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to go in terms of the lineup," Shenton said. "We have a lot of people who have comparable skill levels. We should be fairly solid in singles."

Senior Steve Jaffe, who was a regional champ and state semifinalist at No. 4 singles, will team with Boothroyd to give North a strong No. 1 doubles team.

"Their games complement each other very well," Shenton said. "With their size (Boothroyd is 6-foot-4 and Jaffe 6-1), they're an imposing presence for a double team."

Senior Brian Doughty, junior Zack Colman, sophomore Andre Zelikov and senior Alex Talwar are returning players who could figure in a doubles combination.

Junior Scott Stone and Matt Licavoli comprise the remaining doubles team, playing either the No. 3 or 4 position.

"The nice thing about the team this year is we have a lot of people who can interchange at two, three or four doubles," Stone said. "We also have some people waiting in the wings who can fill in. Our depth is fairly good."

The Raiders, who were 12-1 in dual meets last year, are 1-1 this season, losing 8-0 to West Bloomfield and beating Livonia Churchill by the same score.

"The new guys all have the skills to play," Shenton said. "It's more of a learning process and giving them a lot of match experience."

There's no reason why these guys can't excel by the end of the season and have a good run at the regional and make a return trip to the state tournament."

FARMINGTON HIGH

Junior Jonathon Gore returns to the game of tennis after a year away from the sport and will play No. 1 singles for the Falcons.

"He's older and more mature, and I'm looking forward to hav-

ing good a season with him," coach Keith Morrison said.

"He used to play tournaments when he was younger. He still has that experience from years past."

Junior Max Moore and senior Chris Hall played No. 1 and 2 singles last year and move down one place in the lineup.

"Max has been executing shots and playing pretty well," Morrison said.

Hall was a novice when he started two years ago, and he played No. 4 doubles that first season. He's much improved now, according to Morrison.

"Hopefully, the time he's had off during spring break will allow him to recover (from a minor arm injury) and get ready to play some serious tennis," he said.

Freshman Jeff Turk rounds out the singles lineup in the fourth spot. Turk has a tennis background, although he hasn't played in two years.

"Jeff, at one time, was very competitive in tennis," Morrison said, adding Turk also plays soccer and wrestles. "I'm looking forward to a very good season for him. He's a real focused player."

Seniors Shrikri Trivedi and Hemant Srivinas are reunited as a doubles team, playing the No. 1 position.

They played third doubles two years ago, but Trivedi spent last season at No. 3 singles; Srivinas was at first doubles with senior Raj Bedi.

"Shamik and Hemant seem to jell pretty well, and they'll stay there if they do well," Morrison said.

Bedi is paired with senior Harinder Gill at No. 2 doubles, while Trivedi played last season with Brian Atkins.

Freshman Mike Schuyler and sophomore Sohail Balasubramanian comprise the No. 3 doubles team.

Schuyler has played in many club tournaments, representing Walnut Creek Country Club, but his partner is new to competitive tennis.

"Sohail seems to be pretty focused," Morrison said. "The more he plays the better he looks. Mike has been playing quite some time and is starting to show me a lot of potential."

Junior Nate Meyer has earned a starting role in his third year on the team. He'll team with first-year senior and soccer teammate Stephen Wayne at No. 4 doubles.

"You can see he's been practicing," said Morrison of Meyer. "Apparently, he wants to play and he's doing everything he can to help he and his partner win."

The Falcons, who tied Stevenson for sixth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament, were 2-3 in dual meets after defeating Farmington Harrison Monday.

"My main goal is to keep my team focused and playing the best tennis it can play throughout the season, conference and regional," Morrison said. "I want them to keep their heads on straight and play the best they can play."

"This year I'm hoping we can surpass (last year's record) by being over .500. We lost to schools we had never lost to. This year I'm expecting my players to play up to the Farmington tradition."

FARMINGTON HARRISON

The Hawks have a new coach and virtually a new team as they rebuild following major graduation losses.

The biggest loss was No. 1 singles player Ryan Shade, the WLLA champion and a Division II state semifinalist.

