles teams and singles players advanced to the district tournament this Friday and Saturday at Bowling Green State University.

Darr and Goetz advanced to the sectional finals with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Norwalk's Brian Breslin and Dan Hipp in the quarterfinals and a 6-2, 7-6 (7-2) victory over Perkins' Mike Lee and Naveen Setty in the semifinals.

Mapus and Archer topped Perkins' Srikanth Reddy and Steve Tomasula 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the semis.

Tennis

Dierking lost to Port Clinton's Erick Gale, the No. 1 seed, 6-3, 6-4 in the championship singles match.

Dierking, 12-1, beat Port Clinton's Walker Roth 6-0, 6-1 in the quarters and Norwalk's Brian Canterbury 6-7 (7-5), 6-2, 7-5 in the semis.

"That was probably some of the best tennis he's played all year," St. Joe coach Brian Miller said of Dierking. "In the semis he had a problem with his serve. He was missing his second serves but he came around after the break and hit a lot of first serves against Gale."

The victory was the 50th career victory for Gale, 24-1. The sophomore also won last year's sectional title.

Division I sectional

Fremont Ross advanced two doubles teams to the BG district.

The Little Giants' Adam Andrews and Torsten Kaiser beat teammates Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe 6-3, 6-0 in the Division I consolation finals at Sandusky.