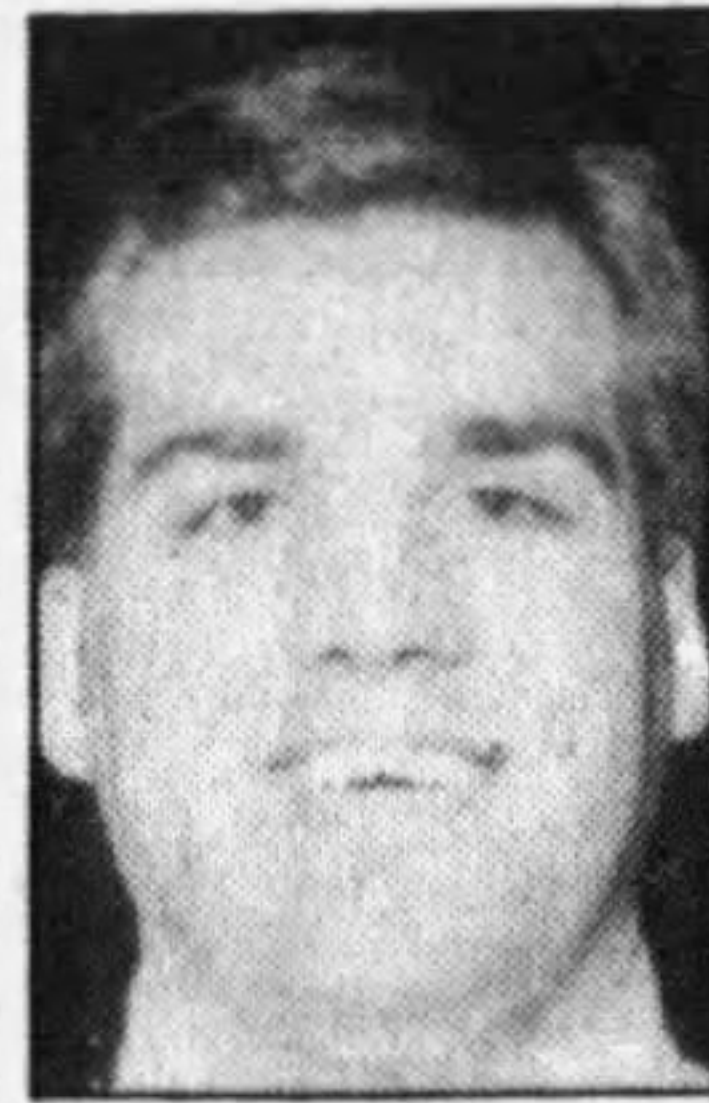


Ross tennis team has new coach, inexperience

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Craig Kachmarik has his coaching jargon down pat, even though he is beginning his first season as a head coach.

"I can't give any prediction as to what our record will be," Kachmarik said, "but I think we will be competitive



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with every team we play."

Standard coach-ese, but in the case of the Fremont Ross boys tennis coach, it may be a bold statement.

Kachmarik, a science teacher at Ross, took over the program from Whirlpool employee Mike Andrews, who guided the program for two years. Last season, Andrews' team was 9-6.

Only one inexperienced senior dots Kachmarik's 13-player roster and only two underclassmen set foot on the court in a varsity match a season ago.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein played one match at second doubles for the Little Giants.

"Byrnes and Stein have worked hard during the off-season," Kachmarik said, "and will provide some solid performances in the top two singles spots."

The Ross coach described the duo as hard hitters "who have really improved on grooving their serves and groundstrokes."

Junior Scott Gloer is Kachmarik's third singles player while Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple, a pair of freshmen, are the top

doubles team. That puts the trio on the hot seat.

"I expect a lot of 3-2 or 2-3 matches," Kachmarik said, "so that third individual match will be a big key to the team's success. Third singles and first doubles must win consistently for us to get some wins."

"This is the last year in the BCC (Buckeye Central Conference) and we would like to go out on top, but Findlay and Lancaster always provide some tough teams, so it will be tough going. Last year, we finished

third in the BCC tournament, which I think is a realistic goal this year."

Rounding out the Ross roster are Steve Byerly, Doug Snider, Bob Rich, Ryan Mitchell, Nathan Sachs, Zachary Kunkle, Phil Karlovetz and John Willey.

"We are very young and inexperienced," Kachmarik said, "and we'll have to come out showing some patience. If we take our time, I think we can get some wins."

Ross opens with a 4:15 p.m. Thursday match at Oregon Clay.