



MEMBERS of the Ross tennis team for 1976 are, left to right in front, Ron Druckenmiller, Rick Howell, John Broski, Rich Shurmer; back row: Brent Borden, John Klopfer, Barry Kiser, Mark Overmyer, and Coach Lee

Dailing. Absent when the picture was taken were Stuart Dorsky, Greg Kindred, Gary Klos, Chris Mackey, Pat Terry, and Pete Werling.

No lettermen for Ross netters

New faces will abound as Ross opens its 1976 tennis season Tuesday night against Mansfield at Rodger Young Park.

Gone are Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, Joe Albrechta, Jack Hilty, Roger Parker and Karen Driftmeyer . . . names that led Ross to two Buckeye

Conference titles and one runnerup spot. Also gone is Pete Michaels, the coach of those BC champ teams.

Lee Dailing has stepped into Michael's spot and with it, inherited a "rookie" team. There are no lettermen returning to the Little Giants.

Dailing, a University of

Toledo graduate, does have a good line on who will be handling the chores for Ross in the top two singles spots: Rich Shurmer and Rick Howell, both seniors. Either one could play the top singles Dailing said.

At the number three singles, Dailing said Brent

Borden or Greg Kindred, also both seniors, will fight it out for that spot. Another possibility is senior Pete Werling who saw spot duty last season in doubles. Werling, a senior, will have to break into the lineup because he was slated to begin practice today after a layoff to recover from a strep throat.

At doubles for the moment Kindred and junior Stuart Dorsky will likely be in the number one spot while senior Barry Kiser and junior Gary Klos will team up in the number two slot.

When asked about the coming season, Dailing admitted, "I don't really know how well we will do. The only thing I know conference-wise is what the kids have seen and told me."

After Tuesday's 4 p.m. opener, Dailing will take his squad to Perkins on Thursday, April 8.

School of Hope is fourth in state

BOWLING GREEN — The School of Hope finished fourth in the State Basketball Tournament for the Mentally Retarded held this weekend at Bowling Green State University.

Competing in Adult Division II, the Rebels dropped the opening game Friday afternoon to Happy Hearts School in Portsmouth 49-31 as they were outscored 19-6 in the third period.

In the battle for third place Friday night, the School of Bright Promise in Steubenville outscored the Rebels 77-59 with big 26 and 24-point scoring bursts in the first and third periods. Frank Bachel led the Steubenville school with 26 points while Tom Celek led the School of Hope with 27.

The School of Hope finished the season at 10-4.

Happy Hearts 49, School of Hope 31
Score by quarters
Happy Hearts 10 10 19 10-49

School of Hope 4 9 6 12-31

Scoring

HAPPY HEARTS: Cook 9-1-19, Dailey 7-0-14, Cline 4-0-8, Fultz 2-0-4, Barber 2-0-4; totals 24-1-49

SCHOOL OF HOPE: Celek 9-0-18, Mullen 2-1-5, Britner 2-0-4, Sidney 1-0-2, Borer 0-2-2; totals 14-3-31

Bright Promise 77, Hope 59

Score by quarters

Bright Promise 26 14 24 13-77
School of Hope 12 18 11 18-59

Scoring

BRIGHT PROMISE: Bachel 13-0-26, Rice 8-0-16, Woronick 6-1-13, Montgomery 3-1-7, Suddith 3-0-6, Strohmeier 2-1-5, Walenchek 2-0-4; totals 37-3-77

SCHOOL OF HOPE: Celek 12-3-27, Sidney 4-1-9, Britner 1-3-5, Borer 6-1-13, Sawyer 1-0-2, Mullen 1-1-3; totals 25-9-59



RICH SHURMER of Ross is shown in action in his victory over Mansfield's Steve Shasky Tuesday. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)

Ross netters lose

The Mansfield Tygers won both doubles matches to help defeat the Ross Little Giants 3-2 in a Buckeye Conference tennis match Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

The first doubles group of Don Gross and Brad Holtsberry defeated Ross' Greg Kindred and Stuart Dorsky 6-1 and 6-3. Ross' Barry Kiser and Gary Klos dropped a doubles match to Steve Hammett and Bruce Luedy 6-3 and 6-0.

