



ROSS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS team members are pictured here. Kneeling from left to right are Roger Parker, Niel Clark, Michael Stoner, Joe Albrecht and Jack Hilty. Standing from

left are Coach James 'Pete' Michaels, Jim Flower, Jeff Wingo, Larry Shilling, Art Gilberg and Mark Albrecht. Paul Mittermaier, another member of the team, missed the picture.



COCAPTAINS for the 1973 Ross High tennis team are Larry Shilling, left, and Jeff Wingo. The two are lettermen.

Talented sophomores boost Ross High's tennis hopes

A crew of talented sophomores will be carrying some big hopes for the Ross High Little Giants when the 1973 tennis season gets started late next week.

Headed by award-winning Jim Flower, the sophomores will be filling in most of the positions on the team, bumping some veterans from their positions and aiming toward a possible conference championship.

These talented sophomores, who have Coach James 'Pete' Michaels beaming in the early going, could also play big part in boosting Ross toward capturing the Buckeye Conference's first all-sports trophy.

The conference began competition for an all-sports

champion for the first time this year and the Little Giants are in the running for the title.

A strong spring sports program — the golf team is the defending Buckeye Conference champion with all of its lettermen back, the track team is looked upon as a serious contender for the crown and the baseball team is considered a "representative" crew — could provide enough points for the Giants to win that first-ever trophy.

Going into the spring sports, the Giants have 27 points. Admiral King leads with 30, Elyria has 29 and Sandusky has 27. Points are determined by the team finish in the league standings.

The tennis squad, boosted by this fine crew of sophomores, has a good chance to earn several points for the Giants.

"This is one of the finest groups I've ever seen," veteran tennis coach Michaels says. "I've seen other fine individuals, but this is one of the finest teams. And, the enthusiasm has been great.

Flower, of course, is the

biggest reason for Michaels' enthusiasm.

The 16-year-old has garnered honors in a wide area. Just recently he captured the championship in the Glass City Tournament at Toledo. Among his other honors are state Jaycee runnerup, State Jaycees doubles champion, Northern Indiana doubles champion, Lakeside champion in 16 and under and 18 and under and qualifier for the United States Lawn Tennis Association nationals in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The sophomore is expected to move into the number one court spot, in spite of the fact that the Giants have two good tennis players returning from last year's 4-9 team.

Seniors Jeff Wingo and Larry Shilling are the returning letter winners.

Shilling was the most valuable player on the team in 1972, but is facing a tough challenge from a much improved Wingo. The challenge, however, seems to be for the number two court spot because of Flower's talents.

If Wingo should move Shilling down to the number three spot, the Giants would indeed pose an impressive challenge for most teams.

Shilling already has proven himself to be a capable player and such a strong player in the number three court competition would be a real asset to the Giants' hopes.

Michaels is looking to other sophomores to fill key roles during the season. The four spots on the two doubles teams apparently will normally be filled by sophomores.

As things stand at this early point in the season, Joe Albrecht and Jack Hilty will play on one doubles team and Roger Parker and Arthur Gilberg will play on the other.

Competition in tennis in the Buckeye Conference is in three singles matches and two doubles matches. Nonconference matches are five singles and two doubles. In the conference, a player cannot compete in both singles and doubles. He cannot in tournaments either.

Michaels credits the summer recreation program with being a big boost to the Ross program. The sophomore class is among the first real products of an

intensified summer effort at tennis.

"The summer recreation program is helping. It really got going strong last year."

Other sophomores in that crew are Michael Stoner and Niel Clark. Michaels isn't making any predictions of championships, because he knows there is a lot of work to be done. He is optimistic, however.

Juniors on the team are Mark Albrecht and Paul Mittermaier. Wingo and Shilling are the cocaptains.

The Giants open their tennis schedule against Sandusky Perkins, April 5.

They face Mansfield, a team in the Ross division and a squad which Michaels expects to be tough, at Mansfield April 10.

Other teams in the Giants division are Marion and Findlay. The remainder of the Ross schedule is as follows:

April 12, Findlay; April 17, at Marion; April 19, Mansfield; April 20, Fostoria; April 25, at Findlay; April 26, Sandusky; April 30, at Port Clinton; May 1, at Bellevue; May 2, Marion; May 4, at Sylvania; May 5, Buckeye Conference at Lorain; May 8, Port Clinton; May 9, at Sandusky; May 11 and 12, sectional; May 15, Bellevue; May 18-19, district; May 25 and 26, state.



JIM FLOWER, shown in action here, leads a talented crew of sophomore tennis players into the 1973 season for the Ross Little Giants.

