

## *Little Giant Netters Play 14 Matches*

A lengthy 14-match schedule has been tentatively arranged for the Ross high school tennis team, Coach William McConnell revealed today.

The program pits Little Giant netters in home-and-home series against Scott, Macomber and DeVilbiss of Toledo, Bluffton, Lima Central, Sandusky and Norwalk, in addition to the district meet.

Eighteen candidates reported for indoor drills, now being held in the Ross gymnasium, with the nucleus of the squad containing four returning lettermen—Dick Baron, Lloyd Bischoff, Ted Hilty and Bob Bodenlos.

Also out for the squad are Phil Slaymaker, Bill Kirsch, Harry Strauch, Fred Lafferty, Jack Druckenmiller, Ronnie Whisler, Charles Miller, Ralph Engle, Dick Stoner, Frank Kwiatkowski, Dick Walters, Don Hulka and Jack Walters.

The schedule:

April 15, Toledo Macomber.

April 18, at Lima Central.

April 22, Toledo Scott.

April 24, at Sandusky.

April 25, at Bluffton.

April 28, Toledo DeVilbiss.

April 30, at Norwalk.

May 2, at Toledo Macomber.

May 7, at Toledo DeVilbiss.

May 9, Lima Central.

May 12, Norwalk.

May 13, Sandusky.

May 20, Bluffton.

May 22, at Toledo Scott.

## ROSS NETTERS GAIN 6-2 WIN

Sweeping the five singles matches, Ross high school's tennis team registered a 6-2 victory over Toledo Macomber at Rodger W. Young park Tuesday afternoon.

Lloyd Bischoff paced the Little Giant netters with a 6-0; 6-1 triumph over Tom Szymanski in the singles and then teamed with Dick Baron for a 6-2; 6-1 victory over Bob Snoad and Ned Barnes in the doubles. It was the only win posted by the Rossmen in the tandem event.

Ted Hilty dropped Bill Grandy, 6-1; 6-3 in the top singles match while Baron polished off Barnes by identical scores and Bob Bodenlos took a 6-4; 6-3 advantage over Snoad and Fred Lafferty dumped Ken Grandy, 6-3; 6-2 in the singles.

Bill Grandy and Szymanski gave the Toledoans their first points with a 6-3; 6-4 triumph over the Bodenlos-Jack Walters combine while John Riley and Jack Leasure teamed to defeat Harry Strauch and Ralph Engle of Fremont, 6-2; 6-2, in the finale.

The Ross netters, under the tutelage of William McConnell, trek to Lima Central for a Friday match.

Meanwhile, Bill McConnell's tennis team was racking up its second successive triumph, a 4-1 job, over Central's netters.

Doubles victories by the Ted Hilty-Bob Bodenlos (6-3, 6-3 over Dean Bacon and Jim Stapleton) and Dick Baron-Lloyd Bischoff (6-3 in a single clash over Bob Tschantz and Ted Stapleton) combines iced the outcome.

Hilty copped a 6-1, 6-4 decision over Tschantz in the singles while Baron was forced three sets to down Jim Burkholder, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Bischoff bowed in a heart-breaker to Ted Stapleton, 10-12, 5-7. The latter was the longest match of the year for a Giant netter and probably one of the longest in the school's tennis history.



## HOW THEY STAND

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston .....	3	0	1.000
Chicago .....	2	0	1.000
Detroit .....	2	1	.667
New York .....	2	1	.667
St. Louis .....	1	2	.333
Philadelphia .....	1	2	.333

## ROSS NETTERS COP EASY WIN FROM TOLEDO

### Little Giants Sweep Singles, Drop One Doubles Match

Ross high school's tennis squad continued its unbeaten ways after dropping a highly-regarded Toledo Scott outfit by a 6-1 count at Rodger W. Young park Wednesday.

The match had been postponed from the previous day to enable the Toledoans 24-hours of rest following their Tuesday encounter with Macomber in which they coped a 10-2 decision to become favorites for the city title.

