

Area boys tennis teams open seasons this week

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic opens the season today and Fremont Ross Tuesday in high school boys tennis.

Clyde waits until Friday to open the season at Bellevue while Oak Harbor opens at East Side Park in Fremont Wednesday with St. Joe.

The Crimson Streaks host Bowling Green at East Side Park in a 4:15 p.m. match while Ross will host Tiffin Columbian in a 4:15 p.m. match at Rodger Young Park.

Three lettermen, a pair of sophomores and a senior, anchor coach Brian Miller's fourth St. Joe team.

The Crimson Streaks finished 12-5 last season.

Lost to graduation was the state tournament qualifying doubles team of Brad Darr and Brian Goetz.

"It's a young team with good athletic talent," Miller said about this season's team, "but we do have a lack of varsity experi-

ence."

Miller said freshman Jose Ramirez is his top newcomer this season.

Ross

The match with Columbian will be the first of two this week. Thursday, the Little Giants open Great Lakes League play with a match at Oregon Clay.

Coach Kraig Kachmarik had posted a 37-34 record in five seasons at Ross. Ross was 10-6 last year with a 4-2 GLL mark. Ross also made it to the fifth round in the Ohio High School Coaches Team Tournament.

Gone from the team are four-year lettermen Aleks Ripple and Matt Miller. Ripple played on the first court doubles team with senior returning letterman T.J. Wolf that posted a 19-4 mark, finished second in the GLL and qualified for the district meet.

Also returning this season is Great Lakes League two-year most valuable player Adam Andrews and sophomores Bill

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Flower and Andrew Humberger.

Flower and Humberger played second doubles last season.

Top newcomers include freshman Ryan Newman who will play some doubles and singles, according to Kachmarik, and foreign exchange student Simon Libsig.

Andrews is expected to again play the first-court singles slot.

"He had a back injury the second half of the season that caused him to struggle," Kachmarik said.

Andrews won the GLL singles crown as a sophomore but with the bad back plaguing him, he lost it last season.

Wolfe, Kachmarik said, is switching from doubles to singles after playing doubles for three seasons.

"We are very strong in the singles courts," Kachmarik said, "with great experience.

"The doubles teams serve well

and are aggressive but we are inexperienced in the second doubles courts."

Ross has strengthened its schedule, according to Kachmarik, with the addition of Lexington and Toledo St. Francis.

"Both will be a big challenge for us but will give us good experience for the sectional and district tournaments," the Ross coach said.

Clyde

John Cahill begins his fourth season at Clyde. Last year, the Fliers posted an 11-8 record and tied for third in the Sandusky Bay Conference race with a 7-5 mark.

Senior Noah Ball, a three-year letterman, along with classmate Kelly South, junior Ben Bennett and Jeff Murphy are the top returnees for Cahill. Bennett is a two-year letterman while Murphy posted a 13-3 record at number two singles and Stout was 15-5 at third singles a year ago.

Cahill's top newcomers are

exchange student Juan Maranon, Richie Mapus, Mike Getty and Matt Bailey.

"We have good quality lettermen," Cahill said. "Jeff and Kelly have improved their games and Juan is a strong player.

"We are inexperienced at the doubles sports or lower singles depending on our lineup. We have three strong singles players but the rest of the team will have to step up for us."

Oak Harbor

Three lettermen from last season's 14-4 team are back for coach Rick Lafountain.

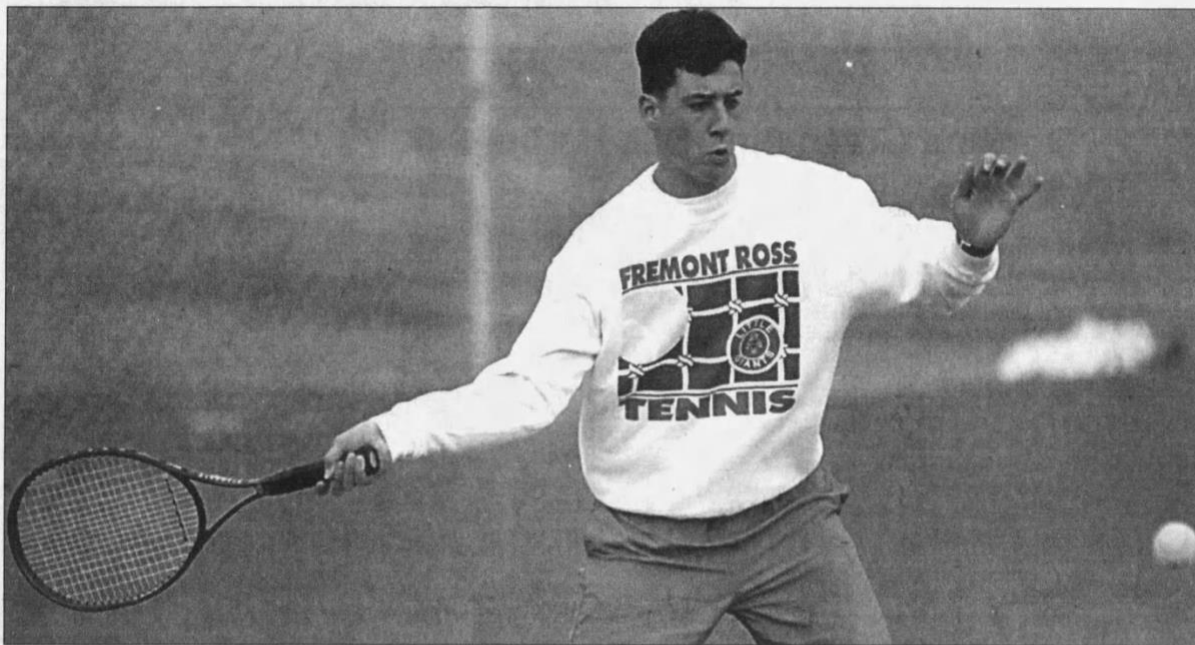
Brad Harsha, Alex Kilmer and Heath Sindledecker lead the Rockets.

