

From Courtside

By David Stewart



Centaur netters looking good

With the indoor season approaching mid-season, tennis clubs have started holding their winter championships. Every so often one indoor club stands above the other clubs in the area, in terms of winning.

This year, the Centaur Racquet Club, which just completed its in-house winter men's championships in the "A" and "B" singles divisions, has had this winning edge.

To give you an idea of Centaur's strength, in the "A" division finals, Mircea Moraru, of Birmingham and a former member of the Romanians Davis Cup Team, was defeated by Dan Conger, 6-2, 6-4.

Conger, a Southfield resident and a recent transplant from California, won all his matches without the loss of a set; no opponent got more than six games in the match. Moraru was the only player to win more than four games in any one set.

Here are the results from the Centaur championships:

"A" TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First Round

Conger defeated Paul Toney (West Bloomfield) 6-1, 6-2; Jim Bain (Farmington Hills) defeated Vern Osterlind (Birmingham) 6-2, 6-3;

John Lindsay (Birmingham) defeated George Grisdale (Farmington Hills) 6-4, 7-5; Rolf Rissart (Bloomfield Hills) defeated Brad Stevens (West Bloomfield) 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; Ron Rozzo (Birmingham) defeated Tom Gruber (West Bloomfield) 6-1, 6-0; Jerry Fenby (Birmingham) defeated Joe Kanski (West Bloomfield) 6-2, 5-7; David Brady (Birmingham) defeated Todd Denenberg (Franklin) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Peter Beardmore (West Bloomfield) defeated David Gajinski (Walled Lake) 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; Larry Pastner (Birmingham) defeated Morry Rosenbaum (West Bloomfield) defeated David Berne (West Bloomfield) 6-4, 6-1; Bob Kinley (Birmingham) defeated John Ryan (Bloomfield Hills) 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; Steve Solomon (Franklin) defeated John Keller (Farmington Hills) 6-2, 6-1; Mircea Moraru (Birmingham) defeated Joe Lepak (West Bloomfield) 6-1, 6-3.

Second Round

Conger defeated Blain 6-1, 6-0; Lindsay defeated Rissart 6-4, 6-4; Bozo defeated Fenby 6-1, 7-5; Harrett defeated Lynch 6-4, 7-5; Beardmore defeated Brady 6-1, 6-3; Pastner defeated Scriber 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; Kinley defeated Greenberg 6-1, 6-2; Moraru defeated Solomon 7-5, 6-2.

Quarterfinals

Conger defeated Lindsay 6-3, 6-3; Bozo defeated Harrett 7-5, 7-6; Beardmore defeated Pastner 6-3, 6-1; Moraru defeated Kinley 6-3, 6-2.

Semifinals

Conger defeated Bozo 6-2, 6-3; Moraru defeated Beardmore 7-6, 6-1.

Championship

Conger defeated Moraru 6-2, 6-4.

Centaur's "B" tournament was so strong that many of the players in this division would be "A" players at other clubs.

"B" TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Quarterfinals

John Ryan (Bloomfield Hills) defeated Tom Gruber (Birmingham) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; Ed Andries (Farmington Hills) defeated Ike Englebaum (West Bloomfield) 6-2, 6-2; Jim Eastman (West Bloomfield) defeated Joe Lepak (Farmington Hills) 6-2, 7-5; David Gajinski (Walled Lake) defeated Pat Murphy (Bloomfield Hills) 6-1, 6-0.

Semifinals

Ryan defeated Andries 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; Gajinski defeated Eastman 6-0, 6-4.

Championship

Ryan defeated Gajinski 6-4, 6-1.

North gymnasts to face tough Troy

Two of Oakland County's best gymnastics teams will get together this evening.

Troy will travel to North Farmington in a key non-league match up. The meet will start at 7 p.m.

North Farmington tied with Ludington last year for the state gymnastics title. Troy is aiming to get back into the state title chase this year after failing to get out of the regionals last year.

North Farmington has a 5-1 record, with its only loss coming from Plymouth Canton. The Raiders have defeated Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Western and Bloomfield Hills Andover.

Kathy Temple and Suanne Casillo are North Farmington's dynamic scoring duo.

A junior, Temple is the reigning individual all-around state champion. A product of the revered Steve Whitlock gymnastics

school, Temple's best event is the uneven parallel bars.

Casillo, a senior, is the only person on North Farmington team to have beaten Temple in any event in a dual meet. Jody Schupback is another top scorer for North Farmington.

Troy, which won the state gymnastics title in 1974, owns a perfect 7-0 season record. Two of its victims were Lahser and Andover.

THE COULTS are a balanced team with a lot of depth. The top point scorers are Kathy Michaels, Lisa Boes, Michele Smith and Lori Meyer.

Michaels, only a freshman, is qualified for the state meet in every event. Boes, a junior, is strong on both the uneven bars and floor exercises.

Both North Farmington and Troy competed at the recent Dearborn Invitational.

North Farmington finished second behind Ludington, and Troy was third.

"This is the best all-around team I've ever had," said Troy coach Sandy Smith in a recent interview.

"The girls learned at Dearborn about the tough competition, and how close the state meet will really be. Right now, we're a solid, low-scoring 90s team. But, it will take a lot more than that to win at the state meet."

Troy scored its highest mark of the year in beating Andover Monday evening, 96.25-89.15.

Michaels won both the vault (8.55) and floor exercises (8.35), and tied with Boes on the uneven bars (8.40). Boes took second in both the beam and floor exercises, and third on the vault.

Michele Smith took second off the vault and third on the bars. Meyer was third on the beam with a 7.25.

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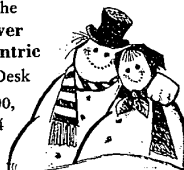
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