

# Tennis returns to Farmington

By TOM BAER

Boys' tennis has returned to the three Farmington public high schools after a one-season absence.

The sport had to be dropped last season because voters in the Farmington school district failed to approve a millage proposal in August, 1974. However, about a year ago, voters approved another millage, making it possible to resume boys' tennis and several other sports.

Farmington High and Farmington Harrison have new tennis coaches this year. North Farmington will be coached by Norm Stanczewski who led the Raiders to a second place finish in the 1974 North-west Suburban League final standings.

North has only one letterman returning from the 1973 team, but some of the young players look promising.

"It should be an interesting season," said Stanczewski, who teaches English at North. "We have a lot of new faces and I'm kind of curious to see how they can do."

North's lone letterman is senior Craig Nankunas, who'll probably be a No. 2 singles this season. Another strong player is senior Dave Epstein, who looks like a good bet to nail down the No. 1 singles spot, according to Stanczewski.

"Epstein has a well-developed game," the coach said. "He's accomplished in all the strokes he'll need. I really don't know him that well yet, but I think he's played a lot of tennis during the winter."

OTHER NORTH prospects are seniors

Gordon Bennett, Stuart Parn and David Schmitt. Juniors Gary Levy and Rich Ka

roub also could help the team. Stanczewski said, and there's also Jose Semon, a 16-year-old foreign exchange student from Montevideo, Uruguay.

Apparently he has a tennis background. Stanczewski said, "He's played on clay courts in South America. But I don't think he's played for a while so he's just now getting into form."

North Farmington opens its season at district rival Farmington Harrison on April 12. The Raiders Northwest Suburban League begins two days later at Livonia Franklin. The NSL won't be as strong a tennis league this season because Oak Park High, the league champion for the past two seasons, dropped out.

At Farmington Harrison, Bernie Goldstein is beginning his first season as boys' tennis coach. Goldstein has had great success coaching Harrison's girls' tennis team, which hasn't lost a dual meet since 1973.

"I can't afford to lose any meets. I have a reputation now," said Goldstein. "I think we'll be good, but I really can't compare our boys to anybody because most of them have never played high school tennis before."

Goldstein's team looks promising, but a bit on the young side. Harrison's three best singles players are juniors Damon Green, Bob Miska and Chuck Miller.

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"They're not overworking," said Goldstein, a government teacher at Harrison.

"They're small, but very steady." Harrison should have a good doubles team in sophomore twins Chris and David Forberg. "They just hit everything back," Goldstein said.

"It's like playing a wall—you hit anything to them, and they'll hit it back. They're young, and they're willing to work hard. Hopefully, they'll be very good players for us over the next couple of years."

HARRISON OPENS its season at home on April 9 against Walled Lake Central. The Hawks' Western Suburban League season begins April 20 at Livonia Churchill, the defending champion. Goldstein said he knows very little about the other Western Suburban teams.

"The kids know more than I do," he said. "They know everybody they're going to play already. And they think they can beat everybody in the league."

Richard Burgess, Farmington High's new coach, is starting without much experience in coaching or tennis.

"I'm enjoying being the tennis coach," he said. "I'm having a ball."

"I like tennis, and I like the relationship with the kids. When you're coaching, you see kids differently than you see them in the classroom," said Burgess, who teaches electronics in Farmington's vocational education program. "And the kids think differently of you because you're taking more of an active interest in them."

Farmington has an outstanding singles player in senior Bert Herzog, who also excels in football and basketball.

"Living has a good hand, fast serve," Burgess said. "He's also very quick and very mentally sharp."

Some other Farmington prospects are juniors John Carlstrom, Chuck Ames and Jeremy Dando, and sophomore Brian Zank. There are the guys who seem to be hitting the ball pretty well and playing pretty well," Burgess said. "But in terms of their competency in match tennis, I just don't know what to expect."

Burgess said he's stressing physical conditioning in the early practices.

"I HAVEN'T really developed a coaching style, but I like to stress having the players in shape to play tennis. We're running a lot of speed and agility drills in practice now. The kids have to be in good shape to play tennis, especially at a regional level. They'll be playing quite a few weeks in a day."

Farmington begins play April 14 at home against Farmington Harrison. The Falcons open their Inter-Lakes League season April 20 at Livonia Stevenson.

Lack of facilities is a problem at all three schools, coaches said. "We have only four courts and that makes it real tough," said North Farmington's Stanczewski. "It's the same way at Harrison and Farmington. We're the only team in our league with only four courts. Every other school has six or seven. We had to cut some kids at North because we didn't have the facilities to handle them all."



