



**MEMBERS OF THE** Ross tennis team are, left to right, first row: Brent Tuttle, Ross Paulson, Eric Burger and Kevin Adams. Second row: Dennis

Eickert, Rich Wurm, Matt Collins, Brian Beck and Coach Pete Michaels. Missing from the photo is Roger Will.



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talks Sunday, summoned both sides to a negotiating session in New York Thursday.

The vote by the union's 28-member executive board was unanimous, although it was clear that some representatives had come to the meeting favoring an immediate strike that would include Opening Day.

## Ross tennis coach expects 'long' year

Ross will open its 1980 tennis season today at 4:15 p.m. against Tiffin Columbian at Rodger Young Park.

Coach Pete Michaels says that the season could be long, not in the sense of a losing cause, but more in the case of close matches.

Last season, the Little Giants posted a 14-3 mark with numerous 5-0 wins in that record. But five seniors were on that team.

"I don't think we will see many shutouts," Michaels admitted Tuesday, "but we could see a lot of 3-2 scores."

Ross is short on experience with only two lettermen, Roger Will and Brian Beck back. Will was on the second doubles team last season but has moved into the second singles slot this season. Beck is back at his old spot, third singles.

Sophomore Matt Collins, a veteran of many tournaments, will be the first singles player for Ross to go with Will and Beck. The doubles teams, however, are a tossup.

"I'm not quite sure yet about who is going to play," Michaels said, pointing out that the decision will come later today.

Vying for the doubles slots are Rick Wurm, a senior with limited experience, juniors Kevin Adams and Dennis Eickert, and sophomore Ross Paulson. Another sophomore Brent Tuttle and Eric Burger are other doubles possibilities.

Michaels has only nine players out for the team.

"This is the smallest squad that I have had at Ross," he pointed out. "I'm optimistic — we have a good nucleus but short on experience. I'm hoping their enthusiasm will make up for it as they get experience during the season."

# Ross tennis team wins

The Ross tennis team swept the singles competition and took one of two matches in the doubles to defeat Tiffin Columbian Wednesday afternoon in the Little Giants' first match of the year.

"It was a good season opener," Coach Pete Michaels said. "Everyone played very well. All three singles looked good but we still need work in our doubles."

Matt Collins, number one singles player for Ross particularly pleased Michaels. He defeated Scott Kim, who he had lost to in the summer in the Lakeside tournament, 6-2, 6-2.

Other single winners were Roger Will and Brian Beck. Will downed Steve Burkart 6-2, 7-5 and Beck stopped Randy Knutson by identical 6-3 scores.

Columbian got its only win of the match in the doubles when Scott McGowan and Chuck Ward defeated Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson 7-5, 6-1. Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams of Ross took the other doubles match, trimming Bob Beachler and John Staib 6-2, 6-4.

The team travels to Perkins today for a 4 p.m. match.

# **Collins, Beck lead Ross to second win**

Paced by two shutouts in the singles competition, the Ross tennis team raced to a 4-1 decision over Mansfield Thursday afternoon at Rodger Young Park.

It was the second triumph for the Little Giant squad against no losses this season while Mansfield slipped to 2-6.

Matt Collins and Brian Beck, the numbers one and three singles players, each disposed of their opponent 6-0, 6-0 to lead Ross. Collins defeated Tony Feagin and Beck did in Ed Weidle.

Collins had a strong serve and recorded several aces while Beck's match took less than 30 minutes, Ross - Coach Pete Michaels said.

In the other singles match, Roger Will downed Leonard Waddell 6-2, 6-1 to give the Little Giants a clean sweep of the singles competition.

In the doubles event, Mansfield got its only win of the afternoon when Cecil Bradley and William Franklin trimmed Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams 7-5, 6-1.

In the other doubles match, Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson defeated Mark Brumm and Scott Kochheiser 6-1, 7-6.

Today, Ross will play Ashland at 4 p.m. in the first round of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Tournament.

# ***Maumee stops Little Giants 4-1***

**MAUMEE** — Ross lost its first tennis contest of the season Monday, losing 4-1 to Maumee.

The Ross match point came in the second court doubles match. Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson stopped Mike Harlow and Chris Perkins of Maumee 6-3, 2-6 and 6-3.

Maumee, now 7-1, was led by top singles player Andy Smith. The Maumee junior handed Ross sophomore Matt Collins his first loss, 6-1 and 7-5. Collins missed a chance to send the match into three sets, failing on set points twice in the second set.

