

MEMBERS OF THE ROSS varsity tennis team for 1975 are shown above. Front row (left to right): Roger Parker, Kurt Brawley, Joe Albrechta, Rick Howell, Karen Driftmyer; back row: Coach Pete Michaels,

Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, Brent Borden, Oscar Merroquin, and Jack Hilty. (N-M photo by Bruce

## **Vet team opens Thursday**

A veteran Ross High School tennis team kicks off the season by hosting Sandusky Perkins
Thursday night at Rodger
Young Park. The Little
Giants net team has a
nucleus of six letter winners returning for this season's squad.

Among the returnees is

the Ohio High School State Class AAA singles champion, Jim Flower, a three year regular for coach Pete Michaels' team. Flower, a senior, was second in the state as a sophomore before winning all the marbles as a junior.

"Jim is great . . . there is o doubt about that," Michaels said, "but I have two other players who could be playing first singles on seven of the eight Buckeye Conference schools.

The eighth school is Ross and Flower is the top man in singles. Michaels, however, points toward Art Gilberg and Jack Hilty as being top notch number two and three singles players and are the two he feels could be the top singles players on most other teams.

"Both Hilty and Gilberg are sound fundamentally

in all phases of the game," the veteran coach says.

Characterizing his whole team of 19 (10 on the varsity and nine reserve team players), Michaels points to one of the key reasons that Ross has been so successful the past two years.
"They all love the

game," he says.

Ross won the BC tennis crown in 1973 and 1974 and will be gunning for an unprecedented third crown this season. With Flower, the BC singles champ, are Gilberg and Hilty who teamed up to finish second in the doubles battle last season.

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Date		Opponent
April	3	Perkins
	7	Port Clinton
	8	at Mansfield
	10	Findlay
	14	at St. John's
	15	Marion
	17	Mansfield
	21	at Ottawa Hills
	23	at Findlay
	24	Sandusky
	26	Worthington Cup
	28	St. John's
	29	at Bellevue
	30	Marion
		BC matches
May	3	at Fremont
		at Fremont
	5	at Port Clinton
7		at Sandusky
9-10		Sectional
13		Bellevue
17-16		District
23-24		State Meet
-		State Meet

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Expecting to compliment the three Ross singles players are letter winners Roger Parker and Joe Albrechta (the first doubles team) and Karen Driftmyer, the only girl member of the team. Miss Driftmyer lettered

last season and will be playing second doubles with as yet, undetermined partner. an

There are four players currently shooting for that one doubles shot. Seniors Oscar Merroquin and Kurt Brawley, along with a pair of juniors, Brent Borden and Rick Howell, are

gunning for the spot.

One added feature of the tennis season this year is the addition of a state team tennis battle. Ross will meet Ohio City on April 12

in the first round of that affair with the winner of the match meeting Toledo St. John's

One thing that Michaels is hoping for this year is dry weather. He and his team need it for the month of April. The team will play 13 dual matches plus taking part in the Worthington Cup in the usually rainy month.

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## Flower, Little Giants tough

In the eyes of Ross tennis coach Pete Michaels, a 5-0 winner in the Little Giants' season opener against Port Clinton, "it was a very good match . . . for openers."

Senior Jim Flower got right back on track where he left off last season with a "very strong" match against Mark Hoyer, a sophomore. Flower picked up easy 6-0 and 6-1 wins. Art Gilberg, Ross's second man, however, had a rougher time with Port Clinton senior Steve Milazzo. Gilberg prevailed 6-4, 6-2.

Jack Hilty was a 6-3, 6-0 winner over Dean Rosiar and Ross junior Brent Bordon lost to senior Rick Endicott 6-4. 6-1. The match was not scored.

Ross's doubles teams scored victories with Joe Albrechta and Roger Parke, both seniors, trimming Bill Brown and John Stein 6-1, 6-2.

Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin won their match with a 5-4 tiebracker on Marroquin's ace, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

#### Ross 5, Port Clinton 0

SINGLES

Jim Flower (R) defeated Mark Hoyer (PC) 6-0, 6-1.

Art Gilberg (R) defeated Steve Milazzo (PC) 6-4, 6-2.

Jack Hilty (R) defeated Dean Rosiar (PC) 6-3,

DOUBLES

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker (R) defeated

Bill Brown and John Stein (PC) 6-1, 6-2.

Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin (R) defeated Ken Schoenfield and Mike Burdorf (PC) 4-6, 6-2, 7-6.

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## OSU picks Flower

Jim Flower, a senior at Ross High School will attend Ohio State University next fall. Flower, the Ohio High School State Class AAA 1974 singles tennis champion, signed a national letter-of-intent Friday to attend OSU.

Flower was given a full athletic scholarship, the only one offered for tennis by OSU coach John Daly. The Buckeye coach had been actively recruiting Flower since the Little Giant player was runnerup in the state singles as a sophomore.

Over 35 colleges ranging from Ohio State, Michigan, Iowa, Virginia, and Miami

of Ohio to tiny Swarthmore University sought Flower's services.

"I pretty much had my mind made up," Flower said when asked if he had g i v e n serious consideration to the other schools. "Ohio State has the facilities where I can play all year around and they have a good program right now."