Harsha was 23-7 and a district singles qualifier last season.

"We are very flexible this season," Lafountain said.

Other player fitting into the Rockets' scheme are senior Steve Keller, junior Tony Hiss and sophomore Kevin Peters. Keller is out for tennis for the first time.

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ROSS SOPHOMORE Bill Flower returns a shot during the first-court doubles match Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross, Oak Harbor open with victories

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Fremont Ross and Oak Harbor fought off chilly temperatures and Tiffin Columbian and Tiffin Calvert in opening high school tennis matches Tuesday.

Ross defeated Columbian 5-0 at Rodger Young Park in Fremont.

"It went well," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "Some of the kids had the jitters and dropped a set but it was just a matter of time before they got in the groove and did what was expected."

Adam Andrews dropped one game in winning the first-court singles match for

Ross 6-0, 6-1. Simon Libsig and T. J. Wolfe both dropped their first sets before winning at second and third singles.

The second doubles team of Ryan Newman and John Overberg won easily 6-1, 6-0 while Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger began their second season of doubles play, winning in the first court in two sets.

The next match for Ross is a Great Lakes League clash at Clay Thursday.

Oak Harbor 3, Calvert 2

Brad Harsha had straight set 6-0 wins over Chris Homan in the first-court singles clash to lead the Oak Harbor win.

In the third court, senior Steve Keller, playing in his first tennis match, defeated Brian Frank 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. The third Rockets point went to second-court singles player Tony Hiss.

"The most important thing is we came up with a win," Oak Harbor coach Rick LaFountain said. "Their first doubles team was a district qualifier last year and they're a very tough team. Our guys had a chance to beat them. We were up 4-3 in the third set and let it slip away."

Oak Harbor plays St. Joseph Central Catholic at East Side Park in Fremont today.

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Ross, St. Joe post 5-0 wins; Bellevue nips Clyde in opener

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Fremont Ross rolled to its second shutout, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic won its first match while Clyde was nipped by Bellevue Thursday.

The Little Giants, 2-0, defeated Oregon Clay 5-0 in the Great Lakes League opener. Tuesday, Ross blanked Tiffin Columbian.

The Ross singles players lost a total of five games with Adam Andrew in the first court posting straight 6-0 wins over Aaron Tobias.

Simon Libsig won 6-1, 6-1 over Mike Foust in the second court and T.J. Wolfe defeated Cindy Brower 6-2, 6-1 in the third singles match.

In other matches:
St. Joe 5, Fostoria 0

The Crimson Streaks, after having one match postponed by rain and another cut short by darkness with the match tied 2-2, rolled over the Redmen.

Andy Stotz and Jose

and Phil Nieset followed with another 6-2, 6-1 win, defeating Eric Stearn and Magus Morch.

Bellevue 3, Clyde 2

Bellevue won both doubles matches to edge the Fliers. Clyde's Ben Bennett and Josh Hill had to default the second doubles match because of an injury.

Jeff Murphy of Clyde won the first singles match, stopping Kyle Birkhart 6-4, 6-3. Juan Maranon picked up the other Clyde points, winning the third court singles match 6-2, 6-0 over Jeremy Forney.

Bellevue 3, Clyde 2

Singles: 1-Jeff Murphy (C) d. Kyle Birkhart 6-4, 6-3; 2-Andy Skin (B) d. Kelly Stout 6-4, 7-6 (7-3); 3-Juan Maranon (C) d. Jeremy Forney 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles: Mike Whistler & John Scherck (B) d. Mike Get & Richie Mapus 6-4, 6-2; 2-John Custer & Aaron Rospert (B) d. Ben Bennett & Josh Hill 1-2 (default due to injury).

Ross 5, Oregon Clay 0

Singles: 1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Aaron Tobias 6-0, 6-0; 2-Simon Libsig (R) d. Mike Foust 6-1, 6-1, 3-T.J. Wolfe (R) d. Andy Brower 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles: 1-Bill Flower & Andrew Humberger (R) d. Kevin Pfefferle & Joel Schlageter 6-3, 6-1; 2-Ryan Newman & John Overberg (R) d. Jim Sanderson & Matt Kuntz 6-1, 6-2.

Record: Ross 2-0 (1-0)

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Ross wins, St. Joe falls

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Fremont Ross blanked Clyde Wednesday and Oak Harbor completed a victory over Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic.

The Little Giants lost just one set in their 5-0 win at Rodger Young Park.

Oak Harbor's Tim Tack and Kevin Peters defeated Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 Wednesday at East Side Park to complete the Rockets' 3-2 victory which was postponed from last week.

Adam Andrews and Simon Libsig highlighted the Ross victory by not losing a game on the first

and second singles courts, respectively.

Kelly Stout and Jeff Murphy managed to win the first set in a tiebreaker on the first doubles court before falling to Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger.

