

Tennis

Ross nips Mansfield 3-2

MANSFIELD — Ross won its opening tennis match of the season Tuesday, stopping Mansfield 3-2.

The Little Giants won the first singles and both doubles matches for their match points.

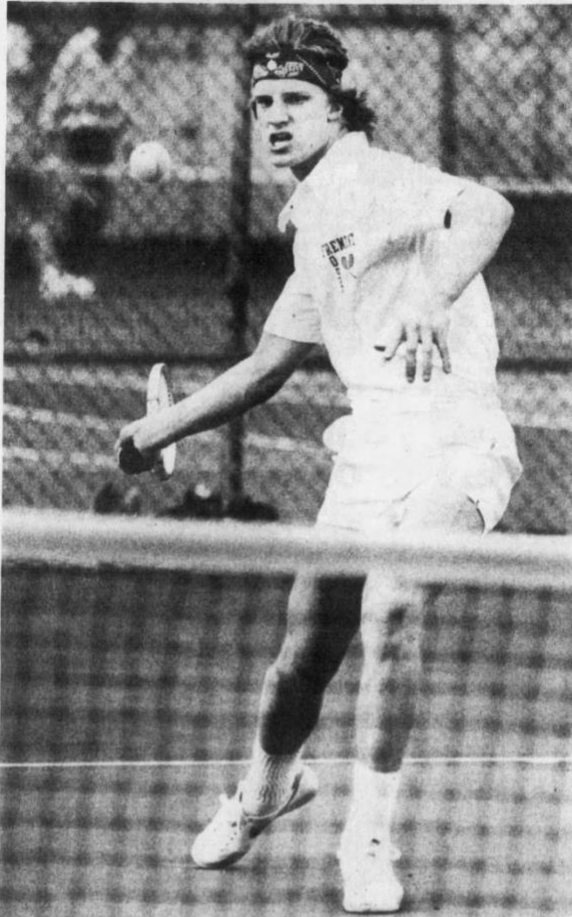
Matt Collins of Ross downed Tony Feagin 6-2 and 6-1 in the first court singles while Brian Beck of the Little Giants was turned back by Mark Brumm 6-1, 4-6 and 6-7, losing the tie-breaker 5-4.

In the third singles match, Scott Kohheiser of Mansfield defeated Dennis Eickert 6-1 and 6-4.

Kevin Adams and Ross Paulson, Ross's first doubles team, turned back Jerry Botdord and Steve Calvert in straight 6-3 sets. In the second doubles, Ross's team of Robert Lopez and Tom Polk posted 6-3 and 6-2 set wins over Mansfield's duo of Todd Grogg and Paul Smith.

"We need a lot of work," Ross Coach Pete Michaels admitted, "our game needs to improve. We have a long season but it's nice to win the first match."

Ross will host Tiffin Columbian today at Rodger Young Park. The first matches get started at 4 p.m.



MATT COLLINS, Ross's number one singles player, has not lost a set this year. Above, he gets ready to return a shot to Randy Knutson of Columbian. (N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

Ross team unbeaten; Perkins tops Clyde 4-1

The Ross tennis team made it two wins in a row Wednesday with a 4-1 triumph over visiting Tiffin Columbian.

The Little Giants swept the singles events and split the doubles competition, raising their record to 2-0.

"It was very windy and I was pleased that we played this well under those conditions," said Ross coach Pete Michaels.

Number one singles player Matt Collins defeated Randy Knutson 6-2, 6-0 for one Ross victory while Dennis Eickert and Brian Beck captured two more.

Eickert whipped Bob Beachler 6-2, 6-4 and Beck downed John Staib 6-0, 6-3.

In the doubles competition, Ross's Kevin Adams and Ross Paulson defeated Dave Brickner

and Rick Therriault 6-4, 5-7, 7-5 but Robert Lopez and Tom Polk fell to Brad Kitkowski and Mark Munoz 3-6, 4-6.

In another high school tennis match, the Perkins Pirates beat Clyde 4-1.

