

Groves slips past Athens

No. 3 doubles comes through

Birmingham Groves' No. 3 doubles team of Mark Karcher and Pat Walsh, unbeaten at that level, won their biggest match of the season last week when they stopped Dennis Corcoran and Kevin Sathers, 6-1, 7-6, to provide the deciding match win in Groves' 4-3 victory over Troy Athens in Metro Suburban Activities Association play.

The Balje brothers, Mike and Dave, won the top two singles matches for Athens. Mike overpowered Mike Sandweiss, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 1 singles, and Dave crushed Mark Mason, 6-0, 6-1.

Brad Becker brought Groves back with a 5-2, 6-0 victory over Don Price in the No. 3 singles match. At No. 4, Athens' Brian Crowder beat Mark McGrath, 6-2, 6-3.

Groves won the first two doubles matches. Roark Vandinter and Paul Sulder whipped Tom Butkovich and Frank Lee, 6-4, 6-4, at No. 1, and Dave Bohan and Cary Bohan beat Larry Hanan and Kee Kim, 6-1, 6-4, at No. 2.

The meet result left Groves with a 3 overall record and a 2-1 mark in the conference. On Monday afternoon, Athens is home to Southfield-Lathrup and Groves travels to Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM, winning every match except for No. 1 singles, trounced Bloomfield Hills Andover last week in the Southeastern Michigan Association.

Andover's Loomis took Scott Whittall, 6-2, 6-1, in the top singles match. Jamie Michelson of Seaholm downed Kevin Hurt, 6-0, 6-3, at No. 2. Jamie Piel beat Hugh Whitney, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 3. In the No. 4 singles match, Charlie Fritz topped Paul Urzal, 6-1, 6-2.

Seaholm's top doubles team of Paul Olmstead and John Wilkinson beat Paul LeFater and Paul Shapiro, 6-1, 6-2. Bill Matthews and Jim Elmsman knocked off Denny Andrus and Rick Schwartz, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 2. The No. 3 match went to Dave Fishman and Tom Kemp, who beat Tim Brice and Mike Chialto, 6-4, 6-1.

The win boosted Seaholm to 9-1 overall. The loss was Andover's third in 13 starts. Seaholm hosts Berkley on Monday, and Andover plays at Southfield on the same afternoon.

WEST BLOOMFIELD pushed its dual-meet record to 10-3 last week with a 7-0 victory over Waterford Mott in the Greater Oakland Activities League. West Bloomfield is 4-0 in the conference.

Belle Isle hosts bikers

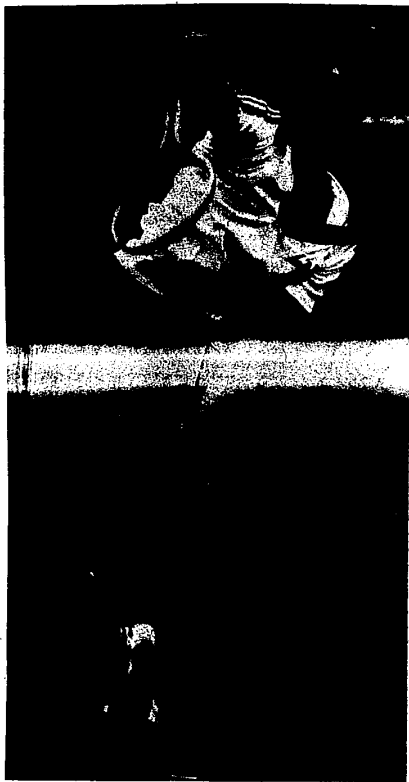
The 23rd annual Wolverine "200" Bicycle Marathon will be May 22-23 at Belle Isle.

The marathon, sponsored by the Detroit News and the Schwinn Bicycle Co., is promoted by the Michigan Cycling Federation in cooperation with the Detroit Parks and Recreation. There is a \$5 entry fee.

