

Ross High Tennis Players In Drills

Coach Decker's Team Readies For Rough Go

Twenty six aspirants for the Ross high tennis squad are currently working out under the direction of Coach Jack Decker in preparation for the coming formidable schedule of events.

Lima Central will open the home slate on the Rodger Young courts Saturday, April 14.

Returning lettermen from the past year's crew, Decker said, are Bill Bowlus, Henry Warner, Larry Harris and Bruce Shilling.

Gone from the 1954 squad is Jack Baron, a member of the state doubles champions of 1953 and the district singles champion of the 1954 season.

Meeting the foremost teams in the northern sector of Ohio, Ross is facing one of its most rugged schedules in the school's history, Decker said.

Matches are scheduled with Lima Central, Toledo Macomber, Norwalk, Sandusky, Marion, Mansfield, Toledo DeVilbiss and Findlay.

On May 6 the team will be in Marion to participate in the league tourney. Then, on May 20 and 21 the Ross netters journey to Bowling Green for the districts.

Listed for the home matches in addition to the Lima event of April 14 are: Norwalk, April 21; Sandusky, April 22; Findlay, May 4; and Toledo DeVilbiss, on May 9.

Decker said that the following boys are completing practice for places on the team: Deah Tritch, Ron Shawl, Tom Clark, Paul Schoonmaker, Blair Frazier, Bruce Shilling, Ed Nickel, Robert Atkins, Richard Sales, Dick Heslet, Al Hetrick, Dan Black.

Vinnie Whitmore, John Baxter, Marvin Hines, Tom Hite, Bill Wilson, Staunton Harrison, Ed Montgomery and Dave Schnoor.

Lima Central Nets Victory Over Ross

Bumping up against what will perhaps be the toughest assignment of the season for Coach Jack Decker's Ross high tennis team, the Little Giants lost a 7-0 match Thursday to Lima Central on the Rodger Young courts.

Rain delayed opening of the event, but the teams got into action and completed five singles and two doubles matches in the meeting.

In the opening court, Larry Biedeman, who is touted as one of the top three players in the state, stopped Bill Bowlus of Fremont by a 6-0, 6-1 margin.

Others to see action for Coach Nelson H. Laules' crew were: Tom Reynolds, Lima, stopped Larry Harris, Fremont, 6-2, 6-3; John Brennaman won over Gary Shilling, Ross, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

In court number 4, Larry Stamen stopped Ed Montgomery, 6-8, 6-4 and 6-1 and rounding out the singles in court No. 5 was Merrill Castle's win over Ross' Henry Warner, 6-5, 6-2.

In the doubles play Ross' Harris and Bowlus lost 7-5, 7-5 and Shilling and Dean Tritch lost to Brennaman and Stamen, by 6-0, 6-0 scores.

Following the opener Ross will be in Toledo on April 20 to meet Macomber.

Decker was well pleased with his team's showing in the first outing and indicated that the boys will be breaking into the victory column in the coming matches.

Ross Netters Stop Macomber By 5-2 Margin

Meeting Macomber high school in Toledo Wednesday afternoon, Ross high school's tennis team posted a 5-2 victory and evened up the season's standings for Coach Jack Decker's crew with a win and one reversal in the books.

In the singles Ross' Bill Bowlus stopped Macomber's Dick Rohrbacker, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Larry Harris of Ross won over Carl Bellner, 6-0, 6-2.

Don Henkle placed in the winner's circle for Macomber by winning 6-2, 6-4 sets over Ross' Gary Schilling.

Henry Warner, Ross, won over Paul Ruddus, 6-2, 6-1.

In the fifth and final court action, Ross' Charles Montgomery stopped Larry Schoepf, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles action was divided with Ross winning the first match as Bowlus and Harris posted 4-6, 6-0 and 6-3 counts over Rohrbacker and Bellner.

