



from courtside

David Stewart

Playing their trump pays off for juniors

"I don't care if you win or lose, but you have to give me 110 percent."

That's the message John Trump gives his juniors — whether they're nationally ranked or playing their first tournament — just before they go on the court.

During his 1½ years as director of tennis at the Franklin Racquet Club in Franklin, Trump's junior development program has grown into the area's largest with more than 200 students.

This year 30 of his juniors probably will have national rankings.

Trump, 34, started instructing on a part-time basis in 1968 and has taught full-time for the past 10 years.

Today he spends almost all of his time with juniors. Half of his 60-hour, six-day work week is spent teaching.

Some of his nationally-ranked juniors include Aaron Krickstein, 13, of Grosse Pointe who won the national boys' 14-years-old-and-under this year, Ed Nagel of West Bloomfield who reached the finals of the national boys' 16s and Erin Ashare of Bloomfield Hills who is ranked in the top 20 girls' 14s.

AND TRUMP THINKS Amy Frazer, 7, of Rochester is on a level with

the best in the world in her age group.

Trump plays three or four tournaments a year so that he never forgets what it's like to be nervous during match.

"To teach you have to be able to empathize with the kids and know what they are feeling," said Trump.

"Unless you've been at 5-5 in the tie breaker, you don't know what it's like — you have to experience it."

During his undergraduate years at Kalamazoo College, Trump played No. 1 singles and was elected team captain and most valuable player.

He received the conference sportsmanship award his senior year — the most important award Trump feels he ever received.

Trump has been ranked No. 1 in Western doubles on several occasions.

With that competitive background, Trump teaches because he believes "There is no greater thrill than seeing a junior leave the court having just won a match."

TOO MANY PARENTS, according to Trump, do not realize the emotional problems their children have on the court.

"The best thing parents can do for their children is to make opportunities for them to play, but not to push them," advised Trump. "Too many parents push their children and they fall by the wayside."

He gives full credit for the high quality of the club's instructional program to his 15 instructors, seven of whom are registered professionals with the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Before moving to Franklin Racquet Club, Trump taught at the Wimbledon Racquet Club on Detroit's east side. When he made the move, quite a number of his juniors followed him.

He continually helps juniors to control their emotions on the court.

Trump doesn't plan to teach for the rest of his life, but he hasn't decided when he'll stop. He would like to write tennis articles and at least one book about the game of doubles.



John Trump, director of the Franklin Racquet Club for the past year and a half, heads the area's largest junior development program. Many of his 200-plus students are nationally ranked tennis players. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Atlantis tankers tryout

Tryouts for the Birmingham-Bloomfield Atlantis Swim Club take place Sept. 15 and 16 at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School.

Tryouts for children younger than 10 will be from 7-8 p.m. both days. Tryouts for children 11 and older will be from 8-9 p.m., again on both days.

The Atlantis program is open to children 5-18.

For additional information, con-

tact either the Bloomfield Hills Schools Recreation/Community Education Department at 334-3578, the Birmingham Recreation Department at 642-4019, or head Atlantis coach Mark Boerner at 681-8107.

The Atlantis club, in addition to swimmers, is also looking for two assistant coaches. Any interested adult should contact Mark Boerner at 681-8107.

BCCE offers PE course

A course titled "Administration of Physical Education" will be offered this fall at the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education, 746 Purdy.

The course, taught by Dr. Gale Mikes, head of Michigan State University's physical education department, is open to physical education administrators in high schools and community colleges.

It will be taught 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 23 through Nov. 25.

Registration for the course will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 15-19 at the BCCE. Tuition is \$112.50.

Dr. Sam Reuschlein of the MSU physical education department will be at the BCCE 4-7 p.m. Sept. 18 to meet with persons interested in pursuing a master of arts degree in physical education.

To arrange an appointment with Reuschlein or for further information, call 645-5410.

Rice wins Laker event

Birmingham Brother Rice won the Division III boys' championship of the West Bloomfield Cross Country Invitational last Saturday at Marshbank Metropark.

Joe Davey led the Warrior harriers with a fifth-place finish (15:27). Tim Sullivan was sixth (15:36), Mike Schafer was 17th (15:49), Chris Doney was 31st (16:13), Dave Kowla was 37th (16:18), Mike Davey was 48th (16:30) and John MacManus was 55th (16:38).

Geoff Smith of Birmingham Groves won the event with a first-place clocking of 15:11.6. Groves

finished ninth overall with a team score of 240.

West Bloomfield was 13th with 369 points, Birmingham Seaholm was 15th with 397, Rochester was 16th with 404, Southfield-Lathrup was 18th with 492 and Rochester Adams was 16th with 500.

Brighton won the girls' title with 84 points. Rochester was third with 143, Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy was 14th with 277, Birmingham Seaholm was 15th with 390, Rochester Adams was 16th with 398, Southfield-Lathrup was 23rd with 586, and Birmingham Groves was 24th with 628.

Groves game site is moved

The Birmingham Groves-Farmington Harrison football game, originally scheduled to be played at Groves' home field, has been moved to the Bloomfield Hills Andover field at Telegraph and Long Lake roads.

The game will take place at 8 p.m. Friday as scheduled.

Site of the game was changed because of work being done on a new track at Groves.

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