



Danny Green won at No. 1 singles to help Harrison defeat Walled Lake Western last week

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Stevenson blanks Farmington.

Harrison, North win net meets

Farmington Harrison defeated Walled Lake Western, 4-3, in a Western Six League tennis meet last week. The victory lifted coach Bernie Golden's Harrison returns to 24 in the WSL and 3-2 overall.

Harrison won the top two singles matches with Danny Green downing Pat Beagle, 6-1, 8-1, in No. 1 and Bob Matz stopping Matt Graycheck, 6-0, 6-1, in No. 2.

Green and Matz have been looking tough. Golden said. "With any kind of luck, I could see them coming in one-two in the league."

Harrison lost No. 1 doubles Western's Kelly Kessler and Wayne Meigs beat Leon Baginski and Lewis Sandy in three sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. (No. 2 doubles, Harrison's Chris Bradley and Chuck Miller defeated Kurt Vogler and Steve Burt, 6-3, 6-1.)

In another recent tennis meet, North Farmington blanked Garden City East, 7-0, in the North St. Suburban League. Coach Norm Stant's Hawks' leaders are 1-1 overall.

North's David E. Jensen continues to play well at No. 1 single. Against East, he defeated Tony Berba, 6-0, 6-0. North took No. 1 doubles, where Jose Saxon and Gary Levy defeated Bill Miller and Dave Sepulveda, 6-2, 6-1.

Livonia Stevenson defeated Farmington High, 7-0, in an Inter Lakes League meet last week. The loss dropped Richard Burgess' Farmington team to 3-3 this season.

"We're coming off not playing for a year, tennis was dropped last year because of a mileage failure, but I hate to use that as an excuse," said Burgess, who took over as tennis coach at the start of this season. "We're just getting beat by better

teams. Southfield Lathrup, which blanked the Falcons earlier this season, is a strong team, and so is Stevenson. Against Stevenson, I was kind of disappointed in a couple of the matches. I thought we should have won them, but our kids beat themselves."

In No. 1 singles, Stevenson's Mike Ward beat Bert Herring, 6-1, 6-2. Doug Gembas defeated Farmington's Chuck Amos, 6-0, 6-0, in No. 4 singles.

Farmington plays next on Friday, May 6, at home against Portage Northern. Harrison and North return to action on May 10. North entertains Livonia Franklin and Harrison plays Waterford Mott at home.

N Farmington-G.C. East

Singles—Dave Epstein, North Farmington, defeated Tony Berba, 6-0, 6-0. Craig Nankervis, NFHS, defeated Steve

Orlowski, 6-4, 6-0. Stuart Pace, NFHS, defeated Tom Carver, 7-6, 6-3. Gordon Benetti, NFHS, defeated Dan Collins, 6-1, 7-5.

Doubles—Jose Saxon and Gary Levy, NFHS, defeated Bill Miller and Dave Sepulveda, 6-2, 6-1. Dave Schmitt and Randy Ames, NFHS, defeated Jeff Dorn and Joe Queen, 6-1, 6-4. Rick Karach and Greg Boncawen, NFHS, defeated Kevin Gavin and Scott Carver, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Harrison—W.L. Western

Singles—Danev Green, Farmington, defeated Pat Beagle, 6-1, 6-1. Bob Matz, H, defeated Matt Graycheck, 6-0, 6-1. Joe Merta, Walled Lake Western, defeated Jim Smith, 6-4, 6-4. Ron Roland, WLW, defeated Evan Revers, 6-3, 6-2.

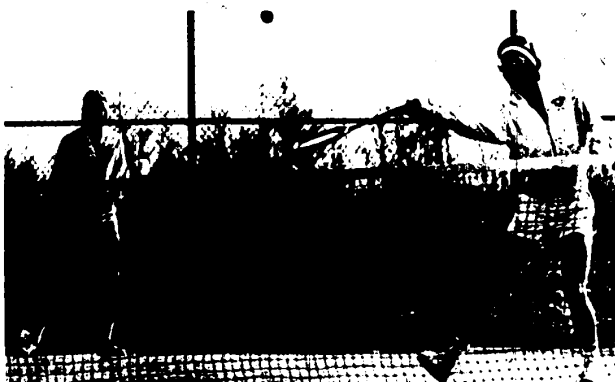
Doubles—Kelly Kessler and Wayne Meigs, WLW, defeated Leon Baginski

and Lewis Sandy, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0. Chris Bradley and Chuck Miller, H, defeated Kurt Vogler and Steve Burt, 6-3, 6-1. Rich and Wald and Glenn Warheit, H, defeated Randy Herrada and Rod Texeira, 6-0, 6-1.

Stevenson—Farmington

Singles—Mike Ward, Livonia Stevenson, defeated Bert Herring, 6-1, 6-2. Tom Glenn, LS, defeated John Carlstrom, 6-0, 6-2. Dan Horvath, LS, defeated Jeff Davis, 6-2, 6-0. Doug Gembas, LS, defeated Chuck Amos, 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles—Kevin Green and Steve Garver, LS, defeated Tom Naska and Chris Renner, 6-1, 6-1. Dave Becker and Harry Plummer, LS, defeated Dave Krell and Tom Ringwald, 6-1, 6-1. Gary Butten and Jim Kulem, LS, defeated Ivan Hord and Keith Famae, 6-2, 6-0.



Harrison's Leon Baginski (left) and Lewis Sandy make up the Hawks No. 1 doubles team. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Area amateur fencers plan for state finals

By JOHN BOZZO

Several established fencing stars from Birmingham, Farmington Hills and Southfield will be among those competing for the Michigan Division Championship of the Amateur Fencers League of America, 4 p.m. Saturday at the Troy-Hill Inn, Birmingham residents Don Castillon and Debra Bedard, Farmington Hills resident William Goering, and Southfield resident Mark Masters will all be vying for state fencing honors.

