

2023 Northern Lakes League



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The Lady Giant Tennis Team is taking part at the 2023 Northern Lakes League Tournament at the Perrysburg Tennis Center

In first round action Tuesday the Giants had the following results:

In 1st Singles Kayla Lewis drew a bye in the first round.

Then the junior lost to Butler (Napoleon) 6-2 5-7 1-6.

Kayla then came back strong to defeat def Kim (Southview) 6-0 6-4

With those results, Kayla will face Galyas (Clay) for 3rd place.

In 2nd Singles action Mariska Rakay defeated Arledge (Southview) 6-1 1-6 6-0) in a see saw match.

Rakay then lost to Fortier (Clay) 4-6 2-6 and followed that up with a loss to Schad (Springfield) 2-6

2-6. Rakay will compete for 5th place.

3S Elayna Gray def Evans (Springfield) 6-1 6-3 then defeated Stechschulte (Southview) 7-6 (7-1) 4-6

6-3. Gray (pictured below) will play Mathey (BG) for an NLL Championship.

The First Doubles Duo of Becca Jensen (pictured below) and Shelby Steinberger (pictured below)

drew a bye in the 1st round. In second round play they defeated Kinn/Mentzer (Clay) 6-0 3-6 6-3.

With that win the pair was propelled into the Championship match and will face Brujic/Cromwell (BG)

2D Jessica Thompson/Emilee Whitcomb had a 1st round bye then lost to Donofrio/Garcia (Clay) 1-6

0-6. They took a second loss to Joshi/Viamaja (Southview) 6-7(6-8) 6-3 4-6. They will play for 5th

place.

Coach Lisa Wolfe was proud of all the girls but pointed to freshmen Alayna Gray in her comments.

"Elayna Gray was on fire today," Wolfe said. "After winning her first round, she then faced Brooke from Southview who previously in our dual match beat Elayna 6-0 6-1 and she turned around today beating her in 3 sets. She was focused and determined today. It's impressive from a freshman. She was seeded 4th and now playing for a championship. You don't see that very often."

Final round matches are scheduled for 12:30 today back at Perrysburg Tennis Center. Good luck to all the Lady Giants.



Ross 3rd at NLL Tennis Tournament.

The Girls Tennis Team came in third at the Northern Lake League Tennis Tournament contested over the last two days.

Starting with #3 Singles. Freshman Alayna Gray had a great first NLL tournament with a runner up finish. Tuesday, she beat the top seed in the bracket and ended the tournament with a runner up finish after falling to the Bowling Green opponent. "Elayna played with the same intensity today as yesterday," coach Lisa Wolfe said. "But for today, the Bowling Green opponent was better. Elayna's a freshman that truly has a desire to win. I love her fire on the court."

In #1 doubles, senior Becca Jensen and Shelby Steinberger finished in second place. "Another highlight for us was the play of these two girls," Wolfe said. "Shelby's a freshman and she gained valuable court knowledge from a senior partner (Becca)."

Kayla Lewis, at #1 singles, probably had one of the most highly contested matches Tuesday. She and her opponent from Oregon Clay played for three hours. Kayla lost her chance for third place with a 3-6 6-2 5-7 marathon match defeat. "She (Lewis) played some fantastic tennis and kept her composure when she lost a point." Wolfe said. "Many games had multiple deuces. "If had to guess it had to be at least 20. Kayla was fighting to win."

"My personal goal was to come in 2nd in this new league," Wolfe continued. "The possibility was there. We were 4-1 in dual matches, BG being our only loss. We ran into Clay on 4 brackets and #1 doubles is the only one that beat them, even though we beat them in a dual match. That gave them the edge to come in 2nd."

(The graphic below is a combination of the tournament and 2 points for each dual match won.)



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NORTHERN LAKES LEAGUE



KAYLA LEWIS
First Team



BECCA JENSEN
First Team



ELAYNA GRAY
Second Team