

# Small, speedy Raiders have winning grid look

By SCOTT ADLER

Bigger is no longer better, according to North Farmington football coach Ron Holland.

His Raiders are by no means overpowering, but Holland says his team is the frontrunner for the Northwest Suburban League title.

"We're quick," said Holland. "We don't want real big kids anymore. We're too slow and burn out faster. We want the kids smaller and quick."

Offensively, North has seven players who played regularly last year, including the entire offensive line and both running backs.

Greg Brickley, a 185-pound left tackle is back, along with left guard Marty Toomajian (175 pounds). Center Steve Magyari (165), John La Belle (170) and right tackle Erik Frick (190) complete the experienced offensive line.

Running backs Doug Schulte (5-10, 190 pounds) and Rick Roth (5-10, 185) will be back to grind out the yardage.

The only real question mark on the offense is the quarterback spot and the

receivers. Both positions are inexperienced.

**JUNIOR JIM FRANCHI** will be this year's signal caller. He was the starting junior varsity quarterback last year and has a good arm. The offense will come along only as fast as the 6-0, 160-pound Franchi does.

Franchi's receivers, although seniors, are inexperienced. These receivers are Chuck Kott and Mike Talcott. Both are 5-10, 160 pounds.

"We should do a little bit of everything (both running and passing)," said Holland. "It all depends on how fast Franchi comes along. I think we can score some points. We should have a good offense."

Two key injuries that could hurt the Raider offense occurred in practice to tight ends Todd Moore and Brad Wilson. Moore broke his collarbone, and Wilson broke his wrist. Both would have played a part in the offensive plans of Holland.

Holland said he "hope to score running out of the 1 formation."

Defensively, North has four key players back — so the defense has experience as well as the offense.

Six players are fighting for three starting positions in the defensive backfield. Those players are Mark Kott Ted Case, Jeff La Belle, Talcott, Mark

*'The kids are thinking optimistically.'*  
— North coach Ron Holland

Leonetti and Troy Bryan.

Noseguard Doug Peirce, Tom Hill, Shaun Cotton and Brian Manderfield are the linemen to plug up the middle for the Raiders.

The linebackers will be Jim Sculley, Ken Deighton, Schy and Tom Hill. "We have good depth," said Holland. "This year we have more tackles and all-around good athletes than we've had in a while. I don't know if we can improve on our record that we had in 1978 (11-1) unless you win it all (the



North Farmington coach Ron Holland (left) discusses the upcoming season with a couple of key Raider players; Doug Schulte (center) and Rick

Roth (right). North is coming off a 5-4 season. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

state championship), but I definitely think that we can improve on last year's record (5-4)."

Holland said that because his team is as physically capable as in past years, it, along with Westland John Glenn, should battle it out for

the championship. "I think that we have an excellent chance (to win the league championship)," said Holland. "I feel that the schedule is in our favor. It should be a very competitive league, but I think it's between John Glenn and us."

**NORTH FARMINGTON'S 1980 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:**

SEPT. — 5, at Prairie Northern; (7:30 p.m.) 13, Waldo Lake Central; 19, at Westland John Glenn; (6 p.m.) 27, Garden City East.  
OCT. — 4, Redford Thornton; 11, Redford Union; 18, L. Everett Franklin; 25, at Farmington Harbortown.  
NOV. — 1, Farmington. — All games start at 2 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

## Senior tennis master

# Time is no enemy to Brose

By M.B. DILLON

If nationally ranked tennis player Leonard Brose ever met the person who said that life ends at 50, there would be an argument.

For Brose, life starts over every five years.

"Senior tennis is broken up into 5-year divisions," said the 53-year-old Southfield resident. "Unfortunately, ability decreases with age and with this system, tennis remains competitive. It's a great equalizer."

"I love it. Every time I enter a new

division, I feel like a kid again. I look forward to getting older."

Brose, ranked No. 1 in the seven-state Western Tennis Association's 45-and-over division last year, was dethroned for the first time in six years after attempting to defend his championship in the Teen Man Open in June.