## St. John's in Fremont

Fremont Ross will entertain Toledo St. John's Monday at Rodger Young Park. The 4:15 p.m. match was originally slated to be played at St. John's

The featured match of the duel meet will have Ross' state Class AAA single champ, Jim Flower, going against the player he beat in the state finals, Erick Iskersky.

Flower was beaten in the first meeting last year by Iskersky but defeated the St. John's junior three straight matches afterwards including the district match and the state championship match.

# Net team rolls, 5-0

OHIO CITY — Joe Albrechta stepped into the third singles spot in the Ross lineup and responded with a straight set win over O hio City's Greg Waterman Saturday. Albrechta's win helped the Little Giants to sweep Warriors, 5-0, in the first round State Team Tournament match.

Albrechta, normally a member of Ross' first doubles team, took over the third singles slot when he defeated regular third singles player, Jack Hilty, in a challenge match earlier in the week. The Ross senior had a bit of trouble adjusting to the new roll in the first set but eventually started to roll and wound up with a 6-4 win.

In the second set it was no contest. The Little Giant stroker forged to an easy 6-

1 set win for the match.

Jim Flower and Art
Gilberg, Ross' numbers
one and two singles
players, respectively,
posted double shutouts.
Both players posted
straight set, 6-0 victories.

Flower disposed of Rick Lockhart while Gilberg buried Lyle Ulrey.

The second doubles team for Ross, Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin, turned in its best effort of the young season with a 6-0, 6-1, win over the Ohio City team of Steve Waterman and Junior Balliet.

Hilty dropped down to the first doubles team but responded well in his matchup with Roger Parker. After a little trouble with the Warriors' Greg Bashore and Mike Ameg, the Hilty-Parker combination scored a 7-5, 6-1, match victory.

The win set up Ross' second round State Team Tournament match tonight at Rodger Young Park. Toledo St. John's, boasting Class AAA singles runnerup Erick Iskersky, will be the Little Giants' opponent in the 4:15 p.m. match. Iskersky will go against the Class AAA state singles champ, Ross' Flower.

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Rick
Lockhart (OC), 6-0, 6-0
Art Gilberg (R) defeated Lyle
Ulrey (OC), 6-0, 6-0
Joe Albrechta (R) defeated
Greg Waterman (OC), 6-4, 6-1

Doubles
Jack Hilty and Roger Parker
(R) defeated Greg Bashore and
Mike Ameg (OC) 7-5, 6-1
Karen Driftmyer and Oscar
Marrouqin (R) defeated Steve
Waterman and Junior Balliet (OC)
6-0, 6-1

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## Ross vareserve

ELYRIA — Mark Lohrba four-hitter in the night doubleheader against Elyria salvage a split for the Littl Ross. After dropping an 11-16 the first game, Ross amble pioneers, 8-3, in the nightcap.

Elyria scored three runs two innings against Lohrbac some shoddy fielding by Giants. Elyria collected only scoring the trio of runs but v only two more hits over the innings by the hard thro righthander.

Trailing 3-1 going into the third of the first game, Ros pair of Lohrbach's two-run of Little Giants took the lead with third.

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Lohrbach fanned nine and

"I was happy to see the way came back in the seco especially after what happe first game," Ross coach Ed P

Ross was leading 10-8 with the bottom of the seventh w scored three to win the first Sunagel's triple after one out Elyria rally in the seventh.



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## Netters in 5-0 rut, lose to Toledo foe

Ross is in a rut.

Especially the Little Giants tennis team when it comes to playing Toledo St. John's at Rodger Young Park. For the second time in as many years, St. John's handed Ross a 5-0 setback.

The loss knocked the Little Giants out of the first

Ohio High School State Tennis Tournament.

The cold windy weather hampered play but Ross coach Pete Michaels refused to offer the presence of Jack Frost as an alibi.

"It was just as cold on both sides of the net," the veteran mentor said as he tried to thaw himself out. "St. John's played very, very good tennis - sure it was cold, extremely cold, but all of the St. John's boys played quite well."

The duel meet featured a matchup of the state's top two Class AAA singles players, Jim Flower of Ross and Erick Iskersky of St. John's. And just like last year, Iskersky, a junior, defeated Flower.

If Flower keeps in his rut, it will mean another state championship for him. After losing to Iskersky on Ross' home courts last season, Flower went on to defeat Iskersky three straight matches, the final win coming in the state championship match.

Monday night belonged to the St. John's stroker. Iskersky broke Flower's second service and held his own for a 3-1 breakaway in the first set. Iskersky broke Flower's service in the last game to take the first set, 6-3.

Flower broke Iskersky's service in the first game of the second set but lost his advantage when the St. John's junior broke right back to tie the set. Iskersky broke Flower's service again later in the set to win the set and the match, 6-4.

"Jim was having trouble placing his return shots off Erick's services," Michaels said as he reviewed Flower's game. "His volley shots were not sharp as they normally are and Iskersky was getting to the net because of that."

In other singles matches, Steve Solys, a rangy lefthander handed Art Gilberg of Ross his first loss of the season, 6-1, 6-2, and Brick Swirbul won the third singles match from Ross' Jack Hilty, 6-3, 7-6. Swirbul took the tiebreaker by a 5-4 margin.

Dean Boucouras and Tom Nagy of St. John's won the first doubles match from Ross' Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker, 6-2, 6-3 and the second Ross doubles team of Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin dropped their match by the same scores to St. John's Greg Biernacki and Bob Rupp.

