

Ashland netters dominate sectional tennis tourney

Ashland dominated the Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament, placing both doubles teams and a two singles players in the district tournament next Friday.

The finals of both the singles and doubles divisions were made up of Ashland players.

Clyde qualified a doubles team to the A-AA district.

Ross, competing in the AAA, came close but the doubles team of Cyndy Malinowski and Lezlie Grubs lost in the semifinals to Ashland's Jenny Aten and Jill Purtell 6-2, 6-7 and 7-5.

Tami Homler and Peggy Meek, the other Ross doubles combo won in the first round but lost to Findlay's team of Ruth Gaberman and Connie Ross 6-4, 6-7 and 7-5 in the quarterfinals.

Sue Thomason and Sue Wagner of Ashland is the other team to qualify for the district tournament.

In singles play, Amy Schmitz and Jennie Halterman of Ashland squared off in the finals. Also qualifying in the singles division for the district were Michelle Bittel of Port Clinton and Gerri Biddle of Sandusky.

Ross's Gretchen Jefferson lost to Bittel in the quarterfinals 6-0 and 6-2. Emily Heid also lost in the quarterfinals to Biddle 6-3 and 6-2.

In the A-AA, Clyde's doubles team of Joan Stahl and Cindy Gray lost in the finals but will advance to the district. The Norwalk pair of Tracey Hoffecker and Kelly Everman defeated the Clyde girls 6-2 and 7-6 in the finals of the sectional at Shelby.