Macomber's doubles team of Ken Price and Ken Dubac won by scores of 6-4, 1-6 and 6-3 over Ross' Shilling and Warner.

Norwalk will be here this afternoon and Sandusky comes to Fremont Friday to round out the weeks' schedule for the Little Giants.

RHS Tennis Team Nips Norwalk, 4-3

Pressed hard but not passed, Ross high's tennis team slipped through to a close 4-3 victory Thursday over Norwalk on the Rodger Young courts to roll up its second straight win in as many day's action.

The victory for Coach Jack Decker's team brings the season's count out to two wins and a lone setback. This afternoon Ross faces Sandusky, a competitor that is geared to hand Fremont a tough time of it all the way, Decker said Wednesday.

So with the Little Giants having their work cut out for them for today, the results of Thursday's action went like this:

In court number one Bill Bowlus of Fremont turned back Allen Angel, Norwalk, by scores of 7-5, 6-3.

Larry Harris played in Ross' court number two and lost to Jim Rogers as the Norwalker posted scores of 6-4, 7-5.

Gary Shilling brought in a win for Fremont in stopping Dick Heaston by 6-2 and 6-3 readings.

In court number four, Norwalk's John Schaechterle won by 8-6, 6-1 scores over Ross' Henry Warner.

Court number five featured Charles Montgomery's 6-3, 6-4 win over Norwalk's Mike Cronk.

Going into doubles activity the Little Giant dual of Bowlus and Harris posted 7-5, 6-1 games to set back Angel and Rogers of Norwalk.

Heaston and Schaechterle registered a 6-3, 6-4 Norwalk doubles win over Shilling and Dean Tritch to wind up the day's play.

Sandusky Stops Ross Net Streak In 5-3 Conquest

Riding on the crest of two straight triumphs this week, Ross high's tennis team bumped into a tartar Friday afternoon on Rodger Young courts and dropped a 5-2 match to Sandusky.

The Little Giants' number one and two court players racked up wins in singles to register pointers for the Purple and White. Outside of these matches, Sandusky copped the remainder of the top scores.

In court number one Bill Bowlus stopped Sandusky Ron Meyers, 6-1, 9-11, and 7-5. Coach Jack Decker said that the boys battled it out for two and a half hours before the decider was cinched.

Larry Harris won over Allen Routh by 6-1, 6-3 counts.

In number three court, Ross' Gary Shilling lost to Jim Younts, 6-3, 6-4. Henry Warner of Ross lost in the fourth court by counts of 6-3, 6-2 to Sandusky's Bob Fairfield.

Winding up the singles work, Charles Montgomery was turned back by Sandusky's John Rehfuss in 9-7, 6-4 outings.

On the doubles scene, Bowlus and Harris lost to Meyers and Routh in readings of 1-6, 6-4 and 6-4.

Windup match went to the Sandusky doubles team of Younts and Jim Pascoe, who scored 6-1, 6-0 wins over Shilling and Warner.

The schedule at present has nothing on the slate for next week, but Decker said that there is the possibility of adding another match with the school and date to be announced when and if it is booked.

Ross now holds a .500 brand of tennis for the campaign with two wins and two losses in the books.

Ross Players Pick Up Some Pointers



HOW TO SWING THAT RACKET was explained in the above scene as members of Ross high's tennis team met with Coach Jack Decker in a recent practice session for the heavy card of matches slated this spring. The team works out on Rodger Young courts, where this picture was snapped. From left to right are Bill Bowlus, Coach Decker, Charles Montgomery, Dean Tritch, Henry Warner, Larry Harris and Gary Shilling.

Long Singles Play In Ross Net Loss

Larry Harris of Ross high and Jim Dimmling of Findlay matched up in one of the longest singles events in local records, and the longest since Coach Jack Decker has handled the tennis team, when the two met Wednesday on Rodger Young courts.