Competition will begin with the men's foil event. Women's foil, epee, and sabre will follow.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and fifty cents for children. Fencing tickets with dinner are \$9.



WILLIAM GOERING

CANTILLON is the only local fencer who is a former Olympic team member. He began the sport while a student at the University of Detroit. Castillon remembers seeing a fencing demonstration, hearing that scholarships were available, and trying the sport.

As a sophomore, he just missed making All-American status. During both his junior and senior years, he finished third in epee at the NCAA tournament and earned All-American honors.

As an ROTC graduate, he went into the Army and trained in a special sports program. In 1969 he made the U.S. Olympic team and went to the games in Mexico City.

"For me, it was a tremendous experience," Castillon recalled. "I had never had any international experience or any previous world experience. I was a dark horse, so to speak."

Continuing his competition, in 1970 he was on the World University team and in 1971 was a gold medalist on the Pan-Am team in Cali, Colombia.

When the 1972 Olympic trials rolled around, Castillon had just started a full-time job and was finishing his graduate work while training. He barely missed making the team.

After finishing second in the national championships in 1973, he won the title in 1974. Then, when everything seemed to be going his way, an injury forced his early elimination from the 1975 national tournament.

With the Olympic team chosen on the basis of points accumulated over a three-year period, Castillon would have to win this year's national title in order to have a chance for the 1976 U.S. Olympic team.

"This is my comeback year, and I'm fencing better than I have in my life," Castillon said.

His opponents in the state competition include Joe Scott, a defending Michigan champion and a Mid-West champ in 1974. Castillon would like to do well in state, Midwest, and national events and make the Olympic team, but said it is difficult to

work a regular job and train for the Olympics.

"But that's the American way," Castillon said. "We're a very busy, very active people."

Castillon, 31, is a systems analyst for Standard Federal Savings and Loan.

THE YOUNGEST of the local entrants is Birmingham's Debra Bedard, a 22-year-old former Marian High School student who graduated this past April from the University of Michigan at Dearborn. She has only been fencing three years.

She remembers walking by a fencing workout being conducted by Dick Berry, a Birmingham resident, expressing an interest, and soon she was fencing.

There is one title to her credit in her short fencing career: a Great Lakes Women's Foil Championship in 1973. Besides fencing, ballet and school, she worked part-time for McDonald's. After graduation, she got a job at Wayne Bestment Hospital in nuclear medicine technology.

She has found fencing a challenge, both mentally and physically, and an activity which complements her participation in ballet dance. Bedard has danced ballet 18 years and taught ballet for the past eight years. She is now performing with the Nancy Sue Whitton Classical Arts Ballet Company.

"Both the activities (fencing and ballet) complement each other very well," Bedard said. "Ballet gives you movement on your feet and balance, while fencing demands concentration, which both need."

Yet, both have their differences. In ballet, a set routine is performed, while in fencing, the participant is constantly making decisions about what to do, Bedard said.

Since this is the Olympic year, when competition is at its keenest, Bedard would like to do well in the state, Midwest and national tournaments.

All the participants at the state tournament have passed through a preliminary event and are eligible for the Midwest and national events.

WILLIAM GOERING was an All-American at sabre while a student at Yale University in 1966. He was on the U.S. Pan-Am team in 1971 and the world champion team that same year.

Goering has been a Midwest sabre champion nine of the past 13 years and state champ six times. He is now defending champion of both events.

He started the sport using the foil and then switched to sabre when his college team needed a person in that event.

"I think most everyone chooses a weapon to match his temperament," Goering said. "Epee and foil require more patience because the target is smaller and you have to hit it with the point."

"The sabre is not a patient weapon," he added. "It's also a more flamboyant event, because the sabre is a cutting and slashing weapon as well as a thrusting weapon."

"A fencing match is extremely fast and requires a high degree of concentration and a very fine feeling for timing and distance," Goering said. "It's more of a mental than a physical battle between the two contestants."

He expects some tough competition to come from Yuri Rabinovich, a two-time All-American at Wayne State University, a Michigan champion in 1974, and an NCAA champ in 1975.






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Sports coming up

- Baseball**
- Thursday (May 6) Novi High at Farmington. 2995 Twelve Mile Road. 4 p.m.
- Friday (May 7) Pontiac Northern at Farmington High. 3200 Shawnee Road. 4 p.m.
- Friday (May 7) Livonia Franklin at North Farmington. 3200 Thirteen Mile Road. 4 p.m.
- Saturday (May 8) Birmingham Groves at Farmington. 2995 Twelve Mile Road, double header, first game begins at 1 p.m.
- Track**
- Thursday (May 6) North Farmington at Westland. John Glenn, 3010 Marquette. Wayne. 4 p.m.
- Thursday (May 6) Farmington Harrison at Northville High. 709 N. Center. 4 p.m.
- Friday (May 7) Farmington High will participate in the Waterford Relays. Waterford Township High, M-30 and Crescent Lake Road. 3:30 p.m.
- Girls' Track**
- Thursday (May 6) Walled Lake Central at Farmington High. 3200 Shawnee Road. 4 p.m.
- Friday (May 7) Southfield Lathrup at North Farmington. 3200 Thirteen Mile Road. 4 p.m.
- Saturday (May 8) North Farmington will participate in the West Bloomfield Invitational. West Bloomfield High, 4025 Orchard Lake Road. 10 a.m.
- Tennis**
- Friday (May 7) Pontiac Northern at Farmington High. 3200 Shawnee Road. 4 p.m.
- Soccer**
- Thursday (May 6) Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison. 2995 Twelve Mile Road. 4 p.m.
- Friday (May 7) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern. 1600 Arlene. 4 p.m.