"We were a bit down," said Clyde coach Bob Young. "I thought we had a good chance of winning, especially after the way we played against Huron Tuesday night."

"But it just wasn't our night."

Doubles team Mark Messecar and Tim Biddle got the Fliers' only win of the night, defeating Jeff Stevens and Tom Hayes in straight 6-0 sets.

Bob Brown and Linus Bruno of Perkins beat Greg Avery and Steffin Andersch in the other doubles match, 6-1, 6-1.

Perkins won each singles match with Ben Raschke defeating Mike Barrett 6-0, 6-0; Doug Linden trimming Jerry Garcia 6-0, 6-2; and Pete Kelcher beating Todd Messecar 6-4, 6-4.

Margaretta wins 1st

SANDUSKY — The Margaretta Polar Bears notched their first win of the season with a 10-6 non-conference baseball triumph over Sandusky Wednesday afternoon.

Ted Keller paced the Margaretta attack with four hits, all singles, and three RBI. Mike Payne added two hits and two RBI and Tony Keller hit a home run in the sixth.

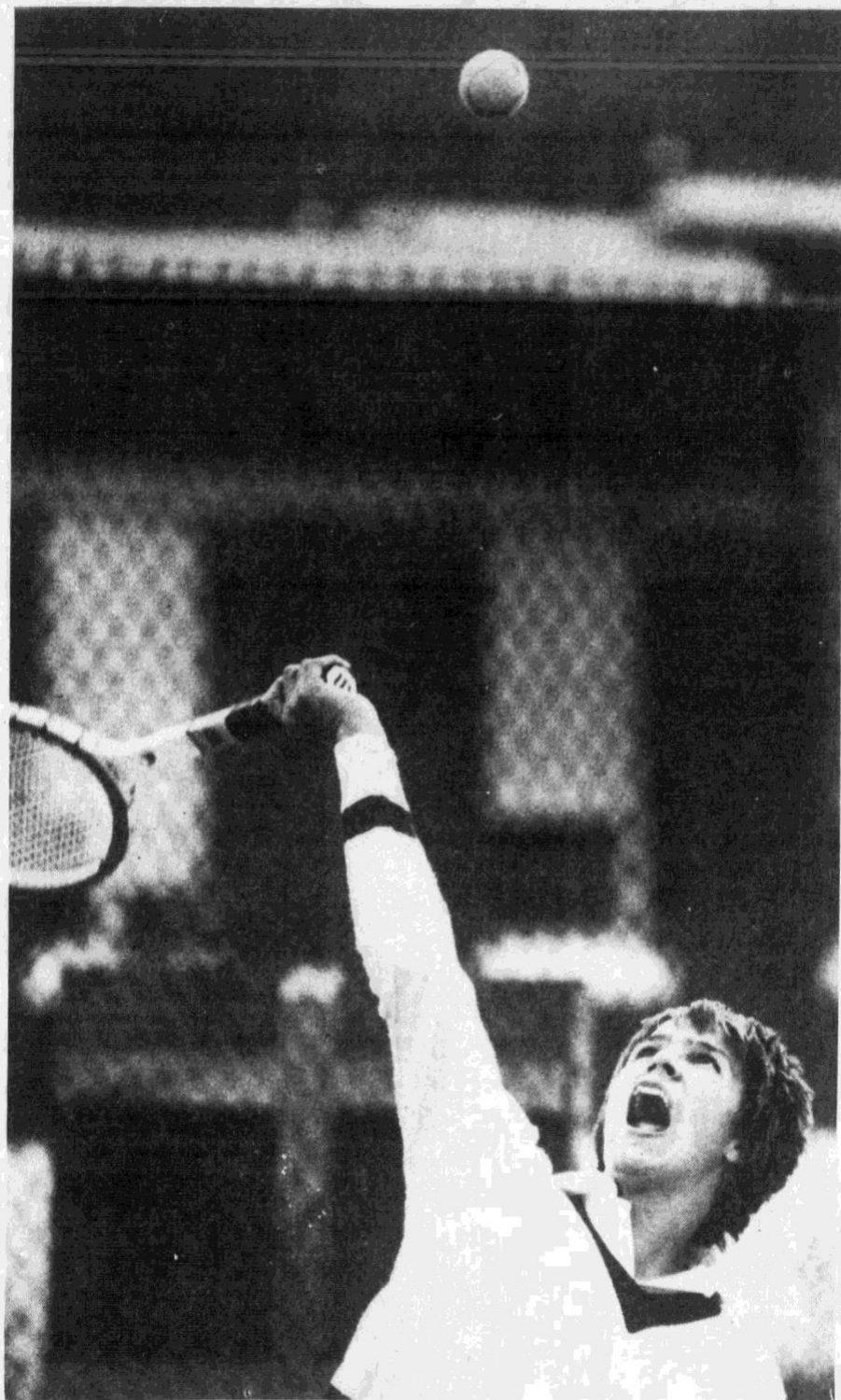
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WP: Wes Gilbert (1-0) LP: Lieberthal
Season record: Margaretta 1-2, Sandusky 0-1

