



THE ROSS TENNIS TEAM. Kneeling, left to right: Tom Polk, Robert Ritchart, Larry Rodriguez,

Bob Lopez; standing: Brian Beck, Ross Paulson, Pete Michaels, head coach, Matt Collins, Kevin Adams.

Sectional tennis begins today

Sectional tennis began today at Toledo and Sandusky for Fremont Ross and St. Joe, respectively.

Matt Collins of Ross is seeded number one in the "north" sectional at Toledo Start High School. He faced James Norwood of Scott in his first match today.

Tom Polk will play Jeff Kale of Whitmer and Kevin Adams takes on John Willard of Clay in the other singles matches involving Ross players.

Ross Paulson and Brian Beck, seeded third, of Ross played Bill Thone and Paul Gunther of Clay in the second round. The Ross team had a bye in the first round.

Bob Lopez and Bob Ritchart of Ross played Phil Steigroot and Miles Shearer of Whitmer in the first round of doubles play.

At Sandusky, St. Joe's Mike Reardon and Dan Leite, seeded third in the doubles, drew a bye in the first round. Mike and Terry Sullivan played Bill Fleming and Chris Duhamel of Port Clinton in the first round.

Brian Tiell of St. Joe went against Newton Marshall of Huron in one singles match for St. Joe and went up against Jerry Garcia of Clyde in the other singles.

Sectional play began at 9 a.m. this morning.

Sectional tennis

Ross, St. Joe players reach today's semis

Ross will send its top seeded singles players and a doubles team while St. Joe will have a doubles team playing in sectional tournament semifinals play today.

The Little Giants, playing in the Class AAA at Start High School in Toledo, will send Matt Collins into the semis against Charles Ide of Northview at 9 a.m. Collins, the top seeded player in the sectional, polished off three opponents in Saturday's rounds, losing only two games in six sets.

"Matt played almost flawlessly," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said, "but so did the doubles team."

Collins defeated James Norwood of Scott 6-0 and 6-0 in the first round and then took care of Dale Yarnboon of Woodward by the same scores in the second round. In the third round, the Ross junior defeated Mike Abrahamson of Southview 6-2 and 6-0.

Brian Beck and Ross Paulson, third seeded in the doubles division, had a first round bye before defeating two opposing teams Friday.

In the second round, Beck and Paulson defeated Bill Thone and Paul Gunther of Clay 6-1 and 6-4 and made it to today's semis with a 6-0 and 6-2 win over Bill Jacobs and Scott Hall of Northview.

Today, Beck and Paulson play second seeded Thad Long and Steve Oddo of Bowling Green. The Little Giants duo must win at least one of two matches today to advance to the district tournament next week. Only the top three teams advance.

Collins is already assured a spot in district play because the top four singles players advance from the sectional.

In the Sandusky A-AA sectional, the St. Joe doubles team of Mike Reardon

and Dan Leite will go up against an undetermined opponent today. Seeded third, the Reardon-Leite duo won two matches Friday.

In the second round, after receiving a first round bye, Reardon and Leite downed Mike Kaminski and Kraig Haplea 6-3 and 6-1. The St. Joe team knocked off Doug Stewart and Carl Hinkley of Norwalk 7-6 and 6-1 in the third round to reach the semifinals today.

The St. Joe team will advance to the district tournament next week at Bowling Green State University.

Ross players not advancing to today's play were Kevin Adams and Tom Polk, both singles players, and the double team of Bob Lopez and Bob Ritchart. Adams lost to John Willard of Clay 6-4 and 6-1 and Polk was defeated by Jeff Kale of Whitmer 6-4 and 6-2 in first round matches.

The Lopez-Ritchart team lost to Phil Steigroot and Mike Shearer of Whitmer 6-1, 6-1, also in the first round.

St. Joe had only two singles players in the tourney and both were ousted in the first round. John Brennen of St. Joe was defeated by Jerry Garcia of Clyde 6-4, 0-6 and 6-3 while Brian Tiell was defeated by Newton Marshall of Huron 6-2 and 6-1.

In doubles play, Terry and Mike Sullivan of the Crimson Streaks, defeated Bill Fleming and Chris Duhamel of Port Clinton 6-1 and 6-2 in the first round and won their second round match from Dan Guendelsberger and Jeff Singler of St. Mary's 6-3 and 6-3 before losing in the third round. Top seeded Ben Raschke and Doug Linden of Perkins defeated the St. Joe team in the third round 6-1 and 6-0.

Collins, doubles advance

TOLEDO — Matt Collins of Fremont Ross finished second in the Class AAA Sectional Tennis Tournament at Start High School.

The Little Giants doubles team of Brian Beck and Ross Paulson took third. Both the doubles team and Collins qualified for the district tournament this Saturday, also at Start High school's Bowman Park.

Collins defeated Charles Ide of Northview 6-4 and 6-1 in the semifinals but lost to Gary Archambeau of Woodward 6-3 and 6-4 in the finals.

The Beck-Paulson team lost to Thad Long and Steve Oddo of Bowling Green 6-3, 1-6 and 4-6 in the semifinals but gained a district berth with a three-set win over John Mott and Greg Borer of Southview. The Ross team lost the first set 6-4 but took the next two 6-4 and 6-1.

The district tournament begins Friday at 10 a.m.