

# Giants Lose Tennis Opener To DeVilbiss

Ross high school's veteran tennis team was handed a 6-1 licking by Toledo DeVilbiss in the season's opener Thursday afternoon at Toledo.

The Toledoans, best team in the area last spring, swept all but the final match, when Ralph Engle, senior, and little Dick Garcia, freshman, teamed up in their doubles encounter for a 6-1, 6-0 verdict.

Despite their defeat, Coach W. J. McConnell's boys flashed promise. Ronnie Whisler lost two grueling sets to Ron Harris, 13-11 and 7-5, while Phil Slaymaker took Carl Gerwen three sets before bowing.

## Mansfield Next

The Giants' next tennis foe is Mansfield, which will appear here April 24, Monday.

## Summary:

### Singles

Walt Milbourne, DeVilbiss, defeated Ralph Engle, Ross, 6-3, 6-4.

Don Blair, DeVilbiss, defeated Bud Anderson, Ross, 6-3, 6-0.

Carl Gerwen, DeVilbiss, defeated Phil Slaymaker, Ross, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

Ron Harris, DeVilbiss, defeated Ronnie Whisler, Ross, 13-11, 7-5.

Bill Leake, DeVilbiss, defeated Dick Walter, Ross, 6-2, 6-1.

### Doubles

Walt Milbourne and Don Blair, DeVilbiss, defeated Bud Anderson and Phil Slaymaker, Ross, 6-0, 6-0.

Ralph Engle and Dick Garcia, Ross, defeated Larry Resnick and John Ruehlin, DeVilbiss, 6-1, 6-0.

# Netters Down Scott, 5 To 0; First Triumph

Ross high school's veteran tennis squad encountered little opposition from Toledo Scott yesterday in Toledo. The Giants blasted the Bulldogs 5-0.

Ronnie Whisler copped his sets with Bill Seiple without losing a game. No match went more than the minimum two sets.

Coach W. J. McConnell's team has not broken even in two matches. DeVilbiss of Toledo inflicted a 5-1 loss at Toledo last week. The local netmen are slated to oppose Sandusky here this afternoon, but repair work at the Rodger W. Young court may cause postponement.

## Summary:

### Singles

Ralph Engle (R) defeated Dallas Atlee, 6-2, 6-3.

Phil Slaymaker (R) defeated David Millstein, 7-5, 6-0.

Ronnie Whisler (R) defeated Bill Seiple, 6-0, 6-0.

### Doubles

Whisler and Slaymaker (R) defeated Millstein and Dave Tom, 6-4, 6-3.

Bill Kirsch and Richard Walter (R) defeated Beryl Harris and Gary Barens, 6-2, 6-3.

# NETMEN BLAST MACOMBER, 5-0

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Ross high school's tennis squad recorded its second straight shut-out victory yesterday against Macomber high in Toledo, 5-0.

Ralph Engle and Ronnie Whisler won in straight sets without dropping a single game. It was Whisler's fourth set victory without the loss of a game. Phil Slaymaker also had an easy time in the singles, winning 6-3, 6-2.

Ross has lost only to DeVilbiss in three tennis outings. Coach W. J. McConnell's boys play at Norwalk Monday.

## Summary:

### Singles

Ralph Engle (R) defeated Jerry Estestine 6-0, 6-0.

Phil Slaymaker (R) defeated Ray Williams 6-3, 6-2.

Donnie Whisler (R) defeated Dick Parton 6-0, 6-0.

### Doubles

Bud Anderson and Dick Garcia defeated Parton and Williams (6-1, 6-0).

Lonnie Price and Bill Kirsch defeated Davis and Koznear, 6-1, 6-1.

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## NETTERS WIN 3RD STRAIGHT

Ross high school's tennis team won its third match of the season yesterday at Norwalk, 3-2.

The Giants sewed up the match in the singles, then dropped the doubles. The last match, involving Richard Walter and Dick Garcia of Ross and Jack Wetzel and Jim McDonald of Norwalk, was a thriller all the way, each of the sets going into overtime. After Norwalk won the first set 9-7, the Ross duo snatched the second by the same score, then lost to the Truckers in the third, 11-9.

Ralph Engle, the No. 1 Ross singles man, breezed home in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1. Ronnie Whisler also was an easy winner, 6-1, 6-1, and Bud Anderson disposed of Jack Wetzel 6-1 in the second set after taking the first 6-4.

