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<u>Top prep netters</u>

Tennis-menace Nagel heads up dream team

Rob Nagel's potential prep tennis opponents can restable easy.

Nagel, the West Bloomfield High tennis phenom who seems to play a level above his peers, will graduate in January and thus won't be wiping out his No. 1 singles foes, for coach Greg Kopee's Lakeris next spring.

But Nagel, who spends a lot of his time competing in and traveling to and from the prestigious national junior tournaments, did find time to play for West Bloomfield for part of this past season. And his performance — a 18-0 match record, league and regional titles and finally a state singles championship — made him an easy choice for the 1982 Observer & Eccentric All-Area tennis team.

The team, pleted by a panel of high-school tennic coaches, includes 14 singles players and four doubles teams.

As in past seasons, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, the permainal Class B champion, dominated the all-singles lineup and top doubles team.

West Bloomfield All Birmingham Brother Rice each had three selections. Farmington, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, Derroit Country Day School and Birmingham Scabolm had two each, and Rochester and Bloomfield Hills Andower each had one.

NAGEL, WHO missed the first two weeks of the season because he was in Japan for an amateur tournament, made short work of most of his high-school opponents. He won the state title by beating East Lausing's Marco Wen, 6-3, 6-4, June 5 in Mid-

As a freshman two years ago, Nagel was the top seed in the state tournament. But he skipped his





sophomore season, preferring to concentrate on amateur tennis. At Köpec's urging, he returned to the Lakers this spring.

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It fried to be to ever important title to have, the coach said. "I mean there's only one Class A champion a year.

"He could look hack and say to himself, I' won it, instead of I' Loud hawe won lit."

Describing Nagel's play, Kopec said. "His game doesn't really have a weakness. He has an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent first and second serve, and he does an excellent hall control ... he knows just where he's going to place it. He can keep it deep, he can bit the baseline or take it to the sideline."

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CRANBROOK'S FOUR singles picks includes two — seniors Dan Bromberg and Keith Sotiroff —

who were named to the 1981 O&E team.

Bromberg compiled an 18-8 record at No. 1 singles against some excellent competition. He won her regional, but unabled to Petenskey's South Angelow, and the second of the second of the team and won the No. 3 singles title, beating defending champion Rick Berheul of Three Rivers, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.

Bob Jasmir, another Cranbrook senior and all-area choice, played at No. 2 singles and advanced to the state finals in that flight before losing to Three Rivers Mike Klewiet, 6-2, 6-1.

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FARMINGTON IS represented on the team by seniors Scott Davis and Doug Button.
Davis, playing at No. 1 singles for coach Steve Goff's Falcons, won 18 matches and lost only one. That lone loss, a 7-5, 6-4 setback to East Lansing's Wen, came in the Class A state semifinals. He picked up regional and conference titles along the way.
Button, who transferred to Farmington from Catholic Central two seasons ago, owns a 20-0 record playing at No. 2 singles if wash teligible to play in the state meet, but he won his regional flight and took the No. 2 singles title in the Intel-Larse League and Cordon, a junton; is back for his second year on the all-arce team. Gordon is the No. 1 singles champion of the Western Six League for



Mike Simpson Rochester



Carlos Moravek









Doug Button



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Eric Hofley, the No. 1 singles player at Birmingham Brother Rice, was picked for the 1982 Observer & Eccentric All-Area tennis team

Norton returns

It's goodbye, Michigan State, hello Brother Rice

Bill Norton, former basketball coach and athletic director at Birmingham Brother Rice, is returning to the high school — this time as the director of development.

Norton left the all-boy Class A parochial school in 1981 to assume the assistant coach position under Jud Heathcote at Michigan State University. He was assistant for one season.

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Nottor's new job will be completely separate from the athletic department. His replacement at Brother Rice when he left — his krother-ni-aw fix Kc Conti will remain head coach of the Warrior's bastechall team.

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"There is always a little apprehension about leaving something you have done for the better part of your life," Norton sald, "but I feel this is a good nove at this time. The move was prompted by the opening at Brother Rice. The position might not be there in the future. This is a unique opportunity, and I am looking forward to the challenge of this new job."

The director of development position is a one-year-old position that was made open by the departure of Michael Goddard, said Brother Rice principal

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Bill coming back to Brother Rice," Gri-maldi said. "He has a special love and loyalty for the school. He spent 17% years with the school, and his sincerity and love the school to see it succeed certainly qualifies him for the posi-tion," he added.

Norton's main job will be coordinat-ing fund-raisers.

"It is imperative for parochial schools to receive outside funds if they are going to survive in today's world. They can't get along on tuition monies alone, Norton said. "I will be supervising and coordinating various fund-raising programs and developing new programs and improving the existing ones."

Norton left Brother Rice in 1981 af-ter coaching the Warriors' basketball team for 17 years. During that time, he compiled a record of 273-106 with 10 district titles, five regional champion-ships, and a state championship during the 1973-74 campaign.

"I have enjoyed the year here at MSU, and we have enjoyed the area. But I have no regrets about leaving Michigan State at this time. I have made a lot of contacts throughout the year, and I have certainly learned a lot. But I am looking forward to becoming part of the Brother Rice family again," he said.