St. John's 5, Ross 0

SINGLES Erick Iskersky (SJ) defeated Jim Flower (R), 6-3, 6-4 Steve Solys (SJ) defeated Art Gilberg (R), 6-1, 6-2 Brick Swirbul (SJ) defeated Jack Hilty (R), 6-3, 7-6 DOUBLES

Dean Boucouras and Tom Nagy (SJ) defeated Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker (R), 6-2, 6-3 Greg Biernacki and Bob Rupp (SJ) defeated Karen Driftmyer

and Oscar Marroquin (R), 6-2, 6-3

## Ross bounces back

Ross bounced back from a shutout loss to post a 5-0 shutout of its own against Mansfield Senior. It was the second win in as many matches this season against the Tygers. Earlier Ross had won, 4-1.

Jim Flower and Art Gilberg did not lose a game in their two sets of tennis. Flower disposed of Mansfield's Steve Meckling with Gilberg taking care of Tyger senior George Mathews in the second singles match. Both wins were by 6-0 margins.

Joe Albrechta handled the third singles position for Ross and responded with a 6-1, 6-1, straight set win over sophomore Nick Ghessouras. The win put Albrechta's singles mark at 2-0.

Jack Hilty, normally Ross' third singles player, teamed up with Roger Parker for the second time this season in the first doubles alignment. The Hilty-Parker combo needed three sets before dropping the Mansfield team of Colin Paul and Bruce Holmes, 6-2, 2-6, and

Pete Werling tasted his first Ross varsity action when he teamed up with Karen Driftmyer is the second doubles match. Werling and Miss Driftmyer tripped Don Gross and Ken Beeman in 6-0 and 6-3.

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Steve
Meckling (M), 6-0, 6-0
Art Gilberg (R) defeated George
Mathews (M), 6-0, 6-0
Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Nick
Ghessouras (M) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

Roger Parker and Jack Hilty (R) defeated Colin Paul and Bruce Holmes (M) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling (R) defeated Don Gross and Ken Beeman (M) 6-0, 6-3

## Little Giants lose in Toledo

TOLEDO — Those tennis teams to the north seem to have a hex on the Ross tennis team.

Only last week Toledo St. John's dumped the Little Giants netters and Monday the Ottawa Hills team handed Ross its second loss of the season, a heartbreaking 3-2 verdict.

Winners on Ross' side of nets were Jim Flower and the second doubles team of Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling.

Ross travels to Findlay Wednesday, then entertains Sandusky Thursday and will drive south to Worthington Friday On Saturday the Ross netters will have another chance at Ottawa Hills and St. John's as well as Sylvania and four other teams in the Worthington Cup Tournament.

Jim Flower (R) defeated Jim Ketcham (OH) 6-2, 6-1

John Bailey (OH) defeated Art Gilberg (R) 7-5, 6-4 Mike Reidmayer (OH) defeated Joe Albrechta (R) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

Ottawa Hills (Keith Buckey and Bill Siegal) defeated Ross (Jack Hilty and Roger Parker) 6-3, 2-6,6-2

Ross (Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling) defeated Ottawa Hills (Mary Spengler and Diane Mickles) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

## Ross nips Sandusky; Worthington Cup next

Ross squeezed by Sandusky, 3-2, on the tennis courts of Rodger Young Park Thursday night. The Little Giants lost the third singles and the first doubles matches.

The narrow win served as one of two tune-ups for Saturday's Worthington Cup in Worthington.



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Jim Flower stroked his way to his sixth win in seven matches this spring, losing only one game to Sandusky senior Jim Fialka. The Ross senior posted a 6-0, 6-1 straight set win.

Art Gilberg, Ross second singles player, leveled the Blue Streaks' Dan Tucker in easy fashion. Gilberg slipped by in the first set 6-2 and then rolled by Tucker 6-0 in the second set.

Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling combined to form the second doubles duo for Ross. The Little Giants team posted straight 6-1 set wins for the match over Shawn Newman and Ron Albert.

Mark Ott, a junior for Sandusky, caught Ross' Joe Albrechta on an "off" day for a 6-2, 6-3 win. Jack Hilty and Oscar Marroquin, playing together for the first time this spring, fell to Sandusky senior Dan Ruemmele and sophomore Wayne Tucker by narrow 6-4 and 6-3 sets.

Today, Ross was to take on Worthington in a dual meet in a prelude to the 13th Worthington Cup tourney.

Toledo St. John's, Ottawa Hills, Sylvania, and Ross from Northwest Ohio will make up half of the field in the Cup. Other teams entered are Worthington, the host, Upper Arlington, Bexley, and Columbus Whetstone.

"These are probably, what I consider, the top eight teams in the state," Ross coach Pete Michaels said.

Michaels continued with the lineup that he will use in the Cup. Teams can enter only one singles player and one doubles team.

"I'm going with Flower in the singles and Gilberg and Albrechta in the doubles."

All play in the Cup will take place on Saturday with play beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Ross entered the match with Worthington today with a 5-2 record. The Little Giants have lost to St. John's and Ottawa Hills.