Ross opened its season by losing to DeVilbiss, 5-1, then whipped Toledo Scott 5-0 and Macomber 5-0 before last night's encounter.

Summary:

Singles

Ralph Engle (Ross) defeated Neal McAllister 6-0, 6-1.

Bud Anderson (Ross) defeated Jack Wetzel, 6-4, 6-1.

Ronnie Whisler (Ross) defeated Frank Hicks, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

McAllister and Hicks (Norwalk) defeated Slaymaker and Whisler, 6-3, 6-1.

Wetzel and Jim McDonald (Norwalk) defeated Richard Walter and Dick Garcia, 9-7, 7-9, 11-9.

## Giants Romp Over Central

Ross high school's tennis team won its fourth straight match last night at Lima Central, 6-1.

Coach Bill McConnell's squad blasted its way to victory in short order, winning the first three singles matches. After Phil Slaymaker was whipped in three sets, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, the Giants sewed up the match when Bill Kirsch tripped Phil Beach of Lima, 6-3, 6-1.

The netmen now own triumphs over Toledo Scott, Toledo DeVilbiss, Norwalk and Central. The lone loss came in the opener to Toledo DeVilbiss, 5-1.

Engle Rallies

Ralph Engle, the Ross No. 1 singles player, was given a 6-1 lacing by Dave Jennings in the first set, but the local boy rallied to win the next two sets with ease, both by 6-2 scores. Bud Anderson won his match over Kay Swisher 6-3 in the second set after being extended 7-5 in the first.

The next match is at Mansfield Monday.

Summary:

Singles

Ralph Engle (Ross) defeated Dave Jennings 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Bud Anderson (Ross) defeated Kay Swisher 7-5, 6-3.

Ronnie Whisler (Ross) defeated Carl Aspinall 6-2, 6-2.

Mickey Rogers (Lima) defeated Phil Slaymaker, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

Bill Kirsch (Ross) defeated Phil Beach 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

Anderson and Whisler (Ross) defeated Marty Beach and Bill Bradley, 6-2, 6-0.

Engle and Slaymaker (Ross) defeated Swisher and Jennings, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

# Tygers Defeat Ross In Tennis

Ross high school's tennis team lost to Mansfield yesterday on the Tygers' courts, 5-2. The loss snapped a four-match winning streak for Coach W. J. McConnell's squad, and was the second of the season in six starts.

Phil Slaymaker won a singles match and Ralph Engle and little Dick Garcia teamed for a doubles victory to give the Giants their only victories.

Ronnie Whisler, one point away from wrapping up the first set 6-2, lost to Fritz Haring of Mansfield in straight sets, 7-5 and 6-0, losing 11 games in a row.

## Mansfield Pair Impressive

The No. 1 and No. 2 men on the Mansfield squad, Bill Beale and Harold Schaus, put on an impressive performance, winning their singles matches and teaming in the doubles. After the contest, McConnell predicted that the Tyger pair would win the district doubles.

## Summary:

### Singles

Bill Meale (M) defeated Ralph Engle, 6-2, 6-0.

Harold Schaus (M) defeated Bud Anderson, 6-2, 6-1.

Fritz Haring (M) defeated Ronnie Whisler, 7-5, 6-0.

Phil Slaymaker (Ross) defeated Ed Schmitt, 6-4, 6-2.

Malcolm Erich (M) defeated Bill Kirsch, 6-3, 6-0.

### Doubles

Beale and Schaus defeated Anderson and Whisler, 6-1, 6-0.

Engle and Garcia defeated Haring and Schmitt, 6-3, 9-7.



# Rossmen Top Woodward

Ross high school won its fifth tennis match in seven starts yesterday in Toledo, blanking Woodward 4-0.

Ralph Engle, Bud Anderson and Ronnie Whisler swept their singles matches with ease, and Bill Kirsch and Lonnie Price took a three-set doubles match. The other doubles match was called a draw because of darkness. Each school had won a set.

The proteges of Coach W. J. McConnell have whipped Toledo Scott Toledo Macomber, Lima Central, Norwalk and Woodward while losing to Mansfield and Toledo DeVilbiss.

The Ross netmen journey to Sandusky Monday afternoon to meet the Blue Streaks.

## Summary:

### Singles

Ralph Engle (Ross) defeated Larry Haddad 6-2, 6-0.

Bud Anderson (Ross) defeated Lynn Schwartz 6-0, 6-1.