Ross is undefeated in three matches, and Clyde is winless in two.

For Oak Harbor, Brad Harsha needed a second-set tiebreaker but still won in straight sets over Andy Stotz on the first singles court last week.

Harsha's victory and wins by the doubles duo of Alex Kilmer and Heath Sindeldecker gave the Rockets their third win in as many matches.

Ross 5, Clyde 0

Singles: 1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Juan Maranon 6-0, 6-0; 2-Simon Libsig (R) d. Richie Mapus 6-0, 6-0; 3-T.J. Wolfe (R) d. Matt Bailey 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles: 1-Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger (R) d. Kelly Stout and Jeff Murphy 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 7-5; 2-Ryan Newman and Fred Ripe (R) d. Ben Bennett and Jason Suter 6-1, 6-4.

Records: Clyde 0-2, Ross 3-0.

JV winners: Brady Burmeister and John Overberg (R), Neil Sachs and Brian Van Hoose (R), Kevin Eldt and Nick Nieset (C).

O.H. 3, St. Joe 2

Singles: 1-Brad Harsha (OH) d. Andy Stotz 6-1, 7-6 (7-3); 2-Jose Ramirez (SJ) d. Jared Scalfe 6-4, 6-0; 3-Jason Smola (SJ) d. Tony Hiss 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles: 1-Alex Kilmer and Heath Sindeldecker (OH) d. Bryan Busold and Phil Nieset 6-3, 6-4; 2-Tim Tack and Kevin Peters (OH) d. Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Records: O.H. 3-0, S.J. 1-1.

Jose Ramirez at second singles and Jason Smola on the third singles courts gave St. Joe its points as the Crimson Streaks fell even at 1-1.

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Redskins hand Ross first loss

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PORT CLINTON — Port Clinton won three three-set matches Friday night in handing Fremont Ross a 4-1 high school tennis loss.

Erick Gale at first singles, Walker Roth at second singles and the second doubles team of David May and Jeff Names all won three-set matches as the Redskins improved to 5-0. Ross fell to 3-1.

"I don't think we've beaten them very much over the years," Port Clinton coach Rod Gale said. "The previous times we've played them since I've been around, they've thumped us. It was a nice victory."

Erick Gale bounced back from a first-set loss to defeat Ross senior Adam Andrews 2-6, 6-0, 6-3. Roth, meanwhile, dropped the second set but recovered for a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 win over Simon Libsig.

PC's first doubles team of Jason Krynock and Jack Gibson beat Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger 6-2, 6-2, while May and Names got past John Overberg and Ryan Newman 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

"Both teams did well," Rod Gale said. "The points were very exciting and could have gone either way. Even our kid who got beat at No. 3 (Brian Driftmeyer) did very well. T.J. Wolfe is a very good player."

Wolfe topped Driftmeyer 6-0, 6-4 for the Little Giants' point.

"It was a very good match," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "We knew going in it was going to be a real struggle. It hurts when you have three three-set matches and don't win any of them. We need to get at least one or two of those."

"You can't fault any one person. We definitely played hard."

Port Clinton 4, Ross 1

Singles

1-Erick Gale (PC) d. Adam Andrews 2-6, 6-0, 6-3; 2-Walker Roth (PC) d. Simon Libsig 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; 3-T.J. Wolfe d. Brian Driftmeyer 6-0, 6-4.

Doubles

1-Jason Krynock and Jack Gibson (PC) d. Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger 6-2, 6-2; 2-David May and Jeff Names (PC) d. John Overberg and Ryan Newman 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

Records: Port Clinton 5-0, Ross 3-1.

Ross splits with Lexington, St. Francis

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Three teams with a combined record of 11-1 got together at Rodger Young Park Saturday.

Fremont Ross, which entered at 3-1, edged Toledo St. Francis 3-2 but fell 5-0 to Lexington.

Ross used a pair of doubles win and Fred Ripe win on the third singles court to knock off St.

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Francis, which came in 5-0.

Ripe and the second-court doubles team of Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger each won in straight sets.

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig, playing on the first doubles court, bounced back to win after dropping the first set to Dan Kubacki and Mark Greenblatt. Kubacki and Greenblatt won the first set 6-2, but Wolfe and Libsig won the second set 7-5 and the third 7-6 — taking the tiebreaker 7-5.

Ross won just eight games on the singles courts against Lexington, with six of those coming from No. 1 man Adam Andrews.

Flower and Humberger won the second set against Lexington's Mike Herman and Alex Rocks.

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Ross, St. Joe, Clyde win

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The Ross netters improved their record to 5-2 with a 3-2 win over Bowling Green Wednesday.

Adam Andrews and Simon Libsig won in singles action while the team of Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger won in doubles play.

With the loss Bowling Green drops to 1-5.

In other matches:

St. Joe 3, St. Paul 2

St. Joseph Central Catholic got wins from Jose Ramirez in first singles and doubles victories by the teams of Phil Nieset and Jason Smola in first doubles and Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward in second doubles.

The win improves St. Joe's record to 3-4 while St. Paul falls to 4-5.

Clyde 3, Oak Harbor 2

Kelly Stout and Juan Maranon were winners in singles action for the Fliers in the Sandusky Bay Conference match.

