

Ross Entertains Mansfield Netters

Ross high school's tennis team will probably face its sternest challenge of the 1970 season when it entertains Mansfield Senior on the Rodger Young Park courts Monday at 4 p.m.

"They should be the best team we play this year," says first-year coach Jim Wade. "Mansfield has an outstanding tennis program—one of the best around. They also have plenty of returnees from last year's excellent squad."

Wade planned to use an opening-day lineup of Dave Deemer, Dave Abbott, Jeff Keefer, Doug Spriggs and Steve Shivley. Deemer and Abbott were to form one doubles team and Keefer and Spriggs would be the other.

Deemer, Abbott and Keefer are returnees from last year's squad that finished the season without a win in 13 starts. All three are seniors. Spriggs and Shivley are juniors, who have never lettered.

Other members of this year's squad are Dave Henry, Scott Hilty and Jeff Mazzocco. Henry is a junior. Hilty and Mazzocco are sophomores.

"We've been working hard on conditioning," Wade says. "I want to have the kids be able to go a full match without tiring. We will need to be in excellent condition since we have to play two matches in one week a couple of times this year."

The Little Giants have been working out as a team since March 1. However, they have been on the court only five times—four last week.

"We did a lot of work in the gym," Wade said, "but it still isn't like being outside."

The schedule:

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April 6—Mansfield; 9—Findlay; 14—Marion; 16—at Mansfield; 21—at Findlay; 23—at Sandusky; 24—at Fostoria; 27—Bellevue; 28—at Marion; 29—Port Clinton.

May 2—Buckeye Conference Day at Lorain; 5—Sandusky; 6—Port Clinton; 8 and 9—Sectionals; 12—at Bellevue; 15 and 16—District; 22 and 23—State at Ohio State.