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Jim
Fialka (S) 6-0, 6-1
Art Gilberg (R) defeated Dan
Tucker (S) 6-2, 6-0
Mark Ott (S) defeated Joe
Albrechta (R) 6-2, 6-3
Doubles

Dan Ruemmele and Wayne
Tucker (S) defeated Jack Hilty
and Oscar Marroquin (R) 6-4, 6-3
Karen Driftmyer and Pete
Werling (R) defeated Shawn
Newman and Ron Albert (S) 6-1,
6-1

1st race, 1st win in 3 years.

## Ross 2nd at Worthington

WORTHINGTON - Bexley won the 13th Worthington Cup Saturday with Fremont Ross a close second. The Bexley team picked up 31 points to Ross' 28 in the eight-team tennis field.

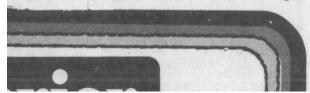
Jim Flower, the Ohio High School Class AAA singles champ of the '74 season, won the singles titles while the Ross doubles team of Art Gilberg and Joe Albrechta finished second in the consolation bracket.

Ross made a big improvement over its finish of last year in the Cup. The Little Giants were humbled with a seventh place finish but reversed its play under sunny skies Saturday.

Flower won the singles crown over old nemisis, Erick Iskersky of Toledo St. John's. Iskersky handed Flower his only loss earlier this season in straight sets and pushed Flower to three before losing in the finals

With Flower taking his toll on Iskersky with a powerful serve, the Little Giants' state champ picked up 6-3 wins in the first and third sets. He dropped the middle set, 6-1.

At one stretch in the match, Flower won eight



straight service points and ended the match by firing an ace past Iskersky for the title.

"He just played beautifully," Ross coach Pete Michaels explained. "This is the best that he has shown this year."

Michaels revealed that Flower had suffered a slightly sprained ankle in the second round of play.

I think the sprain caused him to put more effort on his services," Michaels pointed out.

Gilberg and Albrechta, playing as a team for the first time this season, ran up against an experienced Bexley doubles team in the first round and lost, 6-0 and

The first round loss knocked the Ross team into the consolation round. Gilberg and Albrechta won the first consolation match but dropped the consolation finals to the team from St. John's.

TEAM STANDINGS: Bexley 31; Ross 28; Columbus Whetstone Toledo St. John's 18; Sylvania 9; Ottawa Hills 9; Worthington 0; Upper Arlington 0

ROSS RESULTS

(Singles play)
Jim Flower (R) defeated Kennedy (B) 6-3, 6-1; Flower defeated Dierker (CW) 6-0, 6-2

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: Flower (R) defeated Erick Iskersky (TSJ), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3

(Doubles play)
Art Gilberg and Joe Albrechta (R) lost to Learmowth and McLaughlin (CW) 6-0, 6-1

CONSOLATION: Gilberg-Albrechta (R) defeated Farris and Nourse (Wor) 10-5

CONSOLATION FINALS: Gilberg-Albrechta (R) lost to Solys and Nagy (TSJ) 10-6

## Ross rolls over Bellevue net team

BELLEVUE — Ross rolled to an easy 7-0 triumph over the Bellevue Redmen tennis team

Tuesday afternoon.

Played under warm sunny skies, the best conditions that the Little Giants have had this spring, Ross coach Pete Michaels said simply that all of his players "played well."

With Joe Albrechta taking over for Art Gilberg at the number two singles slot, Ross lineup was nearly intact with the exception of the added two singles matches. Gilberg missed the match because of illness.

Albrechta handled the second singles slot amply with 6-0 and 6-1 set wins over Gene Geiger. Jim Flower, playing out of the top singles spot for Ross, easily defeated Dave Garman in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-1.

Jack Hilty returned to the third singles slot and posted one of two Ross shutouts for the match, a 60, 6-0, win over Tom Martin.

Roger Parker and Pete Werling of Ross, playing singles for the first time this year, defeated Kevin Scagnette and Vern Fawcett, 6-2, 6-2, and 6-4, 6-

2, respectively.

Hilty and Parker teamed up in the first doubles team to defeat the Bellevue team of Garman and Martin, 6-4 and 6-1 with Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin of Ross winning the second doubles match over John Hart and Marty Sheeley, 6-0 and 6-0.

Singles

Jim Flower (R) defeated Dave Garman (B) 6-1, 6-0

Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Gene Geiger (B) 6-0, 6-1

Jack Hilty (R) defeated Tom Martin (B) 6-0, 6-0

Roger Parker (R) defeated Kevin Scagnetti (B) 6-0, 6-0

Pete Werling (R) defeated Vern Fawcett (B) 6-4, 6-2

Doubles

Roger Parker and Jack Hilty (R) defeated Dave Garman and Tom Martin (B) 6-4, 6-1

Karen Driftmyer and Oscar Marroquin (R) defeated John Hart and Marty Sheeley (B) 6-0, 6-0

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## Tennis tourney in Fremont

A new format will decide the Buckeye Conference tennis champion. The new system will get its first test this Saturday, May 3, as Fremont Ross hosts the eight-team tournament.

The tournament will consist of separate tournaments in the top three singles and the two doubles slots. In other words, the number one singles players will be playing in one tourney while the second and third singles players will also have an individual tournament. The same goes for the doubles.

The first matches get started at 10 a.m. with second round play beginning at approximately 12:30 p.m. The championship round will be at 3:30 p.m.