Pence's 637 leads area bowlers

Dick Pence rolled a 637 total score in the Recreation House League last night to pace area bowlers reporting to The News-Messenger. His lines of 199, 214 and 224 put him in front of legions from six other leagues.

Harriet Andover was the high reporting woman bowler last night with lines of 167, 203 and 157 for a 527 total in the Ries Vending League.

RECREATION HOUSE LEAGUE

Maple Lanes

INDIVIDUAL — Dick Pence, 199-214-224 — 637; Joe Krezwinski, 221-211 — 609; Ken Schultz, 344 — 347; Tim Arndt, 211 — 567; Frank Lenhart, 230 — 579; George Schlechter, 372; Louise Foss, 205 — 569; Ron Miller, 209 — 567; Terry Swartz, 232-563; Jack Moore, 209 — 561; John Roland, 224 — 557; Del Schultz, 290 — 555; Homer Rigby, 209 — 548; Dave Sayre, 547; Carl Rathbun, 221 — 545; Joe Trevino, 541; Dale Buecker, 335; Lyle Smith, 532.

TEAMS: Fremont Gun Store, 1046-1014-998 — 3068; Garza Bros., 1046 — 3025; Halbeson Roofing, 1046-1013 — 3019.

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MAPLE MAULERS LEAGUE

Maple Lanes

INDIVIDUAL — Bob Auster, 190-180-180 — 558; Tracy Woodruff, 179-202-177 — 558; Art Doust, 537; Bob Hetrick, 567; Rich Root, 565.

RIES VENDING LEAGUE

Maple Lanes

INDIVIDUAL — Harriet Andover, 167-203-157 — 527; Betty Jones, 168-153-162-505; Dot Ringwalt, 141-192-155 — 493; Ethel Markel, 144-157-180 — 487; Rita Glier, 172-151-146 — 482; Betty Prodenore, 197-153-122 — 472; Frances Dennis, 137-182-152 — 471; Glenna Snyder, 139-145-181-468; Lynn Moore, 147-131-191 — 469; Joan Bobay, 191.

Jackson and Potts team for trophy

The annual father-son, mother-daughter bowling tournament was held yesterday afternoon at Maple Lanes and first place trophies were bagged by Tom Potts and Larry Jackson and Maureen and Peggy Reed.

Potts, the younger member of the winning team, hooked onto a winner in the father-son tourney when he teamed with Jackson, chairman of the league. A reliable source, his wife, said that it was the first tournament Jackson had ever won.

They rolled a 1117 total in the handicap tournament for first place. Dennis and Dave Bunn rolled a 1112 for second place and Chip and John Evanoff scored an 1100 total for third place in the close competition.

In the mother-daughter tournament Maureen and Peggy Reed scored a 1090 total to win the first place trophy. Laura and Mae Jennings rolled a 1060 for second and Jeanette and Carolyn Billow scored a 1020 for third.

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Tennis squad starts with win

Local tennis fans have been waiting to see just how Ross High's talented sophomores would do once they got into actual high school competition.

They found out Thursday evening.

The sophomores passed their first varsity test with flying colors and a pair of talented seniors showed their stuff as the Little Giants blanked Sandusky Perkins, 7-0, at Rodger Young Park.

Jim Flower, Jeff Wingo, Larry Shilling, Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta scored victories in the singles competition for coach Pete Michaels.

Neither Wingo nor Albrechta lost a game.

Sophomores filled seven of the spots on the team—three singles positions (Flower, Hilty and Albrechta) and all four positions in the doubles competition.

Much talked-about Flower was impressive in his first varsity outing, downing a veteran number one man for the Perkins crew. Highly regarded senior Dave Sheffer fell to Flower, 6-0, 6-1.

Coach Michaels also pointed to Hilty and Michaels as a team in the first doubles match. "They had a very masterful game with some strong volleys." The sophomores, who will play the number one doubles spot in the Buckeye for the Giants, defeated a combination of Perkins' best two singles players, Sheffer and Mark Rieman, 6-2, 6-0.

Senior Jeff Wingo had defeated Rieman, 6-0, 6-0, in the second singles position. The other senior on the squad, Jack Hilty, dumped Bob Widdoes, 6-1, 6-2, in the third singles spot.

The Little Giants picked up another match for today. They will play Norwalk St. Paul at Norwalk.