Only Bob Bodenlos encountered trouble in the singles where the Rossmen recorded four successive victories. Bodenlos was pressed to defeat Bob Shall, 6-3, 6-4. Ted Hilty posted a brace of 6-2 sets over Jack Vrooman while Lloyd Bischoff tallied a 6-2, 6-1 win over Jimmy Nordhoff and Dick Baron came in with a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Bill Gemmill.

In the doubles, Baron and Bischoff teamed for a 6-4, 6-3 victory and Ralph Engle and Harry Strauch registered a bitterly-contested 6-4, 5-7, 8-6 margin over Marvin Tavel and Fred Christian.

Scott's lone points came in the tandem event where Gemmill and Shall paired for a 6-2, 7-5 win over Fred Lafferty and Jack Walters.

The Sandusky match, scheduled for today, has been postponed to Tuesday, April 29, and will be run in conjunction with the track meet between the Blue Streaks and Little Giants.

Meanwhile, Les Binkley, Ross track mentor, revealed that Ashland had signed for a twilight meet to be staged at Harmon field May 6. It will be the first event of its nature here and is being staged as an experiment to promote spectator interest.

## ROSS NETTERS DEFEATED BY DEVILBISS, 8-0

### Track Meet With Blue Streaks Advanced To Wednesday

Bill McConnell's Ross high tennis team suffered their first defeat of the 1947 campaign Monday at Rodger W. Young park when a well-balanced Toledo DeVilbiss squad garnered an 8-0 triumph.

The defeat, however, was not as humiliating as the score indicates, although the Toledoans did chalk up three love-set wins. But, in most instances, game, set and match points were gained only after a bitter exchange of volleys.

Best showing of the Rossmen was in the doubles where Ted Hilty and Bob Bodenlos bowed to Bill Dickey and Don Schreffler by a 7-5, 1-6, 4-6 count. Bodenlos had previously registered the only other set victory for the Little Giants in the singles where he was beaten for the match by Bob Reidmayer, 0-6, 6-3, 2-6.

The DeVilbiss netters garnered six successive set victories in the singles prior to Bodenlos' feat in the middle set of his match.

Hilty dropped a 2-6, 1-6 count to Dickey; Lloyd Bischoff lost to Dick Schumm, 1-6, 5-7; Dick Baron was beaten 4-6, 1-6 by Larry Andrew and Jack Walters dropped a 0-6, 3-6 match to Larry Lake.

Other doubles matches saw Baron and Bischoff beaten 5-7, 0-6 by Raidmayer and Andrews while Ralph Engle and Larry Strauch were beaten 1-6, 1-6 by Hiatt Ward and Dick Ruehlin.

The Ross tracksters send their reserve team against Green Springs at Harmon Field this evening while the varsity treks to Sandusky Wednesday as that meet was moved up 24 hours.

The tennis match at Sandusky has been postponed until a later date while the match with Norwalk here has been cancelled.

## *Little Giant Tennis Squad Defeated By Toledo DeVilbiss, 6-1*

Bill McConnell's tennis squad from Ross high school journeyed to Toledo Wednesday where they took their second pasting of the campaign from DeVilbiss' highly regarded netters, 6-1. The two defeats to the Tigers are the lone blots on the Little Giants' 1947 record.

Ted Hilty started the Fremonters off on the right foot when he gained a bitterly contested 6-3, 9-7 victory over Bill Dickie in the opening singles match. But from there on in, it was all DeVilbiss as the Tigers won every match but one in straight sets.

Dick Baron opened with a 6-3 triumph over Larry Andrews but succumbed 6-3, 6-1 in the remaining sets of the match while Lloyd Bischoff dropped a 6-2, 6-3 count to Bob Reidmeyer, Bob Bodenlos lost to Hiatt Ward by an identical count and Fred Lafferty was defeated 6-2, 6-2 by Dick Ruehlin.