The marathon's challenge is to ride as far as possible from 10 a.m. May 22

to 10 a.m. May 23. Overnight camping will be allowed that evening only. Each participant receives a patch and mileage rocker. Also, entrants have the opportunity to win some of the \$15,000 in prizes, including 10 Schwinn bicycles and dozens of plaques and trophies.

For further information, call the Michigan Cycling Federation at 547-0050.



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West Bloomfield's Kurt Strong won the No. 2 singles match in the Lakers' 7-0 tennis victory over Waterford Mott.

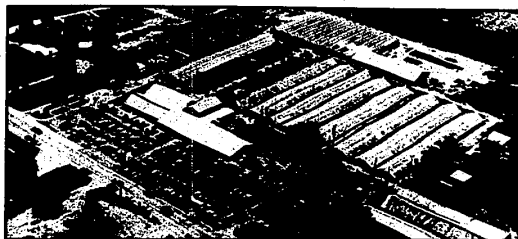
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tennis

WB's Kevin Donase, returning to No. 1 singles while tennis whiz Ed Nagel got a rest, beat Tim Henderson, 6-3, 6-4. Kurt Strong, the Lakers' No. 2 singles player, stopped Chris Murphy, 6-2, 6-1.

Earlier, Nagel won the No. 1 singles match to help the Lakers beat Rochester, 6-1.

Nagel beat Mike Simpson, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 and 2 doubles lasted three sets with WB winning both. The No. 1 team, Joe Scavone and Howard Eisenstadt, beat Jim Grant and Paul Polry, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. At No. 2, Brian Bailey and Cary Glazer beat Pete Milne and Steve Tan, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

On Monday, West Bloomfield plays at Waterford Kettering, and Rochester travels to Lake Orion.

BLOOMFIELD LAHSEER battered Royal Oak Dondoro, 7-0, Thursday in the Metro Suburban Activities Association. Ed Havel beat John Long, 6-0, 6-1, in the No. 1 singles match. Tim Sechowski and Joe Atkins beat Craig Masters and Joel Jenkins, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 1 doubles.

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP won all seven matches in straight sets in beating Rochester Adams, 7-0, in a Metro Suburban Activities Association meet

last week. The win left Lathrup with a 7-4 overall record.

Jerry Soverinsky won the top singles match with scores of 6-0, 6-0 over Bob Wagner. Steve Kalt beat Eric Essen, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 2. Dan Healy and Jon Furber beat Pete Gribble and Jeff Stegg, 6-4, 6-1, at No. 1 doubles.

Earlier last week, Lathrup beat North Farmington, 6-1. Soverinsky beat John Grisdale, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 1 singles, and Steve Kalt beat Howard Headlee, 6-0, 6-2. North won the No. 4 singles meet. Chuck Homolka beat Ron Granader, 6-2, 6-3.

On Monday, Lathrup plays at Troy Athens. North plays at Livonia Churchill on the same afternoon.

SOUTHFIELD'S RON Nussbaum won a three-setter at No. 4 singles to highlight Southfield's 7-0 victory over Troy in Southeastern Michigan Association tennis last week.

Nussbaum outlasted Ron Cross, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. John Zeppa won the No. 1 singles match with scores of 6-3, 6-1 over Ross Wilbur, and Nelson Turnage topped Dean Knetty, 6-4, 6-4, at No. 2. The No. 3 singles match went to Darrin Kanfer, who beat Glen Gurney, 6-4, 6-4.

Mike Applefield and Russ McCoy beat Jim Caponigro and Dave Snyder, 6-1, 6-2. Brad Falk and Allen Goodwin beat Mark Sosnowski and Mark Chase, 7-5, 6-2, at No. 2. Jim Haver and Scott Moore beat Jeff Davis and Jamie Krieger, 6-4, 6-4.

Southfield is home to Andover on Monday, and Troy hosts Hazel Park on the same afternoon.

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