

Harris and Bowlus District Champions

Bowlus-Harris Net Duo Advances Step In District Meet

Bill Bowlus and Larry Harris of Ross high earned a place in district semi-finals in high school tennis playoffs Friday when they posted a triple victory at Bowling Green over doubles teams from Huron, Norwalk and DeVilbiss.

The Ross twosome was slated for Saturday morning action against Lima Central in the semi-finals. Victory in the match will send the winners to state final competition next week end at Ohio State University.

Coach Jack Decker said that his two singles entrants and two doubles teams all emerged with first round victories, but with the exception of the Bowlus-Harris duo, all dropped from the running in the second round.

Al Hetrick defeated Tom Jeffrey, Huron, 6-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the opening singles and then was defeated by Bob Carroll of Toledo Central Catholic, 6-1, 6-2, to drop out.

Charles Montgomery drew a bye in the first round and lost to Jim Wise, of Marion, 6-3, 7-5 in his second round action.

The Ross doubles team of Gary Shilling and Henry Warner dropped out of competition as Toledo Central Catholic posted a 6-2, 6-3 victory in second round play.

Bowlus and Harris stopped Ted Murphy and Dick Hartley, of Huron, 6-0, 6-1 in the opener; then continued along with the win streak to shut out Kronk and Beach, Norwalk, by 6-0, 6-0 counts.

In the quarter-finals against DeVilbiss' Markwood and Holliday, the Ross netters won by scores of 10-8 and 6-3. Decker said that the DeVilbiss team had registered 15 straight wins prior to the reversal handed out by the Little Giants.

At this point Bowlus and Harris have had the second best doubles season in Ross history, topped only by the doubles team of Jack Baron and Dick Garcia of several seasons ago.

Bowlus, Harris To State Finals

Ross high's doubles tennis team of Larry Harris and Bill Bowlus earned a place in state Class A qualifications this Friday as a result of winning a semi-final match in district play Saturday at Bowling Green.

Although the Ross netters then lost out in the finals, the two squads are included in the state eliminations leading to the championship.

For the semi-final victory, Bowlus and Harris stopped John Brenneman and Larry Stemen of Lima Central by scores of 6-3, 6-8, 6-0.

Coming back in the finals the Little Giants duo was turned back by another doubles entry from Lima Central, Larry Biederman and Tom Reynolds, 6-1, 6-1.

Coach Jack Decker said that coaches will meet Friday morning at Ohio State University stadium to draw pairings for the eliminations, which will begin immediately following the meeting.

Winner of the singles crown was John Wiley, DeVilbiss high, who stopped Tom Tenney, Ottawa Hills, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.