Farmington's Bert Herzog during a recent practice. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

### Tennis schedules

**FARMINGTON HIGH TENNIS**  
 April 14, Farmington Harrison, 4 p.m.  
 April 20, at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.  
 May 3, Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m.; May 4, at Milford Lakeland, 10:00 a.m.; High courts, 4 p.m.; May 7, Pontiac Northern, 4 p.m.; May 10, Waterford Township, 4 p.m.; May 12, Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.; May 15, at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m.; May 17, Milford Lakeland, 4 p.m.; May 19, at Pontiac Northern, 4 p.m.; May 20, at Waterford Township, 4 p.m.; May 22, State Regional, May 24, at North Farmington, 4 p.m.; May 26, Inter-Lakes League Meet at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.; June 4-5, State Meet.

**HARRISON TENNIS**  
 April 12, North Farmington, 4 p.m.; April 14, at Farmington High, 4 p.m.; April 20, at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; April 26, Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.; May 3, at Northville High, 4 p.m.; May 5, Plymouth Canton, 4 p.m.; May 10, Waterford West, 4 p.m.; May 12, Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; May 17, at Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.; May 19, Northville High, 4 p.m.; May 21-22, State Regional, May 24, at Plymouth Canton, 4 p.m.; May 26, at Waterford West, 4 p.m.; June 4-5, State Meet.

**N. FARMINGTON TENNIS**  
 April 12, at Farmington Harrison, 4 p.m.; April 14, at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.; April 20, at Garden City, 4 p.m.; May 3, Thurston High, 4 p.m.; May 5, Novi High, 4 p.m.; May 10, Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.; May 12, at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.; May 14, Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.; May 17, Garden City East, 4 p.m.; May 19, at Thurston High, 4 p.m.; May 21-22, State Regional, May 24, Farmington High, 4 p.m.; May 26, Northwest Suburban League Meet at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m.; June 4-5, State Meet.



John Carlstrom, a Farmington junior, prepares for the upcoming tennis season.

# Female fencing frenzy

By CORINNE ABATT

When Noreen Hydeil was riding the bus three hours a day to commute from her Detroit home to Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, there just wasn't time for sports or extra-curricular activities. So when she entered Wayne State University in the fall of 1974, she didn't get very excited about having to take a physical education course. Her choice was es-

ther karate or fencing. She chose fencing. "I wasn't very sportsy," Noreen said. "I didn't care which one, but I signed up for fencing. It was cancelled, but the coach, Fran Hanson, suggested I come in and practice with the team. Hanson's suggestion and possibly his ability to spot fencing talent was fortunate for both the WSU women's team and for Noreen."

"I had never even heard of fencing before I went to Wayne," she said. Yet, in the past season, the five-foot-seven sophomore science major logged the second-best win-loss record on the school's women's fencing team.

The Tartars posted an 11-0 record and a 4-0 B-Team mark. Noreen won her only B-Team match, and then went 2-4 for the Tartars. She has 3-1 records against Michigan State and Northwestern, and 2-1 marks against Michigan Fencing Club and Wisconsin.

**CLEARLY, NOREEN** found fencing at Wayne State University. "Hall of my day) at Wayne is spent either fencing or conditioning," she said. "I run a lot and participate in other sports to build my muscles."

She spends a lot of time in the weight room. She runs indoors throughout the winter and does a mile-and-a-half every day around the university buildings when the weather improves.

"Fencing is good," she said. "Fencing doesn't look like it takes much stamina and muscle, but it does. Speaking of the sport which grabbed her interest from the moment she started, she said: "I don't know whether it's the challenge—there are always people who are better than you and some who are not as good—or the fun of it. But I really love the people in fencing, and the coach gives us such enthusiasm."

Daniels, a Southfield resident, has been the dominant force in state and national fencing since he and his family immigrated to the United States from their native Hungary in the late 1920s.

"Noreen hopes to become one of WSU's four entrants in the National Women's Collegiate Championships April 2-3 at Montclair State University in New Jersey."

To stay sharp, Noreen fences almost every weekend in Amateur Fencers League of America (AFLA) matches. Most of these matches are in Michigan, but she said she plans to attend one in Chicago in the near future.

Daniels has often compared fencing to chess in terms of the demands it places on the fencer's intellect. Noreen echoes the same thought.

"You can thank yourself to a win over a superior opponent," she said. "But you can also run against walls. Sometimes I reach a point where I ask myself, 'What am I doing here when I'm not getting any better?'"

"Then I'll snap out of it and feel as though I'm going very well." Noreen said she plans to continue fencing at Wayne as long as she can. "Then her collegiate eligibility runs out, she'll continue fencing with the AFLA."



Noreen Hydeil—Fencing doesn't look like it takes much muscle, but it does.

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