Courts at the Fremont Country Club, Eastside Park, and Rodger Young Park will be used. The championship round will be at Rodger Young Park. Ross will be gunning for its third consecutive Conference tennis title. Jim Flower, the BC's pace setter in singles play the past two years, will be aiming at his third straight individual crown.

Ross coach Pete Michael figures that the chief challengers to his team will be Admiral King, Findlay, and Elyria. The Admirals are currently 11-0 while Findlay and Elyris have played strongly this spring.

The scoring system will determine the team champ. The winner of the singles and doubles will get 30 points apiece. Second place in each division of play is good for 20 points with the third and fourth finishers garnering 10 points apiece.

In consolation play, the winner will get eight while the runnerup will pick up four points for his team. Only the first round losers drop into the consolation bracket.



ST IS WELCOME s breath after hard run

#### tournaments

Killiger, and Clarence Hedrick were on the winning team with a total of 64.

Four teams tied at 65 for second. Tom Light, Trudy Smith, Pam Ehrenfried, and Steve Birch; Jack Cooper, Chelcer Matter, Raymond Baker, and Iona Friedley; Dick Effinger, Rolland Hawk, Gary Mesnard, and Bob Stokes; Randy Keegan, John Engeman, Barbara Scherf, and Jim Wettrick, Barbara made up the four teams.

### Elyria and Sandusky in close BC tennis battle

Elyria and Sandusky are the teams that were to be reckoned with as the Buckeye Conference Tennis Championships concluded this afternoon. Rained forced the matches to be halted Saturday as the matches were nearing the consolation finals.

All play began at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

Ross, the BC champion the past two years, is apparently out of the running for the title. Elyria has a slight advantage with 74 points, four better than Sandusky. Admiral King is third currently with 60 while Ross has 52. Findlay with 44 is next with Mansfield, Lorain Senior, and Marion rounding out

With all of the finals to play yet, Ross has Jim Flower, vying for his third straight BC singles crown, alive in the singles play

and the second doubles team of Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling battling for a finals berth.

The Driftmyer-Werling team was leading the Sandusky team of Ron Albert and Tim Steinemann when the rains forced the play to stop. The Ross pair won the first set 6-2 and were leading 3-1 in the second set

Flower battled his way into the finals in easy fashion. The state's Class AAA singles champ defeated Rusty Smith of Marion in straight 6-0 sets in the first round and rolled over Kent Drummand of Findlay in identical 6-1 sets in the semifinals.

Flower will be going against Jim Fialka of Sandusky for the top singles title.

Two other championship finals pairings were decided before the dampness took over. Mark Ott of Sandusky will be up against Scott West of Elyria in third singles match.

Pogacnik Tom Admiral King is one-half of the title match in second singles. He will be going up against Eric Zifcak of

In doubles, the Sandusky team of Dan Ruemmele and Wayne Tucker must wait to see who their opponent will be. It will be either Elyria or Findlay. Elyria team was leading the second set 5-4 after winning the first set 6-4 before play was suspended.

Elyria's second doubles team of Jim Provoznik and Tom Pearsons will play the winner of the Sandusky match.

Elyria entered the afternoon with two singles players and one doubles team definitely in the finals. They have the possibility of having had one more doubles team in the final matches.

In consolation matches concluded on Saturday, Ross' first Saturday, Ross' first doubles team of Jack Hilty and Roger Parker defeated Mansfield's Steve Meckling and Don Gross, 10-5, for the consolation title

All consolation play is a pro set to 10.

Hilty and Parker lost in the first round to Vic Rosen and Warren Pandy of Admiral King, 2-6, 6-3, and 6-3. They came back to win the first consolation match, 10-3, over Lorain's Dave Wilczynski and Dave Hettler. George Matthews of Mansfield defeated Bob Martino in the consolation finals of the second singles. Matthews rolled to a 10-7

In matches today, Bob Eppley of Elyria was to play Dave Chandler of Lorain in the first singles consolation finals while Nick Ghessouras of Mansfield went against Joe Albrechta of Ross. Albrechta was beaten in the first round by West, 7-6 and 7-5, after leading in both sets.

The Findlay number two doubles team of Doug Sink and Steve Younger will play Marion's Larry Stern and Phil Wright in that consolation finals.

TEAM STANDINGS: Elyria 74; Sandusky 70; Admiral King 60; Ross 52; Findlay 44; Mansfield 12; Lorain 8; Marion 4.

#### Sports in Brief

BASEBALL PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies traded first baseman Willie Montanez to the San Francisco Giants for outfield Garry Maddox.

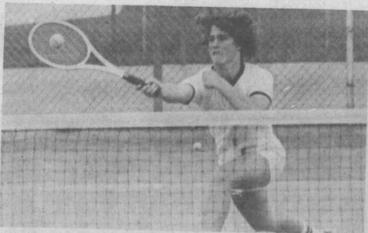
GOLF PARIS — Britain's Brian Barnes, although carding a final round two-over-par 73, held on for a two-stroke victory in the French Open Golf Championship and first prize money of \$6,200.

TENNIS SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.

Billie Jean King and Tony Trabert breezed through the Australian team of Margaret Court and Frank Sedgman 6-4, 6-2, to win the \$60,000 Mixed Doubles Classic.

#### **AUTO RACING**

FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium - Henri Pescarolo of France and Derek Bell of Great Britain, driving a Alfa Romeo 33T3, won the 1,000 Kilometers of Spa for sports cars in 3:32.58.



