

Ross tennis team faces tough schedule

Michaels happy with 'Ross nine'

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

Pete Michaels leaned back and took a look at his Fremont Ross tennis team all nine of them. Michaels may not agree that there is security in numbers. He

knows there is a reason for the scant turnout for the Ross netters. "I'm optimistic," the veteran coach smiled. "These guys (and one gal) we have right now are probably one of the finest groups of players

that have come through a tennis program. I think that the kids other than these that may have come out took a look at how young these kids are and knew it would be hard to break into the lineup, so they didn't come out."

Top returnee, Jim Flower,

came within a whisker of winning the state championship as a sophomore last year. Flower finished 25-3, losing in the state finals, a dual meet to Kevin Shawn of Sylvania, and Eric Iskersky of Toledo. St. John's in the district finals.

Flower is currently ranked 5th by the Western Tennis Association in singles and 2nd along with Shawn in doubles.

Expected to challenge Flower all through the year for the top spot are Jack Hilty and Art Gilberg. All three of these players, plus Roger Parker, another junior, have been together since junior high on the tennis courts.

"Yeah," Michaels recalled, "they got together, took private lessons in Toledo and played against each other down through the years and it's paid off."

Parker will team up with the other half of the Albrechta family, Joe, in the first doubles team. The senior Albrechta will more than likely be on the second doubles team according to Michaels.

The final spot on the second doubles is up for grabs between Neal Clark, Oscar Marroquin, and Karen Driftmyer, the first female athlete to try out for a Ross varsity sport on a boys team.

Miss Driftmyer played the top singles on the Ross girls team last year and is given an edge to take the second spot on the doubles team. Rated 27th in the Western Tennis Association's ratings, Karen is the sister of Gary Driftmyer, former three-time Ross MVP and a standout on the University of Toledo tennis team.

Last season the Ross netters finished 14-1 in dual meets. The only loss was 4-1 to powerful Sylvania and Shaw. The most remarkable facet of that record however, was the 14 shutouts registered by the team.

The team was also the Buckeye Conference champions.

Duplicating that 14-shutout feat may be a bit more difficult this year. At least Michaels thinks so.

"We've got 18 dual meets this year. Among them are Toledo St. John's, Iskersky's team; Sylvania, Sandusky twice, and Ottawa Hills, a 'AA' team that sent two singles and a doubles team in the state meet last year."

Also on the Ross slate is the Worthington Invitational with teams such as Upper Arlington, Bexley, Cincinnati Country Day, host Worthington, Ottawa Hills, Sylvania, and Ross.

"I don't look for 14 shutouts this year because that's a tough schedule."

Ross will begin that schedule next Tuesday, April 2, in a home encounter at Rodger Young Park with Port Clinton.

Ross tennis schedule (All matches begin at 4 p.m.)		
Date	Opponent	Place
April 2	Port Clinton	H
4	Perkins	A
5	Findlay	A
9	Mansfield	H
10	Toledo St. John's	H
16	Marion Harding	H
16	Mansfield	A
19	Fonduta	A
22	Ottawa Hills	H
25	Sandusky	A
27	Worthington Invit.	A
29	Toledo St. John's	A
30	Bellevue	H
May 1	Marion Harding	A
3	Sylvania	H
4	Buckeye Conf.	A
6	Port Clinton	A
8	Sandusky	H
10-11	Sectionals, Toledo	
14	Bellevue	A
17-18	District	Toledo
24-25	State meet	Columbus



MEMBERS OF THE FREMONT ROSS tennis team for the 1974 season are: kneeling (left to right), Roger Parker, Art Gilberg, Joe Albrechta, Neal Clark; standing: coach Pete Michaels, Jim Flower, Oscar

Marroquin, Mark Albrechta, and Karen Driftmyer. Jack Hilty was absent when this team picture was taken. (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)



JIM FLOWER figures to be one of the top singles players in the state this season. Only a junior, Flower was second in the state last season while finishing with a 25-3 record.

Tennis team wins first outing

Ross' touted tennis team took off flawlessly (almost) in the season opener against Port Clinton. The Little Giant netters stopped the Redskins, 7-0, in the dual match at Rodger Young Park.

Under clear and sunny skies, the Little Giants had to contend with the Redskins and a pesky wind that at times blew the players off balance and caused the tennis ball to act in erratic patterns in winning the first match of the season.

Coach Pete Michaels noting that the wind hampered play was satisfied with the early season test but admitted that his team has "a few things to work on at practice

tomorrow."

Jim Flower, the number two "AAA" singles player in the state last year was invincible in his conquest of Jim Stein of Port Clinton. The junior top singles player for Ross posted straight sets of 6-0, 6-0 to stop the Port Clinton top man.

Art Gilberg polished off Port Clinton's Steve Underwood, 6-4, 6-1, in the second singles match while Jack Hilty rolled to 6-1, 6-2 set wins over Dean Rosiar of the Redskins.

Joe Albrechta of Ross experienced a little trouble with Tracy Behrman before winning the second set in a "tie-breaker" match, 7-6.

Albrechta won the first set, 6-2.