In the doubles, Bischoff and Baron bowed 7-5, 6-1 to Reidmeyer and Andrews while Hilty and Bodenlos went down 7-5, 6-3 before Dickie and Ward.



## ***Little Giants Take 4-2 Tennis Victory With Lima St. Rose***

**It was the singles against the doubles in the Ross-Lima St. Rose tennis match at Rodger W. Young park Thursday as the Little Giants swung back into winning stride with a 4-2 triumph.**

The Giants copped all singles matches, losing only one set en-route, while the Limans emerged on top in the two doubles events. It marked only the third time this season (both others were at the hands of Toledo DeVilbiss) that the Fremonters had been outscored in any phase of a match.

Ted Hilty opened with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Bob Evans and Dick Baron checked in with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph against Johnny Callahan. Lloyd Bischoff duplicated the scores in besting Tom Stolly but Bob Bodenlos was pressed into a third set before downing Gwiney Lautzenheiser, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

In the doubles, Baron and Bischoff dropped a bitter match to Evans and Callahan, 5-7, 7-5, 3-6 while Ronnie Whisler and Fred Lafferty were decisioned 3-6, 1-6 by Stolly and Lautzenheiser.

# ROSS NETTERS TAKE VERDICT

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**Pressed throughout in a series of bitterly contested matches, Bill McConnell's Little Giant netmen came through with another clean sweep Monday when they bested Norwalk 6-0 on the latter's courts.**

In only two of the matches did victory come easily, though, for the Fremonters. Ted Hilty opened with a 6-0, 6-3 triumph over Don Sweet, Norwalk basketball ace, and Lloyd Bischoff copped a 6-0, 6-1 decision from Bill Kemper.

'Other results in the singles saw Dick Baron carried the limit by Otto Perry before taking a 6-4, 7-5 verdict while Bob Bodenlos dropped Jim Sharpe, 6-4, 6-3.

In the doubles, the outcome was just as bitterly contested. Baron and Bischoff teamed for a pair of 6-4 wins from Bill Gatten and Perry, while Bodenlos and Fred Lafferty checked in with a 6-4, 8-6 decision over Kemper and Sharpe.

The Rossmen meet Sandusky at Rodger W. Young park this evening and entertain Lima Central Wednesday in final tuneups for the district eliminations to be held at Bowling Green State university, Friday and Saturday.

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Of local interest will be the pilgrimage of the Little Giant tennis squad to Bowling Green university where the largest field in the history of the classic will vie for positions in the state tournament to be held May 30-31 at Ohio State university.

Ted Hilty, runner-up in the singles last year, will again be seeking a state berth along with Dick Baron, Lloyd Bischoff and Bob Bodenlos. Coached by Bill McConnell, the Rossmen have triumphed in eight of 10 dual meets this season, with both defeats coming at the hands of Toledo DeVilbiss.

The Tigers, incidentally, who annexed the doubles crown in 1946 with Larry Andrews and Dick Fowler, are rated to repeat with Andrews and Bob Riedmeyer.



## Ross Netters Bow In District Tennis Tourney At BGSU

Fremont Ross failed to qualify for the state scholastic tennis championships to be held at Ohio State university May 30-31 when the Little Giant netters bowed out of the district Class A meet in the semi-final round Friday.

Competing at Bowling Green State university, the Rossmen swept through opening and quarter-final rounds in both singles and doubles before bowing in upset matches.

Ted Hilty, seeded No. 2 in the singles, dropped Bill Kemper of Norwalk, 6-1, 6-1 in the opener and was "byed" through the second round before being defeated by Jay Webb, darkhouse entrant from Ottawa Hills, 6-4, 6-2, in the semi-finals. Webb went on to cop the title by besting Bill Dickie of Toledo DeVilbiss, 6-1, 6-2 in the finale. Both are sophomores and both advance to the state meet.