Harrison also lost Tim Kupferer and Dan Price from its singles lineup and six doubles players.

"We have a lot of new players, and we're looking for development this year," coach Paul Thieme said. "Everybody is in it to learn this year, because we have to develop these guys as players."

"I'm trying to make it a little more relaxed; I want these guys to enjoy it, even though it's going to be a very quick season. We're going to play a season in the span of three weeks."

The Hawks, who had four pre-break dual matches postponed due to the weather, played their first match Monday against Farmington.

Thieme is a tennis pro and instructor at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield. He played high school tennis for Redford Catholic Central and later the University of Nevada-Las Vegas before spending several years on the satellite pro tour.

Freshman Greg Gaynor has big shoes to fill as he assumes the No. 1 position vacated by Shade.

"Filling it will be an understatement," Thieme said. "It's very hard to fill that kind of spot. (Gaynor) did earn it. On most teams, you don't have any full-time players; he's a full-time player."

"We have to get him some more experience and see how he does this year under a little more pressure than what's he used to."

First doubles is one of the few places Harrison has experience. John Kluka, who played No. 4 singles, is teamed with Brandon Lazkowski, who was at No. 2 doubles with junior Ralph Plumley last year.

"I've got along well, and I thought it would be a good partnership," Thieme said. "Both wanted to play doubles, so it worked out."

Plumley moves into Kluka's old position at No. 4 singles.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRENNER
Greg Gaynor: He plays No. 1 singles for the Hawks.

Junior David Grieger and freshman Stephen Joe will play Nos. 2 and 3 singles, respectively.

Takafumi Shibayama and Masakazu Taniguchi, both of whom have taken lessons from Thieme, are set to play No. 2 doubles. Scott Braun and Dan Canedo No. 3. Travis Cook and Hideaki Taniguchi No. 4.

Thieme's objective is "to get through this year, see how everybody does and set goals for later," he said.

"We have a balanced team. We have no real standouts, but we don't have anybody lagging behind. That makes for a little smoother team."

"We're pretty much starting from the ground up. We have a brand new program, practically. I want to make sure my guys enjoy it and learn something at the same time."

TENNIS

FARMINGTON HARRISON

April 23 at Farmington Harrison
No. 1 singles: Jon Gore (F) defeated Greg Gaynor, 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Chris Hall (F) def. David Grieger, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Hamant Srivinas (F) def. Kelly Schroeder, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Ralph Plumley (F) def. Jeff Turk, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6.

No. 1 doubles: Shantik Trivedi-Harinder Gill (F) def. John Kluka-Brandon Lazkowski, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3; No. 2: Takafumi Shibayama and Masakazu Taniguchi (H) def. Scott Braun-Dan Canedo, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Mike Vaca (H) def. David Grieger, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4; No. 4: Stephen Joe (H) won by default; No. 5: Ralph Plumley (H) won by default.

FARMINGTON HARRISON

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Coach's comments: (Greg Gaynor) figured out how to win," Harrison coach Paul Thieme said. "It was a good match for him and good that he pulled this one out. He's learning how to win. There was a lot of heart involved, because he battled his chips to do it. It was a three-hour match."

FARMINGTON HARRISON

April 23 at North Farmington
No. 1 singles: Jay Berman (H) defeated Jerry Murray, 7-5, 6-1; No. 2: Chris Copeland (H) def. Robert Simons, 6-2, 6-3; No. 3: Dan Carlson (H) def. Tom Waka, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Rob Frankel (H) def. Jon Bauliga, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Steve Jaffe-Greg Boothroyd (H) def. Ben Luong-Adam Vogt, 6-0, 4-0, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Levy-Andrew Dallas (H) def. Chris Singleton-Jeremy Lim, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Andre Zelikov-Alex Talwar (H) def. Tom Webster-George Sherride, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Scott Stone-Matt Licavoli (H) def. Jon Davis-Guany Basane, 6-1, 6-1.

Record: North, 1-0 WLLA, 1-1 overall.

Coach's comments: "It was a good first match of the year for the league," North coach Mark Shenton said. "A lot of guys played pretty well, especially after just coming back from spring break."

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