In the only set that went more than the minimum two sets, Roger Parker of Ross stopped Ken Schoelfeld, 6-2, 2-6 and 6-1 for a clean sweep in the singles matches.

Joe Albrechta teamed up with Hilty in the top Ross doubles team and the duo clicked by turning back Stein and Behrman, 6-1 and 6-3.

Karen Driftmyer got her first taste of varsity tennis action by teaming up with Mark Albrechta in the second doubles team for Ross. But the Driftmyer-Albrechta team had their hands full, losing the first set, 7-6 before rallying to win the match with

6-3 and 6-4 wins in the final two sets.

Ross will travel to Sandusky Perkins on Thursday night and follow that up with a match against Findlay on Friday night at the home of the Trojans.

Fremont 7, Port Clinton 0

Jim Flower (R) dec. Jim Stein (PC) 6-0, 6-0

Art Gilberg (R) dec. Steve Underwood (PC) 6-4, 6-1

Jack Hilty (R) dec. Dean Rosiar (PC) 6-1, 6-2

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Doubles

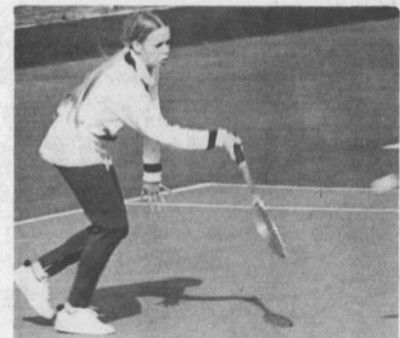
Joe Albrechta and Jack Hilty (R) dec. Stein and Behrman (PC) 6-1, 6-3

Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta (R) dec. Rosiar and Mike Burdorf (PC) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4

Season record: Ross 1-0, Port Clinton 1-1



MARK ALBRECHTA TAKES TO COURT



KAREN DRIFTMYER RETURNS SERVE

Old Fort nearly had a runaway

OLD FORT — The Stockaders of Old Fort High School would have made it a runaway track meet against Hopewell-Loudon if they could have stopped at the end of the field events. After sweeping the field events, the Stockaders held on to down the Chieftains, 67½-59½.

Gary Fry, the Old Fort captain, won the long jump, high jump, and the pole vault to pace the Stockaders. Fry's 12-0 vault was three inches off his own school record.

Larry Cook and Harry Huber made it a clean sweep in the field events for Old Fort

Sports news

Slo-pitch deadline is Tuesday

Additional slo-pitch softball teams, either 12 or 14 inch, must sign up at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday at 8 p.m. in room 204 of the Junior High School.

City Recreational Director Al Ziemke made the announcement today, saying the leagues will be made up, practice schedules set,

Gibsonburg defeated in dual track event

GIBSONBURG — Fostoria St. Wendelin swept the last two events of the track meet to overcome a 62½-50½ lead held by the Gibsonburg Golden Bears to win the dual meet, 64½-62½.

The St. Wendelin mile relay nosed out the Golden Bear quintet by a half-second to pull out the decision. The mile relay win came after the Mohawks had swept all three spots in the two-mile grind.

The Golden Bears had grabbed all three spots in the 180-yard low hurdles and then took down a second in the 880 before taking second and third in the 220 to build up the seemingly comfortable lead.

Curt Michael of the Golden Bears was the individual star

Dick Conrad (G) and Hunter (SW) (Tie) 7-6

Running events

120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: Jon Sage (G) 16.8; Hunter (SW) 16.9

100-YARD DASH: Bodart (SW) 10.7; Brian Conrad (G) 10.8; Dave Altholter (SW) 11.6

MILE RUN: Wolfarth (SW) 5:09.3; Sendelbach (SW) 5:13.6; John Damschroder (G) 5:24.0

880-YARD LOW HURDLES: Michael Huff, Carscom, B. Conrad 1:41.0; St. Wendelin 1:43.6

440-YARD LOW HURDLES: Shovalik (SW) 32.2; Brickner (SW) 38.4; Harlan Brown (G) 39.2

180-YARD LOW HURDLES: Curt Michael (G) 22.5; Jon Sage (G) 22.6; Jerry Huff (G) 24.7

880-YARD RUN: Wolfarth (SW) 2:14.5; Denny Sanchez (G) 2:14.6; Sendelbach (SW) 2:17.5

220-YARD RUN: Bodart (SW) 24.5; Brian Conrad (G) 25.1; D. Conrad (G) 25.5

TWO MILE RUN: Waltermeyer (SW) 11:42.5; Yount (SW) 11:54.4; Geronsi (SW) 11:58.1

MILE RELAY: St. Wendelin 3:49.9; Gibsonburg 3:50.4

Ross netters thrash Perkins, 7-0

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross posted its second straight tennis shutout with a 7-0 win over Sandusky Perkins.

Played under very windy conditions, the Little Giants

swept all five singles matches. Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, Jack Hilty, Joe Albrechta and Karen Driftmyer won singles matches. Only Hilty and Miss Driftmyer were extended in the matches.