The Giants won two of the three singles matches with Rich Shurmer defeating Steve Shasky 6-3 and 6-2, Rick Howell winning two 6-4 sets over Mark Browarsky. Brent Borden of Ross lost a 7-5 heart-breaker in his first set to Nick Ghessouras, and then lost the second 6-1.

All of the Ross netters were playing their first varsity match as the Giants are facing a rebuilding year.

"We've got to do some more drilling," said first year coach Lee Dailing. "We haven't really drilled too much. Now we know who's who we will." Dailing said he wasn't that disappointed in losing the doubles matches because he wasn't expecting that much from the doubles at this stage of the season.

The Giants' next match is Thursday at Perkins.

Mansfield 3, Ross 2

Singles

Rich Shurmer (R) def. Steve Shasky (M) 6-3, 6-2
Nick Ghessouras (M) def. Brent Borden (R) 7-5, 6-1
Rick Howell (R) def. Mark Browarsky (M) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles

Don Gross and Brad Holtsberry (M) def. Greg Kindred and Stuart Dorsky (R) 6-1, 6-3
Steve Hammett and Bruce Luedy (M) def. Barry Kiser and Gary Klos (R) 6-3, 6-0

First win for Ross netmen

SANDUSKY — Ross evened its tennis season record at 1-1 and gave Coach Lee Dailing his first victory of his career with a 3-2 verdict over the Perkins Pirates.

Rich Shurmer and Rick Howell captured wins in singles play and the first doubles team of Greg Kindred and Stuart Dorsky won to give the Little Giants the win on a cold and windy Thursday afternoon.

"They looked pretty good tonight," Dailing said while savoring the win, "they had more confidence than they had last Tuesday (a 3-2 loss to Mansfield). I guess it was just the experience of having played one match."

Shurmer needed three sets, the same as Howell, to down Bob Widdoes in the

first singles play 6-0, 3-6, and 6-2. Howell trimmed Steve Bruno in the third singles 6-4, 4-6, and 6-3.

The Kindred-Dorsky combo dropped the first set 7-5 to Perkins' John Quinn and Tom Baum before winning a 7-6 tiebreaker in the second set. The Ross pair won the last set 6-3 to rap up the Ross win.

Ross's next action will be at Port Clinton on Monday.

SINGLES

Rich Shurmer (R) d. Bob Widdoes (P) 6-0, 3-6, 6-2;
Jess Skaggs (P) d. Brent Borden (R) 6-1, 6-3; Rick Howell (R) d. Steve Bruno (P) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3;

DOUBLES

Greg Kindred and Stuart Dorsky (R) d. John Quinn and Tom Baum (P) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Rob Shiff and Bill Widdoes (P) d. Barry Kiser and Gary Klos (R) 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; Season record: Ross 1-1

Hoyers leads Port Clinton

PORT CLINTON — The Hoyer clan swarmed over Ross on the courts Monday to pace Port Clinton High School to a 3-2 win.

Mark and Linda Hoyer won the first and second singles matches, respectively, and then got the needed third point from the doubles duo of John Stein and Pete Chudy for the team match win.

Mark Hoyer posted a double blank job over Ross's Rick Howell with straight 6-0 set wins. Linda Hoyer had a little more trouble with the Little Giants' Rich Shurmer but not enough to keep her from taking identical 6-2 sets.

Stuart Dorsky and Chris Mackey were the victims of the Stein-Chudy team. The Port Clinton players won the first set 6-2 and came back to claim a 6-1 match winner.

The only wins of the match for Ross came in third singles by Brent Borden, 6-2, 6-3, over Mike Burdorf, and by the second doubles team of Barry Kiser and Gary Klos. The Ross duo trimmed Scott Semon and Ken Schoenfeld in three sets, 6-2, 5-7, and 6-2.

Ross will not return to action until April 20 when the team hosts Marion Harding at Rodger Young Park. A match with Findlay that has been slated for this Thursday was postponed to April 28.

