

Ross, St. Joe Open Spring Season Today

Spring sports activity starts today for the two local schools, Ross and St. Joseph. Kicking off the spring campaign in four sports at Ross will be Coach Pete Michaels' tennis team.

The Ross netters will be at Sandusky in the first spring contest for the school.

Ross Netmen With Altered Lineup Topple

SANDUSKY — Using an altered lineup in the absence of number one man Lowell Wacker, Ross tennis team opened the team with a resounding 5-0 loss to Sandusky high school. Wacker has been sidelined on doctor's orders and his loss forced Coach Pete Michaels to make substitutions in both singles and doubles.

Five of the seven Little Giants used by Michaels had never played a high school tennis match. Only Gary Driftmyer, number one singles man, and Don Snyder, a member of the number one doubles team, had previous experience.

Ross will make its second effort of the season tonight with Clyde on the Rodger Young Park courts.

SINGLES

John Ryson (S) defeated Gary Driftmyer (R), 6-1, 6-4.

Bob Thiede (S) defeated Joe Tabery (R), 6-0, 6-1.

Paul Maddrell (S) defeated Bill Myers (R), 6-1, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Alex Shumate - Tom Taylor (S) defeated Jon Zink-Don Snyder (R), 6-1, 6-3.

Wayne Pfaff - Reid Wagner (S) defeated Jerry Unruh- Jay Wiler (R), 6-1, 6-2.

Ross Golfers Win First, Net Men Fall To Findlay

It was a day of firsts for Ross Spring sports teams. For one it was enough and for the other it fell short. Ross golfers won their first match of the season at Clyde and the Ross tennis team scored its first point, but still dropped a 4-1 decision to Findlay.

The golfers won all six matches in posting 21½-2½ victory on the Green Hills links. The top four men of the Ross team swept all four points from their Clyde foes. The golfers now have a mark of one win, two losses.

Bill Wingard of the Little Giants was medalist for the match with a 77.

Jon Zink came back after dropping the first set, 7-9, to take matching 6-3 sets to win a point for the Ross tennis team. It was the first point of the year for the Little Giants, who

were shut out, 5-0, earlier in the week by Sandusky.

GOLF

Bill Wingard (R), 40-37-77, defeated Roger Steinert (C), 41-45-86, 4-0.

(x) John Davis (R), 42, defeated Dan Moyer, 54, 4-0.

Jeff Gibbs (R), 42-41-83, defeated Gary Shellhammer (C), 49-49-98, 4-0.

(x) Bob VanHook (R), 42, defeated John Gedert (C), 46, 4-0.

George Vaffis (R), 40 - 48 - 88, defeated Steve Matthews (C), 47-45-92, 3-1.

Paul Savoie (R), 49-48-97, defeated Dan McPherson (C), 52-45-97, 2½-1½.

(x)—completed only 16 holes.

TENNIS

Mike Brown (F) defeated Gary Driftmyer (R), 7-5, 6-3.

Monte Samson (F) defeated Don Snyder (R), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Jon Zink (R) defeated Jerry Radabaugh (F), 7-9, 6-3, 6-3.

John McManus-Dave Egbert (F) defeated Bill Myers-Joe Tabery (R), 6-0, 6-0.

Dick Reamsnyder-Craig Rackestraw (F) defeated Jay Wiler-Jerry Unruh, (R), 6-3, 6-2.

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Ross Netmen Whitewashed By Findlay

FINDLAY — It was an ill wind that blew here Tuesday for the Fremont Ross tennis team. Playing in conditions not conducive to good tennis Ross fell to its fifth defeat of the season without a win. Findlay was the victor, 5-0.

Winds were so strong at points in the match that lop shots blew back across the net. Players ended their matches cramped from the cold.

Closest thing to a Ross victory was the loss by number two man Gary Driftmyer, 6-4, 6-3.

Last week the Ross tennis team dropped two matches, 4-1 to Marion with the Driftmyer-Don Snyder team winning one double match, and to Mansfield, 5-0.