Hilty was forced into the "tie-breaker" in the first set before defeating John Hoffman, 7-6 and 6-1. Miss Driftmyer easily defeated Rick Schaffter 6-1 in the first test but had to resort to the tie-breaker before whipping Schaffter, 7-6 in the second set.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker teamed up in the first doubles to defeat Bob Widdoes and Hoffman, 6-0, 6-3, but the second doubles team had their problems.

Miss Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta won the first set 6-1 but dropped the second, 3-6.

The duo rallied in the third to win the match, 6-3.

Summary

Jim Flower (R) defeated Bob Widdoes (P) 6-1, 6-0

Art Gilberg (R) defeated Jeff Caldwell (P) 6-2, 6-0

Jack Hilty (R) defeated John Hoffman (P) 7-6, 6-1

Joe Albrechta (R) defeated Mark Rieman (P) 6-2, 6-0

Karen Driftmyer (R) defeated Rick Schaffter (P) 6-1, 7-6

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker (R) defeated Widdoes and Hoffman (P) 6-0, 6-3

Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta (R) defeated Art Caldwell and Rieman (P) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3

Margaretta defeated

PORT CLINTON — Port Clinton cruised past the Margaretta track team Thursday with a 71-56 team score.

Denny Phillips excelled in the high jump and the 180 low hurdles, earning a first place in each event for Margaretta. His teammate, Eddie Myers sped to first place ribbons in the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard run.

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3rd shutout for Ross tennis

Ross tuned up for its first crucial tennis match of the season by dropping Mansfield Senior, 5-0, in a head to head match at the Roger Young Park courts. The shutout was the third straight of the season for the unbeaten Little Giants team.

The win was a warmup for Toledo St. John's, one of the area's top tennis teams. Featured on that St. John's team that will take on Ross at 4 p.m. today at Roger Young, is sophomore Eric Iskersky, one of the top ranked junior tennis players in the nation.

Ross top man Jim Flower rates his younger opponent as one of the best that he has ever played.

"I've played him several times," Flower said as he watched the rest of his team finish the match against Mansfield last night, "and I've only beaten him two or three times."

Flower did not have much of a test in his top singles match with the Tygers' Duffy Carto. The junior Little Giant whiz posted straight 6-0 sets to win his third match of the season.

Art Gilberg came within a game of posting a shutout of his own. The Ross number two singles player dumped Colin Paul, 6-1, 6-0, for his win.

Jack Hilty took care of Steve Meckling of Mansfield, in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-1.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker cruised through their top doubles match with Scott Hardin and Bruce Holmes of the Tygers, 6-0 and 6-1, but

the second doubles team needed three sets to win. It was the third straight match that the Ross team has gone three sets.

Karen Drifmyer and Mark Albrechta won the first set easily, 6-1, but stumbled in

the second, losing 3-6. The Ross duo rallied in the last set to win 6-2.

SUMMARY

Ross 5, Mansfield 0

Singles

Jim Flower over Duffy Carto (M) 6-0, 6-0
Art Gilberg (R) over Colin Paul (M) 6-1, 6-0

Jack Hilty (R) over Steve Meckling (M) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker (R) over Scott Hardin and Bruce Holmes (M) 6-0, 6-1

Karen Drifmyer and Mark Albrechta (R) over David Matthews and Dan Gross (M) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Season record: Ross 3-0 (1-0 in BC); Mansfield 0-3 (0-1 in BC)



ERICK ISKERSKY SHOWS FOREHAND
St. John's ace getting ready to place shot (N-M photos by Bruce Crippen)

Ross beaten by St. John's

By BOB MARKER
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Ross ran into a stone wall on the Rodger Young Park tennis courts yesterday afternoon. The "stone wall" was actually Toledo St. John's High School but the resulting crash heading into the "wall" made Ross' tennis team a loser for the first time in four matches this spring.

St. John's pulled a trick on the Little Giant netters that is usually in the Ross book of tricks. Mainly, that trick was a 3-0 whitewash job for St. John's.

In the day's most celebrated match, St. John's sophomore sensation, Erick Iskersky, survived a case of tightness in the first set before reeling off 11 straight winning games in downing Ross' singles ace Jim Flower, 5-7, 6-0, and 6-1.

Iskersky and Flower took turns breaking each other's services in the first set. With the set tied at two games each, Iskersky kept his serve in the fifth game, came back to break Flower's again in the sixth, and won his service again in the seventh game to take a 5-2 lead.

But Flower, a junior,

reversed the tables at that point and won five straight games to win the first set. Flower benefited in this run from three double faults by Iskersky. The last double fault helped Flower run four straight points in the 10th game to tie the set.

After winning the 11th game, Flower polished off Iskersky with a hard serve to the St. John's player's forehead which he could not return.

That was the last thing that went right for Flower.

Iskersky started to come into his game—mainly excellently placed passing shots—to start the string of 11 straight game wins. By the time Flower had broken the string the match was no longer in doubt. Iskersky led 5-0 in the third set by that time.

Flower changed his strategy in the third and final set. Ross coach Pete Michaels explained the move.

"Jim had been holding back in the first two sets and this was letting Iskersky control him. In the third set Jim charged the net more to take advantage of his strong net play."