Bettsville basketball tourney

Wednesday's results	Tonight's games
Tim's Place 78, Dave's Bar 72	Tiffin Sporting Goods vs. Harbor Town, 6 p.m.
Tiffin Sporting Goods 84, Burk's Trucking 72	Depot vs. Napoli's Pizza, 7:15 p.m.
Depot 73, Baker's 66	



Concentration

Ross Paulson of Ross keeps his eye on the ball and gets his expression into a serve during a Ross tennis match last week at Rodger Young Park. The Little Giants were to have hosted

Maumee Monday but rain washed out that match and other high school athletic events in Sandusky County. The slate for today is doubtful. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

Perkins shades Little Giants

Perkins won on of three singles matches and swept the doubles to hand Ross its first loss, 3-2, in three

high school tennis matches this season.

Matt Collins and Brian Beck scored Ross's only

match points in the Thursday match at Rodger Young Park. Collins, after dropping the first set 6-2 to Ben Roschke in the first court singles, was leading 3-1 in the second when Roschke had to default because of a leg injury.

Beck won the third court singles match, easily handling Jeff Swain 6-1 and 6-4.

Kevin Adams and Ross Paulson, Ross's first court doubles team, lost to the Perkins duo of Bob Brown and Linus Bruno 6-3 and 7-5.

Pete Heleher and Jeff Stevens of Perkins gave the Pirates their third match points, polishing off Robert Lopez and Tom Polk of the Little Giants in straight 6-1 sets.

Perkins is 4-1.

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gratifying at this time."

In other American League openers, Oakland downed Minnesota 5-1, Detroit walloped Toronto 6-2 and California downed Seattle 6-2.

Tigers 6, Blue Jays 2

Richie Hebner's three-run homer off reliever Mike Willis snapped a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning and powered Detroit over Toronto. Lou Whitaker led off the rally with a double off Joey McLaughlin, and Willis walked Steve Kemp

to set the table for Hebner.

Jack Morris tossed a five-hitter, walking five and striking out three.

Toronto led 1-0 and 2-1, but Detroit tied it up for the final time in the eighth on a triple by Al Cowens and Mick Kelleher's sacrifice fly.

Angels 6, Mariners 2

Brian Downing hit a grand slam homer in the first inning, and Dan Ford homered in the eighth to pace California to an easy victory over Seattle.

Tennis

Marion 4, Ross 1

Ross tennis coach Pete Michael had one thing to say after watching Marion defeat his Little Giants 4-1 Thursday afternoon:

"We have a lot of work ahead of us."

The loss evened Ross's record at 2-2, 1-1 in the Buckeye Conference.

Michaels was forced to juggle his lineup as several of his tennis players left town on spring vacation.

In fact, he had to forfeit a point in the number one doubles match as he couldn't field a team.

The only winner for Ross was number one singles player Matt Collins who defeated Dave Rees 6-0, 6-2.