In the second singles,

Ross's Roger Will lost to Scott Harlow 7-5 and 6-2. Both Scott Harlow and Smith were in the state tournament last year as a doubles team.

Brian Beck of Ross lost to Gary Meek 6-4 and 6-3 in the third singles match while in the first doubles match, Maumee's Vince Morin and Scott Wickard

defeated the Little Giants pair of Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams in straight 6-4 sets.

In exhibition play, Brent Tuttle of Ross defeated Doug Mercer of Maumee 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3 and Rod Thompson of Maumee defeated Ross's Eric Burger 6-0 and 6-1.

## ***Livchak heading for OU***

**ATHENS, Ohio (AP)** — Ohio University Baseball Coach Jerry Frantz has announced the signing of his first recruit to a national letter of intent.

The letter was signed Monday by Rob Livchak, a 6-foot-2, 210-pound left handed pitcher, first basemen and outfielder from Lorain Senior High School.

Livchak, who hit .503 as a junior last year, had a 7-2

# ***Collins leads Little Giants to win***

Matt Collins used a scorching service and most of his Ross tennis teammates were nearly as hot during a 4-1 victory over Ashland Friday at Rodger Young Park.

The win, Ross's third against no losses, came in the first match of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Team Championship Tournament.

Collins, a sophomore, easily controlled Ashland's Chris Moore, winning 6-0 and 6-1.

"I don't know how many aces he had," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said about Collins, "but he really

had it (serve) going."

Roger Will and Brian Beck made it a clean sweep in the singles for the Little Giants. Will staged a strong comeback in the third set to stop Ashland's Craig Simmons 7-6, 3-6 and 6-1. Will won the first set tiebreaker 7-6.

Beck, who Michaels termed as one of his most consistent players, summarily disposed of Walt Rowan 6-3 and 6-4.

The fourth match point for Ross was in the second doubles. Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson teamed

up to trim Ed Hickey and Marshall Chahant 6-3 and 6-2.

Bill Seder and Doug Cooper of Ashland fought off Ross's top duo of Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams for a hard earned 7-6, 5-7 and 6-2 win. The Ashland team won the first set tiebreaker 5-3.

In exhibition play, Ashland's Ron Malone and Simo Hietala defeated Ross's pair of Brent Tuttle and Eric Greaser 6-4 and 7-5.

Ashland's varsity is now 5-3 for the season.



# Ross drops 2nd straight

The Ross tennis team lost its second match this week Wednesday, dropping a 4-1 decision to Findlay at Rodger Young Park.

Findlay swept the three singles matches and split the doubles competition with the Little Giants.

Jeff Oleksinski, last year's Buckeye Conference singles champ, downed sophomore Matt Collins of Ross in three sets in the number one singles contest, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. Brad Stahl defeated Ross' Roger

Will 6-4, 6-1 and Terry Stanley stopped Brian Beck by identical 6-4 scores to round out the singles matches.

In the doubles competition, Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams provided Ross with its only victory of the afternoon with a 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Bryan Leddy and Darryl Menerey. Leddy and Menerey were the Buckeye Conference consolation doubles winners last year.

Brad Baker and Dan Hosey trimmed Dennis

Eickert and Ross Paulson 6-1, 6-0 in the other doubles match.

In exhibition play, Bruce Stahl of Findlay defeated Brent Tuttle of Ross 6-1, 6-0.

Ross returns to action today with a 4 p.m. match with Sandusky at Rodger Young Park.

## Minnes

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. North Stars return home for their quarterfinal National

# Little Giants net team blanks Sandusky

In a rain shortened match, the Ross tennis team shutout Sandusky 4-0 to give the Little Giants their fourth win of the season, second in the Buckeye Conference.

Ross took all three singles events, one doubles match and was leading in the final doubles match when rain began to fall and forced the cancellation of the final match.

Matt Collins and Roger Will easily defeated their opponents by identical 6-1, 6-0 scores. Collins defeated Steve Schliet and Will downed Sebastian Fogle.

Brian Beck won the third singles match, trimming Doug Rice 6-1, 6-2.

Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams won the only completed doubles match for Ross, taking a 6-2, 6-4 decision over Sandusky's Dave Dibari and Curt Schoder.

In the second doubles match, Dennis Eickert and

Ross Paulson had taken the first set 7-6, winning the tie breaker 5-3 before the rain came.

