

# Kingswood wins another tennis crown

By Tom Esar  
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It isn't that Bloomfield Hills Kingswood is losing its lock on the state Class B girls' tennis championship. Not yet, anyway. It's just that the best of the rest of the "B" field keeps improving.

Kingswood, the perennial Class B tennis champion, won another state crown, its fourth in a row and its seventh in the last eight seasons, in competition held in Holland last weekend.

But a runaway it wasn't.

Kingswood, which so dominated the 1981 Class B tourney that it became the first team in history to win all seven flights, had to contend with a talented Okemos squad this year. Kingswood, with three flight champions, scored 25 points to Okemos' 21, and East Grand Rapids finished third with 17 points.

"It was a real test of our girls' skill and preparation," said Nancy Ryan, Kingswood's longtime coach. "Okemos gave us a real battle. We met them (Okemos players) head on in three flight finals and won two of them."

One of those matchups came in No. 1

singles, where senior Kingswood senior Megan Foster went three sets with Okemos freshman Kathleen Monckez before winning, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. The outstanding Foster, who owns a 22-3 match record, had lost to Monckez in an earlier dual meet.

"It was quite a test for Megan," Ryan said, "when you take into account the pressure of playing in the top singles match at state and the fact that Monckez had beaten her."

KINGSWOOD SENIOR Julie Canner won her third-straight flight crown by

beating Okemos' Dani Zurchauer, 6-4, 6-3, in the No. 3 singles final. Canner has won 22 of her 24 matches this season.

Helena Stanislavijevic, another Kingswood senior, made it 24 match wins in a row in taking the No. 4 singles title. She beat East Grand Rapids' Birdie Vis, 6-4, 6-1, in the finals.

Kingswood's Sue Ausman and Jamie Williams, the fourth seed in No. 3 doubles, won the title in that flight, upsetting top-seeded Becky Barnell and Ka-

thy DeBoar of East Grand Rapids, 6-2, 7-6. Ausman and Williams are 22-4 this fall.

At No. 2 singles, Kingswood's Caroline Sobota, seeded No. 4, beat the No. 2 seeded Sue Broecker of EGR, 6-4, 6-4, in the semifinals and then lost to Saginaw MacArthur's Amy Lichon, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals. Sobota is 19-3.

Another Kingswood runnerup was the No. 1 doubles team of Leslie Lewiston and Jeanne Gibbons. The Okemos team of Dina Zurchauer and Liz Zack needed three sets to win, 6-4, 5-6, 6-2.

Lewiston and Gibbons are 21-5.

Kingswood was shut out of the No. 2 doubles final, where Okemos' Lisa Veslasio and Tina Tartaglione ousted Anne McCarthy and Marianne Buske of EGR, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4. Kingswood's No. 2 doubles team, seniors Amy Shields and Hanla Younis, have a 20-5 match record.

Okemos is one of two teams to have beaten Kingswood in dual meets this season. The other is New Trier, a suburban Chicago tennis power.

## Seaholm makes history

By Marly Budner  
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The year was 1955. It was simply called Birmingham High School then.

That's the last time, according to area historians, that a football team representing the school at the corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook roads won a football championship.

But the lengthy period of frustration is over.

Thanks to Seaholm's 19-0 defensive dominance of Southfield High School Friday, the Maples are the undisputed kings of the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA). The Maples registered a perfect 7-0 (7-1 overall) league mark, finishing one game ahead of runner-up and defending SMA champion Royal Oak Kimball.

It's the first time ever Seaholm has won any kind of a football championship. In fact, it's the first football crown since old Birmingham high won the Eastern Michigan League 27 years ago.

"I'm very, very happy. Twenty-seven years is a long time to go without a football title," said Seaholm coach Chuck Skinner, who's been at Seaholm for the past six years after a lengthy stay at Hazel Park's head coach.

"I've forgotten that players throw you in the shower after winning a championship," he said while drying in the boisterous Seaholm locker room after the game.