SUMMARY

Jim Flower (R) over Dave Sheffer, 6-0, 6-1.
Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Mark Rieman, 6-0, 6-0.
Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Bob Widdoes, 6-1, 6-2.
Jack Hilty (R) decisioned John Hoffman, 6-1, 6-2.
Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Jeff Caldwell, 6-0, 6-0.
Hilty and Albrechta decisioned Sheffer and Rieman, 6-2, 6-0.
Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Rick Schaffter and Keith Gifford, 6-3, 6-1.

Ross tennis squad grabs second win

It's two in a row with a big one coming up for the Ross High School tennis team.

The Little Giants blanked Norwalk St. Paul, 5-0, in a match at Norwalk Friday and now turn to their first Buckeye Conference contest at Mansfield with a 2-0 record.

Jim Flower, Jeff Wingo and Art Gilberg won singles events for the Giants. Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta combined for one doubles victory, while Roger Parker and Mike Stover earned the other point by blanking their doubles foes.

Gilberg, a sophomore, filled in for senior Larry Shilling, who was practicing for a performance with the Toledo Symphony, and

scored a 6-2, 6-2 victory in the third position.

Wingo blanked his opponent for the second straight match, winning 6-0, 6-0.

Tuesday, the Giants travel to Mansfield to meet a strong Mansfield Senior team that features two players who competed in the states as a doubles combination last year.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Matt Gross (N), 6-0, 6-1.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Chuck Hohler (N), 6-0, 6-0.

Art Gilberg (R) decisioned Rick Reichert (N), 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Gross and Hohler, 6-1, 6-4.

Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Reichert and Chip Baltes, 6-0, 6-0.

Ross tennis squad continues string

Scoring what is believed to be Ross High's first-ever Buckeye Conference shutout, the Little Giant tennis team blanked visiting Findlay, 5-0, at Rodger Young Park Thursday evening.

It was the third straight victory for the Giants and all have been shutouts.

The Giants had to go three sets to win three of the five match points.

Jeff Wingo, Larry Shilling and the doubles combination of Joe Albrechta and Jack Hilty all were forced into a third set before grabbing a victory.

Shilling and Wingo each lost his first set 5-7. Wingo rallied to subdue Bob Scully with second and third set scores of 6-4 and 6-3. Shilling won his second set 6-3 and then won the final set 7-6 on a tie breaker. If a set is

tied at six games apiece, the winner is decided by the best five out of nine points.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Mooney Lovell (F), 6-1, 6-3.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Bob Scully (F), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Brent Snook, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Greg Maddock and Bob Mihaly (F), 6-0, 4-6, 7-5.

Roger Parker and Mark Stoner (R) decisioned Greg Wayant and Scott Lather (F), 6-0, 6-3.

Ross tennis team wins again

The Ross tennis team recorded its fourth straight shutout Friday evening, blanking Norwalk St. Paul, 7-0, at Rodger Young Park.

The Giants, now 4-0, lost just eight games in the entire competition while winning 84. Jeff Wingo and Larry Shilling each won their matches without

losing a game. They also combined to win one of the doubles matches.

Ross returns to action Tuesday with a trip to Marion.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Matt Gross (SP), 6-1, 6-0.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Chuck Hohler (SP), 6-0, 6-0.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Rich Reichert (SP), 6-0, 6-0.

Jack Hilty (R) over Scott Tinker (SP), 6-1, 6-1.

Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Joe Gross (SP), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Matt Gross and Chuck Hohler (SP), 6-1, 6-1.

Larry Shilling and Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Rich Reichert and Scott Tinker (SP), 6-1, 6-0.

Key tennis victory

Giants defeat Mansfield

A talented Mansfield Senior tennis team rolled into Fremont Thursday afternoon, but it was the exciting young Ross Little Giants who continued to roll along.

The Little Giants remained undefeated by bumping off the highly regarded Tygers, 3-0, in a rain shortened contest at Rodger Young Park. The loss was the first in the Buckeye Conference for the Tygers, who feature two young men who competed on the state level last year.

Two matches were still going on when rains came to the park and the contest was called off. Even if Mansfield managed to win both of those matches, the Little Giants would have won the team match, 3-2.

Sophomore Jim Flower took care of one of Mansfield's 1972 state competition representatives, defeating talented Doug Warga, 6-2, 6-1.

"It was a very hard fought match," head coach Pete Michaels said after the contest was over. "There were a lot of

good shots and volleys. Jim was put to a real good test, but he performed well."

Jeff Wingo, the Little Giants' number two man, faced the other 1972 state representative, Tom Fronczak, and had him on the ropes but the match ended with each having captured one set. Wingo won the first set, 6-4, and had a 5-1 lead in the next set, but ended up losing, 7-6, on a tie breaker.

