## Game of tennis needs support



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If you live
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the Detroit metropolitan area,
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But there's still hope.

Tennis promoter Glenn Healey, along with some life support from prolife support from pros like Jimmy Arias and pro Luke Jensen, renewed my faith in this game I played as a collegian. When was the last time Detroit hoated a big-time tennis event? Try the WCF In 1989.

But thanks to Healey and his Sparts Club of West Rioomfield, area fans were treated to some much-needed resuscitation during the last weekend in March. The event was called the MCP Partners Tennis Challenge.

"There's a void we're trying to fill because we feel there's a demand for spectator tennis. Healey said. Plus, our club serves four different areas — fliness, martial arts, swimming and tennis. To keep the sport healthy, spectator tennis is good for the sport in our area. There are a lot of tennis enthusiasts who came. The sevent has grown trementary the spectator tennis to good for the sport in our area. There are a lot of tennis enthusiasts who came.

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cal players — to \$15,000 this year featuring world-ranked players.

Arias, once ranked No. 5 in the world, was there for the second straight year. Ludington's Lute and Murphy Jensen, the 1993 French Open doubles champions and the tour's version of Van Halen, became Healey's big coup this year.

"These two guys are very much in demand," Healey sald, "We called their agent, John Mayotte, and he said they wanted to come in for a charity event like this. And this was a perfect time for them to come in and play because it was close to home. A month later we couldn't have done this because it the thing was dictated by the Jensens' schedule. They were going to be in Europe."

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Other tour players included Detroit's Steve Campbell, a Redford Catholic Central High product who played in this year's Australian Open. He was joined in the Geman field by Bloomfield Hills' Steve Herdoiza (Lahner High) and Richard Matuszewskif, the latter of whom reached the fourth-round of Wimhiedon two years ago before losing to Stefan Edberg.

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Attendance was mixed during the four-day event. Tickets were sito Thursday and Priday, \$15 on Saturday and Sunday.

Friday night was well attended, but Saturday aftermoon's enter-taining scutifinal between Arias and Luke Jensen drew a sparse turnout because it ran head-on with the CBS telecasts of the

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NCAA men's basketball Final Four.

"The basketball hurt us," Hea-ity said. "Lest year we didn't charge scimission, but the reason why we charged admission this year was because it was for a charitable cause. The proceeds were going to the Mitchigan Can-cer Foundation."

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"It was not sold out, but the crowds were in the acceptable range," Healey said, "It was hard to predict. It's a little disappointing, but these things take a while to build up."

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Healey also had a British company, Arena Seats Inc., set up and construct a temporary stadium center court inside the Sports Club, equipped with special boxes for corporate sponsors. The main event possors included Farmington Hills Chrysler-Plymouth/Jeep Eagle and Infiniti of Farmington Hills.

(U.S. Tennis Association) about making it a Challenger event. But it takes more time when you have a draw of 32. We'd like to have the Jensens back. We'll be able to at-tract bigher ranked players as the prize money increases."

And there's no better ambassa-dor than Luke Jensen, who came away with the first-place prize money in singles and doubles. It was his first title of any kind since the 1993 French.

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He was appreciative of the fans, mingling with everybody and anybody, before and after his matches. He fired up the crowd and became buddles with the ballboys. Arias, meanwhile, brought back some memories playing with a wood recquet, an old Wilson Pro-Staff model.

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for women's hoop squad

By Steve Kowalski Staff Writer

Now, Schoolcraft College ath-letic director Ed Kavanaugh can concentrate on finding a men's basketball coach.

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Kavanaugh, who also coaches the women's baskethell team, is wrapping up his first recruiting season after aigning five players and receiving commitments from two others.

He also is hopping to land another player before the end of the month.

But Kavanaugh will spend most of his time in April interviewing people for the vacant men's baskethell coach's job. Kavanaugh said he is accepting applications until the end of the month.

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He couldn't be happier with his signess, which include Rediord Union point guard Jenny Markham and Rediord Thurnton's 5-10 guard Yoonne Malewall and 5-11 forward Kristi Engel.

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Committed, but yet to sign are Lapere East's 5-2 center Shelm'dt, and Coulter and Warren Woods-Tower's 6-1 center Steery Sailus, who has also committed to play voiley bail.

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Kavanaugh, the former Livonia Ladywood coach, is segar to get started and erase the memories of last season when the Occlota finished 9-14. Kavanaugh was hired last August as women's baskethell coach, only two months before the start of the season.

"The whole group comes from winning programs, they love the sport and are committed," Kapper and are committed," Kapper and are committed, "Kapper and Kapper and Kap

vansugh said. "They have excel-lent size and are scorers, kids who can handle the ball. It's a fun group to work with." Malewaki was a first-team All-Observer choice after averaging 16 points per game and making 75 percent of her free throws. She was a four-year varsity player at Thurston.

"She drives well, is not afraid to mix it up, and has a good outside shot, too," Kayanaugh said.d. Engel was one of Thurston's unsung heroes, averaging 12 points and 10 rebounds per game while guarding the opponents' toughest offensive player.

"They didn't look for her to score a lot, but she is capable," Kavanaugh said. "She will ex-pand her role in college."

according to havanaugh.

She is one of the top discus and shot putters in girls track in the state and "rebounds at about 5," according to Kavanaugh.

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