The doubles team of Ben Bennett and Jason Suter were also victorious for the Fliers. With the win the Fliers stand at 2-3 and the Rockets are even at 3-3

Ross 3, Bowling Green 2

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Jess Hyslop 6-3, 6-0; 2-Simon Libsig (R) d. Ragesh Thuralratram 6-2, 6-2; 3-A.J. Smith (BG) d. T.J. Wolfe 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

Doubles

1-Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger (R) d. Jesse Hale and Zach Eastlund 6-2, 6-3; 2-Bill Morgan and Tim Schenk (BG) d. Neil Sachs and Brady Burneister 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

Records: Ross 5-2, B.G. 1-5.

St. Joe 3, St. Paul 2

Singles

1-Jose Ramirez (SJ) d. Tarek Said 6-1, 6-1; 2-William Murphy (SP) d. Casey O'Brien 6-1, 6-1; 3-Greg Boose (SP) d. Matt Verock 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Phil Nieset and Jason Smola (SJ) d. Matt Reichert and Sloane Robertson 6-1, 6-2; 2-Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward (SJ) d. Brad Smith and Kristen Hazelward 6-0, 6-0.

Records: St. Joe 3-4, St. Paul 4-5.

Clyde 3, Oak Harbor 2

Singles

1-Brad Harsha (OH) d. Jeff Murphy 6-1, 6-3; 2-Kelly Stout (C) d. Heath Sindeldecker 6-3, 6-3; 3-Juan Maranon (C) d. Kevin Peters 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Alex Kilmer and Tim Tack (OH) d. Mike Getty and Richie Mapus 6-1, 6-2; 2-Ben Bennett and Jason Suter (C) d. Steve Keller and Tony Hiss 7-6, 7-5.

Records: O.H. 3-3 (0-3), Clyde 2-3 (1-1).

Little Giants, Fliers net tennis victories

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Fremont Ross tennis coach Craig Kachmarik and Clyde coach John Cahill juggled their lineups Friday, and the Little Giants and Fliers each gained victories.

Ross defeated Mansfield 3-2 in a Ohio High School Tennis Association Team Tournament match, and Clyde defeated Fostoria 3-2 in a non-conference match.

The Little Giants improved to 5-2, while Mansfield is winless in four matches.

Clyde is now 3-4.

Ross 3, Mansfield 2

The first-round win for Ross moved the Little Giants into a match against Shelby. Ross will take on the Whip-pets at Rodger Young Park at a date to be determined.

"It's not as important as the league, but it's a way for the kids to play some extra matches against teams that we don't normally play," Kachmarik said.

T. J. Wolfe has moved from third singles to team with

Bill Flower at first doubles, and Wolfe and Flower won in straight sets Friday.

"That gives us some experience at first doubles, and both doubles teams are stronger that way," Kachmarik said. "Andrew Humberger is more of a finesse player and his game is more suited to second doubles."

Humberger, who was playing with Flower, now will team with Ryan Newman on the second doubles court. Humberger and Newman also won in straight sets Friday.

Fred Ripe, a foreign exchange student from Sweden, now takes over the third singles slot for Ross.

"We expect to get some wins from him there," Kachmarik said.

Ripe lost a third-set tiebreaker 9-7 in Friday's match.

Adam Andrews gave Ross its third point against Mansfield with a 6-0, 6-1 victory at No. 1 singles.

Simon Libsig, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland lost in two sets at second-court singles. He lost a

tiebreaker 9-7 in the first set.

Last year, Ross advanced to the semifinals in the team tournament. The Little Giants posted three wins before losing to Lexington in the semifinals.

Clyde 3, Fostoria 2

The Fliers dropped Jeff Murphy and Kelly Stout from the first two singles spots and made them a doubles team. They responded with a straight sets victory on the first doubles court on Friday.

"Anytime we play out of league or in certain league matches, I put them together at doubles," Cahill said. "They've moved back and forth between first and second singles because I don't want either one of them to get beat up too much at number one singles."

Foreign exchange student Juan Maranon, who moves up to first singles to accommodate the switch, and Ben Bennett on the third singles accounted for Clyde's other points against Fostoria.