Ross got another point in the singles when Larry Shilling disposed of Duffy Carto, 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles team of Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta whipped Bill Frontz and Scott Gilbert, 6-0, 6-2, for the decisive third point.

Ross High's other doubles team, Roger Parker and Mike Stoner, led George Mathews and Steve Meckling, 4-1, when the contest was called because of rain.

The victory was an important one for the Little Giants since Mansfield figures to be one of the top teams in the Buckeye. The Tygers have fielded strong tennis teams for several years.

Ross tennis team remains unbeaten

MARION — Ross High's unbeaten tennis team continued that way Tuesday, knocking off Marion, 5-0, in a Buckeye Conference match. The Presidents also were unbeaten in the conference going into the match.

The Giants, who have not yet lost a point in building a 6-0 record, face two more league foes this week. They travel to Findlay today and host Sandusky Thursday.

The Giants beat Findlay, 5-0, earlier in the year, but had to go three sets to win three of the five match points.

Jeff Wingo needed three sets for his victory in the number two spot Tuesday. He won 5-7, 6-3, 6-0. The doubles team of Mike Stoner and Roger Parker also needed three sets to win a point for the Ross crew.

Head Coach Pete Michaels, hoping the string can continue, expressed pleasure with the performance of the Giants. "I'm very pleased, they played very well today."

The victory means the Giants have beaten every team in their division — Marion, Findlay and Mansfield — once. They will play each other again as a double round robin decides the division champion.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Dave Stuckey (M), 6-1, 6-1.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Brent Rowland (M), 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Matt Osborne (M), 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Phil Everson and Don Simmons (M), 6-1, 6-2.

Mike Stoner and Roger Parker (R) decisioned Dan Stuckey and Rob Mauntz (M), 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.

Golf meeting set

There will be a meeting in the clubhouse at Thornwood Golf Course for anyone interested in playing in the Thursday Night City League at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Teams and individuals are invited to attend. Rules will be discussed and officers for the coming year will be elected. Don Gruver will officiate.

Ross High tennis streak continues

FINDLAY — It was victory and shutout number seven for the incredible Ross High tennis team Wednesday at Findlay Wednesday.

And, believe it or not, the Giants, who have yet to lose a match point, apparently are improving. At least that's the view of head coach James 'Pete' Michaels and Wednesday's match indicated he is right.

The first time Findlay and Ross met — at Rodger Young Park — the Giants won 5-0, but in three of the matches, they had to go to three sets to win. Wednesday, the Giants won all five points in straight sets.

The Giants, now 7-0 and 4-0 in their division of the Buckeye conference, play Sandusky at Sandusky today (a change from the original schedule that had this as a home match).

Then, the Giants get ready for a busy week. They play at Port Clinton Monday and at Bellevue Tuesday and then face Marion at home Wednesday in a match that could clinch the division title for the Giants. Marion has one loss in the division title for the Giants. Marion has one loss in the division while Mansfield has two. On Friday, May 4, the Giants will play at Sylvania, one of the strongest clubs in the area, and on Saturday, May 5, a singles representative and a doubles team will compete in the Buckeye Conference Day.

Jim Flower will play in the Buckeye singles match, but there will be a playoff for the doubles spot. In the playoff, Jeff Wingo and Larry Shilling will team up to face Art Gilberg and Neil Clark while Roger Parker and Mike Stoner will face Jack Hilty and

Joe Albrechta. The winning two combinations will square off for the right to play in the Buckeye Conference Day event and in the sectional tournament which is the next weekend.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Mooney Lovell (F), 6-0, 6-1.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Bob Scully (F), 6-2, 6-3.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Gary Maddock (F), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Brent Snook and Bob Mihlay, 6-3, 7-6.

Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Greg Wyant and Joel Gallagher (F), 6-4, 6-3.

Oak Harbor's linksters top Gibsonburg

OAK HARBOR—The Oak Harbor golf team boosted its record to 4-1 with a 6-3 victory over Gibsonburg at Portage Point Golf Course Wednesday.

The Rockets were paced by a pair of medalists—Jim Ford and Jim Murray. Both Murray and Ford turned in a card of 38 and each grabbed two points for the Rockets.

Gibsonburg, now 1-2, was led by Mark Jackson and Dave Stevenson. Each had 44 with Jackson earning two points.

The Golden Bears, who play Woodmore in a Suburban Lakes League contest at Sycamore Hills today, are now 1-2 for the season.