LITTLE GIANTS second doubles team member Pete Werling bites his tongue as he uses a forehand shot to return against Sandusky's second doubles team. Werling is teamed

with Karen Driftmyer and the duo was leading in the match, 3-1 in the second set, after winning the first set,

## Flower is singles king, Elyria wins tennis title

By BOB MARKER N-M Sports Editor

Elyria stroked its way to Buckeye Conference Tennis Championship by rolling up 98 points in tournament play. The finals were held yesterday after rain had forced postponment of championship matches Saturday.

Elyria claimed only one individual crown but had four singles players or doubles teams in the championship finals to win the title.

Defending champion Ross, finished third this year with 76 points. Sandusky was second with

Ross' Jim Flower won

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first. The two pros tied with Ken Corliss of Highland Meadows Golf Club and Bill Gutknecht of Inverness Club. Ringholz fired a 73 over the 18 holes at Valleywood Golf Club and Mast shot a medalist winning round of 70.



his third straight singles crown in the first single match. Flower, losing only three games in his three matches on his way to the title, easily defeated Jim Fialka of Sandusky in the final match, 6-0 and 6-1.

Flower was asked after the match if he felt his game was as sharp as he would like it to be.
"No," he said. "I have a

lot of work to do in the next couple of weeks before think that I will have my game where I want it."

The reigning Ohio Class AAA champ said that playing in matches would help but he planned to go through at least two hours of practice afterwards to reach his peak.

Sandusky won the battle for individual titles. The Blue Streaks won the third singles crown behind Mark Ott. The Streaks' netman whipped Scott West of Elyria, 6-4 and 6-2.

The other Sandusky championship belonged to Dan Ruemmele and Wayne Tucker, the first doubles team. That team handed the Elyria duo of Jim Berman and Dave AuWerter a straight set loss but it was not easy.

Both sets in the first doubles went to the tiebreaker and the second set went to the very final point before Sandusky could claim the title. Both sets ended 7-6.

The second singles was won by Tom Poganik of Admiral King. The Admirals player disposed of Eric Zifack of Elyria in straight, 6-4, sets.

Karen Driftmyer Pete Werling, the Little Giants' second doubles squad, battled their way into the finals after finishing a semifinal match prior to the finals. The Ross team completed a straight set win over Sandusky's Ron Albert and Tim Steineman, by a 6-2 margin after the match had been suspended Saturday with Ross leading 3-1 in the second

Elyria's Jim Provocnik and Tom Persons were a little disorganized at the start of the second doubles championship match and fell behind 5-3 before rallying to win the first set, 7-5. The Elyria team broke Ross' service in the tenth game of the second set to win the championship, 6-4.

The day was part of a "double play" day for Ross. The team left immediately for Port Clinton where they were to take on the Redskins in a dual meet. Ross won the match 4-1. Ross is now 7-2.

TEAM STANDINGS; Elyria 98; Sandusky 90; Ross 76; Admiral King 70; Findlay 44; Mansfield 16; (Tie) Marion and Lorain Senior 8

Championship matches FIRST SINGLES: Jim Flower (R) defeated Jim Fialka (S), 6-0,

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SECOND DOUBLES: Jim Provocnik and Tom Persons (E) defeated Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling (R) 7-5, 6-4

#### Eastwood wins sectional

METAMORA — Eastwood won the Class AA sectional finals Monday hosted by Evergreen High School with a 4-3 victory over Swanton. The victory was credited to Gary Johnson. The Eagles, now 9-4-1 in the season, open the Class

AA district tournament at Anthony Wayne against Genoa Monday.

Eastwood 4, Swanton 3
Score by innings

Texas	13	10	.565	-
California	13	12	.520	1
Kansas C	ity 12	12	.500	11/2
Minnesota	9	10	.474	2
Chicago	9	15	.375	41/2

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New York (Medich 3-3) at
Baltimore (Cuellar 1-1), N
Milwaukee (Broberg 4-2) at
Detroit (Ruhle 1-1), N
Texas (Bibby 1-2) at Kansas
City (Briles 2-0), N
Minnesota (Goltz 1-2) at Chicago (Wood 1-5), N.
Callifornia (Figueroa 1-0) at
Oakland (Blue 5-1), N

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Cincinnati	14	12	.538	21/2
San Diego	13	12	.520	3
S.Francisco	12	12	.500	31/2
Atlanta	13	14	.481	4
Houston	10	19	.345	8

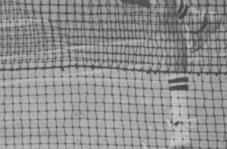
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(Rogers 0·4), N
Pittsburgh (Brett 1·1) at New
York (Seaver 3·2), N
San Diego (Siebert 3·0) at
Cincinnati (Billingham 2·1), N
Philadelphia (Twitchell 2·3)
at St. Louis (Curtis 0·1), N
Houston (Konieczny 1·3) at
Los Angeles (Sutton 5·1), N

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PETE WERLING IN DOUBLES ACTION FOR ROSS

## Ross players seeded

Jim Flower and the two doubles teams of Joe Albrechta-Art Gilberg and Jack Hilty-Roger Parker from Fremont Ross drew seeded positions in the Class AAA "South" Sectional Tennis Tournament.