The first couple of points in the third set looked like Flower may have reversed his second game doldrums, but that was quickly changed as Iskersky started to slap passing shots down the right of Flower. The shots were hitting inches inside the line and were taking its toll of Flower.

"He's the most accurate player on that shot that I have seen," Michaels was forced to say midway through the final set.

In the other matches, all of them losses for Ross, Steve Sols dropped Art Gilbert of Ross, 6-1, 6-2. Jim Padilla of St. John's handed Jack Hilly a setback after losing the first set 3-6. Padilla came back with 6-1 and 6-1 sets to win it.

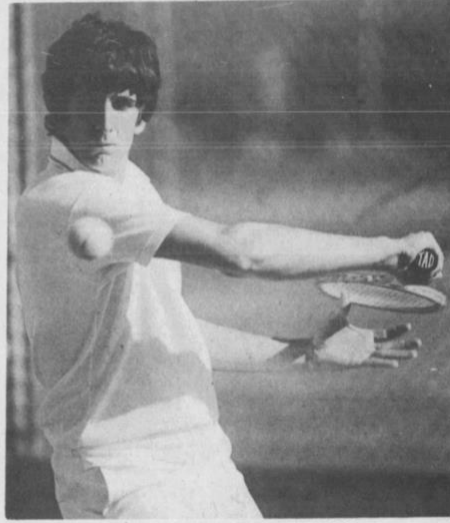
The Little Giants' top doubles team, Joe Albrecht and Roger Parker were dropped by Jim Rippel and Dean Boncoraso, 6-1 in the first set but then forced the St. John's duo to the "tie-breaker" in the second set before losing.

Tom Nagy and Mike McManus of St. John's won the second doubles match over Ross' Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrecht, 6-3 and 6-4.

Ross will next see action in a home contest with Marion Harding on April 16.

St. John's 5, Ross 0
Singles
Erick Iskersky (St.) def. Jim Flower (R) 5-7, 6-0, 6-1
Steve Sols (St.) def. Art Gilbert (R) 6-1, 6-2
Jim Padilla (St.) def. Jack Hilly (R) 3-6, 6-1, 6-1

Doubles
Jim Rippel and Dean Boncoraso (St.) def. Joe Albrecht and Roger Parker (R) 6-1, 7-6
Tom Nagy and Mike McManus (St.) def. Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrecht (R) 6-3, 6-4
Season record: St. John's 4-0, Ross 3-1



ROSS' JIM FLOWER HAS HIS EYE ON THE BALL
Flower in the process of a backhand return to Iskersky

Pirates overtake St. Joe with two late inning rallies

Sandusky Perkins scored eight runs in the last two innings to overtake and defeat the St. Joseph Crimson Streaks, 8-5, in a Sandusky Bay Conference baseball game. The Streaks had built up a 4-0 lead behind the right-handed slants of Tom Kowalewski through the first five innings.

The middle of the batting order for Perkins shelved Kowalewski and reliever Joe Guyer for four runs in each of the sixth and seventh frames. The Pirates bunched seven of their 11 hits in those two frames.

Perkins batted around in the sixth inning. Kurt Freytag, Perkins' number three hitter, led off the inning with a single off Kowalewski. An error by second baseman

Bruce Frederick put runners on first and second and Tim Skirley's single scored one run.

Chris Zuck singled in one more before Kowalewski walked Dave Koch to load the bases. The Streak pitcher bore down to fan John Walker but Brian Heath lifted a sacrifice fly to right for the third run of the inning. The final run scored on an error by Kowalewski on a grounder by Phil Bender.

In the Perkins' seventh, Freytag started the trouble again with a single. Tom Turric singled and the bases were loaded on an error on the Streak pitcher.

Zuck rapped a double to score two runs and an error at shortstop on a grounder off Koch's bat allowed one more

run. Walker's single plated the final run of the inning.

St. Joe had taken the lead in the game in the second inning on two walks, an error, and Gary Miesle's double.

St. Joe scored two more in the fourth as Mike Molyet was safe on an error. Miesle singled. Molyet scored as Bryan Ohm hit into a fielder's choice. A walk to Tom Hoelze and an error allowed Ohm to score.

Miesle was the hitting star of the day with four hits in five at-bats. Freytag, Turric, Skirley, and Zuck led Perkins with two hits each.

Perkins 8, St. Joe 5
Score by innings
Perkins 000 004 4—8—11—6
St. Joe 000 000 1—3—6—7
Batteries: Heath and Freytag; Kowalewski, Guyer (7) and Hoelze, St. Joe
Winning pitcher: Heath
Losing pitcher: Kowalewski

Kohler, Shull slam homers

Gibsonburg rode the strength of home runs by Carl Kohler and Steve Shull among 12 base hits to whip Old Fort, 7-3. The Golden Bears took advantage of nine bases on balls scattered among the base hits to pull out the win in their season opener.

A trio of Gibsonburg pitchers held the Stockaders to only three hits but surrendered 11 free passes to keep the pressure on themselves throughout the game. Losing pitcher Dave Hoke supplied most of the offense for the Stockaders with two singles in three official at-bats.