Saturday, the Little Giants will travel to Marion to compete in the Marion Invitational at Marion Harding High

School.

Making the trip for Ross will be Matt Collins, who will play in the single competition, and Roger Will and Brian Beck, who will be in the doubles portion of the invitational.

Six other teams along

with Ross and Marion Harding will compete in the tournament. The other teams are: Buckeye Valley, Delaware Hayes, Fredericktown, Kenton, Marysville and Westerville South.

Matches start at 10 a.m.

# Camelback entry list growing

The entry list for the second News-Messenger Camelback 10,000 has passed the 250-runner mark.

The race, hosted by the Fremont Elite Runners Club, will be run May 18, beginning at 1:30 p.m., rain or shine.

A list of the latest Camelback entries, will be published in Saturday's Weekender sports and entertainment section.

Runners in the 6.2 mile race will be aiming for Tom Fries' record of 33 minutes and 45 seconds. The Republic

runner led Rich Brown of Sandusky across the line by six seconds in the inaugural event.

Saturday morning, members of FERC will host a "preview" run of The Camelback. Anyone wishing to run the Camelback course will have two chances — 8 and 9 a.m. — to join other runners for a leisurely run around the course.

Runners are asked to gather in the vicinity of Park and Croghan intersection for the runs.

To enter The Camelback, follow the instructions on the coupon below.

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# Tennis

## *Little Giants up record to 5-2*

**MANSFIELD** — Ross survived a dull day to post its fifth tennis win in seven matches Monday, stopping Mansfield 3-2.

"Mansfield has improved (Ross defeated the Tygers earlier in the season)," Ross Coach Pete Michaels pointed out, "but we just weren't very sharp. We had too many unforced errors."

Matt Collins and Brian Beck won singles matches for the Little Giants with the doubles team of Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams picking up Ross's third match point.

Collins disposed of Todd Kochheiser in

straight 6-1 sets while Beck, playing third singles, won by the same set scores posted by Collins over Leonard Waddell. Ross's second singles player, Roger Will, lost to Tony Feagin 6-4 and 7-6, losing the tiebreaker 5-0.

The Wurm-Adams duo, playing the first court doubles, knocked off Cecil Bradley and William Franklin in three sets, 6-4, 4-6 and 7-6. The Ross pair won the tiebreaker 5-4.

Mark Brumm and Scott Kochheiser of Mansfield won the second doubles match, stopping Ross's Brent Tuttle and Ross Paulson 6-2 and 6-3.

Today, Ross will be at Bellevue.

# Ross netmen roll to sixth victory

**BELLEVUE** — Ross improved its tennis record to 6-2 for the season with a 4-1 victory over Bellevue Tuesday but Coach Pete Michaels still sees room for improvement for his team.

"We still need improvement in our doubles," he said succinctly.

Bellevue's only match point was in the doubles action. Dave Jarvis and Eric Weibel teamed up to stop the Ross duo of Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams in three sets in the first court doubles. Wurm and Adams won the first set 6-1 but dropped the next two by identical 6-3 counts.

In the second doubles, Ross's Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson defeated the Bellevue tandem of Wally Klinski and Dave Martin 7-5 and 6-1.

Matt Collins lost only one game while topping Al Onest of Bellevue in the first singles match. Collins, a sophomore, rolled to 6-0 and 6-1 set wins.

Roger Will defeated Bellevue's Phil Beiler 5-3 in a second set tiebreaker for a 6-4 and 7-6 victory in the second court singles. Brian Beck, playing third singles for the Little Giants, spotted Gary Kihn of Bellevue a set, losing 7-5, before bouncing back to win the final two sets, both 6-1, to win the match.

Ross will host Marion Harding at Rodger Young Park this afternoon.

# Tennis

## *Little Giants get 4th Buckeye Conference victory*

The Ross tennis team got its fourth Buckeye Conference victory Wednesday afternoon with a 4-1 decision over Marion at Rodger Young Park.

Matt Collins, who was bothered by a sore arm, defeated Blair Imbody of Marion 6-3, 6-4 in the first singles match to get things rolling for Ross.

In the two other singles matches, Rodger Will and Brian Beck needed three sets to down their opponents. Will won his first set 6-1, dropped his second 4-6 and then won his third 6-2 against David Rees. Beck followed the same formula, winning his first and third sets

6-2 and dropping the second 3-6.

"Both Roger and Brian played well," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "They lost some concentration in the second set but came back in the third."