MATCH RESULTS

SINGLES: Mark Hoyer (PC) d. Rick Howell (R) 6-0, 6-0; Linda Hoyer (PC) d. Rich Shurmer (R) 6-2, 6-2; Brent Borden (R) d. Mike Burdorf (PC) 6-2, 6-3;

DOUBLES: John Stein and Pete Chudy (PC) d. Stuart Dorsky and Chris Mackey (R) 6-2, 6-1; Barry Kiser and Gary Klos (R) d. Scott Semon and Ken Schoenfeld (PC) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

Giant netters beat Marion

The Ross High School tennis team evened its record at 2-2 Tuesday night with a 4-1 victory over Buckeye Conference rival Marion Harding at cold and windy Rodger Young Park.

Rich Shurmer and Stuart Dorsky picked up singles victories for the Giants with Shurmer winning 7-6 and 6-2, and Dorsky winning 6-1 and 6-2.

The Ross doubles team of Rick Howell and Greg Kindred won a pair of tough sets 7-6 and 7-5, and the team of Gary Klos and Barry Kiser lost their first set 7-6, but came back to win the next two 6-1 and 6-2.

In an extra match which did not figure in the team scoring Chris Mackey lost two out of three to Ken Kurz 3-6, 6-3 and 1-6.

Ross travels to Mansfield Thursday for its next tennis match.

Ross 4, Marion Harding 1

SINGLES

Rich Shurmer (R) def. Bruce Rowland (M) 7-6, 6-2
Rick Dunn (M) def. Brent Borden (R) 6-2, 2-6, 6-1
Stuart Dorsky (R) def. Bill Mathiot (M) 6-1, 6-2

DOUBLES

Rick Howell and Greg Kindred (R) def. Dave Binkley and Parks Lamarche (M) 7-6, 7-5
Gary Klos and Barry Kiser (R) def. Tom Haviland and Bryan Haviland (M) 6-7, 6-1, 6-2

Mansfield drops Ross netters 4-1

MANSFIELD — The doubles team of Rick Howell and Greg Kindred were the only winners for the Ross High School tennis team as it dropped a 4-1 decision to Mansfield Thursday night.

Howell and Kindred defeated Steve Shasky and Bob Marvidson 6-4 and 6-3. The other Giant doubles team of Gary Klos and Barry Kiser lost in two sets to Bruce Luedy and Steve Hammett 7-5 and 6-1.

Ross singles players Rich Shurmer, Brent Borden and Stuart Dorsky lost. Shurmer lost badly in two sets to Nick Ghessauras 6-1 and 6-0, while Borden lost to Brad Holberry 6-3 and 6-0.

Dorsky won his second set over Don Gross 6-4, but lost the other two 6-4 and 7-6.

Mansfield 4, Ross 1

SINGLES

Nick Ghessauras (M) def. Rich Shurmer (R) 6-1, 6-0

Brad Holberry (M) def. Brent Borden (R) 6-3, 6-0

Don Gross (M) def. Stuart Dorsky (R) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6

DOUBLES

Rick Howell and Greg Kindred (R) def. Steve Shasky and Bob Marvidson (M) 6-4, 6-3

Bruce Luedy and Steve Hammett (M) def. Gary Klos and Barry Kiser (R) 7-5, 6-1

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Gib Davis and Keith Inman (M) def. Chris Mackey and Pat Terry (R) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

Jay Berger (M) def. John Broski (R) 6-2, 6-4

Ross netters top Sandusky

SANDUSKY — The Ross High School tennis team got victories from its two doubles teams in a 3-2 win over Buckeye Conference rival Sandusky Thursday night.

The victory raises the Little Giants' record to 3-4 for the season.

The first doubles team of Pete Werling and Greg Kindred lost the first set 7-5, but came back to win over Mitch Pappas and Shawn Newman 6-3 and 6-4. The other doubles team of Stuart Dorsky and Barry Kiser won their first set 7-6 and the final set 6-2, after losing the middle set 6-3.

Brent Borden was the singles winner for Ross. He defeated Ron Albert 6-4 and 6-4. Rich Shurmer of Ross won his first set 6-0, but then lost the next two 6-1 and 6-0. Rick Howell lost in two sets 6-1 and 6-2.