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Singles

John McManus (F) decisioned Lowell Wacker, 6-2, 6-1.

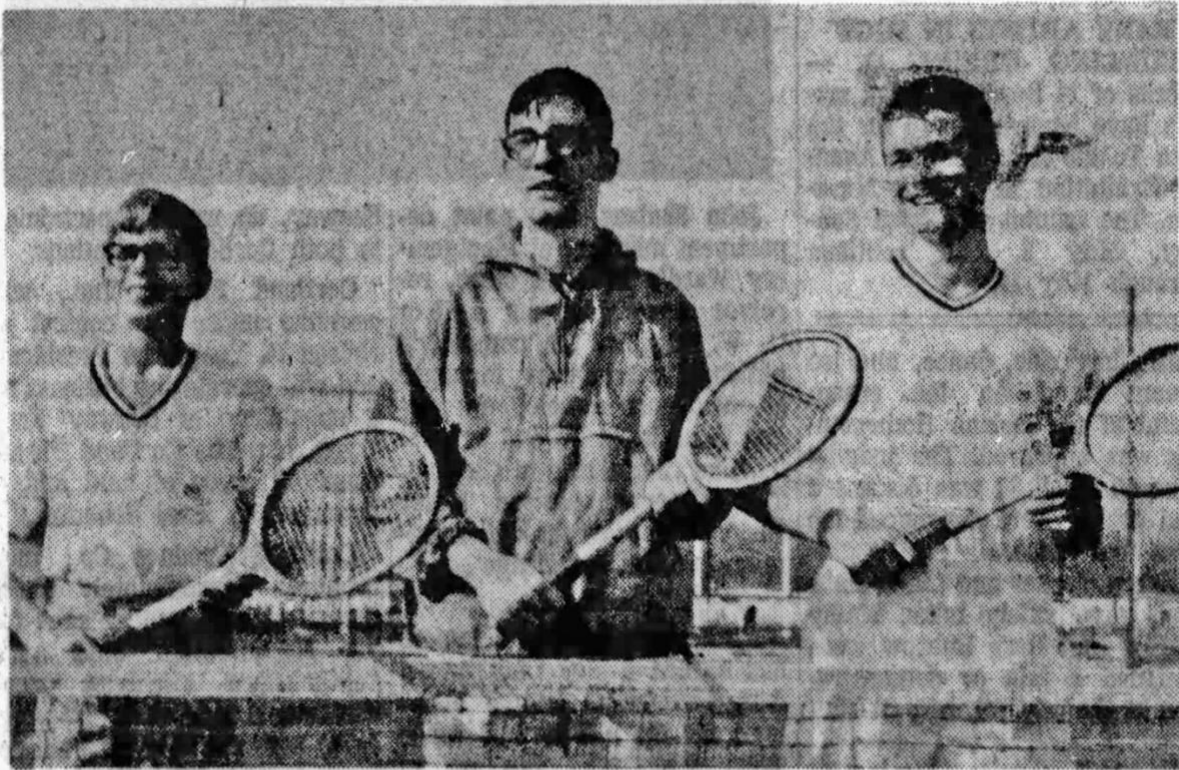
Dave Egbert (F) decisioned Gary Driftmyer, 6-4, 6-3.

Monti Sampson (F) decisioned Jon Zink, 6-2, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Dick Reamsnyder-Jerry Rodabaugh (F) decisioned Joe Tabery - Jay Wiley, 6-0, 6-0.

Mike Brown - John Jameson (F) decisioned Bill Myers-Don Snyder, 6-3, 6-0.



News-Messenger Photos

FREMONT ROSS TENNIS entries in the Buckeye Conference meet today at Mansfield Malibar are Gary Driftmyer, Lowell Wacker

and Jon Zink. Wacker and Zink will pair in the doubles competition and Driftmyer will carry the Little Giant colors in the singles.

THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE nasty weather have to be careful what sport they select in high school . . . Two bands of Ross high school athletes discovered that this past weekend . . . It poured rain Saturday so the Buckeye Conference tennis tournament was called off . . .

Ross Tennis Team Wins First, Defeats Port Clinton

It has been a busy week for the Ross tennis team and the activity netted the first victory of the season. The Little Giants stopped Port Clinton, 6 - 1, Wednesday for the only win against eight defeats this year.

Ross, playing under the light, nearly notched that first victory Monday at Bellevue. Bellevue held on for a 4-3 win. Sandwiched between the near thing at Bellevue and the first win was a Tuesday loss to Marion, 4-1.

Gary Driftmyer was the driv-

ing force in the three matches this week, playing as half of a winning doubles combination in all three matches and winning the only two singles in which he participated.

The Bellevue defeat was nip-and-tuck all the way with both doubles going to three-game sets.

In the first victory of the season Ross won four of the five singles matches and both doubles, one in a three-game set.

The tennis team under Coach Pete Michaels continues action this week with the Buckeye Conference matches Saturday at Mansfield Malabar.

BELLEVUE

SINGLES: John Degler (B) defeated Lowell Wacker, 6 - 4, 6-2; Gary Driftmyer (R), defeated Rick DeLuca, 6-2, 6-1; Don Snyder (R), defeated Van Loudenslagel, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Joe DeLuca (B) defeated Jon Zink, 6-1, 6-4; John Archer (B) defeated Fred Flower, 6-4, 8-6.

DOUBLES: Degler-J. DeLuca (B) defeated Wacker-Zink, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4; Driftmyer-Snyder defeated R. DeLuca-Loudenslagel, 6-3, 2-6, 8-6.

MARION

SINGLES: Kreg Kirtts (M) defeated Bill Myers (R), 6-0, 6-1; Treg Stark (M) defeated Joe Tibery, 6-1, 6-1; Bob Owen (M) dec. Fred Flower, 6-4, 6-2.

DOUBLES: Rick Thorp-Mark Botts (M) defeated Jon Zink-Lowell Wacker, 6-0, 8-6; Gary Driftmyer-Don Snyder (R) defeated John Williamson - Jim Greetham, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

PORT CLINTON

SINGLES: — Lowell Wacker (R) defeated John Lay, 6-1, 6-3; Gary Driftmyer (R) defeated Carl Rickel, 6-1, 6-0; Ty Belknap (PC) defeated Don Snyder, 6-2, 6-3; Jon Zink (R) defeated Jim Kaufman, 6-2, 6-0; Fred Flower (R) defeated Eric Eshelman, 6-0, 8-6.

DOUBLES: Zink-Wacker (R) defeated Lay-Rickel, 6-8, 8-6, 6-1; Driftmyer-Snyder (R) defeated Belknap - Kaufman, 6-1, 6-1.

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respective teams. Harris gave up three hits and Fisher six. Harris struck out 12 and walked eight. Fisher issued only three walks and struck out eight.

In addition to the doubles that scored the winning run, two base hits came from the bats of Steve Magers for Green Springs and Lakota's Drury.

The Ortiz throwing error was the only Green Springs home run and Lakota also had only a single error.

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Green Springs ab r n Lakota ab r n
Magers, 2b 4 1 1 Coombs, ss 2 2 0
Druckey, 1b 2 0 0 Joseph, 1b 3 1 1
Harris, p 4 0 0 Drury, c 3 0 1
Ortiz, c 4 1 1 Fisher, p 0 0 0
Growel, ss 4 0 1 Aull, 2b 4 0 1
Chrisman, cf 4 1 1 Below, lf 3 0 0
Timmons, lf 2 1 0 Snyder, 3b 2 0 0
Drawn, cf 1 0 0 Welker, rf 3 0 0
Bishop, rf 3 0 1 Gam'dr, rf 1 0 0
Druckey, 3b 2 1 1 Bowler, cf 2 1 0
TOTALS 30 5 6 TOTALS 23 4 3
Green Springs 130 000 01-5 6 1
Lakota 003 010 00-4 3 1
Doubles Magers, Ortiz, Growel, Drury.
Struck out by Harris, 12; Fisher, 8.
Bases on Balls by Harris, 8; Fisher, 3.
Winning pitcher Harris. Losing pitcher
Fisher. Hits off Harris 3 for 4 runs in
8 innings. Hits off Fisher 6 for 5 runs
in 8 innings.