Gibsonburg scored two in the first on three walks and singles by Kohler and Al Schwartz. Shull's homer in the second accounted for a 3-0 lead and a base on balls to Kevin Planert in the third along with singles by Shull and Kohler drove the score up to 4-0.

Old Fort scored all its runs in the fifth

and Blue's walk loaded the bases. Another walk to Hiestand forced in a run. Johnson came back into the game but walked the first batter he faced to force in a run.

John Hoover plated the third run with a single as the bases remained full. The inning ended when Ron Portney flied to left.

Gibsonburg 7, Old Fort 3
Name/Pos. AB R H H
Gibsonburg
Kohler, rf 3 1 3
Hestand, 2b 2 0 0
Hoover, c 4 0 1
Lyrrer, rf 1 0 1
Portney, 3b 4 0 0
Edwards, ss 4 0 0
Hoke, p 3 1 2
Johnson, p 4 1 1
Schwartz, 1b 2 0 0
Shreffler, 3b 2 0 3
DeMonte, lf 1 1 0
Gruener, cf 4 0 1
Cleveland, rf 1 1 0
Planert, 1b 2 1 1
Blow, 2b 4 1 0
Shull, c 4 2 3

Score by innings
Gibsonburg 211 000 3—7—12—1
Old Fort 000 000 0—3—3—1
Runs batted in: Kohler (4), Shreffler, Schwartz

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Capital ties Knicks in playoffs

By The Associated Press
Archie was the to take a 109-92 National Basketball Association playoff victory over the New York Knicks.

Archie was Archie Clark who scored 20 points Wednesday night, including 12 points in the final period when the Capital Bullets

gathered enough momentum to take a 109-92 National Basketball Association playoff victory over the New York Knicks.

The victory evened the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinals at three games apiece with the

deciding game in New York Friday night.

"I finally felt comfortable late in the game," said the 32-year-old Clark who has been plagued for two years with injuries and had been used sparingly in the playoffs.

In the only American Basketball Association playoff action, the San Antonio Pacers downed the Indiana Pacers 102-96 to tie their Western Division playoff series at 3-3.

Hayes didn't do badly himself—scoring 31 points to run his total in the six-game series to 169.

The Bullets led 68-47 going into the final 12 minutes and quickly jumped in front 77-69 on the shooting of Clark and Phil Chenier, who also scored 12 final-period points.

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Another win by Ross tennis team

Ross made it four out of five on the tennis courts with a 4-1 win over Marion Harding. The win in the Buckeye Conference match gave the Little Giants a 2-0 mark in the Conference and 4-1 on the season. Harding is now 2-1 in the BC and 3-4 overall.

The only point that the Little Giants lost was the second doubles team of Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta. After winning the first set 6-4, the Ross pair lost 1-6 in the second set.

After eight games of the final set, Miss Driftmyer and Albrechta seemingly had matters in hand with a 5-3 lead. It seemed even more that way when the Ross team went to match-point, but the Marion team of Phil Wright and Rusty Smith rallied from the deficit to come back from the match-point situation three times to send the set into the "tie-breaker."

The Ross doubles team was beaten in that "first team to five" situation and lost 7-6.

In the singles matches, Jim Flower rebounded from last week's loss to Erick Iskersky of St. John's to defeat Mike Shinner, 6-0 and 6-1. Art Gilberg turned in a similar performance against Dan Stuckey, winning 6-0 and 6-1.

Jack Hilty captured the third set, 6-4 and 6-0 from Rob Mautz.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker took care of Rob Ludwig and Larry Stern in the first doubles match, 6-0 and 6-3. The first doubles

team is now 4-1 on the season while the second doubles team is 3-2 for Ross. All singles players are now 4-1 for the season.

Ross 4, Marion Harding 1

Singles
Jim Flower (R) defeated Mike Shinner (M) 6-0, 6-1
Art Gilberg (R) defeated Dan Stuckey (M) 6-0, 6-1
Jack Hilty (R) defeated Rob Mautz (M) 6-4, 6-0

Doubles
Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker (R) defeated Rob Ludwig and Larry Stern (M) 6-0, 6-3
Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta (R) lost to Phil Wright and Rusty Smith (M) 6-4, 1-6, 6-7
Season records: Ross 4-1 (BC 2-0); Marion 3-4 (BC 2-1)

Cincinnati over Batavia

Little Giants tame Tygers

MANSFIELD — And a good thing just keeps rolling on and on and . . .

That's the story for the Ross tennis team. After the 5-0 loss to Toledo St. John's last week, the Little Giant netters have picked up two straight 4-1 victories with the last one coming last night at the home of the Mansfield Senior Tygers.

Ross' top three singles players, Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, and Jack Hilty rolled to easy wins over their opponents. Hilty disposed of Colin Paul in third court singles action, 6-1 and 6-2, while Gilberg knocked off Steve Meckling in two straight, 6-1 sets. Flower did not lose a game in whipping Duffy Carto, 6-0, 6-0, for the second time this season.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker continued to show improvement in running their first doubles record to 5-1 for the season. The Little Giant team defeated Scott Hardin and Bruce Holmes, 6-0 and 6-2.

