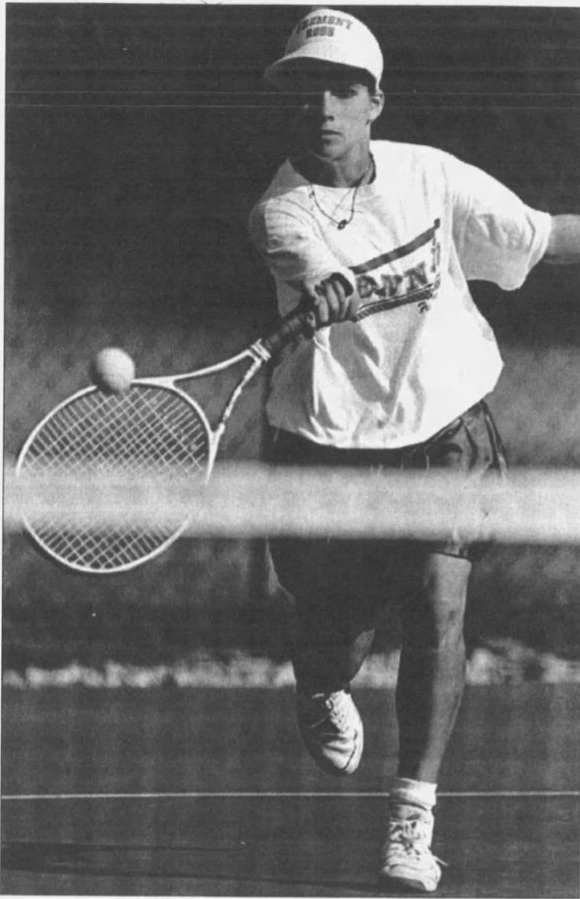


1992 GREAT LAKES LEAGUE



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ANDI OPRIE of Fremont Ross returns a shot during the Great Lakes League Tennis Tournament Tuesday in Sylvania.

# Ross wins GLL title

News-Messenger reports

SYLVANIA — The Fremont Ross High School girls tennis team became the first Little Giants athletic squad to declare itself a Great Lakes League champ Tuesday.

Ross won the league tournament at The Courts of Sylvania. That combined with a 6-0 record in GLL dual matches gave it the league championship.

"Ann Darr saved it," Ross coach Sue Badertscher said. "We were down to the wire. If she had not taken her court, Northview would have won."

The Little Giants, who carried 12 points into the tournament, collected 21 points for their first-place tournament finish for 33 total points. Northview, 5-1 during the dual season, finished with 28 points (10 from the dual season and 18 from the tourney).

The individual GLL titles by Darr at third-court singles, Dawn Zerman on the second singles court and the first-court doubles team of Dena Schepflin and Casey Schepflin gave Ross 21 points Tuesday. Fourth-place finishes by Andi Opreie at first singles and the second doubles team of Meagan Hadley and Heather Boggs brought the total to 27.

Northview compiled 24 points Tuesday. Had Darr, the only senior on the Ross team, not defeated Northview's Amy Young 6-4, 6-4 in the finals, a four-point swing would have given the Wildcats the tournament title (26-25) — and the league crown 31-30.

"(Darr) was in so many deuces," Badertscher said. "I think she pulled it off because she was consistent. She made the girl move and she waited for the right opportunity to make her shots."

"It would have been real easy for her to go for the big point. She used a lot of patience and a lot of maturity."

Zerman defeated Oregon Clay's Andrea Segura 6-2, 6-2 in

## What's next?

News-Messenger reports

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross singles players Andi Opreie and Dawn Zerman as well as both Ross doubles teams are seeded for the high school girls Division I Sectional Tennis Tournament which begins Friday and concludes Saturday.

The doubles team of Dena Schepflin and Casey Schepflin, undefeated in 22 matches entering the tournament at Sandusky High School, is seeded first.

Opreie, 10-8 at the time of the draw, is the top-seeded singles player. Zerman, 16-3, is seeded third. Cori Bletz and Jessica Bell of Mansfield Senior are seeded second and fourth, respectively, in singles.

Meagan Hadley and Heather Boggs of Ross, who were 16-2 at the time of the draw, are seeded fourth in doubles.

Ashland's Arathi Murthi and Angela Harper are the second-seeded doubles team, while Amy Gelinas and Andrea Scheiber of Tiffin Columbian are seeded third.

The top four singles and top four doubles teams advance to the district meet Oct. 16-17 at Bowling Green State University.

the finals. "She saw every opening and took it," Badertscher said.

Schepflin and Schepflin used steady, consistent baseline play to defeat Northview's Caroline Mah and Joan Grossman 6-3, 6-0 in the finals.

Opreie played with strep throat. "She just didn't move on the court well," Badertscher said.

Hadley and Boggs entered the tournament seeded first but lost to Fostoria's Autumn Emmons and Stacy Rhodes 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals.

"That was a huge upset," Badertscher said. "Meagan and Heather made a lot of unforced errors."

Whitmer finished third followed by Bedford, Mich., Clay, Fostoria and Napoleon.

# Toronto, Oakland urgently begin ALCS

Associated Press

TORONTO — Get a good look at the Oakland A's when they take the field in tonight's opening game of the AL playoffs. They'll look a lot different next year.

Now check out the confident Toronto Blue Jays. They'll look a lot sadder if they flop for the fourth straight time in a postseason series.

There is a heightened urgency for both teams to win — the A's will lose some of their 14 free agents and may not be as good for a while; the Toronto fans may not be as tolerant.

"There is that general sense of living for here and now," David Cone, the embodiment of that philosophy through his late-season trade from the New York Mets to Toronto, said Tuesday.

"Obviously, the front office here has done everything they can to put their best team on the field right now and worry about next year later.

"So there is that sense that this team has been brought together and it's a special group of guys. And we need to take advantage of it right now."

The Blue Jays came close last season, splitting the first two playoff games before losing the next three to Minnesota.

Toronto manager Cito Gaston is in the playoffs for the third time in four years, but still endures questions about the Blue Jays' inability to win big games.

"The people that write that should be up here answering those questions, not me," he said at a news conference Tuesday.



D. SCHEPFLIN



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DARR