

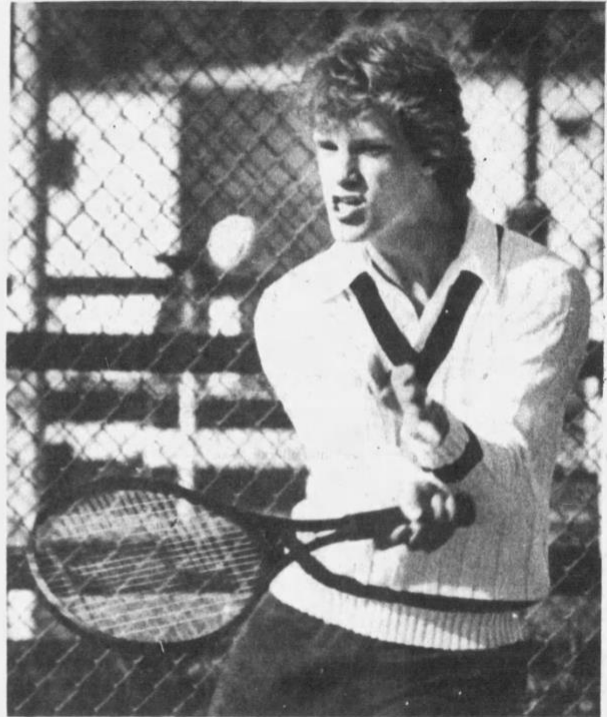
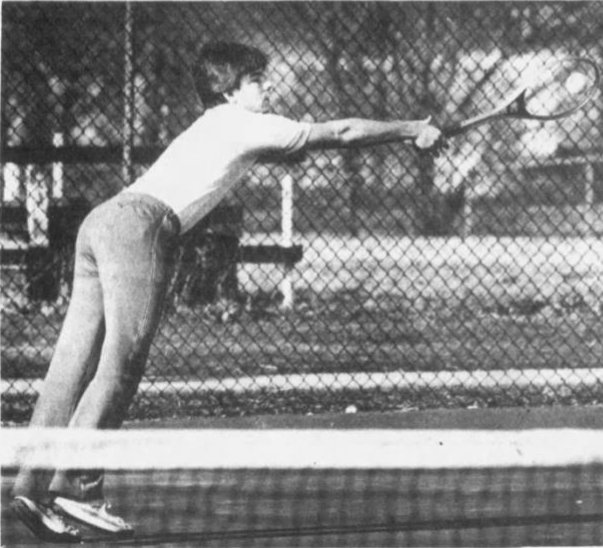
## Ross netters win opener

The Ross High tennis team won its opening match of the season Friday, whipping Clyde 4-1 at Rodger Young Park.

Number one singles ace Matt Collins led a Ross sweep of that division with a 6-1, 6-1 thumping of Mark Messecar. Ross Paulson followed with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Todd Messecar and then Brett Bunting defeated Clyde's Jerry Gracia 6-4, 6-3.

The Fliers, now 1-2, picked up their lone win of the match in the No. 1 doubles when the team of Scott Biddle and Tim Biddle edged Dave Miller and Kurt Swartzlander 7-6, 6-4.

The Little Giants tandem of Jon Ickes and Chris Shirvis capped their team's victory with a 7-6, 6-1 triumph over Clyde's Gary Rini and Paul Hohenstein.



(N-M photos by Bill Kennedy)

ABOVE, MATT COLLINS, Ross' No. 1 singles player, concentrates on his forehand as Mark Messecar, left, the singles ace for Clyde,

stretches to return a Collins volley during action Friday at Rodger Young Park. Collins defeated Messecar 6-1, 6-1.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

THE ROSS TENNIS TEAM. Front row (sitting on ground), from left to right: Brett Bunting, Chris Robinette and Chris Shirvis. Second row, from l-r: Matt Miller (kneeling), Matt Collins, Dave Miller, Rob Lopez and Ross Paulson. Back

row (standing), from l-r: Coach Pete Michaels, Kurt Swartzlander, Rob Ritchart, Jay Schaaf, Joe Capucini, Mike Franks, Jon Ickes and Rob Shurmer.