Bowling News

Miller High Life captured the championship of the Clyde Motorland Classic, defeating Houghtaling Golf and Recreation at Rainbow Lanes. Team members are Neil Dag, Oscar Boonie, Rich Williams, Bill Emery and Norm Wasserman.

The team also is in second place in the 20th annual 'Shammy' Burt Memorial tourna-

New Doubles Combinations Show Promise

FOSTORIA — Fremont Ross tennis team cut the margin but still fell to Fostoria net men, 5-2, Monday. In a previous meeting Fostoria had recorded a whitewashing of the Ross team.

Fremont Coach Pete Michaels experimented with new doubles combinations in preparation for the district meet and it paid dividends. The two new doubles combinations recorded the two Fremont points.

Michaels plans to use these double combinations in the district meet Friday at Sandusky.

The two doubles comines are Lowell Wacker and Gary Driftmyer, Don Snyder and Jon Zink. In singles Michaels will enter Fred Flower and Bill Myers.

Last Saturday Ross entries lost both their first round matches in the Buckeye Conference championships, won by Admiral King. In singles Gary Driftmyer fell to Mansfield's entry, 7-6, 8-6. The doubles combination of Jon Zink and Lowell Wacker fell in three sets to Findlay, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.

SINGLES

Jim Ford (F) defeated Lowell Wacker, 6-4, 6-4.

Bob Smarr(F) defeated Gary Driftmyer, 7-5, 6-2.

Nolan Reinhard (F) defeated Jon Zink, 6-1, 6-1.

Rich Swartz (F) defeated Don Snyder, 6-1, 6-2.

Stan Ling (F), defeated Fred Flower, 6-1, 6-1.

DOUBLES

Wacker-Driftmyer (R) defeated Ford-Reinhard, 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.

Snyder- Zink (R) defeated Garry Dennis-Sam Wenger, 6-1, 6-1.

Ross Tennis Team Ends Season With Shutout Win

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For the first time in the eight-year tennis coaching stay of Pete Michaels at Ross high school, his Little Giants have recorded a shutout. The Ross net men closed their season Thursday on the Rodger Young courts with a 5-0 victory over Port Clinton.

The victory allowed Ross to finish strong, winning three of

their final four matches for a season mark of three wins, 10 losses.

Michaels indicated this was the first Ross shutout in Tennis for at least 10 years, including the eight he has coached.

Of the five boys used by Michaels, Thursday, three will return. They are Junior Gary Driftmyer and sophomores Jon Zink and Fred Flower.

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Minor League Baseball

Pacific Coast League

Tulsa 3, Oklahoma City 2

Phoenix 4, Tacoma 3

San Diego 2, Vancouver 1

Seattle 6, Spokane 5

Hawaii 15, Portland 2

International League

Jacksonville 9, Toledo 6

Syracuse 8, Toronto 6

Columbus 4, Richmond 1

Buffalo 3-8, Rochester 2-3

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SINGLES

Lowell Wacker (R) defeated Rickel, 9-7, 6-3.

Gary Driftmyer (R) defeated Lay, 6-3, 6-1.

Fred Flower (R) defeated Ty Belknap, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

DOUBLES

Wacker - Driftmyer (R) defeated Rickel-Lay, 6-4, 8-6.

Jon Zink-Don Snyder (R) defeated Eshelman-Nobis, 6-2, 6-4.