Hosted by the Farmington's Detroit Tennis and Squash Club, Michigan's largest clay court facility, many consider the Open the state's most competitive annual tennis tournament. It attracts top-notch tennis players from throughout the country who vie for

cash prizes totaling \$3,800.

**BROSE, WHO LOST** in the semifinals to a Floridian ranked sixth in the nation, said an injury prevented him from reclaiming his title.

"I don't want to make excuses, but I had a groin pull that really slowed me down. Had it not been for that, I probably would have won."

"It was my first loss in a senior event in three years," he said.

Brose didn't take long to bounce back.

In the recent State Open held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, W. Va., he soundly defeated the nation-wide competition and won the men's 45 singles' championship.

On a hot streak, Brose has won as many as seven or eight consecutive tournaments. In 38 years of tennis, he is yet to spend a winless season. Ranked fifth nationally in the men's 50-and-over division in 1978, Brose has earned recent victories in the Indiana State Seniors, the Western Indiana Championship, the Aurora Senior Invitational, the University of Virginia's Senior National Doubles Championship and the Gordon Cup, a U.S.-Canadian team tournament.

**BROSE, WHO** works as a manufacturer's representative for furniture companies "only because I have to make a living," is also a three-time state squash champion.

"I gave up squash because to me it's a more limited game than tennis," said Brose. Tennis is more complete, more challenging and offers more variety.

The big burrah Brose dreams of is a national singles championship victory. His chance comes up next month when Brose will travel to a national tournament in Little Rock, Ark.

"I think it's feasible," he said.

"As I get older, my chances get better. Being in decent shape over a long period are very important when you talk about competing in the 50-and-over divisions."

If conditioning makes a difference, Brose has a point in his favor. "When I was a kid, I used to take a half-hour bus ride to Northwestern High School which was Detroit's tennis center," said Brose. "I'd play every Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until dark."

**"DURING THE WEEK** I went there right from school. I ended up giving up

every other sport," said Brose. "Tennis has been my major activity ever since."

Practice paid off for Brose. His Detroit Central High School team won the city championship all three years he played. As a senior, Brose was runner-up in the city high school championships and went on to become captain of Michigan State University's Big Ten champion tennis team in 1951.

**BROSE, NOTORIOUS** for his deadly dropshot, considers himself a defensive player.

"My strategy is not to overpower my opponent but to make him beat himself. I'm a defensive scrambler," he said.

"That's what I love about tennis. It's a sport where you really beat someone. You control your opponent."

"A golf course doesn't offer me much. In golf you're only beating yourself. There's really no competition."

Brose, whose wife Marilyn and children Harold and Katherine also play tennis, divulged his greatest weakness. "I'm giving away a secret to my competition, but I'll admit — my overhead smash is my weak point."

The veteran plans to compete in tennis until "they carry me off the court. I'd like to be like John Geirich, a guy I ran into in Florida who is ranked No. 1 nationally in the 80-and-over division," said Brose.

**"HE DIDN'T** begin playing until his late 40s, but he did very well in senior tennis until he developed a bad chest cold. Back then, doctors thought differently and his told him to quit playing tennis."

"He quit for 20 years," Brose continued. "When he was in his 60s, he was watching his son practice one day when his partner didn't show. The son asked him to substitute, so he did."

"He ended up getting hooked all over again."

"He lived in an active tennis complex in Florida, and the residents there noticed he was playing better than anyone else his age. They told him he ought to compete nationally, but he wouldn't listen."

"Finally they all chipped in and handed him money to cover costs for his plane, hotel and entry fee and sent him to the first tournament of his life. He won it, and now, in his 80s, he's really hooked."

However, she beat fourth-seeded Virginia Norton (215-208) and third-seeded Patty Costello (235-182) to earn the third-place prize cash that totaled \$1,500. Pat Costello won \$2,000 as the tournament runner-up.

The week was highlighted by Buckner's sensational consecutive 300 games Monday afternoon. She rolled a perfect game during match-play competition.