In the doubles competition, Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams took John Bombatch and Doug Brown of Marion 6-2, 7-5 and John Ballinger and Bill Rall won Marion's only match of the day, defeating Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson 6-4, 6-2.

The Little Giants are back in action today at Rodger Young Park against Sylvania Northview.

## *Collins gets only point in Ross net loss*

Matt Collins' victory in the first court singles saved Ross from a whitewash at the hands of a tough Sylvania Northview tennis team Thursday afternoon at Rodger Young Park.

Northview stopped the Little Giants 4-1. The loss was only the third in 11 matches for Ross.

Collins took control of his match early against Rick Shall and soundly defeated the Northview senior 6-0 and 6-4.

Northview, however, swept all the other matches in straight sets. Matt Romonoff stopped Ross's Roger Will 6-2 and 6-1 and Brian Beck of Ross was defeated by Bill Nupp 6-3 and 6-2 in the second and third court singles matches, respectively.

In the doubles matches, Northview's Brian Bannan and Jeff Parrish blanked Ross's Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams, 6-0 and 6-0. John Melick and Mark Rose, North-

view's second doubles team, defeated the Ross tandem of Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson 6-2 and 7-5 to round out the match scoring for the visitors.

Ross will travel to Marion for a match against Harding Monday.

The Ross tennis team will move on to the semifinals of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Team Tournament after receiving a forfeit from Shelby this week.



# ***Ross slips past Harding***

The Ross tennis team grabbed its ninth triumph of the year with a slim 3-2 win over Buckeye Conference rival Marion Harding Monday afternoon at Rodger Young Park.

The victory raises the Little Giants overall record to 9-3 and their conference mark to 5-1.

Ross swept the singles competition but dropped both of the doubles matches.

Matt Collins defeated Blair Imbody 6-1, 6-1 in the first singles match and Roger Will downed David Rees 6-4, 6-7, 6-0 in the second match. Brian Beck made its three in a row with a 6-4, 6-1 decision over Lance Smith.

"Collins played a very strong match," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "He was in control all the way as was Brian Beck. Roger Will lost his concentration in the second set but the third set was all his. It was a beautiful comeback."

The Little Giants weren't so fortunate in the doubles.

John Bombatch and Jeff Parish defeated Kevin Adams and Dennis Eickert 6-3, 6-4 and John Melick and Mark Rose whipped Ross Paulson and Brent Tuttle 6-1, 6-2.

Ross faces Port Clinton at Rodger Young Park today at 4 p.m.



# **Little Giants notch 5-0 tennis victory**

Ross took every match to shutout Port Clinton 5-0 and win their second straight tennis match in as many days Tuesday afternoon at Rodger Young Park.

Top singles player Matt Collins sparked the victory with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 against Doug Stuckey of Port Clinton.

"Matt Collins played one of the finest players in northwest Ohio in Doug Stuckey," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "He was 9-1 before losing a tie-breaker in the third set. Matt played one of his finest matches of the season."

Roger Will and Brian Beck easily took both of their singles matches. Will defeated Doug Molnar 6-0, 6-1 and Beck downed Scott Cavis 6-1, 6-0.

In the doubles competition, Kevin Adams and Dennis Eickert teamed up to beat Scott Schwinkendorf and Kevin Keefer 6-3, 6-2 while Ross Paulson and Brent Tuttle took Richard Chapman and Jeff St. Clair 6-0, 6-1.

The victory raises the Little Giants record to 10-3.

In an exhibition match, Rick Wurm and Eric Burger of Ross whipped Carl Henn and John Marek 8-3.

Ross travels to Sandusky for a 4 p.m. match today.

# Tennis:

## *Little Giants edge Sandusky 3-2*

The three singles players had no trouble whipping their opponents but the doubles teams ran into trouble as the Ross tennis team gained its 11th triumph of the season with a 3-2 Buckeye Conference win over Sandusky at Rodger Young Park Wednesday afternoon.

Matt Collins, Roger Will and Brian Beck cruised to their wins in the singles competition. Collins whipped Steve Schlicht 6-0, 6-1, Will defeated Dan Johnson 6-2, 6-2 and Beck downed Bob Waldock 6-2, 6-3.

"All three singles players played very strong and were in control all the way," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "Our doubles did not play up to their abilities. We made too many unforced errors."

Sandusky's Curt Schoder and Dave

Dibari shut out Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams 6-0 in the first set and then needed a tiebreaker to defeat them in the second set 7-5.