## Michaels holding back judgement on 'young bunch' of Ross netters

Pete Michaels has watched his Ross High School boys tennis team perform once under pressure this season but that was not enough to let him make any judgements.

"I wish I had a little more time on the courts," he said shortly after the early April wintry setting took over northwest Ohio. "I could tell more about them.

"I do have a young bunch although I do have four returning lettermen."

Matt Collins, second in the Buckeye Conference last season and holder of a 21-6 record in the 1981 season, is Michaels' leading returnee. He will be operating for the third consecutive season from the number one singles slot.

At the second court singles spot, letterman Ross Paulson

will be stroking. He lettered in the first doubles last season.

"From this point on," Michaels explained, "I have two other lettermen but they are not working into the lineup yet."

The two are Bob Ritchart, a recent returnee from Toledo, and Bob Lopez who was on the second doubles in '81. Ritchart played in the sectionals in a singles slot for Michaels last season before moving to Toledo shortly after the season ended.

The two could move into the lineup but Michaels admitted that they are having trouble cracking into the Little Giants' traveling squad.

The number three singles player is junior Brett Bunting. This is his first year out for tennis.

In the first doubles, the Ross coach has teamed senior Dave

Miller and sophomore Kurt Swartzlander.

"I was using Lopez with Miller," Michaels said, "but he (Lopez) has not started to jell so I put in the sophomore."

In the second court doubles, Jon Ickes and Chris Shirvis, both sophomores, have the early season nod from the Ross coach.

Other members of the Little Giants' traveling squad include sophomores Rob Shurmer and Jay Schaff plus junior Matt Miller. Michaels does have three others on the team but the trio of Mike Franks, Chris Robinette and Joe Capucini are young and inexperienced according to the Ross coach.

The Little Giants are not scheduled to play again until traveling to Marion Harding April 20.

# ***Ross tops Port Clinton***

PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross swept the singles matches while defeating Port Clinton 4-1 in a boys high school tennis match Monday.

Matt Collins, Ross Paulson and Brett Bunting won two-set decisions for the Little Giants.

Collins knocked off Kevin Keefer 6-2 and 6-1 in the first court while Paulson had a tough time before stopping Kip Bidwell 7-5 and 6-4 in the second court match. Bunting got past Joe Crisologo in the first set 7-5 before rolling easily to a 6-0 second set victory.

Port Clinton's match point was in the first doubles contest. Eric Sandenburg and Jay Graffin defeated Ross's duo of Dave Miller and Bob Lopez 5-7, 6-3 and 6-4.

In the second doubles, John Ickes and Chris Shirvis of the Little Giants lost one game in defeating P.J. Colston and Scott Spehar 6-1, 6-0.

Ross will host Findlay at 4 p.m., Wednesday at Rodger Young Park.

## ***Little Giant netters lose***

**MARION —** The Marion Harding tennis team defeated the Ross Little Giants 3-2 here Friday afternoon.

It was only the second match of the season for Ross while it was the eighth for the Presidents. Ross is now 1-1; Marion is 7-1.

Matt Collins and the doubles team of Jon Ickes and Chris Shirvis were the lone winners for Ross. Collins easily defeated Dave Burt 6-1, 6-1 while Ickes and Shirvis beat Tom Alexander and Rich Collins 6-2, 6-3.

Ross Paulson, in No. 2 singles, lost a three-set match to Travis Parker 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 as did the Little Giant tandem of Dave Miller and Kurt Swartzlander 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 to Dave Donithen and John Ault.

Marion's Doug Brown beat Brett Bunting 6-4, 6-1 in third singles.

Ross will be at Port Clinton Monday.

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## ***Ross loses, Clyde wins***

Ross dropped a 4-1 decision to Findlay while Clyde dented the Sandusky Bay Conference win column with a 3-2 victory over Calvert in high school tennis action Wednesday.

At Rodger Young Park, the Little Giants' record slipped to 2-2 as No. 1 singles ace Matt Collins was the lone team member to win. He beat Findlay's Dale Wynkoop 6-1, 6-4.