SUMMARY

Jim Ford (OH), 38; Mark Gruner (G), 48. (2-0)

Jim Murray (OH), 38; John Myers (G), 49. (2-0)

Jim Knieriem (OH), 48; Mark Jackson (G), 44. (0-2)

Don Parker (OH), 44; Dave Stevenson (G), 44. (1-1)

TOTAL STROKES: Oak Harbor, 168; Gibsonburg, 185.

Little Giants blank ninth straight foe

BELLEVUE—Still unbeaten and unscored upon.

That's the story for the talented Ross High School golf team. But, the Giants had quite a bit of trouble before blanking Bellevue, 7-0, at Bellevue Tueaday.

Ross had to go three sets in three of the matches and in two of those, a tie-breaker decided one of the sets which Ross won.

The Giants are now 9-0 for the year and faced with the challenge of a strong Marion squad at Rodger Young Park today. A victory by the Giants will clinch the division title.

The match featured five singles and two doubles matches with Art Gilberg and Jack Hilty being added to the regular singles crew. Gilberg impressed head coach Pete Michaels with his come from behind victory in the first set of his match. He won that set with a tie breaker (best of nine points after a 6-6 game tie) after trailing 5-2. He lost the second set, but came back to win the final set and take the match.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Mark Krinke (B), 6-1, 6-0.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Mike Newkirk (B), 6-4, 6-4.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Stan Schneider (B), 6-3, 6-1.

Art Gilberg (R) decisioned Dave Garman (B), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4.

Jack Hilty (R) decisioned John Saunders (B), 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Mike Newkirk and Stan Schneider (B), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Pete Ruffing and Steve Schaffer, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Tennis team blanks Sandusky

Eight in a row for Little Giants

SANDUSKY—School was off or on, depending on who was viewing the situation.

The match was on, then off, then on again.

The head coach was off.

A substitute was on.

And, that Ross High School tennis team was really on—as usual.

With a work stoppage by the teachers of the Fremont School system creating a confusing situation at the high school, the Ross High tennis match with Sandusky was canceled by athletic director Dick Sherman. Principal Duane Wamsley, however, put the match back on the schedule and the tennis team was on its way. However, with Head Coach James 'Pete' Michaels being one of those teachers honoring the picket lines, Dean of Students, John B. Webb accompanied the group to Sandusky.

It was a rather unusual situation, but the outcome was not unusual.

The talented Ross courtmen registered their eighth victory of the year and their eighth shutout of the year, blanking Sandusky, 5-0.

The eighth straight shutout was not any romp in spite of the fact that the Giants won three of the five matches in straight sets.

Larry Shilling and the doubles team of Roger Parker and Mike Stoner were forced to three sets before grabbing victories.

Several of the games were hard fought, with the Giants losing more games than they are accustomed to. The Blue Streaks, however, took a 6-2 record into the match and consider themselves a threat for the Buckeye Conference Eastern Division title.

Talking about the match after he had received a

report from the team, Michaels said "This is one of the big matches for us even though Sandusky is not in our division. Anytime we beat Sandusky in any sport its great because of the rivalry. Anything you want to say good about these kids is fine with me because they are playing just great."

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Brad Steineman (S), 6-3, 6-1.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Jim Fialka (S), 6-3, 6-4.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Chris Steineman (S), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

Doubles

Joe Albrechta and Jack Hilty (R) decisioned Jim Spear and Tim Steineman (S), 6-2, 7-5.

Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Carlos Torio and Dan Rummel (S), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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shortstop Danny Thompson threw a ball into the dirt after fielding a grounder.

The Twins took a 4-0 lead in the fourth. George Mitterwald slammed a two-run homer after Steve Braun drove in a run with a triple and scored on Thompson's single.

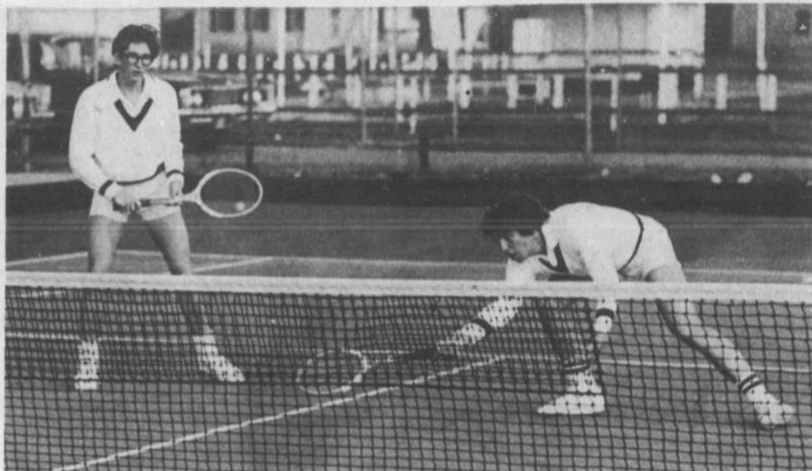
Lamb, who has given up only one earned run in four games, came in at that point. The Indians then tied it in the seventh with their first four-run outburst, which started with walks by starter Dick Woodson to Bell and Cardenas.