Ross 3, Sandusky 2

SINGLES

Mark Ott (S) def. Rick Howell (R) 6-1, 6-2

Wayne Tucker (S) def. Rich Shurmer (R) 0-6, 6-1, 6-0

Brent Borden (F) def. Ron Albert (S) 6-4, 6-4

DOUBLES

Pete Werling and Greg Kindred (R) def. Mitch Pappas and Shawn Newman (S) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

Stuart Dorsky and Barry Kiser (R) def. Bernie Ruemmele and Jim Johnson (S) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Gary Klos (R) def. Troy Myers (S) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2

Ron Cantelli and Britt Jewitt (S) def. Chris Mackey and Pat Terry (R) 6-1, 6-2

Findlay's singles sweep stops Little Giants 3-2

FINDLAY — Ross went zero for three in the singles matches and two for two in doubles play to lose a dual tennis match against Findlay's Trojans 3-2.

Gwill Evans, Kent Drummond, and Doug Sink posted wins for Findlay in the singles over Ross's threesome of Barry Kiser, Stuart Dorsky, and Brent Borden. The closest loss of the three for Ross was in the third singles with Borden losing 7-5 and 6-4 to Sink.

Rich Shurmer and Rick Howell, normally singles players for Ross, teamed up to win the first doubles match over Findlay's Mike Moudry and Rob Arneson. The Ross pair needed three sets to take the match 6-3, 3-6, and 6-1.

The second doubles match also was extended to three sets before the Little Giants duo of Pete Werling and Greg Kindred prevailed over Chuck Stumpp and Dave Elderbrock. The Ross team won the first set handily 6-1 but dropped the second set 7-5. In the third set, the Werling-Kindred team won 7-5.

This afternoon, Ross will travel to Sandusky for another dual meet.

Findlay 3, Ross 2

SINGLES

Gwill Evans (F) d. Barry Kiser (R) 6-2, 6-2; Kent Drummond (F) d. Stuart Dorsky (R) 6-1, 6-1; Doug Sink (F) d. Brent Borden (R) 7-5, 4-6;

DOUBLES

Rich Shurmer and Rick Howell (R) d. Mike Moudry and Rob Arneson (F) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Pete Werling and Greg Kindred (R) d. Chuck Stumpp and Dave Elderbrock (F) 6-1, 5-7, 7-5.

Ross blanks Bellevue

The Ross High School tennis team won all five matches Tuesday in a 5-0 victory over Bellevue at Rodger Young Park.

The victory raises the Little Giants' record to 4-4. The Ross doubles teams of Pete Werling and Greg Kindred, and Stuart Dorsky and Gary Klos, both won in two sets 6-4 and 7-6.

Rich Shurmer in first singles was the only Ross netter extended to three sets. Shurmer lost the second set to Tom Martin 6-2, and won the other two 6-1 and 6-2. Rick Howell posted easy 6-1 and 6-0 wins over Kevin Scagnette in the second

singles and Brent Borden won over Mark Swartz in the third singles, 6-3 and 6-3.

Ross 5, Bellevue 0

SINGLES

Rich Shurmer (R) def. Tom Martin (B) 6-1, 2-6, 6-2

Rick Howell (R) def. Kevin Scagnette (B) 6-1, 6-0

Brent Borden (R) def. Mark Swartz (B) 6-3, 6-3

DOUBLES

Pete Werling and Greg Kindred (R) def. John Hart and Mike Martin (B) 6-4, 7-6

Stuart Dorsky and Gary Klos (R) def. Todd Rieck and Marty Shelley (B) 6-4, 7-6

EXHIBITION MATCHES

Barry Kiser (R) def. Dave Laviola (B) 6-4, 6-0

Dan Collins and John Eisenhauer (B) def. Chris Mackey and Pat Terry (R) 7-5, 6-4

Doubles sweep keys Ross's win

MARION — The Ross High School tennis team won both doubles matches in its 3-2 victory over Marion Harding here Wednesday.

The team of Pete Werling and Greg Kindred defeated Parks LaMarche and Dave Binkley 6-2, 2-6 and 6-3. Stuart Dorsky and Gary Klos of Ross won over Marion's Bryan Haviland and Tom Haviland 7-5, 1-6 and 6-3.

The lone Ross netter to win a singles match was Brent Borden, who defeated Bill Mathiot 6-1 and 6-3. Rick Howell, moving up to first singles, lost to Bruce Rowland 6-4 and 6-2, and Rich Shurmer lost to Rick Dunn 6-4 and 7-5.

