

Hoffman reaches 'A' semis

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Though he was a low seed, North Farmington freshman Seth Hoffman made a strong showing in the Class A tennis championships last weekend.

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"Lingo pounded the ball, had big serves."

Hoffman won his first three matches at the Midland Community Tennis Center before losing in the semifinals to eventual champion Jeff Girardo of Grosse Pointe South.

"It was the best I've seen him play all year," North coach Rick Jones said. "Some areas of his game were so good it's hard to realize you're watching a 15 year old."

Hoffman defeated Cliff Hodgman of Kalamazoo Loy Norrix and Tom Boutours of Birmingham Brother Rice by 6-3, 6-2 scores in his first two matches and, with only a half-hour break, moved into the semifinals Friday with a two-set victory over John Lingo of state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer, 6-4, 6-4.

"Seth said he was the toughest kids he'd ever played," Jones said.

probably didn't cash in the way he wanted," Jones said. "We talked after the match about big opportunities Seth will have down the road."

"Seth was disappointed because he's a competitor and I thought he could win it all. He took it well and is looking forward to having another chance next year."

SCHWAGLE, WHO had lost to Hoffman in a dual match (6-2, 7-6; earlier in the season, eliminated the defending state champion, Neil Denahan of Portage Central, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Hoffman went to the state finals as a regional champion but was seeded ninth.

"We felt all along he was one of the top two or three kids," Jones said. "But based on who he had played during the season and the fact a lot of the others were seniors I wasn't surprised but felt he was better than that."

In the Class B meet at Kalamazoo College, Farmington Hills Harrison won two matches and tied with St. Clair, Shores Lakeview, Marysville and Spring Lake for 18th place.

CC fares well at state meet

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Redford Catholic Central scored points in six of the seven flights Saturday to tie for seventh place in the Class A Boys Tennis Championships at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

CC notched points in every flight except No. 1 singles. One point was given for each victory.

Ann Arbor Pioneer took the Class A title with 26 points. Grosse Pointe South (23), Birmingham Brother Rice (22), Okemos (19) and East Lansing (14) rounded out the top five. Saginaw Heritage finished in sixth place with 12 points, followed by CC and Traverse City (10), Holland (9) and West Bloomfield (8).

"I expected we could have done a little better, and here and there we would have," said CC coach Frank Garlicki. "I thought 13 or 14 points would have been a reasonable number. We weren't far off track, but were a little bit."

The Shamrocks advanced people to the quarterfinals (the third round) in four different events.

MARKO HABEROVIC defeated two opponents in No. 2 singles before losing. He bested Bloomfield Hills Lasher's Taurus Barauskas, 6-4, 6-2, and downed Saif Fattah of Okemos, 6-1, 6-3, before falling to eventual finalist Lee Lorenzini of Grosse Pointe South, 6-3, 6-2.

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THE NO. 1 and No. 3 doubles teams also scored a point apiece for the Shamrocks.

Shawn Matthews and John Sheridan were eliminated in the second round of No. 1 doubles by Andrew Goodville and Tim Martin of Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. The tandem reached that point by defeating Eric Popowicz and Brad Sietz of Trenton, 6-3, 6-2.

In No. 3 doubles, Chris Shatt and Chris Matson ousted Brendan Glass and Andy Wise of Grand Blanc, 7-5, 6-4, before being eliminated by Matt Wilson and Joe Magee of Lasher, 6-4, 6-4.

The Shamrocks' Paul Boyzk in No. 1 singles was the only singles player or doubles tandem not to register a point for CC.

Boyzk, who was ill all week before the tournament, lost his opening match to Seth Denawetz of West Bloomfield, 6-3, 6-4.

Garlicki hopes to play some new out-state opponents to prepare for future Class A tournaments.

"There were some people like the Grand Rapids people (Forest Hills Central) who caught us off guard," he said. "That's because we don't play them during the season. I've been trying to change that, but it is hard to get an invitation to play out there."

• JUNIOR GOLF

The 16th Annual Oakland County Junior Golf Invitational will be played Thursday, June 21, at Springfield Oaks Golf Course, and Friday, June 22, at White Lake Oaks Golf Course.

The 36-hole tournament is open to boys and girls age 12-19. The cost is \$25. For 11-and-under golfers, there will be an 18-hole tournament for \$20 per person.

The fee includes two practice rounds to be used any weekday before June 20. Entries must be received by June 19. For information, call Springfield Oaks (625-2540) or White Lake Oaks (698-2700).

• BASEBALL FEST

The Fourth Annual Baseball Fest, sponsored by Oakland Hills Community Church, will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at City Park in Farmington. Detroit Tigers pitcher Frank Tanana and possibly a couple teammates will speak at the event, which features a miniclinic for Little League players.

• SUMMER HOOPS

Farmington Public Schools will conduct summer basketball camps at three schools, according to the following schedule:

Power Middle School — registration June 11 from 11 a.m. to noon in the school gym; boys and girls in grades 5-12; 12 days beginning June 12; cost \$50.

Harrison High School — registration June 14 from 9-10 a.m. in the school gym; boys and girls in

sports shorts

grades 9-12; 10 days beginning June 16; cost \$40.

North Farmington High School — registration June 11 from 10 a.m. to noon in the school gym; boys and girls in grades 4-12; 12 days beginning June 12; cost \$50.

• SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Northville Sting 1979 boys will conduct tryouts on Friday, June 8. For more details call Ken Romine at 420-4451.

Tryouts for Little Caesars (premier level) players (girls born 1978-79) will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, in Plymouth. For more information, Greg Spinazze at 349-5855.

The Spirit of '77 will have Little Caesars Premier boys tryouts at 6 p.m. June 11, 13 and 14 at the University of Detroit, next to Callahan Hall at 6 Mile and Livernois. Call Ray Fraser (981-7197).

The Northville Sting 78 Premier boys will have tryouts 6-8 p.m. June 15, 16 and 22 at Training Center 1 on Sheldon Road between 5 and 6 Mile roads. Call David Masini (453-0066).

Livonia Premier Soccer Club will have tryouts for boys and girls (Michigan Wolves and Hawks) at JayCee Park in Livonia at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 10. Tryouts are open to boys with birth years 1977-81, girls 1972-80. Call Tom Coyne 427-3336 for information.

Michigan Wolves '75, sponsored by the Livonia Family Y, will

have post-season tryouts 6 p.m. June 13 at Bicentennial Park Field No. 9.

Tryouts for the NFC Spurs, a '77 boys Little Caesars team, will be 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 9-11, at the Northville field, located on the west side of Sheldon between 5 and 6 Mile roads. Call 476-1683 or 261-1679 for information.

• CAMP WORKERS

Farmington Hills Mercy basketball coach Larry Baker needs camp counselors to work his summer camp at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Females graduating from high school this year and women college players are needed to help run the camp for high school girls. The camp takes place the week of June 25-29 with daily hours of 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Anybody interested in working the camp should call Baker at 476-8020 during the day.

• SENIORS TENNIS

The Second Annual Silver's Super Senior Tennis Tournament will be played June 21-24 at the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club in Farmington Hills, 31031 Drake Rd.

The entry deadline is 7 p.m. Monday, June 18. No telephone entries will be accepted.

The tournament will consist of men's singles and doubles events in the age divisions of 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80. Entry forms can be obtained by calling the club at 661-2300. For information, call Mike Schram at the same number.

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