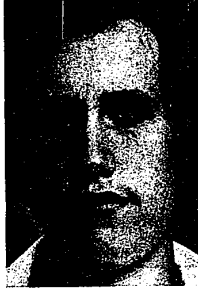


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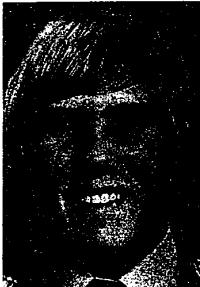
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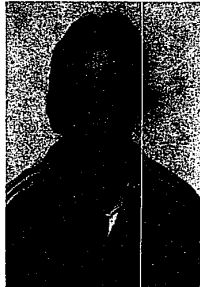
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COACH DON BROWN
Cranbrook

All-area tennis team reflects quality play

By BRAD EMONS

Ten players feature one of the best All-Area tennis squads in recent memory.

Area tennis coaches voted by secret ballot, nominating the 10 top netters, including nine players who made it to the state finals in their respective classes. This elite group also claims five state championships.

West Bloomfield's Mark Pinchoff was one of those five champions.

Pinchoff, now considered a junior, won the coveted Class A number one singles title, repeating the feat of his father, Dean, who captured the same championship in 1953.

Pinchoff recorded an impressive 21-1 mark. He led coach Greg Kopec's team to a Greater Oakland Activities League crown and a regional title. The Laker standout is also a nationally ranked junior 18-and-under player. In November he reached the finals of the U.S. National 18's indoor event.

Just before embarking on his high school season, Pinchoff made the quarterfinals in the prestigious Easter

Bowl. His plans now are to graduate from West Bloomfield in January and perhaps attend a west coast school, according to Kopec.

Pinchoff is joined on the all-area team by teammate Eric Garber.

A senior, Garber won the state Class A singles in the second flight after attaining the semifinals in 1977.

"His goal this year was to win the regional and reach the state finals," said Kopec.

"Eric improved as the season went along," said the Laker coach.

Garber sported a 2-3 record and may continue to play both basketball and tennis in college.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook boasts two state Class B champions, Mike Stone and Scott King, both repeaters on the all-star contingent.

King played number one all year for the Cranes and culminated his outstanding career by defeating Detroit Austin's John Willard in the 'B' finals. King won the 'B' championship last season.

A hard-nosed competitor, King has

expressed interest in attending Michigan State in the fall.

Stone led Cranbrook to a second-place finish in the 'B' finals and took the second flight championship by downing East Grand Rapids' Jeff Wickham in a three-set final. He and King were the co-captains for the Cranes this year.

The third member of the all-area team from Cranbrook is Bill Holmes, a state finalist at number three singles.

A junior, Holmes lost in the finals to state champion East Grand Rapids. Holmes sported an impressive 19-4 mark.

Leading Birmingham Brother Rice to an 11th place team finish in Class A was number one singles star Bill Harahan, only a sophomore.

Harahan compiled a 15-6 record while taking regional and Catholic League First Division honors.

In the Catholic League finals, Harahan avenged an earlier loss to Willard, the state Class B runnerup.

"Bill had an extremely good year," said his coach Don McKercher.

Harahan was defeated in the second round of the state 'A' finals at Midland.

Joining Harahan is another Birmingham player, Dave Gary of Birmingham Seaholm.

Gary played a big role in Seaholm's Southeastern Michigan Association championship and team eighth place finish in Class A.

The Seaholm junior was runnerup to Pinchoff in the regional and has been named All-SMA for two years. Gary lost in the state finals, a second-round loss to Bill Schaefer of Portage Northern.

The number-one seeded Schaefer was the only player to defeat Pinchoff this year. Gary had a 12-2 mark playing number one singles for Seaholm coach Alex McGuinness and was recently named captain for next season.

Underclassmen Brian Veillette of Rochester Adams also received the

nod of area coaches for the first team.

Veillette paced Adams to a tie in the Metro Suburban Activities Association and won 24 of 25 matches at number one singles for coach Jim Taylor.

"Brian's game is really improved and he is basically a finesse player," said Taylor.

"Veillette is an all-court player and uses ball control," Taylor said.

Veillette suffered an injury last year which hampered his play and even better things are expected his senior season.

Grabbing the final two spots on the first team are two players from Detroit Country Day, Glennys Merritt and Randy Jacobs.

The number one and two Yellow Jacket players respectively powered their squad to a seventh place state Class C-D finish in which the state's number one ranked team, Grosse-Pointe University-Liggett garnered the title.

Merritt was a state quarterfinalist

while teammate Jacobs was the second flight singles champion.

Jacobs was a four-year letterman at Country Day and won 18 of 21 matches this year. He plans to attend perennial NCAA Division III power Kalamazoo College to continue his tennis and academic career.

A junior, Merritt recorded a 15-5 state.

For the second straight year, Cranbrook's Don Brown has been selected by his colleagues as Coach of the Year.

Brown's record at Cranbrook is an outstanding 102-8 since he began coaching in 1972.

For the past two years, Brown has guided the Cranes to consecutive runner-up finishes in Class B. Both years Cranbrook placed behind champion East Grand Rapids.

Coached by Brown, Cranbrook ruined Brother Rice's undefeated season with a 6-1 victory in both team's last regular season match.

2nd team; honorable mention

Second Team: Doug Prew, Birmingham Groves; Jon Frank, Southfield-Lathrup; Mike Moran, Rochester Adams; George Huang, Troy Athens; Bill Dyla, Birmingham Seaholm; Ted Williams, Birmingham Brother Rice; Mark Knightengale, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Brian August, West Bloomfield; Blase Keating, Birmingham Brother Rice; Bobby Hirsch, Bloomfield Hills Andover; Mark Midgley, Rochester; Pete McKnight, Southfield-Lathrup.

Honorable Mention: Brick Swirbul, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; Jim Potter, Rochester; Mike Lee, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Art Levin, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; Jim Nederlander, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook; Mark Unger, Detroit Country Day; Neal Krasnick, Detroit Country Day; Pat Williams, West Bloomfield; Jim McDonald, Rochester Adams; Paul Schrock, Rochester Adams; David Hainline, Birmingham Brother Rice; Mike Williams, West Bloomfield; Brad Fishman, Birmingham Seaholm; Phil Van Winkle, Birmingham Seaholm; Dieter Rucker, North Farmington; John McNulty, Birmingham Brother Rice; Mitch Mondry, Birmingham Groves; Alan Kuntzman, Rochester; Mike Schupp, North Farmington; Al Jackson, Rochester Adams.

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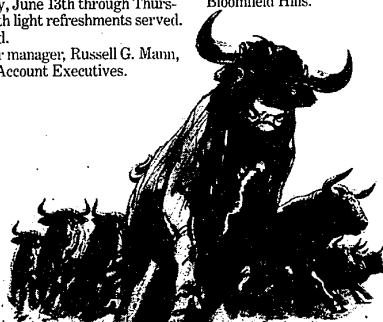
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West Bloomfield's Mark Pinchoff displays the form he used to win the top-flight singles title at the state Class A high school tennis meet recently in Midland.