The victory gives Ross a 5-4 record for the season.

Little Giants 6th in tennis tourney

SANDUSKY — Ross finished in sixth spot in the Buckeye Conference Tennis Tournament Saturday. The Little Giants did not place any singles or doubles teams in the top three of the tourney.

Elyria walked away with the crown by accumulating 120 points to Findlay's 88. Mansfield was third with 68 and Admiral King rounded out the top four with 52 points.

Findlay's Gwil Evans and Kent Drummond won the top two singles crowns while Elyria's Tom Persons captured the third singles title. In doubles play, Dave Auwerter and Jim Trovoznick of Elyria were the first team champs while Mansfield's second doubles team of Bruce Luedy and Steve Hammett won that crown.

Ross fared poorly in the tourney. First singles player Rick Howell lost to Mark Ott of Sandusky 6-1, 6-1, in his first match and Bruce Rowland of Marion handed Howell at 10-8 (pro set) loss in the first consolation match.

Rich Shurmer, the number two Ross player, lost to Drummond in the first round 6-4, 6-1 but beat Jack Lyne of Lorain 10-7 in the consolations. Shurmer, however, lost to Frank Copa of Admiral King in the next consolation match 10-3.

Brent Borden lost to Persons in straight 6-2 sets in third singles first round play before defeating Bill Mathiot of Marion 10-8 in the first consolation match. Mark Browarsky of Mansfield ousted Borden from the tourney in his next match with a 10-7 win.

Pete Werling and Greg Kindred, Ross's first doubles team won its first match over Sandusky's Mitch Pappas and Shawn Newman 6-4, 6-4 but lost in the first consolation round 6-0, 6-3 to Brad Holtsberry and Don Gross of Mansfield.

Stuart Dorsky and Gary Klos of Ross won their first consolation match from Sandusky's Britt Jewett and Ron Cantelli 10-3 after losing to Admiral King's Scott Meredith and Dave Sciaratpa 6-2 and 6-3 in the championship first round. Bryan and Tom Haviland of Marion ousted the Ross pair 10-8 in the second consolation match.

Following are the results:

TEAM STANDINGS: Elyria 120, Findlay 88, Mansfield 68, Admiral King 52, Lorain 28, Ross 22, Sandusky 20, Marion 12.

SINGLES

Gwil Evans (F) d. Jim Berman (E) 6-1, 7-5; Kent Drummond (F) d. Erick Zifeak (E) 6-1, 6-0; Tom Persons (E) d. Dave Blumberg (AK) 6-4, 6-2

DOUBLES

Dave Auwerter and Jim Trovoznick (E) d. Brad Holtsberry and Don Gross (Man) 6-3, 6-4

Bruce Luedy and Steve Hammett (Man) d. Scott Gales and Chase Tattersall (E) 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.



RICK HOWELL of Ross bites his tongue after returning a shot against Port Clinton's Mike Burdorf in the third singles match at Rodger Young

Park Monday. Howell scored Ross's only win in singles play. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

Ross loses to PC

Port Clinton stroked its way past Fremont Ross Monday in a dual tennis match at Rodger Young Park.

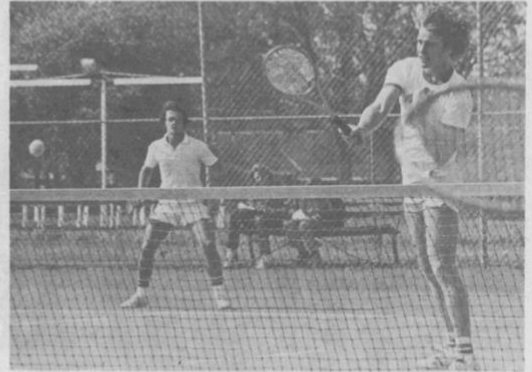
The Redskins won two singles matches and split the doubles matches to pull off the win. Ross's Rick Howell, playing out of the number three singles spot, was the only Ross winner in that division.

Howell needed three sets to dispose of the Redskins' Mike Burdorf. The Ross netter won the first set 6-3 but stumbled in the second set 1-6. In the third set, Burdorf battled Howell down to the wire before dropping a 7-6 tiebreaker.