"WE WON three straight titles at Hazel Park (1973-75), and all those championships felt good. But this one just seems a little bit better because it

was such an uphill battle.

"If people only knew the obstacles we had to overcome. . . like only having three tackles at the beginning of the season. . . and one was a sophomore. We've had sickness and injury and it looked like it was going to be impossible for us."

"This team physically is not of the maturity to win an SMA title because we're so young," he said. "They just have a lot of guts and desire. They played way above their potential this year."

Seaholm was assured of at least a share of the SMA title coming into the game. However, homemade signs all over the Maple locker room Friday night showed they were determined to settle for nothing less than sole possession of first place.

But Southfield's Blue Jays had an upset on their mind. Coach John Finlayson's team battled the Maples to a 0-0 halftime standoff.

Neither team showed much offense in the first half. Seaholm had just 66 yards and Southfield had 89.

Seaholm, though, came to life in the second half.

Eric Mariani, Seaholm's game breaker, scored on the Maples' first play from scrimmage in the second half. The 53-yard run was a straight dive up off left tackle, and after tripping past two Blue Jay linebackers, he outraced Southfield's Craig Galliard into the end zone.

MIKE BOURGIERIE's extra-point kick failed.

"Defensively, we played a decent ballgame," said Finlayson, whose

team's overall record dropped to 3-5.

"In the second half they just wore us down," he said. "But when you have a back like No. 10 (Mariani), sooner or later he's going to get you. And that's what he did to us."

In the fourth quarter, the Maples capped a 17-play, 80-yard drive when senior Bill Kipyteck fell into the end zone on a quarterback keeper around left end.

Seaholm scored its final touchdown with just five seconds left when John Mullett romped 40 yards into the end zone after picking up a Southfield fumble.

Seaholm's tenacious defense — led by senior end Chris McCarus — racked up its second shutout of the season (the first was 16-0 over Andover).

The Maples held Southfield to just 131 total yards — only 39 in the second half. The Blue Jays had 123 yards rushing.

Sophomore Ron Austin started his first game at quarterback for Southfield. He threw only three passes — completing one screen pass for 10 yards in the second quarter — and rushed for 22 yards.

Senior Reggie Anderson was Southfield's leading ground gainer with 42 yards.

Mariani led Seaholm with 80 yards, but Bourgie did most of the rushing and gained 72 yards on 16 carries. Kipyteck completed two passes for 31 yards.

Seaholm, 7-1 overall, meets neighborhood rival Groves at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Pontiac Silverdome. Southfield hosts archrival Lathrup at 8 p.m. Friday.

## Equipment sale planned

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual winter sports equipment sale on Nov. 20, a Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Farmington High School, 5200 Silwassee Road, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Used skates, downhill and cross country skis, boots, pools, sleds, toboggans and related clothing will be bought and sold. Items to be sold will be accepted at in school cafeteria 8-9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19. No lace ski boots, bindings separated from skis or skis with cable bindings will be accepted. All sales are final, and there will be a 20-percent service charge on all items sold.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the parks and recreation office at 474-6115.

### • SUPERIOR ICER

Kevin Collar, a Lake Superior State College junior from Farmington Hills, is off to a fast start on the coach Bill Selman's Laker hockey team. The 6-foot, 190-pound right winger has two goals and three assists through Oct. 25. He scored both his goals in a 4-1 loss to Western Michigan University Oct. 23.

Last season, Collar scored 13 goals and as many assists for 26 points. He was an outstanding athlete during his high school days at Farmington Harrison High School.

Lake Superior State hosts Michigan Tech in a Nov. 5-6 series.

### • WESTERN RUNNER

Paul Welch, a North Farmington graduate and now a member of Western Michigan University's

## sport shorts

cross country team, placed 25th in the Central Collegiate Conference championships Oct. 23 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

Welch, a WMU junior, covered the five-mile course in 25:15. The Broncos finished fifth with 153 points in the 13-team event.

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