

Season ends for Little Giants

Laurer, Parker, Will fall in districts at Sandusky

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SANDUSKY — Fremont senior Jacob Laurer, along with juniors Eliot Parker and Jordan Will, concluded the Fremont Ross tennis season Thursday as the last of the Little Giants were eliminated from district play in Sandusky.

Parker was defeated by Marion Harding junior Nick Laskaris by a score of 6-4, 6-2.

"(Laskaris) is hard to catch when you get behind because he's so steady," Fremont coach Rick LaFountain said. "If you don't get ahead of him you're in trouble because he won't make mistakes."

That is exactly what happened as Parker fell behind quickly. Laskaris battled back and forth with Parker to take the first two points of the opening match.

Parker closed to within one at 3-2 before Laskaris pulled away to take the first match.

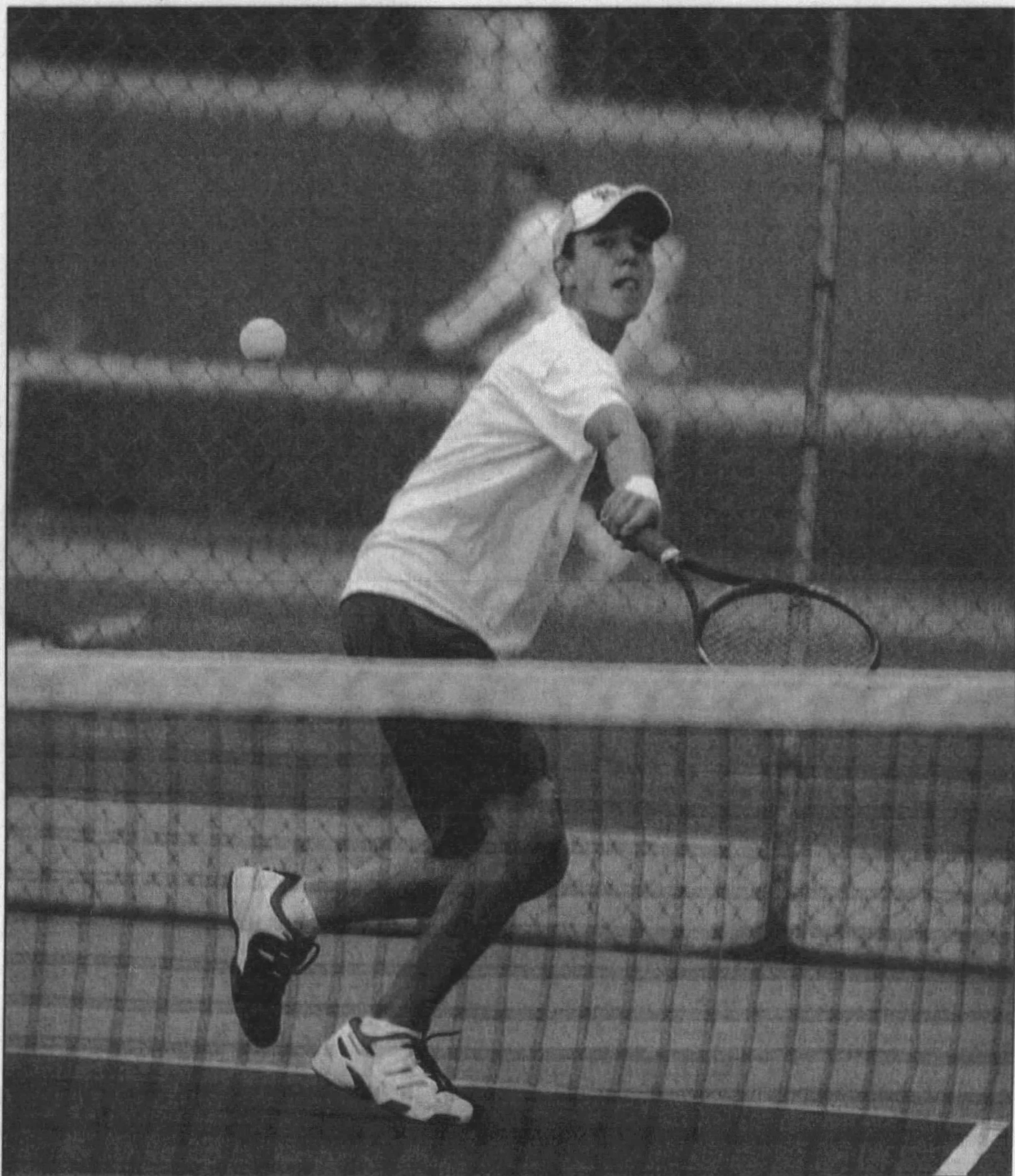
The two continued their battle in between a mix of rain and wind as Laskaris exploded for the first five points of the second set as he seemed to have things in control.

But Parker was not about to go without a fight, taking the next two points before having to sit down for a rain delay trailing 5-2.

At doubles, Laurer and Will teamed up to face the young Toledo St. Francis duo of Jay Kenney and Patrick O'Connell.

"Our kids were a little bit older but (Kenney and O'Connell) have had a few more years of playing experience," LaFountain said. "(O'Connell)'s grandfather was a really good player and he won over 500 games as a coach at Ottawa Hills."

After losing the first games in the opening set, Laurer and Will were the



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FREMONT ROSS'S ELIOT Parker back hands the ball at Sandusky High School on Thursday morning.

recipients of a serving error by Kenney, giving Fremont their first point in the set.

The Little Giant combo then rallied for three more unanswered points closing the Knights' lead to 5-4.

Fremont's rally came up just a bit shy as Kenney and O'Connell closed the

set at 6-4.

"We didn't play as well as we were capable," said LaFountain. "Had we picked it up a notch and made it 5-5, anything could have happened."

"Maybe we win it, maybe not. It would have been nice to see us even it up af-

ter being down. Jordan will learn from the experience and Jacob had four great years. I'm proud of him."

Laurer and Will tried to capture some early momentum in the second set as they took the first point, going up 1-0.

Kenney and O'Connell

responded immediately as they reeled off three consecutive points as they took a 3-1 advantage.

But Laurer and Will fought back to even the set at 3-3 before the two Knights pulled away with a 6-3 victory in the second and final set.