Joe Fuller and Greg Scheid won the other doubles match for Sandusky with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Ross Paulson and Dennis Eickert.

The win gives Ross an 11-3 overall record and 6-1 in the Buckeye Conference.

In exhibition play, Brad Wimmer and Shawn Fogel lost the first set but bounced back to take two straight and defeat Eric Burger and Brent Tuttle of Ross 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Ross plays Toledo Woodward at 4 p.m. today at Rodger Young Park.

## Little Giants net team is 6th in BC

FINDLAY — Fremont Ross finished in a disappointing tie for sixth in the Buckeye Conference Tennis Tournament here Saturday.

"I have no excuses," Ross Coach Pete Michaels offered. "We just did not play well and I cannot really explain it. I was in charge of the first singles and did not actually see anyone else play so I just assumed that when I talked to them, they felt that they did not play well and if you don't play well, you don't win."

Lorain jumped out of the pack to win the title, piling up 98 points to Elyria's 92. Admiral King was third with 62, followed by Findlay with 60, Marion Harding 44, Ross and Mansfield with 22 and Sandusky on the bottom with 10.

"It was a disappointing showing," Michaels continued, "previously we had beaten Marion twice."

Ross's best finish went to first singles player Matt Collins. He won the consolation bracket for third spot, defeating Jeff Gelman of Elyria 10-3 in the finals of the

consolation play. All consolation play was in pro sets to 10.

Collins lost in the first round to Jeff Olensinski of Findlay 7-6 and 6-4. In the consolation first round, the Ross sophomore stopped Todd Kochheiser of Mansfield 10-1 before defeating Gelman in the finals.

Roger Will, Ross's second singles player, picked up some tournament points with a first round win over Dave Rees of Harding 6-2 and 6-3. In the semifinal round, Will was stopped by eventual champ Greg Runser of Elyria 6-1 and 6-2.

Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson, the second doubles team for the Little Giants, lost in the first round but defeated Brian Leddy and Brad Baker of Findlay 10-9 in the first round of consolation play. The Ross duo took a seat on the sidelines, however, when Eickert came up ill and was unable to continue.

Individual champions in the conference class were Lavell Harris of Admiral King in the first court singles, Runser in the second and Terry Bihary of Lorain in the third singles. In doubles, Todd Oh and Jack Jacobs of Lorain won the first court title while Mike Masterson and Ed Abahazi of Elyria are the second court champs.

## tops Streaks

# **Little Giants net team rolls past Bellevue for 12th victory**

The Ross tennis team won its 12th match of the season as the Little Giants whipped Bellevue 4-1 in a makeup match Monday afternoon at Rodger Young Park.

The match was originally scheduled for May 13 but was postponed because of rain.

Ross swept the singles competition and took one of the doubles matches to record the victory.

Matt Collins easily won his singles match, defeating Al Onest 6-1, 6-1 and

Brian Beck had the same scores against opponent Gary Kihn.

Roger Will defeated Phil Beilor 6-3, 6-2 in the other singles match.

Rick Wurm and Kevin Adams beat Dave Jarvis and Eric Weibel 6-4, 6-4 for the Little Giants' only doubles win. In the other match, Wally Klinski and Dave Martin rebounded from a 2-6 thumping in the first set to defeat Dennis Eickert and Ross Paulson in the final two, 6-3, 6-2.

# Little Giant netters finish season 12-4

The Ross tennis team closed out its season Wednesday afternoon losing to Toledo St. John's 5-0 in the Ohio Coaches Tournament.

The loss gave the Little Giants a 12-4 mark for the season.

"St. John's is probably the toughest team in

## Results

Joe LeJeune cracked two home runs and Mike Lowery added another to lead Schwartz. Terry Shearon was the leading RBI man, driving in three runs.

The Depot took the lead after the first inning 5-0

Northwest Ohio," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "But I'm very pleased with the season. The boys played well the whole year."

St. John's Eric Haig defeated Matt Collins 6-1, 6-3 and John Mermer downed Rick Wurm 6-0, 6-1 in the singles competition. In the third singles match, Brian Beck lost to Dan Dessener 1-6, 3-6.

In the doubles competition, John Mattimore and Matt Kelly whipped Roger Will and Kevin Adams 6-2, 6-0 and Doug Bauer and Greg Bosch trimmed Dennis Eickert and Brent Tuttle 6-2, 6-3.