Lowenstein, Jack Brohammer, Chris Chambliss and Dave Duncan followed with consecutive his off reliever Dave Goltz to drive in the runs with none out.

The Twins put two men on in their half of the tenth, but Jerry Johnson relieved Lamb to save the victory and hand the Twins their fifth straight loss.

The teams had been scheduled for a two-game series but Tuesday night's game was postponed by wet grounds and cold weather.

"This isn't baseball weather," said Cleveland Manager Ken Aspromonte. "But we're locked into our schedule and we've got to play five games the next time we come into Minnesota."



HELP ROSS TO DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP
Joe Albrechta, left, and Jack Hilty, right, win doubles match

Tennis team scores tenth straight shutout

Little Giants win division championship

The incredible string of shutouts continued as Ross High School's tennis team wrapped up the division title by whipping Marion Harding at Rodger Young Park Wednesday.

The Giants won the match, 4-0, with the second doubles match being halted by rain with the Ross crew in the lead.

The victory was the tenth of the year for the Giants and the shutout was also the tenth. Ross is now 5-0 in the division with one match to be played and every other team in the division has at least two losses.

Ross battled boty Marion and a strong wind in grabbing the victory that assured the division crown.

"The wind was really strong, but we played very well considering the conditions," head coach Pete Michaels said after the match. "We looked very sharp tonight."

Michaels pointed particularly to the play of Jeff Wingo and Larry Shilling in the singles and the doubles team of Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta.

Wingo defeated Brent Rowland in straight sets after being forced to go three sets the first time the two met. Michaels noted the improvement in his performance.

"Larry Shilling had a very fine game and the doubles team of Hilty and Albrechta played well. We were definitely sharper than last night (meaning Tuesday evening against Bellevue)," Michaels said after the match Wednesday.

Of course there was Jim Flower. The talented sophomore continued his string of victories in the number one spot.

Ross will meet the champion of the Eastern Division of the Buckeye Conference for the conference title. The opponent, date and site all have to be determined.

The Gints have a big match with powerful Sylvania High School Friday and the Ross strings of wins and shutouts must be considered to be in jeopardy. "That will be a very, very tough match against Sylvania," Michaels said, not resting on the laurels of a division title.

That division crown earned the Ross athletes six points in the race for the all-sport trophy which they presently lead. If the Ross tennis team wins the conference title, two more points will be added. Ross has 37. Admiral King and Elyria are tied in second place with 33½. Both have strong tennis teams.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Dan Stuckey (M), 6-2, 6-3.
Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Brent Rowland (M), 6-4, 6-3.
Larry Shilling decisioned Matt Osborne (M), 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Phil Everson and Dan Simmons (M), 6-1, 6-3.
Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Dan Stuckey and Rob Mautz (M) 6-1 in the first set and then the match was called because of rain.

Cepeda continues to enjoy new life

By KEN RAPPOPORT
associated Press Sports Writer

Anywhere Orlando Cepeda swings his bat is home. Long a musclemen in the National League, the "Baby Bull" as found a home—and a new life—in the American League as a designated hitter with the Boston Red Sox.

Cepeda continued to flourish in his new surroundings with a sixth home run of the year, grand slam job, that helped the Red Sox whip the Texas Rangers 6-2 Wednesday night.

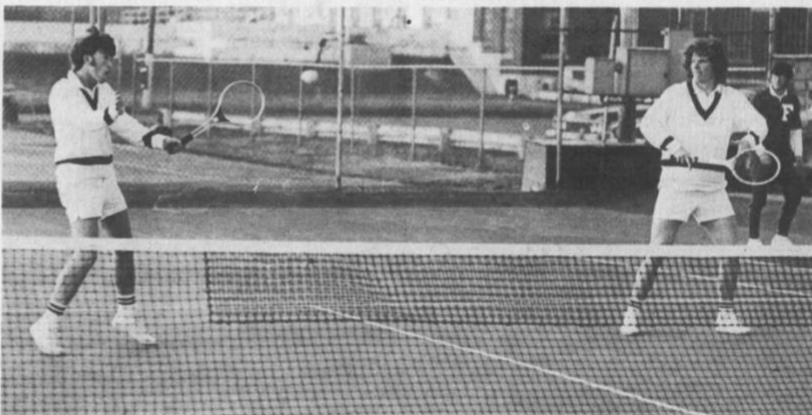
"Every homer feels good," said Cepeda about his dramatic hit that capped a five-run third inning. "But home runs don't mean anything unless you can score on them."