The high school tourney will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at Jermain

Park in Toledo.

"I'm pleased with the draws," Ross coach Pete Michaels smiled. "I could not have asked for much better."

Flower, the state's Class AAA singles champion, drew a bye in the first round. Ross' other singles player, Karen Driftmyer, will play Segura of Clay in the first round match.

Albrechta and Gilberg drew the number two seed in doubles and at the same time, picked up a first round bye, the same fate as the Hilty-Parker duo which was seeded third.

Besides Ross. Sylvania, Whitmer, Bowling Green, Woodward, Central Catholic, Waite, Napoleon, DeVilbiss, Clay, and Bellevue are in this particular sectional.





#### Faces of

#### concentration

Karen Driftmyer, above, and Jim Flower, below, of Ross show one of the major items in playing good tennis: concentration. The faces of both show the hard thinking that goes into the court game. Miss Driftmyer uses a two-hand backhand while Flower gets set to put some power behind a volley. Both Ross players are competing in the Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament in Toledo today. Flower is the returning state singles champion. (News-Messenger photos by champion. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen and Bob Marker)



#### Ross blanks Findlay netters

#### Sleepy Hollow

CLYDE — Charlie Bradshaw scored the first hole-in-one of the golfing season at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course. Bradshaw, a Sandusky resident, aced the page 128 yeard 10th

FINDLAY — Ross tuned up for the Class AAA Sectional Tournament today by whipping Findlay, 5-0, on the tennis courts Thursday night.

Jim Flower experienced a little trouble but still trimmed Kent Drummond of the Trojans, 6-4, and 6-2, to take the top singles

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The second doubles match was taken by Ross in three sets. Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling won the first set 7-5 but were white-washed in the second, 6-0. The Ross team cam back for a 6-3 final set win to take the match.

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Kent
Drummond (F) 6-4, 6-2
Art Gilbert (R) defeated Gwil
Evans (F) 7-6, 6-3
Joe Albrechta (R) defeated
Andy Powell (F) 6-7, 6-3, 6-0

### Flower, Ross doubles teams win

By BOB MARKER

N-M Sports Editor
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 Schmakel of Central Catholic in the quarterfinal round.

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

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.

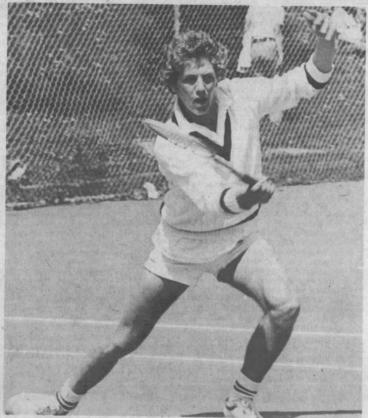
champion took just 19 minutes to dispose of Mike Eversman of Clay in straight 6-0 sets.

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)

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP McTear has blazed pas poverty and a ragged runn reign today, at age 18, as fastest human.

McTear became only the in history to run 100 yar seconds flat, tieing the world by Ivory Crockett 363 days track meet in Knoxville, Ten "I don't believe it," said M

matching history's fastest 10 preliminary heat of the Flori prep championship meet. "might be a 9.2, but I never th going that fast."

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

McTear lives with se children of a parttime sawmi a little shack at the end of a road in Okaloosa County. running five years ago whe the President's Physica Program.

McTear, a junior at Ba sometimes practices on the football field and other time dirt adjacent to railroad trac

But with his enormous tale seems to have been left behir his competition. He's "a born says track star Mel Pender. McTear, who shattered th

## Ross net team wins

Ross' varsity tennis team posted a 5-0 shutout Tuesday night at Bellevue's expense. In an all singles reserve match, Ross won 6-1 with an eighth match called

while in progress.

Jim Flower, prepping for defense of his Class AAA district singles title, whipped Bellevue's Dave Garman, 6-0 and 6-0, in the top singles match. Art Gilberg of Ross rolled over Gene Geiger in the second doubles, 6-0 and 6-2.

Tom Martin of Bellevue extended Ross' third singles player, Joe Albrechta in the first set before losing 6-3. In the second set, Albrechta won easily 6-0.

In doubles action, Roger Parker and Jack Hilty downed the Bellevue team of Kevin Scagnetti and Vern Fawcett 6-0 in the first set and won the match with a 6-2 win in the second set.

Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling, Ross' second doubles team, tripped Pat Smith and Marty Shelley, 6-1 and 6-2. Ross is slated to host Marion this afternoon at Rodger Young Park and will travel to Sandusky Thursday.
Ross 5, Bellevue 0

SINGLES
Jim Flower (R) defeated Dave Garman (B) 6-0,

Art Gilberg (R) defeated Gene Geiger (B) 6-0, 6-2 Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Tom Martin (B) 6-3, 6-0

DOUBLES
Roger Parker and Jack Hilty (R) defeated Kevin
Scagnetti and Vern Fawcett (B) 6-0, 6-2

Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling (R) defeated Pat Smith and Marty Shelley (B) 6-1, 6-2

RESERVE MATCH SINGLES ONLY

Kurt Brawley (R) defeated John Hart (B) 6-4, 6-4 Brent Borden (R) defeated Karl Sieloff (B) 6-2, 6-3 Rick Howell (R) defeated Todd Ricck (B) 6-1, 6-0 Jim House (R) defeated Dan Collins (B) 6-1, 6-1 Greg Kindred (R) defeated Dave Richards (B) 6-0, 6-0

Oscar Marroguin (R) defeated Marty Shelly (B) 6-3, 7-5

Pat Smith (B) defeated Chris Mackey (R) 6-1, 6-1.