In other singles results, Dennis Eickert lost to Lance Smith in straight 1-6 sets and Ross Paulson, usually a doubles player, fell to Doug Brown 6-3, 3-6, 6-7. Paulson lost a 5-3 tiebreaker in the final set.

Bob Lopez and Tom Polk lost to John Ault and Travis Parker 3-6, 4-6 in the only doubles match played.

"We just didn't play well," Michaels said, "and the fact that we had to forfeit a point didn't help either. I'm not making excuses, Marion just beat us."

Ross, St. Joe netmen beaten

Ross and St. Joe suffered losses in high school tennis Monday.

Ross lost an Ohio Tennis Coaches Tournament match 3-2 to Maumee while St. Joe dropped a Sandusky Bay Conference match to Calvert by the same score.

Ross-Maumee

"It was a very tough match," Ross Coach Pete Michaels admitted, "everyone played well."

Brian Beck, third singles, and the Ross first court doubles team of Kevin Adams and Ross Paulson picked up the Little Giants' points. Beck defeated Mike Harlow 6-2 and 6-0 while the Adams-Paulson combo stopped Rod Thompson and Todd Brogan 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

Matt Collins, first singles, lost to Maumee's Andy Smith in a pair of 6-4 sets and Ross second singles player Dennis Eickert was stopped by Vince Morin 6-3 and 6-1.

Jim Collins and Paul Lindsay, Maumee's second court doubles duo, defeated the Ross team of Bob Lopez and Tom Polk 6-2 and 6-2.

Ross, 2-3, will be at Marion today and at Findlay on Wednesday. Thursday, the Little Giants will entertain Sandusky at 4 p.m. at Rodger Young Park.

two in singles play for St. Joe, picked up the Crimson Streaks' match points. Leite defeated Lou Delgra 6-4, 6-2 and Reardon used three sets to dispose of Mike Kirschner 6-4, 4-6 and 6-2.

Calvert's Paul DeLong defeated St. Joe's third singles player, Tom Stotz, 6-2 and 6-3.

In doubles matches, Terry Sullivan and Brian Tiell of St. Joe lost to Chris Hipp and Tom Zirger 6-4 and 6-1. Len Delgra and Gary Gruss of Calvert defeated Mike Sullivan and John Brennen 6-0 and 6-1 in the second doubles.

St. Joe is 4-4 overall and 4-3 in the SBC race. Calvert is 6-3 overall.

Court makes decisions on Olympic trip refund

NEW YORK (AP) — The more than 9,000 Americans who decided before March 1, 1980, to cancel their tours to the boycotted 1980 Moscow Olympics will get back less than 85 percent of their money.

A federal judge has approved a settlement that provides initial refunds, less \$195 and attorneys' fees, of about 85 percent for Americans who canceled their trips before March 1. Those who canceled after March 1, 1980, will get initial refunds of about 63 percent, less \$195 and attorneys' fees.

The money is to be distributed from a fund set up with the court by the Russian Travel Bureau Inc. (RTB), which had exclusive rights to book the tours. RTB originally turned over \$9.1 million in tour deposits but the

realized from 963 other Americans who chose to attend the Games.

Although the Soviet Union will keep about \$7.2 million forwarded by the travel agency, that nation has agreed to set aside \$1.8 million of the amount as "credits" to the American agency over five years.

U.S. District Judge Lawrence W. Pierce, who approved the settlements, also approved payment of about \$475,000 for attorneys' fees, expenses and distribution costs.

The United States boycotted the Games after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan at the end of 1979.

Volleyball

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Little Giants suffer fourth tennis loss

Ross couldn't get going but Sandusky did while handing the Little Giants their fourth loss in six high school tennis matches Thursday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross's only point in the 4-1 loss was in the first court singles. Matt Collins lost only one game in knocking off Greg Scheid 6-1 and 6-0.

"It was just a case where we could not put together two consecutive points," Coach Pete Michaels said. "My doubles teams were just not in it; you have to coordinate your eyes, hands and feet."

