

Collins Qualifies for District

Collins is top net seed

Ross' Matt Collins was named the top seed for the Toledo North Class AAA sectional tennis tournament which will be held Friday at Bowman Park behind Toledo Start High School on Tremainsville Road.

Collins is matched against Steve Schwartz of Sylvania Southview in the first round.

Other Ross pairings are:

— Bob Lopez vs. Rob Campbell of Anthony Wayne;

— Kurt Swartzlander vs. Dave Fiedler of Vermillion;

— Ross Paulson-Jon Ickes vs. Brian Arbaugh-John Sprenger of St. Francis;

— Dave Miller-Chris Shirvis vs. Greg Rinehart-Eric Stegmen of Perrysburg.

Play begins at 9 a.m.

Also, Ross' match with Bellevue which was scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed due to rain, will be played Monday afternoon at Rodger Young Park. It will be Ross' final dual meet of the season.

Collins back in AAA action

TOLEDO — Matt Collins is the lone Ross tennis player surviving in the Toledo Class AAA Sectional at Bowman Park.

Collins, seeded number one in singles, led Mike Harlow of Maumee three games to zero when rain halted his second round match Saturday. The first day of the tourney, Friday, had been washed out by the rain.

The Ross senior was to resume his match against Harlow at 9 a.m. this morning.

In the first round, Collins defeated Steve Schwartz of Southview in straight 6-0 sets.

In other Ross singles, Bob Lopez defeated Rob Campbell of Anthony Wayne 6-2, 6-0 in his first round match and then advanced when Chris Conway of Perrysburg defaulted to

him with the match tied at 2-2. Lopez lost in the third round to Pete Goddard of Bowling Green 6-0 and 6-1.

Kurt Swartzlander received a forfeit from Dave Fiedler of Vermillion in the first round but lost to second seeded Gary Burkart of St. Francis 6-0, 6-0 in the second round.

In doubles play, Ross Paulson and John Ickes of Ross defeated Brian Arbaugh and John Sprenger of St. Francis 6-1 and 6-3 before losing in the second round to the top seeded duo of Andy Keller and Jim Jones of Southview. The Ross pair pushed Keller and Jones before losing 7-6, 5-3 in the tie-breaker, and 6-1.

Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis, Ross's second court doubles team, lost to Greg Rinehart and Eric Stegman of Perrysburg in the first round 7-5 and 7-5.

Burkhart defeats Collins in finals

TOLEDO — Gary Burkhart of Toledo St. Francis defeated Matt Collins of Ross in the Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament at Bowman Park Monday.

The 6-foot-7 Burkhart stopped the Ross senior 6-1, 6-2 to take the sectional title. Collins had been seeded first, Burkhart second, in the tournament.

"Burkhart played super tennis," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said. "He was probably returning Matt's service harder than Matt was hitting it to him.

"Matt was playing very well," Michaels pointed out, "but no matter that he hit, Burkhart was hitting it right back."

Collins had reached the finals by stopping Mike Harlow of Maumee 6-0, 6-0; Hank Chamberlain of Vermillion 6-0, 6-1; and Ricky Greenburg of Southview 6-4, 6-3.

Collins advanced to district play despite the loss.