Chicago White Sox blanked the Baltimore Orioles 4-0.

Cepeda has not only been hitting homers for Boston, he's been hitting for average, too. The brawny Cepeda, also known as "Cha Cha" for his love of bouncy music, is hitting at a hot .347 clip with 25 hits, four of them doubles. Cepeda has knocked in 17 runs and scored 12.

Ed Kirkpatrick drove in two runs with a sixth-inning double as Kansas City ended New York's four-game winning streak behind the pitching of Paul Splittorff and Gene Garber.

Art Kusnyer doubled home the tie-breaking run in the 12th inning and then scored on



WORKING OUT AFTER VICTORIES IN SINGLES
Larry Shilling, left, and Jeff Wingo to play doubles in tournaments

Sylvania tops tennis team

Giants' string ends

SYLVANIA — That almost unbelievable string of Ross High tennis shutouts came to an end Friday night and the unbeaten record fell by the wayside right along with it.

A talented Sylvania High tennis team derailed the Ross steamroller, 4-1, in a well played, hard fought match at Sylvania. The Sylvania crew,

which ranks as one of the best in Northwest Ohio features a pair of state class performers, both of whom had to fight hard to defeat their Ross opponents.

"I'm not terribly disappointed," head coach Pete Michaels said after the match. "We played a very good team. Those first two boys must be ranked

in the state. You cannot say enough about them."

Those first two players that Michaels referred to were Kevin Shaw and Phil Brondes.

Shaw sent talented sophomore Jim Flower down to his first loss in a three set match, 6-4, 4-6 and 6-1. The two have competed and played together many times before. They paired off to win the state Jaycees championship last summer.

Brondes defeated Jeff Wingo in another excellent match, 7-5, 6-4. The Sylvania number two man was the Northwest Ohio District champion last year. He remains in his number two spot because of the talents of Shaw.

Word is that these two talented courtmen will team up as a doubles combination in the sectional tournament and will not play singles.

The doubles team of Roger Parker and Mike Stoner earned the only points of the day for Ross, defeating Steve Curl and Bob Brown, 6-4, 6-4.

"We sharpened up our game for tomorrow," Michaels said, pointing to the Buckeye Conference day which features the top individual and top doubles team from each conference school. The conference day, scheduled for Lorain High, does not effect the league championship.

"We played a very good team, but we could go back up there and win on another day."

SUMMARY Singles

Kevin Shaw (S) decisioned Jim Flower (R), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

Phil Brondes (S) decisioned Jeff Wingo (R), 7-5, 6-4.

Dick Arnos (S) decisioned Larry Shilling (R), 7-6, 6-2.

Doubles

Henry Strong and Mark Fine (S) decisioned Joe Albrechta and Jack Hilty, 6-2, 6-1.

Roger Parker and Mike Stoner (R) decisioned Steve Curl and Bob Brown (S), 6-4, 6-4.

St. Joe baseballers remain undefeated

St. Joe's Crimson Streaks put their seven hits to good work and took advantage of St. Wendelin errors and walks as they smacked the Mohawks, 13-0, in a nonconference baseball game at Anderson Field Friday.

Sophomore hurler Joe Guyer fashioned a two-hitter to hold the St. Wendelin batters in check.

Meanwhile, St. Joe didn't waste any of its hits.

The Streaks broke up a scoreless tie with two runs on three hits — their first of the game — in the third inning. They scored a single run with just one hit in the fourth frame. They then scored five times on just two safeties in the fifth and four times on just two more hits in the sixth.

Guyer's triple was the only extra base hit of the game. That blow came in the sixth inning and the sophomore was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into an inside the park home run. He and John Barrington each had two runs batted in for the winners, who beat St. Wendelin, 5-1, earlier in the season. St. Joe is now 6-0.

Guyer struck out six men and walked just three as he picked up the victory.