Dan Johnson of Sandusky defeated Dennis Eickert 6-2 and 6-3 in the second singles while Ross's Brian Beck lost in three sets to Steve Schlict 6-2, 3-6 and 4-6 in the third court singles clash.

In doubles play, Kevin Adams and Ross Paulson of Ross lost to Dave Dibari and Kurt Schoder 2-6 and 0-6 in the first court and the Sandusky duo of Mike Buller and Rick Waldock defeated the Little Giants' pair of Bob Lopez and Tom Polk 6-3 and 7-5.

The Little Giants will be in the Marion Invitational Saturday. Matt Collins will play in the singles division with Beck and Paulson teaming up in the doubles competition.

Ross and St. Joe netmen win

Ross and St. Joe chalked up victories in high school tennis action Monday.

The Little Giants rolled past Mansfield 4-1 while the Crimson Streaks knocked off Sandusky Bay Conference foe Clyde 3-2.

Coach Pete Michaels made a switch in his lineup for the Mansfield match while looking ahead to tournament play. Brian Beck, normally the third Ross singles player, was moved into the first court doubles team with Ross Paulson and Kevin Adams was dropped into the third singles slot.

The Beck-Paulson duo rocked Jerry Botdorf and Steve Calver of the Tygers 6-1 and 6-2 in the first regular season dual test. Adams, however, had difficulty in his singles match, losing to Scott Hochheiser 6-1, 4-6 and 7-5.

Matt Collins of Ross defeated Tony Feagin 6-1 and 6-2 in the first singles and Dennis Eickert of the Little Giants defeated Mark Brumm 6-3 and 6-2 in the second doubles.

Ross's fourth point was captured by the second doubles team of Bob Lopez and Tom Polk. The duo downed Todd Grogg and

Paul Smith 6-4, 6-4.

In an exhibition match, Ross's Robert Ritchart and Larry Rodriguez defeated Jeff Croghan and Steve Dollish 7-5 and 7-6.

St. Joe raised its SBC mark to 5-4 with the win over Clyde. All three of the Streaks' points were in singles play.

Dan Leite defeated Jerry Garcia of Clyde 6-0 and 6-1 in the first singles and Mike Reardon got past Paul Hohenstein 6-0 and 6-1 in the second court. Brian Tiell defeated Todd Messecar 6-2 and 7-5 in the third singles match.

Stephen Andersch and Greg Avery, Clyde's first doubles squad, handed Jack Hoffman and Tom Stotz of St. Joe a 6-4, 5-7 and 6-1 setback. In the second doubles match, Mike and Terry Sullivan of St. Joe were defeated by Mark Messecar and Tim Biddle 6-0 and 7-5.

St. Joe 5-4 overall. The Streaks will play at Huron today.

Kuiper playing time expected to increase

TORONTO (AP) — As the Cleveland Indians venture into Toronto for their second road trip of the season, Duane Kuiper is ready to again contribute at second base.

The gritty 30-year-old, a major league regular since 1975, faced the challenge of his career beginning June

Collins is the only winner

Matt Collins was the only winner for Ross as the Little Giant tennis team dropped their seventh match of the season Wednesday, losing to Sandusky 4-1.

Collins was the only bright spot as he upped his individual record to 9-3 with a 6-0, 6-1 triumph of Greg Scheid.

The rest of the Little Giants lost.

In other singles matches, Dennis Eichert lost to Dan Johnson 3-6, 0-6 and Kevin Adams fell to Steve Schlicht 2-6, 3-6.

In doubles action, Brian Beck and Ross Paulson were defeated by Dave Dibari and Curt Schoder 2-6, 7-5, 2-6 and Bob Lopez and Tom Polk lost to Brad Wimmer and Rick Waldock 4-6, 0-6.

Ross is now 3-7 overall, 2-4 in the Buckeye conference.

Ross netters lose 6th match

Findlay handed Ross its sixth loss against three wins in high school tennis, stopping the Little Giants 4-1 at Rodger Young Park Tuesday.