Buckner, who won the two previous WPBA stops in Rochester, finished the first 18 qualifying games with a remarkable 350 average. She pulled a muscle in match play, but retained enough points to qualify as one of the five seeds for the finals.

"This was the most exciting week of bowling in my life," said Buckner. "Every ball that I threw felt good. I never felt better in my career ... I just felt like a machine out there."

## Angels are perfect

The Farmington Angels soccer team capped a perfect season with a 1-0 shutout of Huron Valley East last week at Schoolcraft College.

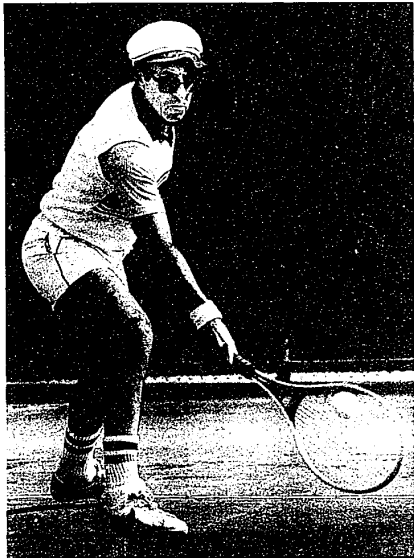
The Angels are now the Great Lakes Women's Soccer league champs with an 11-0 record and coach John Magee is in heaven.

Magee's team had practiced special tactics to control the speed of the Huron Valley forwards. The Angels tactics were so successful that

Huron Valley was unable to get a shot off at Farmington's goal.

The usually high scoring Angels took ten shots at their opponents goal t and finally Patty Larsen drove in from the wing to score the winning goal.

Magee is proud of his girls (they are sometimes referred to as John's Angels) and calls them a "grand bunch of girls."



Leonard Brose feels that getting older can be an advantage when competing in national age group tennis tournaments. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## Californian ends bowling drought

By MARTY BUDNER

Vesma Grinfelds finally had something to go her way for a change.

Grinfelds, who was winless in two years on the Women's Professional Bowling Association (WPBA) tour, overcame a 10th-frame split to win the Detroit Stroh Light Classic at Rochester's North Hill Lanes Thursday evening.

"I kept finishing third, fourth and fifth a lot, and I was bowling good, but it seemed like the wrong things just kept happening to me," said Grinfelds, who walked away with the \$3,000 first-place jackpot. "I started thinking about that again when I threw that air ball in the last frame. But, things worked out for me and I'm relieved that I finally won."

After 18 qualifying games and 18 more games of match play, Grinfelds emerged as the top seed from the start-

ing field of 72. In the step-ladder final format Grinfelds waited patiently while the second through fifth-seeded bowlers eliminated each other in head-to-head matchups.

Grinfelds, who averaged 234 through the four-day tournament, beat Pat Costello in the championship match by two pins, 205-203. Grinfelds started with five straight strikes, but opened in the sixth and 10th frames.

Grinfelds left a 4-7-10-pin split in the 10th frame that gave Costello one last shot at first place. Costello needed to strike out to win, but left three pins standing on her first throw.

**THE WIN** was the first for Grinfelds since 1978 when she captured three tournaments — the last in Milwaukee. She also won that year in Dallas and Chicago.

"For some reason, all day I knew I was going to win the tournament," said

Grinfelds. "Even though I had to wait for the other bowlers, I felt relaxed out there."

"I've qualified first in other tournaments and it's the pits because I ended up losing them. But, I wasn't nervous until the 10th frame when I just froze."

"My leg started shaking, and I didn't have any speed on the ball," she said. "I guess that just proves that we're not machines out there."

Pat Costello, not to be confused with fellow WPBA member Patty Costello, was the tournament's second seed. She advanced to the finals with a 248-223 win over Pam Buckner.

Pat Costello threw seven strikes to oust Buckner, who was hurt by an open seventh frame. Costello's 248 was the individual high game rolled in the four low-scoring championship matches.

**BUCKNER**, a southpaw from Reno, Nev., was the fifth seed entering the

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