Third singles player Brett Bunting was the closest Little Giant to victory besides Collins. Bunting took Greg Olson to the limit before losing 7-5, 5-7, 7-6. The score of the final-set tiebreaker was 5-4.

Ross is at Sandusky tonight.

# **Ross and St. Joe netters defeat foes; Huron nips Clyde**

The Ross High tennis team swept all three singles matches on its way to a 4-1 victory over Sandusky at Sandusky Thursday.

In other area tennis action yesterday, St. Joe blanked Norwalk St. Paul 5-0 and Huron nipped Clyde 3-2.

At Sandusky, Matt Collins, Ross Paulson and Brett Bunting had easy times with their singles opponents. Collins beat Dan Johnson 6-4, 6-2; Paulson stopped Kevin Ames 6-1, 6-4; and Bunting defeated Dave Wadsworth 6-1, 6-2.

The Little Giants, now 3-2, suffered their only loss of the day in No. 1 doubles where Sandusky's Brad Wimmer and Rick Waldock beat Kurt Swartzlander and Dave Miller 6-2, 6-2.

In second doubles, Ross' Jon Ickes and Chris Shirvis edged Tim Putman and Mike Buller 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Ross will be at the Marion Invitational Saturday. Only Collins in singles and Shirvis and Bunting in doubles will be competing.



# Matt Collins captures Marion net title

MARION — Matt Collins played his best tennis in three years Saturday, and, according to Coach Pete Michaels, he had to.

Collins, Ross High School's first court singles player, was seeded first in the

Marion Harding Invitational Tennis Tournament. The tournament went according to script with Collins meeting second seeded Kai Niemi of Westerville North, via Finland, in the finals.

Niemi is the second ranked junior player in Finland and up till Saturday, had not lost in the United States. Collins turned the trick, winning a first set tie-breaker 5-3 for a 7-6 set win and then outlasting the Finish player in two

more hard fought sets.

In a match that took three hours and 15 minutes to complete, Collins, after the tension filled first set, lost his concentration and a love-set to Niemi to set up the third set.

There was not a service break until Collins broke Niemi in the 10th game of the third set. That was enough to give the revived Ross senior momentum for a 6-4 win and the title.

"It was the finest that

I have seen Matt play in the three years that I have had him," Michaels said, "and he needed it."

Collins had forged into the finals by defeating Bob Beachler of Tiffin Clumbian 6-3, 6-1 in the quarterfinals and topping Bill Wynkoop of Findlay 7-6 (5-3 in the tie-breaker) and 6-3 in the semifinals. Then came the match with Niemi.

Ross's doubles team of John Ickes and Chris Shirvis did not see much action, losing in the first round 10-7 in a pro set to Steve Pitts and Mike Shade of River Valley.

Ross will be at Bellevue Tuesday.



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# Ross, Streak netters lose

The Ross and St. Joe tennis teams both fell on hard times Tuesday. Ross was beaten 4-1 by Bellevue and St. Joe was hammered 5-0 by Perkins.

At Bellevue, the Little Giants made it close in each match, but the final score indicated otherwise.

The Giants lost three three-set matches and another 7-5, 7-6. Matt Collins, Ross' No. 1 singles ace, gave his team its only points with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Phil Beiler.

Ross is now 3-3; Bellevue 7-4.

Ross hosts Marion today.

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## *Tennis*

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At Perkins, the Pirates had little trouble in disposing of the Streaks. Only one match went to three sets — No. 1 doubles — and first singles player Dan Leite gave Perkins' Doug Linden a tough time before falling 6-4, 7-5.

St. Joe drops to 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Perkins is 9-3, 7-2.

The Streaks host Huron today.

## *Area netters fall*

Ross, St. Joe and Clyde were victims on their respective home courts in high school tennis action Wednesday afternoon.

The Little Giants fell 4-1 to Marion Harding, St. Joe lost by the same score to Huron and Clyde was nipped 3-2 by Port Clinton.

At Rodger Young, Matt Collins was the only Ross netter to win. Collins defeated Harding's Travis Parker 6-3, 6-1.

The Little Giants, now 3-4, lost two three-set matches. Out of nine three-set matches this season, Ross has lost eight.

Harding now is 11-2. Ross hosts Sylvania Northview today.