Brian Beck and Ross Paulson, Ross's first court doubles team, picked up the team's only points. The duo defeated Terry Sankey and Jeff Thomas 6-2 and 6-4.

"Beck and Paulson played a great match in beating them," Coach Pete Michaels said.

Chuck Merzbacher, Findlay's first court singles player, ran his season record to 19-0 but he was pushed to three sets for the first time this season in accomplishing the win. Matt Collins of Ross was beaten in the first set 6-1 but won the second 6-4. In the final set, the Trojan netter won 6-3.

In the other singles matches, Dale Wynkoop of Findlay defeated Dennis Eichert in the second court 6-1 and 6-0 and Ross's Kevin Adams lost to Brad Baker 6-0 and 6-2.

Darryl Menerey and Brad Weaver of Findlay defeated Bob Lopez and Tom Polk 6-0 and 6-2 in the second doubles match.

Beck, Paulson win Buckeye tennis title

ELYRIA — Brian Beck and Ross Paulson won a Buckeye Conference title and Ross finished fifth in the conference meet Saturday.

Beck and Paulson, the Little Giants number one doubles team, defeated the top seeded team of John Sislow and Tom Falencki of Admiral King in the finals. The Ross duo lost the first set 3-6 but bounced back to win 6-1 and 6-4.

"They played very strong tennis," Coach Pete Michaels said.

Michaels pointed out that the twosome have been a team only since early May. "their style of play is very compatible," he said, "and I feel that putting them together gives them the best show at reaching the state tourney."

The Buckeye came first thought for the two.

Matt Collins of the Little Giants finished second in singles play, losing to unbeaten and top seeded Chuck Merzbacher of Findlay 6-3 and 6-0 in the finals. In the semifinals, Collins bumped off second seeded Greg Runser of Elyria 6-3 and 6-1.

Findlay won the title with 88 points. Elyria took second with 72, Admiral King was third at 70, Sandusky had 68 and Ross 50.

Today, Ross is at Sylvania Southview in a 4 p.m. match.

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Ross netters lose

SYLVANIA — Southview handed Ross its eighth setback in 11 tennis matches this season 3-2 Monday.

Matt Collins and the Ross doubles team of Brian Beck and Ross Paulson scored the match points for Ross.

Collins defeated Mike Spence in the first court singles match 6-2 and 7-6. Beck and Paulson, the Buckeye Conference champs, stopped the Northern Lakes League doubles champions Greg Mott and John Broer, 6-2, 6-7 and 6-4.

In the other singles matches, Kevin Adams of Ross lost to Ricky Greenberg of Southview in the second court 6-0 and 6-2. Southview's Mike Abrahamson defeated Robert Ritchart of Ross in straight 6-0 sets.

Lynne Coop and Howard Beil, second court doubles team for Southview, defeated the Ross combo of Bob Lopez and Tom Polk.

Ross netters slip past Bellevue 3-2

Ross defeated Bellevue 3-2 in a high school tennis match Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

The loss dropped Bellevue to 14-5 for the season while Ross is now 4-8.

Matt Collins and Kevin Adams in singles and the doubles combo of Brian Beck and Ross Paulson picked up the team points for the Little Giants.

Collins defeated Brad

Holzwardt in straight 6-0 sets while Admas defeated Doug Buck 6-3, 3-6 and 6-1 in the first and second doubles matches, respectively.

In the third singles, Mark Dumas of Bellevue stopped Robert Ritchart 6-1 and 6-0.

Beck and Paulson defeated the Northern Ohio League champions Eric Weibel and Dave Jarvis 6-1, 4-6 and 6-1. It was the second loss in 15 matches for the Bellevue pair.

The second doubles match went to John Sedyna and Dave Martin of Bellevue. The pair defeated Bob Lopez and Tom Polk 6-1 and 6-0.

In an exhibition match, Larry Rodriguez of Ross lost to Paul SanGregory 6-1, 7-5.

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