Perrysburg 5, Ross 0

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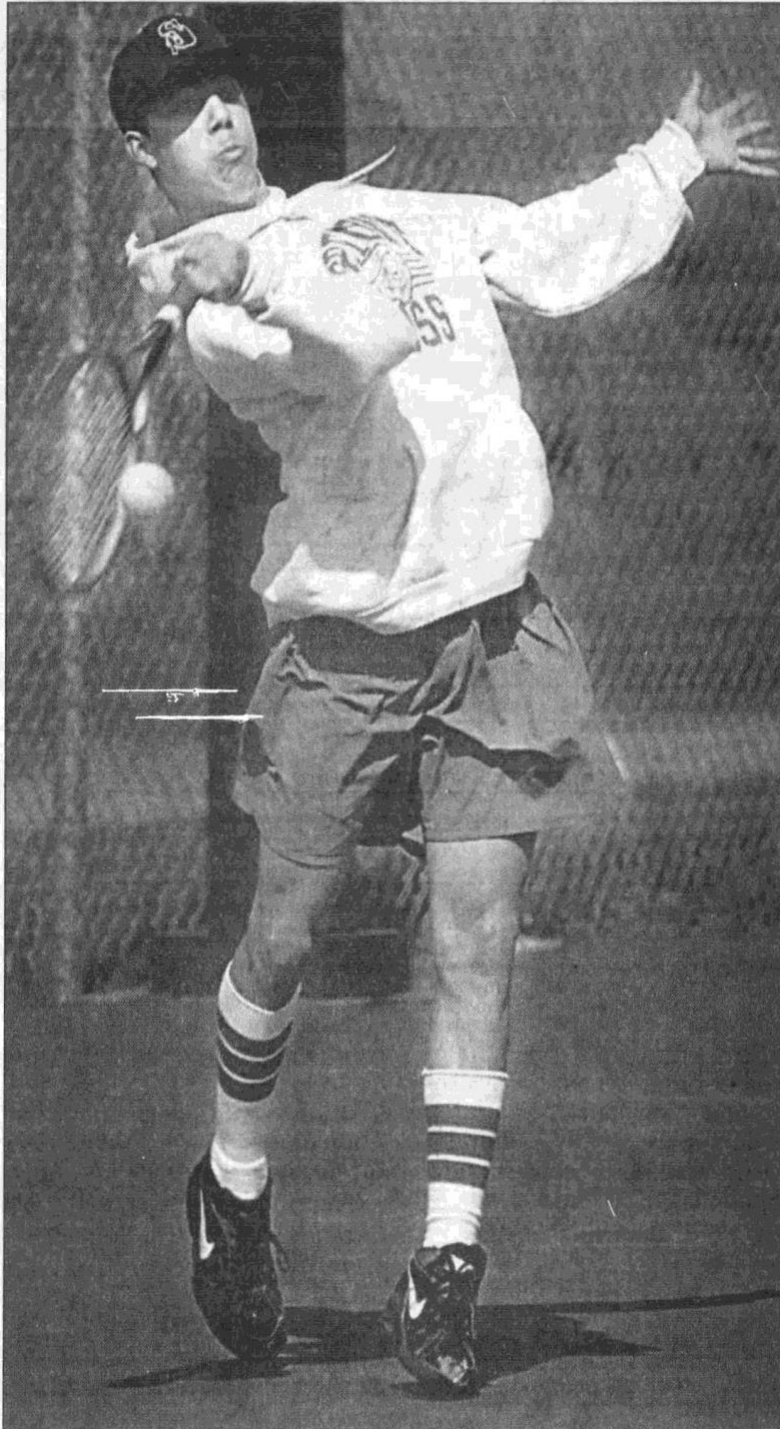
1-Bobby Wellstein (P) d. Adam Andrews 6-1, 6-3; 2-Drew Pyle (P) d. Simon Libsig 6-3, 6-3; 3- Bill Wetmore (P) d. Fred Ripe 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Steve Kucera and Chris Jaquette (P) d. T.J. Wolfe and Bill Flower 6-1, 6-0; 2-Matt Bierlein and Jim Hart (P) d. Andrew Humberger and Ryan Newman 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Records: Ross 6-3, Perrysburg 6-1.

Forehand action



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Simon Libsig, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland and a member of the Fremont Ross High School boys tennis team, rips a forehand during his second-court singles match Tuesday against Bedford's Nick Bond at Rodger Young Park. Bond won the match 6-1, 6-3, and the Mules defeated the Little Giants 3-2. **See Roundup, B3.**

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Ross, Clyde win

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Fremont Ross shut out Fostoria in Great Lakes League action Thursday 5-0. Adam Andrews, Fred Ripe and Brian Van Hoose were winners in singles play while the double teams of T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig along with Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger were also winners.

Ross moves to 7-5 and 2-2 in the GLL as Fostoria falls to 0-8 and 0-4.

In other action

Clyde 3, Oak Harbor 2

The Clyde Fliers improved their record to 7-4 with a 3-2 victory over Oak Harbor.

Ben Bennett and Juan Maranon won singles matches and Jeff Murphy and Mike Getty won in doubles play.

Ross 5, Fostoria 0

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Ryan Fox 6-1, 6-0; 2-Fred Ripe (R) d. Ryan Gilliland 7-5, 6-1; 3-Brian Van Hoose (R) d. Matt Gilliland 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles

1-T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig (R) d. Dan Searles and Eric Stearns 6-1, 6-2; 2-Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger (R) d. Carl Prenzlin and Matt Porter 6-2, 6-0.

Records: Ross 7-5 (2-2), Fostoria 0-8 (0-4).

JV winner: Tomasc Pawliszewski (R)

Clyde 3, Oak Harbor 2

Singles

1-Brad Harsha (O) d. Kelly Stout 6-1, 6-4; 2-Ben Bennett (C) d. Kevin Peters 6-2, 7-6; 3-Juan Maranon (C) d. Nathan Chio 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

1- Jeff Murphy and Mike Getty (C) d. Heath Sindeldecker and Tim Tack 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; 2-Save Keller and Tony Hiss (O) d. Richie Mapus and Jason Suter 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Little Giants win team doubles title

Ross edges Maumee in tennis invitational

By BOB MARKER
Sports Editor

Bill Flower slapped a cross-court winner past a lunging Maumee player, bringing a smile to Fremont Ross tennis coach Kraig Kachmarik's face.

"That should do it," Kachmarik said.

Flower's shot gave the Ross second-court team a 7-3 tiebreaker win in the second set of a 6-3, 7-6 win over Maumee's Nick Davis and Ryan Carter in the championship match of the first Fremont Ross Tennis Doubles Tournament at Rodger Young Park Saturday.

The Andrew Humberger-Flower duo's victory gave the Little Giants 90 points, two more than runner-up Maumee. It was one of two titles for Ross, matching that of Maumee, but the Little Giants got the edge with a second in the fourth court and a third from the third doubles team.

