

Sexes battle in Oak Park

Gal netters whip the guys—easily

By JOHN BOZZO

It wasn't even close. The women won the battle-of-the-sexes tennis match Friday in Oak Park, 112-47.

"We slaughtered them," said Anita Goldman of West Bloomfield, captain of the women's team.

"They really did us in," said Mark Conti of Birmingham, captain of the men's team and tennis pro at Oak Park Racquet Club.

Conti and Goldman had arranged the pick-up game when Conti boasted that any men's tennis team could beat any women's tennis team.

When the match was over, the women had won five of eight singles and three of four doubles matches.

Flushed with pride after the victory, Goldman announced that she would accept challenges from any men's team.

"They came into the matches unprepared," Goldman said. "I prepared my girls well. We were coached specifically to the people we were playing against. We knew their weaknesses."

"I know all the people personally," Goldman said. "Through our friends, I found out what their games were like."

CONTI COMPLIMENTED the women on their preparation for the tournament.

"We didn't go to that degree of preparation," Conti said. "We did a lot of practicing and played a lot of junior girls. They played well, prepared well and deserved to win."

"We lost it on the negotiating table," Conti said, "not on the tennis court. I gave away too many handicaps to them."

"I underestimated them, not really knowing the caliber of players they had on their team."

Goldman said she would agree to a rematch and joked that Conti wants an attorney present when the handicaps are discussed.

In both singles and doubles play, the men were limited to one service. The women were spotted 30 points in doubles and allowed to hit into the lines in singles.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES RESULTS

Singles: Mark Conti (Birmingham) defeated Jean Blievornicht (Southfield) 12-4; Frank Schubert (Praser) defeated Jocil Fichtner (Birmingham) 7-8; Sue Heald (Oak Park) defeated Errol Peschel (West Bloomfield) 12-4; David Farmer (West Bloomfield) defeated Laura Tatt (Oak Park) 12-11; Annette Zaharoff (Southfield) defeated Matt VanderKloot (Detroit) 12-4; Yvonne Smart (Clinton Township) defeated Ron Bozzo (Birmingham) 12-4; Jodi Ross (Birmingham) defeated John Simon (Franklin) 12-4; Anita Goldman (West Bloomfield) defeated John Popyk (Birmingham) 12-2.

Doubles: Conti-VanderKloot defeated Blievornicht-Fichtner 8-6; Zaharoff-Ross defeated Hubert-Peschel 8-1; Tatt-Smart defeated Farmer-Popyk 8-1; Goldman-Heald defeated Bozzo-Simon 8-4.

S-F icers triumph

Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home returned from a blizzard-enforced lay-off — an 8-3 pounding of Star Lincoln-Mercury last Thursday in the Over 30 Hockey League.

The victory boosted Sawyer-Fuller, now 11-4-2, into a first-place tie with Southfield Holiday Inn (10-3-4, including a loss last week) in the eight-team league. Both teams have 24 points.

Sawyer's Don Ellis scored on the opening faceoff, and then added another goal later in the game. Teammate Frank Goldberg also scored a pair of goals, and Denny Bagley, Ray Miras, Al Stahl and Ray Brunet each scored one. Chuck Drake scored twice for Star, and Gary Feldman added another marker.

In another Over 30 game last week, high-scoring Ray Tremblay fired in four goals, three of them unassisted and the other set up by substitute goaltender Ken Feldman, to pace Concourse Camera's 7-2 victory over Holiday Inn. Gordon Schram, Wally

Weitzman and Mike Kenny each scored a goal for Concourse, now 9-5-3. John Thomas and Jim Dietle scored for Holiday Inn.

Spartan Concrete, with a 5-2 victory over Northland Heating, climbed to within one point of first place. Spartan has an 11-5-1 record and 23 points. Spartan scored five-straight goals with Larry Dume finding the range twice, and Joe George, Chuck Walton and Lee Fitzpatrick each scoring once. Bob Hawk scored two goals for Northland, which is winless in 17 starts this season.

Bob Kiefel scored two goals to go with single tallies from Bill Marascio and Mike Nave as Roger Penske's Chevrolet defeated Suburban Sports Center, 4-2. John Waterman scored twice for Suburban.

Spartan Concrete plays Holiday Inn in an important Over 30 game at 8:45 p.m. on Thursday at the Civic Center Arena. Sawyer-Fuller meets Penske at 7:30 p.m. on the same night.

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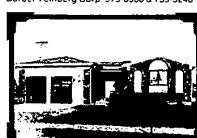
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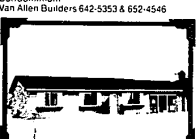
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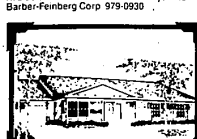
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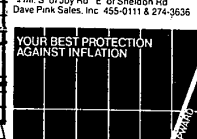
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