Ross' number two doubles team dropped its third straight match, 6-3, 3-6, and 3-6. Mansfield's David Matthews and Don Gross handed the Little Giants' team Karen Driftmyer and

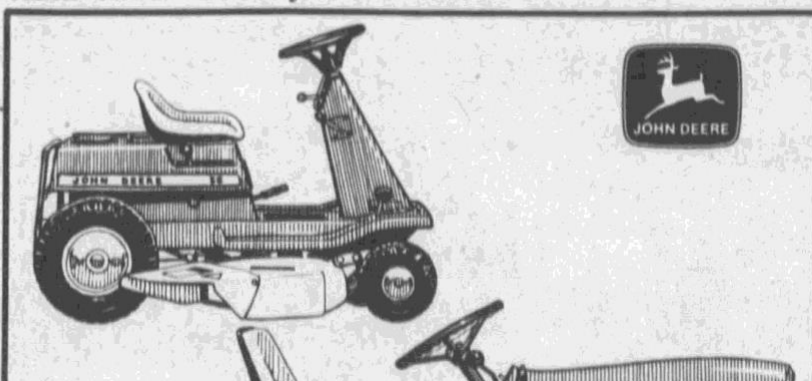
Mark Albrechta the loss.

Ross travels to Fostoria tonight in a 4 p. m. match.

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Season record: Ross 5-1 (3-0 in BC); Mansfield 0-5 (0-4 in BC)



Little Giant netters win over Sandusky

SANDUSKY — Ross continued to roll along in the battle of the tennis courts. The Little Giants rolled over Sandusky, 5-0, in a match at the home of the Blue Streaks.

Jim Flower, Art Gilberg, and Jack Hilty, Ross' top three singles players, won in straight sets with Gilberg experiencing a little difficulty with Sandusky sophomore, Mark Ott.

Ott lost the first set to the Little Giants' second singles player, 6-2, but pushed Gilberg to the near limit in the second before losing, 7-5.

Flower posted a 6-1, 6-0 win over Jim Fialka while Hilty took Tim Steinemen, 6-1 and 6-2.

Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrechta needed three sets to turn back Ron Albert and Shawn Newman, 5-7, 6-3, and 7-5, in the second doubles test.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker of Ross cruised by Dan Ruemmele and Wayne Tucker in easy straight sets, 6-0 and 6-2, in the first singles match.

Ross 5, Sandusky 0

Singles

Jim Flower (R) defeated Jim Fialka (S) 6-1, 6-0

Art Gilberg (R) defeated Mark Ott (S) 6-2, 7-5

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Season record: Ross 8-1

Tennis team in tourney

Pete Michaels will take his Ross tennis team to Worthington this weekend to compete in the 12th annual Worthington Cup. The eight-team tourney features some of the tops in high school tennis teams in the state of Ohio.

Each school is allowed to enter only one singles player and one doubles team with the eventual team winner being decided on a point system based upon the performance of the three players.

Teams in the tourney this year are defending champion Upper Arlington, host Worthington, Ross, Sylvania, Springfield Catholic, Ottawa Hills, Bexley and Whetstone.

There will be a championship round and a consolation round with points scored in each counting toward the final team total.

Ross will be sending Jim Flower, the state's runnerup in "AAA" singles tennis last year, and the doubles team of Art Gilberg and Roger Parker.

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Ross is seventh in Worthington Cup

WORTHINGTON — Bexley won the team-title in the 12th Annual Worthington Cup Invitational Tennis Tournament. John Guraian, last year's "AA" state singles champ, led the Bexley team to the title.

Fremont Ross, competing in its first Worthington Cup, scored only four points in the one-day tourney and finished in seventh position.

Ross singles player, Jim Flower, scored all four of Ross' points. The Little Giant junior defeated Beall of Upper Arlington in his first match, 6-3, 3-6, and 6-0. The first round win was worth three points for Ross.

Guraian was Flower's second round opponent though and the match went to three sets before the Bexley ace won. Flower lost the first set 4-6 but came back in the second set to win a tie breaker, 7-6. In the second set, Guraian won 6-4.

"Jim played very strong tennis," Ross coach Pete Michaels said afterwards. "In the second set against Guraian he played very strong and in the third set he was in it all the way. The people down there were impressed with the type of game that he played."

The Ross doubles team of Art Gilberg and Roger Parker

lost in the first round to Arnos and Fine of Sylvania. In the consolation round, the Ross duo dropped a 10-2 pro set to Rick Chiricosta and Joe Rosicka of Springfield Catholic.

"This tournament was fabulous," Michaels said as he summed up his feelings about the eight-team tourney. "I think I saw as good a play here as I have seen in the state tournament."

Following are the team finishes and the results of all matches played by Ross players.

