

Gary Driftmyer Captures Sectional Tennis Singles, Earns Berth In District Tourney

SANDUSKY — Gary Driftmyer, Fremont Ross, took advantage of a double fault to weather a tight first set and then went on to win his way into the district tennis tournament here Saturday. In the upper bracket finals of the sectional qualifier Driftmyer won the district berth by beating Norb Smith, Norwalk St. Paul, 9-7, 6-0.

Smith had resorted to a lobbing type of game, a change in style, trying to throw Driftmyer

off pace. After the rough first game Driftmyer took control for a 6-0 second set victory. A double fault by Smith led to the first set victory.

In the other bracket of singles Rick DeLuca, Bellevue, defeated Ed Coles, Sandusky St. Mary, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. In late semifinal matches Smith had won the right to oppose Driftmyer by beating Tim Wargo, Port Clinton, 6-1, 6-4, and Coles had advanced against DeLuca with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Barry Grey, Vermilion.

In doubles Gary Propko and Ralph Mayer, Vermilion, gained the district for the second successive year. The Vermilion pair won the sectional by stopping Mike Stebelton and John Hardy, Huron, 6-1, 6-0.

In the other doubles final John Amato of Norwalk St. Paul made district for the third consecutive year. This year he teamed with brother Chris Amato for a 6-1, 8-6 win over John Lay and Carl Rickel, Port Clinton.

The previous two years it was John and older brother Chuck,

now a freshman at Notre Dame, who won the sectional doubles title.

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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — On any other day Wally Dallenbach might have been an auto racing sensation.

It was last Saturday, the opening day of qualifications for the Memorial Day 500-mile race, and a crowd upwards of 200,000 was waiting and watching for speeds by such drivers as Mario Andretti, Parnelli Jones, Jimmy Clark — big names in the sport.

So when Dallenbach became the day's third qualifier at a speed of 163.540 miles per hour, the fastest officially for any newcomer around the ancient 2½-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway, his effort went almost unnoticed.

But the four-lap, 10-mile stint in his turbocharged Offenhauser earned him the outside spot in the fifth row for the May 30 event.

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DISTRICT TENNIS TOURNEY:

Driftmyer Gains Singles Finals

SANDUSKY — "Tremendous court control" was the appraisal of opposing coaches Friday as Fremont Ross' Gary Driftmyer battled his way to the finals of the Sectional tennis singles. Driftmyer won two matches Friday and has only one more standing in the way of his trip to the district tournament next weekend at Toledo.

In the upper bracket finals this morning Driftmyer played the winner of a match between Tim Wargo, Port Clinton, and Norbert Smith, Norwalk St. Paul.

In Friday preliminary action the Ross senior defeated Douglas Lauderdale, Tiffin Calvert, and Mike Mayer, Vermilion, in straight sets, both victories by 6-0, 6-0 margins. Mayer, Driftmyer's first victim, failed to get a point for the first four games.

Ross' other singles entry, Jon Zink, lost to Rick DeLuca, Bellevue, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. DeLuca advanced to today's lower bracket finals.

In doubles one Ross team advanced to its third match before falling. Fred Flower and Ray Brindley defeated Ron Corthell and Mark Leahy, Tiffin Calvert, 6-3, 7-5, and then



GARY DRIFTMYER
Sectional Finalist

stopped the Tom Furey-Tom Schaeffer combination of Norwalk St. Paul, 7-5, 6-3.

The Flower-Brindley pair was finally stopped by defending sectional champions from Vermilion, Gary Propko and Ralph Mayer, 6-0, 6-1.

Ross' other doubles entry, Roland King and Bob Brindley fell to Dan Keller and Ried Wagner, Sandusky, 6-2, 8-3.