Ronnie Whisler (Ross) defeated Ronnie Nichel 6-2, 6-1.

### Doubles

Phil Slaymaker and Dick Garcia (Ross), tied Morris Reichlin and Larry Haddad, 8-6, 4-6.

Bill Kirsch and Lonnie Price defeated Lehr Whitney and Jim Suska, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ross high school's veteran tennis squad carved its sixth victory in eight decisions last night at Sandusky. The proteges of Coach W. J. McConnell won every match for a 6-0 verdict.

The netmen are in action tonight and Wednesday before going to the district test at Bowling Green on Friday. Tonight, they play Toledo Libbey at Bowling Green, and on Wednesday meet Mansfield at Rodger W. Young park. It will be the local netters' only home start, all the other home meets being cancelled because the wire netting was removed to be replaced. The replacement wire did not arrive as scheduled.

Mansfield is one of two teams to beat the local lads this season and McConnell's boys will be out for revenge. The other loss was to Toledo DeVilbiss. Lack of a home court robbed the Giants of another crack at the Toledoans.

### Engle Wins Easily

Ralph Engle, No. 1 man, had a breeze with Angelo Giovagnoli, winning 6-1, 6-1. Bud Anderson had a tussle in the first set, 7-5, but Jack Kuldan offered no resistance in the second and the Ross boy won 6-0. Phil Slaymaker and Ronnie Whisler also had easy times.

Anderson and Whisler teamed to take one doubles match, while the other was won by Engle and Richard Walter.

## Summary:

### Singles

Ralph Engle (Ross) defeated Angelo Giovagnoli, 6-1, 6-1.

Bud Anderson (Ross) defeated Jack Kuldan, 7-5, 6-0.

Phil Slaymaker (Ross) defeated Neal Hurst, 6-4, 6-1.

Ronnie Whisler (Ross) defeated Walter Herzog, 6-2, 6-1.

### Doubles

Anderson and Whisler (Ross) defeated Giovagnoli and Hurst, 6-1, 6-2.

Engle and Richard Walter (Ross) defeated Kuldan and Dick Bailey, 6-1, 6-3.

# Giants Win 8 Of 10 Matches

Ross high school completed a highly-successful tennis season yesterday at Rodger W. Young Park by turning the tables on Mansfield's potent aggregation, 4-3. It was the only home match of the season for Coach W. J. McConnell's crew and was the eighth victory in 10 starts.

The match was razor-close all the way, with two Mansfield singles players, Harold Schaus and Fritz Haring, coming from behind to take their matches after dropping the first set.

Dick Garcia, Ross freshman, made his first singles start of the year and won over Ralph Sorenson in straight sets, the last by a 9-7 score.

The Tygers' crack doubles team shut out Ron Whisler and Bud Anderson, but Ralph Engle and Bill Kirsch formed a winning combination to sew up the affray. Engle, Phil Slaymaker and Garcia were singles victors.

## Three Boys In District

Ross will enter three boys in the district event at Bowling Green Friday morning. Engle will compete in the singles and Whisler and Anderson will be the doubles team. The district elimination is an individual rather than a team affair.

## Summary:

### Singles

Ralph Engle (Ross) defeated Bill Reale, 7-5, 6-1.

Harold Schaus (Mansfield) defeated Bud Anderson 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Fritz Haring (Mansfield) defeated Ron Whisler 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Phil Slaymaker (Ross) defeated Malcolm Erich 7-5, 6-4.

Dick Garcia (Ross) defeated Ralph Sorenson 6-2, 9-7.

### Doubles

Reale and Schaus (Mansfield) defeated Whisler and Anderson, 6-0, 6-0.

Engle and Bill Kirsch defeated Haring and Erich 8-6, 6-1.

## NETTERS HAVE BIG SEASON



Photos by Townsend

Ross high school's tennis squad chalked up eight wins in 10 outings during the regular season. One of the losses, to Mansfield, was avenged in a return match. Ralph Engle, second from the right in the above picture, won the district singles championship at Bowling Green last Friday and will compete this Friday in the state finals at Columbus. The Ross doubles team of Bud Anderson and Ronnie Whisler, went to the semi-finals before losing out in the district event. Left to right in the photo are Bud Anderson, Coach W. J. McConnell, Bill Kirsch, Dick Garcia, Phil Slaymaker, Ralph Engle and Ronnie Whisler. Absent when the picture was taken were Richard Walter, Lonnie Price and Louis Appel.