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## ***Tennis***

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Michaux, and the No.1 doubles team of Terry and Mike Sullivan, 6-1, 6-2 winners over Tim Joyce and John McDonald.

The Streaks are now 5-7 overall and 4-7 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. They will be at the Clyde Invitational Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. with Lake, Vermilion and the host Fliers.

St. Mary's is 6-4, 4-3.

### **SYL. NORTHVIEW 3, ROSS 2**

Matt Collins kept his unbeaten record for 1982 intact, but the Little Giants still went down to defeat for the fifth time in eight matches this season.

Collins, now 11-0, defeated Charles Ide 6-1, 6-4 in No. 1 singles and the Ross No. 2 doubles team of Jon Ickes and Chris Shirvis beat Eric Hilfinger and Gus Mancy 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 to give the Giants their points.

Ross will be at the eight-team Ashland Tournament Saturday.

Sylvania Northview is 11-2.

# Streaks win at Clyde, Ross 2nd in Ashland

The St. Joe Streaks took first singles and both doubles to win the first Clyde Invitational while Ross won both doubles and suffered an upset in No. 1 singles to finish second at the Ashland Invitational in area high school tennis action Saturday.

At Clyde, St. Joe tallied 19 points to finish ahead of runnerup Lake (15), third-place Vermilion (7) and host Clyde (4).

Dan Leite got the Streaks off on the right foot with his championship in No. 1 singles. Leite beat Vermilion's Hank Chamberlain 6-4, 6-1 in the semifinals and Lake's Rob Hetrick 6-2, 6-3 in the finals.

Mike and Terry Sullivan began a sweep of the doubles competition for St. Joe with a 7-6, 6-4 semifinal win over Scott and Tim Biddle of Clyde and then a 6-3, 6-3 finals victory over Norm Wamer and Brian Nusbaum of Lake.

Jeff Decker and Matt Freeh completed the Streak doubles sweep by edging Lake's Ron Studman and Chip Gilts 7-5, 6-3 in the semis and by beating Clyde's Gary Rini and Paul Hohenstein 6-1, 7-6 in the finals.

St. Joe's Brian Tiell took second place in No. 2 singles. Tiell beat Clyde's Jerry Garcia 7-6, 6-0 in the semis but fell 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 to Lake's Terry Welch in the finals.

At Ashland, the host Arrows won their own tournament, nipping co-

runnersup Ross and Perkins by one point each, 9-8.

Ross Coach Pete Michaels was surprised on two accounts Saturday. His ace player, previously undefeated Matt Collins, was beaten 6-2, 6-4 in the finals by Perkins' Doug Linden, and both of his doubles teams brought home unexpected first-place awards.

Collins suffered his first loss of the year after blowing past Malabar's Rob Neuman 6-1, 6-1 and Ashland's Bill Seder 6-2, 6-1 to get to the finals. Linden, a member of the Class AA 1981 state doubles championship team, stopped the blonde right-hander.

In doubles, Michaels mixed things up a bit and found a winning combination in Ross Paulson-John Ickes and in Dave Miller-Chris Shirvis.

Paulson and Ickes beat Sandusky's Brad Winans and Rick Waldock 6-1, 7-5 in the quarterfinals, Ashland's Jerry Biederman and Jim Park 7-6, 6-3 in the semifinals and Perkins' Pete Keleher and Tom Hayes 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in the finals.

Miller and Shirvis stopped Ashland's Chad McGinnis and Venkatesh Krishnamurthi 6-4, 6-1, in the quarters, Malabar's Dave Venian and Dan Berger 6-3, 6-0 in the semis and Marion Harding's Tom Alexander and Rich Collins 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 for the title.

Ross hosts Port Clinton today.

# Little Giants trip Redskins

Ross used its new doubles make-up to slip past Port Clinton 3-2 in high school tennis Monday.

The Little Giants, 4-5, had a revamped lineup when the team finished second in the Ashland Invitational Saturday and Coach Pete Michaels stood pat on the lineup for the Redskins match at Rodger Young Park.