Oak Harbor finished third with 40 points, followed by Clyde with 33, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic with 23, Maumee Valley Country Day with 16 and Toledo Waite with 14.

Played under sunny skies with temperatures hovering in the mid-60s, it was the second attempt at playing the tournament. Last year's first effort was washed out shortly after play had begun.

"Originally, we started the tournament as a chance to get doubles teams together for league tournaments and sectional tournaments," Kachmarik said.

The Ross coach said you have to conduct your practices a little differently but getting a lot of practice in attempting to get

ready for this tournament is hard.

"You cannot just take two good singles players, put them together and expect to go out, play against a good, experienced doubles team and automatically win," Kachmarik said. "There is a lot of expertise in doubles and it takes a lot of playing together, but 90 percent of a good doubles team is the chemistry between the players."

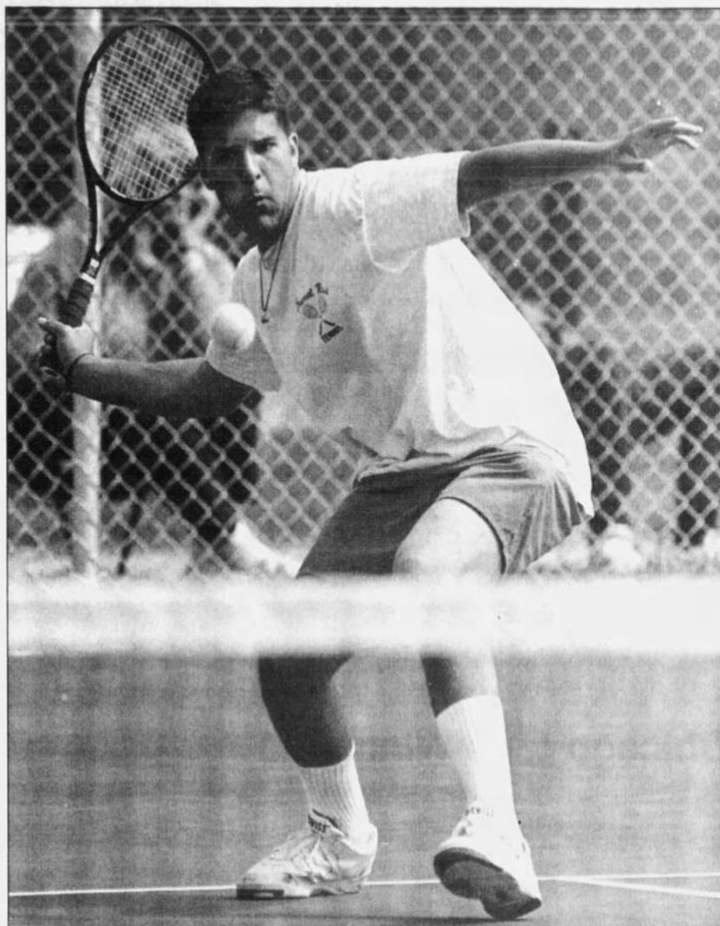
Ross had little practice, Kachmarik admitted, but his squad had the chemicals mixed right.

Adam Andrews, the regular first-court singles player for Ross, teamed up with T.J. Wolfe, who has played third singles and doubles this season, to win the first-court title. The Ross team defeated Jose Ramirez and Andy Stotz of St. Joe 6-3, 6-2 in the finals.

The Little Giants' fourth-court team of Brady Burmeister and John Overberg won the first set 6-2, but the Maumee pair of Tony Dussel and Nate Davis rebounded to win the title with 6-2, 6-1 wins in the final two sets.

Clyde came up with a pair of thirds. The Fliers' first-court team of Kelly Stout and Jeff Murphy, after a hard-fought 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) loss to Andrews and Wolfe in the semifinals, defeated the Maumee duo of Pete Jefferson and Eric Polesovsky 8-2 in a pro set for third. The fourth-court Fliers team of Jason Suter and Ben Bennett defeated Waite's Pheng Lee and Toby Morgan 8-2 in the clash for third.

Oak Harbor had a third place from Tim Tack and Heath Shindelacker in the second court. The Rockets team defeated Ben Britz and Michael Gerber of Maumee Valley Country Day 8-6.



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T.J. WOLFE of Ross prepares to hit a forehand during Saturday's Fremont Ross Tennis Doubles Tournament.

Ross, Clyde win; St. Joe Oak Harbor lose

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Fremont Ross slipped past Napoleon 3-2 and Clyde stopped St. Mary's by the same score Tuesday, but Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and Oak Harbor absorbed losses.

Ross (8-5) are 3-2 in Great Lakes League competition.

The second doubles team of Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger defeated Napoleon's Chris

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Bialecki and Brian Wentzel 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Adam Andrew, playing in the first-court singles for Ross, defeated Willy Amia 6-0, 6-0.

In other matches:

Clyde 3, St. Mary's 2

The Fliers won two singles matches and the second-court doubles match.

Jeff Murphy and Juan Maranon won in the first and third court singles, respectively, for the Fliers.

Ottawa Hills 5, St. Joe 0

Jason Smola took Ottawa Hills' John Swigart to three sets before dropping the third-court match 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

Port Clinton 4, Oak Harbor 1

Jared Scaife defeated Joe Reiter of PC 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

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Giants, Streaks net victories

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic pulled even after 12 matches with a 4-1 win over Norwalk St. Paul at Eastside Park in Fremont Friday.

Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward, St. Joe's second doubles team, did not lose a game in disposing of Brad Smith and Karen Looper.

Andy Stotz rolled over St. Paul's Tarek Said 6-0, 6-2 in the first-court singles match to highlight singles play.

In other matches:
Ross 3, Whitmer 2

Fremont Ross geared up for Tuesday's Great Lakes League Tournament at the Courts of Sylvania with the league win over the Panthers.

Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger, playing second doubles for the Little Gaints, ran their GLL record to 6-0 with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Matt Nichol and Steve Slandzicki.

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig, the Ross first-court doubles team, duplicated the second doubles team's score in defeating Kevin Kawalski and Nate Parker.

Adam Andrews won the first-court singles match for the other Ross point.

Tuesday, play in the GLL tourney begins at 8:30 a.m. The Flower-Humberger duo is expected to be seeded first according to Ross coach Craig Kachmarik. Andrews along with the Wolfe-Libsig team have a shot at the second seeds.

St. Joe 4, Norwalk St. Paul 1

Singles

1-Andy Stotz (SJ) d. Tarek Said 60-, 6-2; 2-Jose Ramirez (SJ) d. William Murphy 6-1, 6-3; 3-Craig Boose (SP) d. Chad Mapus 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles

1-Brian Busold and Phil Nieset (SJ) d. Matt Reichart and Steve Pinto 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); 2-Matt Middleswarth and Nathan Ward (SJ) d. Brad Smith and Karen Looper 6-0, 6-0.

Records: St. Joe 6-6.

Ross 3, Whitmer 2

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Matt Taplinger 6-2, 6-0; 2-Wynn Martin (W) d. Ryan Newman 6-2, 6-4; 3-Frank Gregory (W) d. Fred Ripe 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Doubles

1-T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig (R) d. Kevin Kawalski and Nate Parker 6-1, 6-0; 2-Bil Flower and Andrew Humberger (R) d. Matt Nichol and Steve Slandzicki 6-1, 6-0.

Records: Ross 10-5 (4-2), Whitmer 2-11 (2-4).

Ross JV winners: Brady Burmeister and Neil Sachs (R) d. Pat Wishart and Kevin Easter 6-1, 6-0.

Tennis

Ross ends season with win; Fliers lose

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross swept the doubles courts and got a win from No. 1 singles player Adam Andrews in a 3-2 victory over Findlay Tuesday.

Andrews lost just two games, while the number two doubles team of Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger needed a first-set tiebreaker in their match.

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig were also victorious.

In one other match, Port Clinton defeated Clyde 4-1.

Kelly Stout and Jeff Murphy earned the Clyde point with a win on the first doubles court as the Fliers fell to 9-10 and 4-7 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Port Clinton 4, Clyde 1

Singles

1-Erick Gale (PC) d. Juan Maranon 6-0, 6-0; 2-Walker Roth (PC) d. Richie Mapus 6-0, 6-1; 3-Richard Speer (PC) d. Matt Bailey 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Kelly Stout and Jeff Murphy (C) d. Jason Krynock and Jack Gibson 6-4, 6-4; 2-Dave May and Jeff Names (PC) d. Ben Bennett and Mike Getty 6-2, 6-1.

Records: Port Clinton 16-2 (10-1), Clyde 9-10 (4-7).

Ross 3, Findlay 2

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Mike Omlor 6-1, 6-1; 2-Rafael Gomes (F) d. Ryan Newman 6-3, 6-0; 3-Nick Jacobson (F) d. Fred Ripe 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles

1-T. J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig (R) d. Andy Malacos and Bill Altermatt 6-4, 6-2; 2-Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger (R) d. Mike Hooper and Zach Schwartz 7-6 (7-3) 6-4.

Records: Ross 12-6, Findlay 13-4.

Little Giants third in GLL

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SYLVANIA — Third place in the Great Lakes League, with a championship in doubles, is the net result for Fremont Ross after play at the Courts of Sylvania Tuesday.

"We knew we were in the top three," Little Giants coach Craig Kachmarik said. "We needed two more points in the tournament to move up, which is the result of one match."

Sophomores Bill Flower and Andrew Humberger won the second doubles championship for Ross, after going undefeated in six league dual matches, as Ross finished behind Sylvania Northview and Bedford (Mich.).

Northview earned won 21 points in the tournament plus 10 for its 5-1 dual record, Bedford earned 18 in the tournament and 12 for its undefeated dual season and Ross had 15 tournament points plus eight for its 4-2, third-place dual finish.

"Northview had a finalist in every match," Kachmarik said. "When you do that, you're pretty much assured of victory."

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Oregon Clay and Fostoria rounded out the tournament finish. The order was the same for the dual season, although Fostoria was a notch above Clay.

Flower and Humberger defeated Mike Franklin and John Ellenwood of Northview 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 in the finals.

"That second set was a mental lapse, but they came back and pulled it out in the third set," Kachmarik said. "For sophomores, that shows a lot for their composure."

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig of Ross lost 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 in the first doubles final to Dan Lehmann and Will Arandt of Northview. Wolfe and Libsig lost in three sets to the Northview duo during the dual season.

Adam Andrews of Ross was third at first singles, while Wes Eid of Bedford won the title; Ryan Newman was fifth at second singles, with Brandon Munk of Northview winning; and Northview's Craig Burkhart was first at third singles, while Fred Ripe of Ross was fourth.