BOX SCORE

| St. Joe | | | | St. Wendelin | | | |
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| | ab | r | h | | ab | r | h |
| Yeager, ss | 3 | 2 | 1 | Stoner, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Bargtn., 1b | 2 | 2 | 1 | Karg, 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Molyet, 1b | 1 | 1 | 1 | Filliater, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ohm, lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | Gase, c | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| C. LeJ., lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | Nye, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Byers, 3b | 3 | 1 | 0 | Gillig, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Brickner, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | Lee, 2b | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Hoelzle, c | 4 | 1 | 1 | Kramer, 2b | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Miesle, cf | 1 | 2 | 1 | Reiter, p | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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remont Country Club at 4 p.m. 7 week that concludes with the loss will host an 11 team field in

ain too Friday. Led by Rick Fostoria, 13-0.

MARY

Larry Green, 40-43—83. (3-0)
Jed Martin (F), 43-43—86. (3-

Mottron (F), 42-42—84 (2½-½)
Tom Quesinberry (F), 49-60—

6; Fostoria, 362.

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Ross net team's home season ends with—what else?

They made it an even dozen Tuesday.

That's an even dozen wins and an even dozen shutouts.

Playing their last match of the season on the Rodger Young Park courts, the Ross High tennis team blanked Bellevue, 7-0, boosting the season record to 12-1.

The victory was the second of the season over Bellevue, but this time the Giants did it in straight sets. The first time the two teams met, Bellevue forced three of the matches into three sets.

Head coach Pete Michaels noted the improvement and particularly pointed to sophomore Art Gilberg who defeated Dave Garman, 6-2, 6-2. The first time the two played, Gilberg won, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. "Art did a real fine job," Michaels said after the match.

Michaels inserted seniors Jeff Wingo and Larry Shilling into the first doubles match since this was their last home match.

The pair won easily, not losing a game. Each also won a singles match. Jim Flower, the sectional champion in singles competition, also scored a shutout over his opponent. The second singles combo of Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta gave the Little Giants their third shutout of the match.

Ross plays at Mansfield today. The match is the final regular season contest in the Buckeye Conference for the Little Giants, who have already clinched their division title. The Giants will meet the eastern division winner in a playoff for the conference championship. Site, location and opponent still have to be determined.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Mark Krinke (B), 6-0, 6-0.

Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Mike Newkirk (B), 6-1, 6-1.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Stan Schneider (B), 6-2, 6-1.

Art Gilberg (R) decisioned Dave Garman (B), 6-2, 6-2.

Roger Parker (R) decisioned John Sanders (B), 6-1, 6-4.

Doubles

Larry Shilling and Jeff Wingo (R) decisioned Mike Newkirk and Dave Garman (B), 6-2, 6-2.

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Pete Ruffing and Steve Schaeffer (B), 6-0, 6-0.

Netmen win again, top-seeded Flower draws district bye

Wednesday was a busy day for Pete Michaels, head coach of the talented Ross High tennis team.

First he watched his charges register victory number 13—their first victory in which the opponent scored a point—and then he made the trip from Mansfield to Toledo for the district drawing.

In that drawing Jim Flower, who was first seeded in the tournament, drew a first round bye and seemed to earn a good shot at a state tournament berth.

Flower will play either Valentine of Ashland or Reynolds of Bowling Green in the quarterfinals. Three individuals will advance to the state tournament, so Flower has to win just two matches to take that last big step on the tournament trail.

In competition against Mansfield Senior's strong net team, the Giants started slowly, but then turned on the steam and won a 3-1 decision. The second doubles match was called because of the weather. The Ross pair of Roger Parker and Art Gilberg was leading after one set, 6-0.

The victory boosted the Giants' record to 13-1 for the season. The 3-1 score did end one very impressive streak by the Little

Giants. All of the first 12 victories by the Little Giants were shutouts.

The strong Mansfield crew gave the Giants quite a battle, leading in three of the matches after the first set. Jim Flower and the doubles team of Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta trailed after the first set, but rallied to win.

"Jim's play in the last set was superb," Michaels said. Warga (Mansfield's Doug Warga) played exceptionally well in the first set, but Jim came back strong."

The match was the final dual match of the regular season for the Little Giants who are still waiting a decision on time, location and opponent for the conference championship match. Ross won the Western Division with a 6-0 record. Lorain Admiral King and Elyria are battling for honors in the Eastern Division and a playoff may be necessary.

SUMMARY

Singles

Jim Flower (R) decisioned Doug Warga (M), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Tom Fronczak (M) decisioned Jeff Wingo (R), 7-5, 6-1.

Larry Shilling (R) decisioned Duffy Carto (M), 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

Jack Hilty and Joe Albrechta (R) decisioned Scott Gilbert and George Matthews, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.