Meanwhile, in the doubles, Dick Baron and Lloyd Bischoff teamed for a 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Dick Barnes and Bill Brierly of Toledo Macomber in the opening round and then blasted Bill Melick and Bob Shaffer of Ottawa Hills in straight love sets.

In the semi-finals, Bob Evans and Dick Callahan of Lima St. Rose gained a 6-0, 6-1 victory.

# ROSS NETTERS DEFEAT LIMA

One of the most evenly contested tennis matches of the current scholastic season was played Tuesday afternoon at Lima between Bill McConnell's Ross high netters and St. Rose.

The Rossmen emerged with a 4-2 victory, but only after overtimes had been played in six of the 15 sets.

Highlight of the match occurred in the doubles where Ted Hilty teamed with Dick Baron to defeat Bob Evans and John Callahan, 7-5, 6-3. The St. Rose duo qualified for the state tournament by finishing second in the annual district meet last week-end.

In the other tandem match, Lloyd Bischoff and Bob Bodenlos posted a 6-4, 9-7 triumph over Dave Sullivan and Guernsey Lautzenheiser.

The Rossmen split the singles with Hilty copping a hard-fought, 6-2, 6-8, 7-5 decision from Evans while Bodenlos coasted to a 6-0, 6-1 win over Sullivan. Baron dropped a 1-6, 8-6, 4-6 match to Callahan while Bischoff was decisioned 6-1, 6-8, 4-6 by Lautzenheiser.

# ROSS NETTERS DEFEAT SCOTT

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Dropping only two sets en-route, Bill McConnell's Ross high school netters rung the curtain down on the 1947 season Thursday with a 6-1 victory over Toledo Scott on the latter's courts.

Five of the matches resulted in lop-sided victories for the Little Giants with only Bob Bodenlos and Fred Lafferty being pressed. The former edged Mervin Herman, 7-5, 6-4, while Lafferty dropped a 6-3, 3-6, 4-6 encounter with Marvin Tavel.

Other singles pairings saw Ted Hilty romp to successive 6-1 wins over George Cherry; Dick Baron take Bill Gemmill, 6-0, 6-2, and Lloyd Bischoff drop Bob Schall by 6-1 counts.

In the doubles, Hilty and Bischoff teamed for a 6-1, 6-2 win over the Cherry-Gemmill combine while Baron and Bodenlos registered a 6-1, 6-1 margin over Herman and Schall.

It was the 10th victory in 12 outings for the Rossmen.

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## *Little Giant Netters Conquer Sanduskians To Close 1947 Season*

Continuing their winning style of play which swamped all opponents during the season with the lone exception of Toledo DeVilbiss, Ross high school's tennis team trekked to Sandusky Monday for a 5-2 victory over the Blue Streaks.

It was the last match of the season for the Little Giants who won 10 and lost two—both to DeVilbiss.

Lloyd Bischoff checked in with the easiest triumph, posting identical 6-1 wins over Jack Schaffer in the singles while teammates Ted Hilty, Dick Baron and Bob Bodenlos were also recording victories. Hilty dropped Jack Blough, 6-3, 6-0; Baron dumped Dick Brown 6-3, 6-1 and Bodenlos conquered Jim Blough in the lone overtime match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Lone Sandusky win in the singles came when Kenneth Tone edged Fred Lafferty 6-2, 6-4. In an exhibition match, Ronnie Whistler of Ross was beaten 3-6, 6-2, 1-6 by Ed Price of the Streaks.

The doubles matches were split with Baron and Hilty teaming for a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Jack Blough and Jim Thomas while Bill Kirsch and Phil Slaymaker dropped a 2-6, 1-6 count to Jim Blough and Jack Schaffer.

Tennis letters were presented by Coach Bill McConnell to Fred Lafferty, Bob Bodenlos, Ted Hilty, Dick Baron and Lloyd Bischoff. Hilty, a senior, was named to the honorary captaincy of the squad which won 10 of 12 dual matches during the past campaign.

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