Loss drops Ross from team tourney

News-Messenger reports

Tennis anyone.

Although the stormy conditions Wednesday afternoon weren't fit for the sport, Fremont Ross and Lima Central Catholic were past the deadline to play their team tennis quarterfinal match.

So they moved the match to the Sandusky County YMCA, and LCC defeated Ross 3-1 to advance to the semifinals against Lexington in the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Team Tournament.

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig defeated J.J. Moore and Richard Folke on the first doubles court to give the Little Giants' their point, while the third singles

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match was suspended after the team outcome was decided.

Wolfe and Libsig defeated Moore and Folke in two sets, winning a tiebreak 7-4 in the second.

At first singles, Jon DeCurtins defeated Adam Andrews in three sets, taking the third-set tiebreaker 7-3.

"They have played against each other since they were young. They always have a good match," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said.

"Jon had some big serves that Adam couldn't return."

On the second doubles court, Chris Plummer and Chris Kleman defeated Ryan Newman and John Overberg 7-6 (8-6), 6-1. Newman and Overberg led 6-5 in the first set and also led 5-2 in the tiebreaker before losing.

LCC's win was its 16th in 19 matches. Ross falls to 10-6.

Andrews enters as the top-seeded singles player in sectional play, which begins Friday at Sandusky High School, while Wolfe and Libsig are seeded second.

Andrews and the doubles team drew first-round byes Friday.

Bill Flower and Ryan Newman will also play singles at the sectional. Andrew Humberger and



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Overberg will team up for doubles in the postseason.

Flower and Humberger won the Great Lakes League second-court doubles championship Tuesday.

Andrews leads area players at sectionals

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Fremont Ross singles player Adam Andrews and three doubles teams from area schools will play in sectional semifinals today.

The semifinal berths qualify Andrews and the doubles teams for the district tournament at Bowling Green next week.

T.J. Wolfe and Simon Libsig of Ross, Jeff Murphy and Kelly Stout of Clyde and Oak Harbor's Brad Harsha and Alex Kilmer are also alive in the tournament.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic did not have any singles players or doubles teams advance.

In the Division I sectional at Sandusky High School, the top-seeded Andrews will play third-seeded Matt Piper of Lexington in the semifinals. Action began at 8:30 a.m.

Second-seeded Ben Brown of Lexington meets Jeff McQuate of Ashland in the other semifinal. Fourth-seeded Steve Pollutnik of Vermilion lost in the second round.

Andrews had a bye in first round before beating Mike Herman of Lexington 6-0, 6-0, and Randy Hector of Vermilion 6-0, 6-1.

"He had a fairly easy time qualifying for the semifinals," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "Now we're playing for seeds and we definitely want to go into the district with the number one seed."

"These matches are probably just as important as the ones in the opening rounds."

Bill Flower and Ryan Newman each won one singles match before losing in the sec-

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ond round.

Wolfe and Libsig, seeded second, will fourth-seeded Jamie Thomas and Alex Rocks of Lexington.

The Ross duo also had a first-round bye. Wolfe and Libsig then beat Nate Kemp and Mike Dorr of Ashland 6-4, 6-4, and Ryan Uhde and Brian Preston of Mansfield Senior 6-1, 6-4.

"They had to really play well at the net in the match against the Ashland team," Kachmarik said. "It wasn't enough to get the ball back. They had to attack and put some angle and pace on the ball."

Andrew Humberger and John Overberg of Ross also lost in the second round.

Lexington's Matt Perman and Rob Ogg, the number one seed, will meet third-seeded Joe Chai and Brian Gregg of Ashland in the other doubles semifinal.

In the Division II sectional at Sandusky Perkins High School, Murphy and Stout will play Scott Chapin and Josh Russell of Norwalk in the today's semifinals. Action began at 9 a.m.

Ed Montgomery and Jerry Wiggins of St. Mary's will meet Brian Canterbury and Chris Bellamy of Norwalk in the other doubles semifinal.

The top-seeded Flier duo beat Aaron Rospert and John Custer of Bellevue 6-0, 6-2, in the second round and Pat Aylward and Andy Egger of Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 6-0, 6-1 in the quarterfinals after a first-round bye.

"They played a lot of tennis over and took lessons together over the winter," Clyde coach John Cahill said. "They played singles all season, but they think deserved to be the number one seed and played with a lot of confidence."

"When they serve well, they win. Especially Kelly, he has a really big serve. They get into trouble when they have to hit a lot of second serves."

All Clyde players — Matt Bailey, Mike Getty and Richie Mapus as well as the doubles team of Ripe Maranon and Ben Bennet — made it to the second round before losing.

Erick Gale of Port Clinton meets Francis Coachman of Norwalk St. Paul in one singles semifinal. Matt Wooster of Huron meets Hunter Stenzel of Perkins in the other.

In the Division II sectional at Toledo Rogers High School, Harsha and Kilmer began semifinal play at 9 a.m.

Seeded second, Harsha and Kilmer won two matches by scores 6-0, 6-0, and 6-0, 6-2.

"They had a fairly easy draw," Oak Harbor coach Rick LaFountain. "It will be a big test tomorrow against the Ottawa Hills team. It will be a test to see how good we actually are."

Oak Harbor's Jared Scaife, Steve Keller and Kevin Peters all lost in the first round in singles play.

The Rockets doubles team of Heath Sindeldecker and Tim Tack won an opening round match before losing in the second round to the No. 1 seed from Ottawa Hills.