Taking one of three singles matches, the Little Giants swept both doubles. Ross Paulson, formerly the number two singles player, teamed up with John Ickes to top Port Clinton's Kip Bidwell and Joe Crisologo in

straight 6-4 sets in the first court doubles.

At number two doubles, Michaels used Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis to defeat the Redskins' Todd Heslet and P.J. Colston 6-1 and 6-2.

Matt Collins defeated Kevin Keefer of Port Clinton 6-2 and 6-0 for Ross's singles point.

Eric Sandernburg and Scott Spehar of Port Clinton won the second and third court, respectively, singles matches.

Ross will be at Findlay today before hosting Sandusky Wednesday.

# Findlay netters stop Giants

FINDLAY — Matt Collins won easily, but his teammates dropped their matches as Ross fell 4-1 to Findlay in high school tennis action Tuesday.

Collins, in No. 1 singles, hammered Dale Wynkoop 6-2, 6-1. But Findlay's No. 2 and No. 3 singles players, Brad Baker and Greg Olson, returned the favors to Bob Lopez (6-0, 6-3) and

Kurt Swartzlander (6-0, 6-0), respectively.

It was somewhat closer in doubles. Findlay's Brad Weaver and D.P. Baker edged Ross Paulson and Jon Ickes 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 and the Trojans' Dave Saunders and Richie Weldy beat Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis 7-6, 6-4.

Findlay upped its record to 12-4 with the win while Ross dropped to 4-6.

# Ross' Miller-Shirvis duo win BC title

SANDUSKY — The No. 2 doubles tandem of Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis led the Ross High tennis team to a fourth-place finish in the 1982 Buckeye Conference championships held here Saturday.

Miller and Shirvis, the second-seeded duo, won the No. 2 doubles title by

## Bucks take golf crown

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Chris Perry and Clark Burroughs helped Ohio State to its sixth Big Ten golf championship in seven years, easily unseating defending champion Purdue by 17

hammering Marion Harding's Tom Alexander and Dave Donithen 6-3, 6-1 in the finals. They defeated Sandusky's Mike Buehler and Tim Putnam 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 in the semifinals.

"Miller and Shirvis both played outstanding tennis," said Ross Coach Pete Michaels. "They really did a fine job."

Lorain Admiral King scored 86 points to win the overall team crown. Findlay was runnerup with 60 points followed by Lorain Senior with 74 points, Ross with 62, Elyria with 42, Harding with 38 and Sandusky with 28.

Ross' No. 1 singles player Matt Collins suffered only his second setback of the season when he dropped a 7-5, 7-6 decision to Admiral King's Jim Gray in the finals. Collins, a senior, was top-seeded while Gray, a sophomore, was undefeated and second-seeded.

"Gray is a tremendous player," said Michaels. "It was just one of those things. Matt lost the tiebreaker in the second set 5-4. I think if he could have won that tiebreaker, he would have won the match because Gray was really tiring."

The Little Giant No. 1

doubles team of Ross Paulson and Jon Ickes scored the only other points for the local team when they beat Harding's Collins and John Ault 10-6 in the consolation semifinals.

They had fallen 6-2, 6-3 to Findlay's D.P. Baker and Brad Weaver in the first round and then dropped a 10-6 match to Sandusky's Rick Waldock and Brad Wimmer in the consolation finals.

Ross' Bob Lopez and Kurt Swartzlander both lost their first round and consolation matches in second and third singles, respectively.

Ross hosts Sylvania Southview today.

## ***Little Giants netters lose***

Matt Collins scored Ross's only match point in a 4-1 high school tennis loss to Sylvania Southview at Rodger Young Park.

Collins defeated Andy Keller in three sets, 6-0, 2-6, and 6-2.

In the other singles, Rick Greenburg and Jim Jones of Southview defeated Ross's Bob Lopez and Kurt Swartzlander, respectively, all in love sets.

Bobby Weisberg and Eugene Pinkus of Southview stopped the Ross combo of Ross Paulson and John Ickes 6-4 and 7-5 in the first court doubles. In the second court, Ross's Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis lost to Mike Abrahamson and Steve Schwartz 6-1, 3-6 and 6-2.

Southview is 15-3 while Ross, which will host Bellevue at RYP at 4 p.m. today, slipped to 5-7.