High school tennis teams prepare for season

These last blustery days of March may be good for flying kites. But tennis weather it isn't. Nevertheless, high school tennis bopefuls, including those at the three Farmington schools, have to bundle up and brave the cold on their windswept courts to prepare for the upcoming season.

Actually, not all of them have to endure the wind and cold. Many of Farmington Harrison's players, for example, can be found these days at the Franklin Racquet Club, where their families have memberships. "I have is kids out for our team, and I think 12 are members there," said arrison cools Bernie Goldstein.

Last year, Harrison compiled a 10-6

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overall record and finished second behind Northville High in the Western Six League. Goldstein hopes this year's squad can improve on that record.
"It should be a halfway decent season," he said. "It's hard to tell when we have until we play somebody, but it looks promising. We have some good dids back, plus a few new Mist." Goldstein has two returning netters, senior Brian Gordon and Junior Barry Leshman, competing for the No. 1 singles spot. Gordon won No. Singles in the Western Six League meet lasy war, and Leshman won No. 4. "They're both fairly competent, and think they should via most of their matches," Goldstein said.

SOME OTHER Harrison returnees are senior Chris Forberg and junior

Barry Sokal, who should both find singles berths; seniors Richard Wald and Glenn Warheit, who played as a doubles team last year; and juniors Mark Diekman and Al Laforet, who formed another doubles team.

Mark Diekman and Al Laforet, who formed another doubles team. Harrison opens its season April 11 at home against Detroit Catholic Central. The Hawks' league opener is April 9a thome against Plymouth Canton. In recent years, the Western Six League boys' tennis race has boiled down to Harrison and Northville.

"Northville should be tough again," Goldstein said. "Northville has the league champion. Doug Castillo, back, but I guess he's going to have to play at No. 2 singles this year. They have a 10th grader who can beat him."

At North Farmington, coach Norm Staniszewski is working with 30 hoperbuls, including eight with experience

from last year's team, which finished 10-3 overall and second behind West-land John Glenn in the Northwest Sub-

land John Glenn in the Northwest Sub-urban League. North graduated its best player from last year, David Epstein, and he'll be difficult to replace. "We don't have any real stars this year, but we should have good bal-ance," Staniszewski said. "This prob-ably won't be our best team, but it won't be our best bear. It one promising Raider is junior George Stroh, who won the Northwest Suburban title in No. 3 singles. Two more juniors, Bruce Allaben (No. 4

singles last year) and Steve Chupinsky (No. 1 doubles), are back as is senior Dave Blume, who saw limited action

DIETER RUCK ena senior transfer student from West Germany, could help the team, according to Staniszewski. "He could be our No. 1 singles," the coach said. "He's pretty consistent, and he has all the strokes."

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North begins its season April 12 at nor-league West Bloomfield. Two days later, the Raiders entertain city-rival Farmington High. North opens its NSL season at Livonia Franklin on April 19.











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