Barry Kiser (R) was leading Verm Fawcett (B) in a pro set, 4-2, before match was called.

# Flower draws top seed in district

TOLEDO — Jim Flower of Ross was seeded number one in the Toledo Class AAA District Tennis Tournament. The defending state singles champion will put his title on the line beginning at 10 a.m. Friday morning at Jermain Park.

The first two rounds of play are scheduled for Friday while the semifinals and the finals will be played on Saturday. In case of rain, play will be moved indoors to the Toledo Racquet Club on

Reynolds Road.

Flower drew a bye in the first round but will play the winner of the Greg Biernacki of St. John's and Steve Windsor of DeVilbiss match in second round action.

The Ross singles player is in the top bracket of the tourney along with fourth seeded Steve Lewis of Lima Shawnee.

In the bottom bracket of the singles, is state runnerup Erick Iskersky (No. two seed) of St. John's and Kevin Shawn (No. three seed) of

Sylvania.

The Ross doubles team of Art Gilberg and Joe Fialka and Mark Ott of Sandusky in the first round. The winner of that match runs into the tourney's top seeded team, Neumann and Radler of Mansfield Malabar, the defending district champs.

Roger Parker and Jack Hilty, also of Ross, will square off against the O'Connell brothers of St. Francis in a first round match. The winner of this encounter plays Goldman and Jones of Lima Shawnee, number two seeded, and sectional champs.

# Marion falls to Ross 4-1

Ross tennis coach Pete Michaels juggled his lineup but still came up with a win Wednesday afternoon at the expense of Buckeye Conference rival, Marion. The Little Giants tallied a 4-1 decision for its 10th win in 12 starts.

Jim Flower and Art Gilberg, Ross' numbers one and two singles players, whitewashed their opponents. Both players rolled up easy 6-0 straight set wins over Marion's top two players, Rusty Smith and Rob Ludwig.

After those two matches, Michaels began his juggling act. Rick Howell stepped into his first varsity match against Marion's Rob Mautz. In the first set, Howell held his own but had one service break and lost 6-4. In the second, Mautz defeated the Little Giants player, 6-1.

In doubles, Jack Hilty teammed up with Joe Albrechta for the first time this season and the new combination responded with a 6-0 win in the first set but ran into a little trouble in the second set with Marion's Mike Shinner and Dan Stuckey. The Little Giants managed to get by in that set, 6-4.

The second doubles match was taken by the Ross duo of Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling. Marion's Phil Wright and Larry Stern fell to the Little Giants team, 6-2, and 6-3.

Tonight, Ross is slated to travel to Sandusky.
Ross 4, Marion 1

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Rusty Smith (M) 6-0, 6-0
Art Gilberg (R) defeated Rob Ludwig (M) 6-0, 6-0
Rob Mautz (M) defeated Rick Howell (R) 6-4, 6-1

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Mike Shinner and Dan Stuckey (M) 6-0, 6-4

Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling (R) defeated Phil Wright and Larry Stern (M) 6-2, 6-3

# Era ends for Ross tennis

SANDUSKY - An era has ended for

Ross High School.

The three-year tennis era ended as it had started, with a 5-0 shutout. Sandusky's Blue Streaks fell to the Little Giants in the last dual meet of the season for Ross' crack senior-laden net crew.

Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, Joe Albrechta, Jack Hilty, Roger Parker, and Karen Driftmyer, all seniors, were the mainstays on teams that compiled 15-1, 14-2, and 11-2 season dual meet marks — that is a 40-5 record.

Never in those three years did the Little Giants lose a dual meet to a Buckeye Conference school. Two of those three years, Ross was the Buckeye Conference champion. This year they finished third.

The shutout was the 26th in the 40 matches for the senior-laden team. Ten of those shutouts came at the start of the season in '73, and that whitewash mark is believed to be a state record.

Ross closed out the season with Flower

turning back Jim Fialka of Sandusky, 6-0 and 6-1 in the first singles court and Gilberg posting straight 6-4 set wins over Mark Ott. Albrechta took Scott Neumann in the third singles encounter, 6-1 and 6-4.

The Hilty-Parker doubles team knocked off the Buckeye Conference first doubles team champs, 6-3 and 6-3, while Driftmyer and Pete Werling stopped Ron Albert and Ron Steinamann in straight 6-0 sets.

Today, Flower began his defense of his district tennis crown with the doubles team of Hilty-Parker and Gilberg-Albrechta gunning for a spot in the districts. Action began today at Jermain Park in Toledo at 10 a.m.

Ross 5, Sandusky 0

SINGLES

Jim Flower (R) defeated Jim Fialka (S) 6-0, 6-1 Art Gilberg (R) defeated Mark Ott (S) 6-4, 6-4 Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Shawn Neumann (S) 6-1, 6-4

DOUBLES

Jack Hilty-Roger Parker (R) defeated Dan Ruemmele and Wayne Tucker (S) 6-3, 6-3 Karen Driftmyer and Pete Werling (R) defeated

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