

Future Israeli tennis stars stage exhibition

By BRAD EMONS

Michael Daniel, Amos Mansdorf, Glad Bloom and Menashe Tzur—remember their names.

Out of this group may come the next Davis Cup tennis stars from Israel.

These youngsters, on a month-long tour of 12 U.S. cities, gave a stirring exhibition on the tennis courts at the home of Sherman Kay of Bloomfield Hills Friday afternoon, June 15.

The four players, all of whom are no older than 12, are products of the first public tennis center built in Israel.

Making their Detroit stop possible was Seymour Brode of Franklin, a member of the administrative committee of the Israel Tennis Center and in charge of fundraising in the Detroit area.

Before arriving at the fundraising cocktail party, hosted by Kay, his wife Claire and Bruce and Dorie Miller, the foursome played another exhibition in front of awed spectators at the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club in Farmington.

Through contributions from Brode and other local persons, the first cen-

ter, six miles from Tel Aviv, was built. "The kids over in Israel have known little besides rockets and guns," said Brode.

"THROUGH TENNIS, our goal is to bring some normalcy into their lives," Brode said.

Noted personalities such as Jimmy Connors, Monty Hall and Tony Trabert have also contributed to the center. Two additional centers are being built at Kiryat Shmona, a town on the Lebanese border and at Jaffa.

Prior to the introductions, tennis center director Ian Froman, a former South African Davis Cup and Wimbledon player, gave guests a brief description of the status of tennis in Israel.

"There were no public courts in Israel before the center at Ramat Hasharon was built," he said.

"The only way you could play tennis was through a private club," he said. "The first two years, our center has been structured around youth, regardless of financial background. Everything is entirely free. We supply the

balls and rackets also," said the director.

Froman said the response from the people "has been overwhelming" and the sport is growing rapidly.

In the summer, the courts are open to all youngsters with adults restricted to evening play.

From September to April, the center's teaching professional staff selects players with the most potential and desire for an intensive program.

FROMAN TOLD guests that the children in the intensive program go to school six days a week and then practice almost three hours daily.

The courts at Ramat Hasharon are lined with one court surrounded by 500 seats in a stadium structure.

"People all over the world have given us support. We hope that we can teach these kids sportsmanship and discipline at an early age through tennis," said Froman.

The director told the audience that the aim of the Committee some day is to battle Egypt, not for the Suez Canal, but for the Davis Cup.

"By setting up a program like this, we hope to mix kids at an early age," he said.

Football camp set

Although practice for the 1978 high school gridiron season will not officially begin until the middle of August, participants have been finalized for the fourth annual Wolverine Football Technique School at the University of Michigan.

Aimed toward those who will be high school juniors and seniors this fall, the week-long camp will be conducted 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 10-14.

The U-M coaching staff and other college and high school coaches will serve as instructors. The clinic will utilize the U-M football facilities in Ann Arbor.

The clinic is designed for college-bound athletes and will emphasize technique training. There will be no contact.

In addition to instruction for running backs, quarterbacks, offensive linemen, receivers, defensive linemen and linebackers and defensive backs, there will be offerings in option football, weight training and sprint techniques.

Cost of the clinic is \$50. A one-day kicking school will be offered July 12 at a cost of \$20. Each participant must show proof

Their team's No. 1 Teenage managers surprise league

By C.J. RISAK

The Little League officials really had no choice. Not enough fathers had volunteered to coach all the teams; but two 15-year-olds said they would do it. So the league said all right.

You really can't blame people for being a little wary of the situation. How much responsibility can two 15-year-olds have? Older men, kids naturally respect. But two guys that are just a few years older than the players themselves? How will they keep a gang of 12 boys, ages nine to 12, under control?

Whatever these two have been doing, it certainly has been working. The co-managers are David Carroll and Tommy Gilbert, and their team, the Twins, are champions of their league.

