

1975 Fremont Girls Invitational Tournament

Bexley dominates Ross tourney

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Bexley walked away with the third Ross Girls Invitational Tennis Tournament with a perfect performance.

The Columbus based team scored 36 points, the most a team could score, while winning both singles and both doubles titles in the nine-team tourney.

"These girls are enthusiastic," Bexley coach Jim Click, who also coaches the Bexley boys in the spring, said. "They work at the game the year around in Columbus.

"All of them belong to a tennis club and are tournament players.

Click, who annually has some of the top high school boys players in Ohio, had 41 players show up for the girls squad this fall.

"Since then I have cut the squad down to 25 players divided up into three teams — varsity, a first reserve team and a second reserve team.

"The first reserve team plays Columbus City League varsity teams and the second plays the city league's reserve squads.

The varsity, these girls here, only play out-of-town teams and tournaments," Click said about his smooth operation.

Finishing second to Bexley was Sylvania 18 points. Third went to Hawkens School with 13. Host Ross, finished in a tie with Kettering Fairmont West for fifth spot with eight points.

Leading Bexley to the title was smooth stroking freshman Patti Schiff. The trim righthander did not lose a game in the tourney until the second set of the finals against Kathy Gill of Hawkens.

Schiff so dominated play that she won a "golden" set (no points lost in the entire set) from Jean Carstensen of Lima Senior in the first match of the tourney.

In the finals, Schiff defeated Gill, the fifth ranked 16 and under player in Northeast Ohio, 6-0 in the first set with some well placed passing shots and a quick moving service. Gill rallied a little in the final set but was still no match for the Bexley brunette, losing 6-2.

Leah Earl won the second singles title for Bexley by upending Amy Ralston of Sandusky 6-1 and 6-2.

The "A" doubles title went to the Bexley team of Wendy Sweney and Amy Weiffenbach. The pair breezed to the title by rolling over Sylvania's Penny McNearney and Ann Boucouras 6-1, 6-0, in the finals.

Missy Karr and Stacie Seckel formed the Bexley team that won the "B" doubles crown. The pair blitzed the Kettering Fairmont West team of Pat Schneider and Claire Furry, 6-0 and 6-0, in the finals.

"The effort and the play by the Bexley squad proved Click's final statement.

"If you're willing to work hard at something like these girls work at tennis, then you usually get pretty good at it."

Ross was not shutout from finals play. Mara Tolhurst and Debbie Dierkshiede teamed up to win the consolation finals (third place) in the "A" doubles. The Ross duo defeated Fairmont West's Jenni Klank and Luann Richwine 6-1, 6-3.

TEAM STANDINGS — Bexley 36, Sylvania 18, Hawkens 13, Ottawa Hills 9, (tie) Ross and Kettering Fairmont West 8, Sandusky 6, Lima Shawnee 4, Lima Senior 1.