Mark and Linda Hoyer defeated Brent Borden and Rich Shurmer, respectively, in the numbers one and two singles. Mark Hoyer trimmed Brent Borden 6-0 and 6-1 while sister Linda downed Shurmer in three sets, 4-6, 6-3, and 7-6. In the tiebreaker, Hoyer battled back from a 3-0 deficit.

In doubles play, John Stein and Pete Chudy of Port Clinton clinched the match with a 6-3, 6-4, win over Ross's number one team of Pete Werling and Greg Kindred.

Stuart Dorsky and Gary Kies teamed up to give Ross its split in the doubles. The Little Giants duo downed Ken Schoenfeld and Scott Donner 6-1, 4-6, and 7-6.



PETE WERLING slams a ball toward the net in first doubles match. Ross teammate Greg Kindred watches.

ches Werling make the return against Port Clinton's John Stein and Pete Chudy.

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Sports

Schimming stops Lakota 8-1

GENOA — A five-run outburst in the third inning propelled Genoa past

SLL. Schimming allowed just two hits, walked two and struck out 11. The only

RBI's to pace Genoa offensively. Schimming had a hit and an RBI and Russ

Wildcat homers nip Bears 6-5

GIBSONBURG — Woodmore outthomered Gibsonburg 3-2 and outscored the Bears 6-5 in a Suburban Lakes League baseball game here Monday

homer and two singles and an RBI. Mark Sandwich pitched the distance for Woodmore and walked four and struck out five. Steve Gruner went the

AAA sectional tennis

TOLEDO — The Toledo Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament will be played at two sites this Friday and Saturday. In a meeting here Wednesday evening, Jermain Park will be used as the "south" sectional site while Ravine Park will be used Friday by the "north" sectional.

On the second day, play for both sectionals will be at Jermain.

Coach Lee Dailing's Ross Little Giants will have three first round matches and two byes. In singles play, Gary Klos will face Ed Parish of Macomber in his tournament opener. Brent Borden will go up against Dwayne Johnson of Napoleon while Stuart Dorsky will play the winner of the Ken Puhy (Macomber) and Todd Henne (Napoleon) match in the second round.

In doubles play, Ross's Rick Howell and Barry Kiser will face Jerry Greene and Joe Turek of Toledo Start in their opening match. Rich Shurmer and Pete Werling drew a first round bye but will play the winner of the Greg Darak-Chris Sabecki (Toledo Bowsher) and Nick Kurse-Randy Zachrick (Napoleon) match.

Teams in the north sectional with Ross are Maumee, Sylvania, Bowsher, Defiance, Start, Bowling Green, Whitmer, Clay, Macomber, Napoleon, and Anthony Wayne.

Ross netters win 4-1

BELLEVUE — The Ross High School tennis team defeated Bellevue 4-1 here Tuesday. It was the Giant netters' second win over Bellevue this season.

Ross got victories from its first and second singles, and both of its doubles teams. In the first singles, Rich Shurmer won in three sets over Tom Martin 6-4, 0-6 and 7-5. Brent Borden won in two sets over Kevin Scagnetti, with both scores 7-5. Pete Werling, playing third singles instead of his usual first doubles, lost to Mark Swartz 2-6, 6-3 and 3-6.

The Ross first doubles team of Rick Howell and Greg Kindred won over John Hart and Mike Martin 4-6, 6-3 and 7-5. Barry Kiser and Gary Klos won easily in the second doubles match over Todd Rieck and Marty Shelley 6-2, 6-0.

Ross 4, Bellevue 1

Singles

Rich Shurmer (R) def. Tom Martin (B) 6-4, 0-6, 7-5

Brent Borden (R) def. Kevin Scagnetti (B) 7-5, 7-5

Mark Swartz (B) def. Pete Werling (R) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

Doubles

Rick Howell and Greg Kindred (R) def. John Hart and Mike Martin (B) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5

Barry Kiser and Gary Klos (R) def. Todd Rieck and Marty Shelley (B) 6-2, 6-0

Exhibition matches

Stuart Dorsky (R) def. Dave Laviola (B) 6-2, 6-3

Dan Collins (B) def. Chris Mackey (R) 8-3