TEAM STANDINGS: Bexley 32, Upper Arlington 31, Sylvania 18, Worthington 15, Ottawa Hills 9, Springfield Catholic 5, Fremont Ross 4, Whetstone 0

Singles winner: John Guraian, Bexley

Doubles winners: Gardner and Hadley, Upper Arlington

Ross matches: Jim Flower defeated Beall, Upper Arlington 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; lost to Guraian, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4

Ross doubles: Art Gilberg and Roger Parker (R) lost to Arnos and Fine, Sylvania, 6-1, 6-2; (Consolations) Gilberg and Parker lost Chiricosta and Rosicka, Springfield Catholic, 10-2 (pro set)

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Ross upends Bellevue tennis team, 4-1

It was the doubles for the action last night at Rodger Young Park. Both doubles matches of the Ross-Bellevue tennis match were forced into the tiebreaker in the last set with the teams splitting. When it was all over, it was the Little Giants' domination of the singles events that led to a 4-1 win.

Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker split the first two sets with Stan Schneider and Dave Garman of Bellevue, 4-6 and 6-4. The match went into the nine-point tiebreaker (first team to five) with the Little Giant pair winning 5-4 and 7-6 in the last set.

Pete Ruffing and Steve Schaffer of Bellevue lost the first set to Karen Driftmyer and Neal Clark of Ross before rallying to take the second set, 6-2. With the third set tied at 6-6, the Redmen team won the tie-breaker by a 5-2 county for the only point of the match for the Redmen.

Ross' top singles player, Jim Flower, did not surrender a game to Bellevue's John Sanders. The Little Giants' junior won in straight sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

Art Gilberg took care of Mike Newkirk in the second singles. The junior from Ross won 6-3 and 6-0. Jack Hilty

defeated Bellevue's Gene Geiger 6-1 in the first set and came back to take a 6-3 final set win.

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Stars trade Gomez

CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Cleveland's pro soccer team, the Stars, has traded midfielder Camilo Gomez to Cincinnati for center forward Ed Roberts, the American Soccer League's top scorer last year.

The 25-year-old Roberts scored 12 goals and 10 assists in 12 games in leading Cincinnati's Comets to the league's Midwest Conference championship. Cleveland lost out by one game.

Gomez, a pro from Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru, had seen only practice action with the Stars.

Ross netters drop Bellevue

BELLEVUE — Ross tuned up for its last Buckeye Conference Western Division tennis match with Findlay tonight by dropping Bellevue, 6-1.

Ross coach Pete Michaels switched his lineup around in the match with the Redmen. In order to get more work for the doubles team of Art Gilberg and Jack Hilty, Michaels switched that pair to the number one doubles play. This team along with the team of Joe Albrechta and Roger Parker will play in the district tournament this Friday and Saturday.

The Gilberg-Hilty tandem took care of Stan Schneider and Dave Garman easily enough, 6-3 and 6-4. Albrechta and Parker disposed of Pete Ruffing and Steve Schaffer, 6-3, and 6-2, in their district warmup.

In the five singles matches, Jim Flower downed Schneider, 6-1, 6-0, as he continued the hot pace that made him the sectional singles champ last weekend. Gilberg downed Garman, 6-3, 6-4, while Hilty defeated John Sanders, 6-3 and 6-2.

The fourth singles match went to Karen Driftmyer of Ross in three sets. The only girl member of the Ross team, Miss Driftmyer

defeated Kip Loudenslagel in three sets. Loudenslagel took the first set, 6-3, and had a 5-3 lead on the Ross junior with a match-point situation in the second set.

Miss Driftmyer broke Loudenslagel's service at that point and went on to win three straight before the Bellevue stroker broke the string. Miss Driftmyer won the tie-breaker, 5-1, and came back strong in the third set to win easily, 6-2.

The only loss suffered by Ross was in the fifth singles

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Jim Flower rolled by Bob Scully, 6-0, 6-0, in his singles win while Art Gilberg stroked his way to a 6-1, 6-3, win over Joel Gallagher of Findlay. Jack Hilty gave Ross its third point with a 6-1, 6-2, triumph

over Kent Stuckey.

The district draw was held last night in Toledo for the Toledo District "AAA." Flower was seeded second to Eric Iskersky of St. John's in the singles.

Albrechta and Parker will face Jim Goldman and Mike Jones of Lima Shawnee in their first doubles match while Gilberg and Hilty will take on Tom Nagy and Steve

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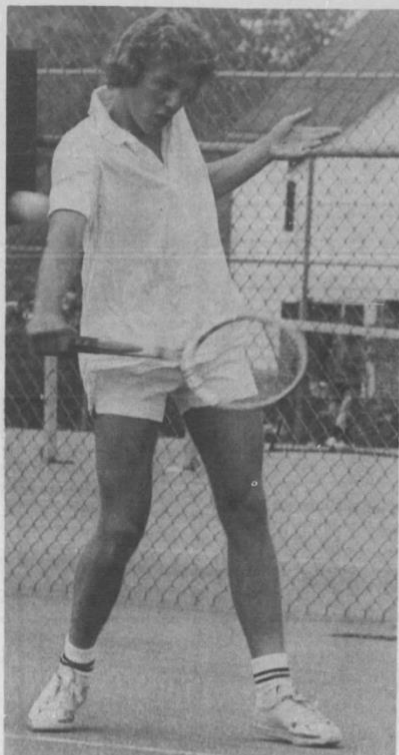
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JACK HILTY SCORES WITH BACKHAND
... Ross third singles player won in straight sets

Ross wins 2nd straight tennis title

By BOB MARKER
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ASHLAND — Fremont Ross won its second straight Buckeye Conference tennis championship by tripping Lorain Admiral King, 3-2 on the Ashland College courts.

