

Court House avenges early loss

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Court House Tennis and Racquet Club cemented its first place finish in the Metro Tennis League, and also avenged an early season defeat, by downing Centaur Farms 4-1 in the final match.

"All our players wanted to make up for the loss," Court House's Dave Stewart said.

Court House had lost to Centaur in the first match of the season. That loss was also Court House's first match of Metro Tennis League action, having joined the league last year. The league itself is in its second year.

Stewart remembers that Court House was "very well prepared for Metro Tennis League matches in its first year."

"When we went out during the first time," Stewart said, "we didn't really have any excitement ball. Sure we had a team going into this league and we knew we were going to win. But the sudden we came back and had lost."

Stewart said the loss spurred the players' pride in their team and the club. In its next nine matches the club was unbeaten by the Centaur Farms men and the top three women.

—JERRY

Court House topped the Metro Tennis League regular season standings with 2228 points. Oak Park was second with 2144 points. Rochester Hills Racquet Club finished third with 2022 points. Genstar Farms was fourth with 1771 points. Square Lake Racquet Club had 1633 points for fifth place, and Franklin Racquet Club was sixth with 1478 points.

Court House and Oak Park will square off in a post-season showdown, June 11 at Square Lake Racquet Club, a neutral court. The winner of that match will be the Metro Tennis League champion. Court House has beaten Oak Park twice this season.

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Men's Doubles: French-Streng (CH) defeated Gilmour-Poppych (CF) 3-2, Tinson-Kinsley (CI) defeated Finkstein-Bathena (CF) 3-2, Minogue-Crawford (CI) defeated Witcher-Bozzo (CF) 3-4, Wideng-Ziemba (CH) defeated Ivanyi-Brown (CF) 3-2.

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Cantillon wins state title

By JOHN BOZZO

Amateur fencer Dan Cantillon of Birmingham fences from both ends of the score: that the line between winning and losing is often very small.

A member of the 1980 Olympic fencing team, Cantillon just missed making the 1978 team.

Saturday, at the Troy Hilton, Cantillon took a step toward the 1976 Olympic fencing team by winning the epee title in the Michigan Division Championship of the Amateur Fencers League of America.

Cantillon defeated the defending state champion, Joe Scott, en route to the top honors. It was a close 5-5 decision, with the deciding point coming on what Cantillon described as a "freak louch" in an extra time period.

In epee, if the score is tied 5-5 as a re-

felt of simultaneous touches by each of the fencers, an extra period of fencing is allowed. Sabre and foil do not have this provision.

In a double-south situation occurred the Cartillon/Scott bout. The score remained dead until just 15 seconds were left in the extra period.

"If there is still a tie after the extra minutes, the fencers are penalized and both lose," Cartillon explained. "So you're pressed into some kind of action, but you don't want to be foolhardy and lose the match."

Cartillon's words of their match, Scott noticed Cartillon's blade was lowered. He began a thrust at Cartillon, but his body hit Cartillon's sword on the charge, losing the match.

Cartillon was happy to win with the "break touch" and added that he had fended a good touch against Scott, coming back from a 4-1 deficit to tie the score.

Cartillon deflected to the other opponents by the arena.

Results posted by other area fencers were:

Debra Beardsd another Birmingham resident, was third in women's foil. William G. Gorman, Jr. of Birmingham was second in sabre and Mark Masters of Southfield finished third in men's foil.

All of the local fencers who participated in the Michigan tournament, except Cansler, will travel to St. Louis, Mo. for the Mid-West Championship, May 15-16.

"It's too expensive," Cansler said of the trip to St. Louis. "I'd just as soon skip it and get ready for the nationals."

The nationals will be June 26-July 2 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Other local participants in the Mid-West tournament will be Tom Klebner of La Vista, Neb.; John L. Hays of St. Louis; Sabler, Sheryl Harris and Terry Harms, both of Westland, who will be fencing in women's foil, and another Westland product, Dennis Murphy, who finished second in junior epee and third in Michigan junior foil.



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