Harris won the opening set, 8-6, lost the middle one, 13-15, and rushed through to a 6-1 victory in the final set. The players began at 3:30 and played 49 games before the decision went the way of Harris at 6:15 p.m.

Findlay's team, under the coaching of Martin Winemiller, won the matches 6-1. The loss for Ross was the fourth against two wins.

Bill Bowlus, Ross, lost to John Weaver, 8-6, 6-4; Harris stopped Dimmling as listed above; Charles Montgomery lost to Findlay's Jayson Blackford, 6-2, 6-3; Gary Shilling, Ross, lost to Dave Goodman, 6-1, 6-2; and Henry Warner of Ross was defeated by Bill Fawley, 7-5, 6-3.

In doubles play Harris and Bowlus lost to Weaver and Dimmling, 6-4, 7-5; and Shilling and Dean Tritch of Ross lost to Blackford and Goodman, 6-2, 6-2.

Looking into the day's competition for the Ross tennis team, reports show that Coach Decker's players lost in two singles and in a doubles playoff.

Henry Warner was defeated by Steve Link, of Lorain, 7-5, 6-2 and Gary Shilling was decisioned by J. Blackford, of Findlay by scores of 6-1, 6-4.

Going out into doubles play **Larry Harris and Bill Bowlus, seeded earlier to meet Findlay in the finals, ran into misfortune when Bowlus turned an ankle and was handicapped as the Ross team lost to Elyria by 4-6, 6-4 and 6-4 counts.**

Ross netters doubles play were lining up in good stead, according to Jack Baron, former tennis player at Ross when Bowlus had the ankle incident which cut across their leading play to that point.

Baron followed the Ross men through the entire day's action and reported that all six teams saw action in the conference net slate.

Ross Net Team Stops Sandusky

Sandusky high school's tennis team fell to Fremont Ross Monday evening on the loser's courts as the Little Giants rolled out a 5-2 win and thereby came up to .500 play for the season with four wins against as many loses.

In the first court, Ron Meyer stopped Ross' Bill Bowlus by 6-4, 7-5 counts; Ross' Larry Harris beat Bill Routh, 2-6, 6-3 and 6-0; third court action saw Sandusky's Jim Yontz beat Charles Montgomery by scores of 6-1, 6-2.

In fourth court Henry Warner won over Bob Cronenberger, 6-3, 6-0; and fifth court it was Ross' Gary Shilling stopping Jim Pas-ko, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles action saw Harris and Bowlus win over Routh and Meyer by 6-2, 0-6 and 6-1 margins. And, Shilling and Warner stopped John Rhexuss and Bob Fairfield by scores of 6-1, 3-6 and 6-1.

Coach Jack Decker's team will be in Norwalk Wednesday in an attempt to skim over the .500 mark for the season in the last scheduled match. Ross holds a 4-3 win over Norwalk in earlier action this year.

The win against Sandusky erases an earlier 5-2 victory that that net team registered over Ross.

In the district action slated Friday at Bowling Green Decker will take Harris and Bowlus in one doubles team and Warner and Shilling in another. Montgomery and Al Hetrick will be in the singles competition.

Ross Netters Win 6-1 Over Marion

Ross high's tennis team went down to Marion Wednesday and came back with a neat 6-1 victory in the record book as Coach Jack Decker's crew bounced back into the win column for number three against four reversals.

In the first court Bill Bowlus won over Marion's Mike Wise, 6-4, 6-4; second court, Larry Harris stopped Marion's Jim Snouffer, 6-4, 6-1; Ross' Charles Montgomery lost to Larry Sager, 6-2, 6-4.

Henry Warner turned back Henry Rinnert, 7-5, 6-3; and in the final singles match Gary Shilling beat Bob Bagley, 6-4, 6-1.

In doubles action Bowlus and Harris stopped Wise and Snouffer, by 6-1, 6-3 counts; and, in the windup, Shilling and Warner stopped Rinnert and Bagley, 6-0, 6-3.