The match was not an easy one for Ross coach Pete Michaels. The gray hair in Michaels' head got a little bit grayer during the match.

Before the match had started, Michaels said he expected victories from his one and three singles and the number one doubles team. He was right on two of the three "expected" wins.

The top doubles team lost but Art Gilberg, the Little Giants' second singles player, overturned Mark Krupp, 6-4 and 7-6.

The win by Gilberg was not unexpected but for Michaels' conservative thinking the match could go either way and it nearly did had it not been for a superior effort by Gilberg in the "tiebreaker" in the second set.

Gilberg, after winning the first set, 6-4, had fallen behind at 6-5 in the second set before rallying to tie the lefthanded Krupp at 6-6. Gilberg won the first point of the tiebreaker as Krupp returned Gilberg's volley long.

On the next point, with Krupp serving, the Admiral King stroker double-faulted to put himself into a 2-0 hole. Gilberg took the next point as Krupp returned another volley into the net. A placement shot to the left corner made it 4-0, Gilberg, and the Ross junior polished off Krupp with an easy return over the net that Krupp, who

was deep at the base line, could not get to.

That win, coupled with top singles player Jim Flower's 6-3, 6-3, win over Tom Poganick, and third singles player, Jack Hilty's win over Edwin Torres, 6-3, 7-5, gave the Little Giants all the points that they needed to win their second Conference tennis title in the last 19 years.

Hilty waltzed through the first set against Torres but ran into trouble with his service in the second set. The Ross junior jumped off to a 3-0 lead but lost five out of the next seven games to put the second set even at 5-5. Hilty double-faulted several times in the string.

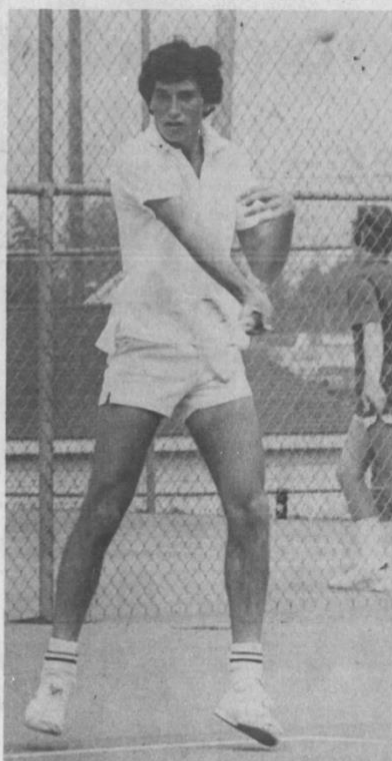
Hilty regained his service just long enough in the second set to pull out the 7-5 win.

Flower, meanwhile, tuned up for the state matches with the win over Poganick.

Roger Parker and Joe Albrecht seemingly had their top doubles match with Warren Pandey and Dave Karpinski well in hand after the first set by winning in easy fashion, 6-0. But the Admiral King pair roared back with a vengeance by winning the first three games of the second set while rolling to a 6-3 win.

Parker and Albrecht regained their first set winning form in the third set by taking a 5-2 lead. However, at that point every part of their game turned sour as Pandey and Karpinski ran off five straight winning games to win the match.

In the second doubles, John Venzel and Mark Smith cruised by Ross' team of Karen Driftmyer and Mark Albrecht, 6-1 and 6-0.



ART GILBERG SCORED BIGGEST WIN
... Forehand used against Mark Krupp

Oak Harbor lopsided winner in Ottawa meet

OAK HARBOR — Oak Harbor ran away from the Genoa and Danbury-Lakeside in the annual Ottawa County Track Meet. The Rockets rolled up 92 points and in the process Rocket performers set three new field records. Genoa was second with 49 while the Lakers finished with 18.

DISCUS: Chuck Biggert (O) 125-3½; Seybert Williams (G) 115-8; Hale Wahlers (D) 109-7; Gilbert Mireles (G) 106-4½.

POLE VAULT: Jerry Wittman (O) 13-0 (New meet record. Old record set by Paul Druckenmiller in 1972, 12-5); Skees (C) 12-4; Rob Marko (G) 12-0; Doug Biggert (O) 11-6.

RUNNING EVENTS
120 YARD HIGH HURDLES: Doug Biggert (O) 16.1; Ric Lommerse (G) 18.0; Keith Green (O) 18.4; Karl Lommerse (D) 18.6.

Oak Harbor hires two coaches

OAK HARBOR — The Oak Harbor Board of Education announced the hiring of head football and basketball coaches for the 1974-75 school year.

William Hubans, head coach at Norwalk St. Paul for the past three years, replaces Tom Greer as the head football mentor. Hubans' team posted a 25-4-1 record during that time period. He is a veteran of five years of head coaching.

Greer resigned the post to take the Cardinal Stritch football job.

David Christy was hired to replace Bob Brinkman as the head basketball coach. Christy is presently at Amherst High School and is a veteran of 12 years of head coaching.