Danny and Dave have just completed their sophomore year at Southfield Lathrup High School. Neither plays organized baseball, but both

wanted to try managing. The Twins, however, are not their first attempt.

"We managed a team last year," David recalled. "They weren't very good. But we wanted to try again this year."

Other managers in the league may not have had much respect for the young managers when the season started. But they certainly don't take them lightly anymore.

"I think the other managers are a little embarrassed when we beat them," David said with a smile.

And that is what the Twins have been doing all year. They won the first half championship with a perfect 10-0 record. Last Thursday they clinched the second half championship in their league, Southfield's Minor A, American League North. The team's record now stands at 18-1.

"We really like doing it," both Danny and David said. "I mean, the kids listen pretty well. We get along good with them."

Managing minor league baseball is unique. It requires a great deal of patience: children that age many times will hear only what they want to hear, and they'll forget that in a matter of minutes. Very possibly, this was the skeptic's main concern—how can two managers their age be patient enough with the youngsters?

But the proof is in the seeing. Last Thursday's game was an important one—a victory would mean a championship. The Twins won, but it was a close game, and as Danny put it, "it was the worst we've played all year."

It would have been very easy for either of the managers to get riled at the players they coached. They looked like anything but champions. But both Danny and David kept up the constructive criticism, keeping both the team and themselves under control.

"They listen for the most part," David said. "Sometimes it's in one ear and out the other, so we just keep repeating it."

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NSSL swimmers start new season

The Northwest Suburban Swim League opened its season last week, with Farmington Glen surprisingly strong in its first dual meet in the upper division.

For years, Farmington Glen was a member of the lower, or "B" division of the league. But in last year's league meet, they managed to finish among the top seven teams, putting them in the "A" division for the first time ever.

Glen lost their first upper division dual meet last Thursday to perennial power Cranbrook. But they made it tough for the club that has won four of the last five league championships, losing 225-273. It was a solid performance for a team making its first appearance in the "A" division.

Double winners for Farmington Glen included: John Pelton (13 & 14 fly and I.M.); and Jim Pogue (15-17 fly and free). Farmington's 40-year combined relay placed second but set a team record with a clocking of 1:04.5. Alec Campbell also set a team record in the 11 & 12 year-old 100 meter individual medley with a time of 1:13.4.

Double winners for Cranbrook

included: Sue Copenhendall (13 & 14 I.M. and fly); Christy Spicer (11 & 12 back and free); Kelly Spicer (13 & 14 back and free); Krysten Ryndress (15-17 fly and I.M.); Kathy Derderian (9 & 10 back and free); Dave Kersta (11 & 12 fly and free) and Bob Bird (7 & 8 back and breast).

Both teams will resume action this Thursday night.

Forest Hills 289, Woodbrooke Hills 281

Forest Hills swim club of Birmingham narrowly defeated Woodbrooke Hills swim club of Farmington Hills, 289-281, in both team's first league dual meet of the season.

Double winners for Woodbrooke Hills included Jim Gasser (15 & 17 breast and I.M.); Heidi Gasser (7 & 8 back and fly); Jason Wolf (9 & 10 back and fly); Kathy Pierog (9 & 10 back and fly); Betty Leahy (15 - 17 back and free); and Clay Scowcroft (15-17 back and free).

Woodbrooke Hills swimmers broke nine team records in individual events, broke two relay records, and tied two other individual marks in losing effort.

Both teams will again see action this

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Baseball results

The three traveling teams representing Southfield Lathrup Youth Baseball have gotten off to a fast start in their respective leagues, and they have yet to suffer a defeat between them.

In legion play, Southfield is 1-0 after defeating Auburn Heights, 5-4. Mike McCann smacked a two-run double to tie the game, then scored the winning run on a passed ball. Pitcher Steve Feldman was impressive, throwing five scoreless innings in relief.

The Mantle traveling team is 4-0 in league play, beating Plymouth Salem, 7-2, Catholic Central, 6-0, Northville, 1-

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