

## Former CC standout will remain an Eagle

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Doug Brzezinski didn't go to Redford Catholic Central just to play football. But that was part of it.

He didn't attend Boston College strictly for football, either. But that was part of it.

The only academic course the Philadelphia Eagles offer, however, is Football 501. So Doug Brzezinski will do his graduate work in training camp and on Sundays next fall.

"I was happy to get picked," Brzezinski said after Philadelphia made him its third-round selection Saturday in the opening day of the National Football League draft.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle, you might say.

It will be Brzezinski's indoctrination into Advanced Football, the graduate course for players fortunate enough to have the skills to qualify.

The 6-foot-4, 300-pound lineman played tackle and guard for the college Eagles and was drafted as a guard by the professional team.

The Livonia resident doesn't know precisely what he's in for, but he's been trying to pick up tips for the last year

or so, ever since he began to have an inkling football might be his post-graduate occupation.

"I've heard that this will be a long year," Brzezinski said. "It will be pretty tough. There's a lot thrown at you, as far as schemes and that. And looking for a place to live and stuff like that."

Brzezinski majored in sociology, graduating in 1998. But even though he was done with classes, Brzezinski had playing eligibility remaining. So he stuck around campus to take some graduate courses and complete Football 401.

He knew professional football was an option, unless all those people telling him so were lying, but he was also aware certain other things were necessary. Things like getting another year's experience both physically and mentally.

"My attitude was always, 'If it happens, it happens,'" he said. "This is just another step, I guess."

"I'm just looking forward to getting started. I've been waiting around not knowing where I was going to be the last couple of months. Now I'm just looking forward to it."

"I just want to play, do the best I can."

## Raiders best in dual tourney

North Farmington had four fight champions and won the team title Saturday in Birmingham Seaholm's dual tennis tournament.

Actually, the Raiders had to wait until Monday before their first-place finish was official, pending the outcome of the Southland-Bloomfield Hills Lahser match.

Lahser defeated Seaholm 6-2 but needed at least seven points in that match to overtake North and capture the championship trophy.

The Raiders, who had beaten Seaholm 7-1, tied Lahser 4-4 and blanked Avondale Hills Avondale 8-0 in the quad dual-meet tourney, finished with 19 points — one for each fight victory per match.

The final Lahser tally was 18 points; Seaholm had 10 and Avondale one.

Winning the championship was important for North since Lahser and Seaholm also are expected to be factors in the Division II state tournament.

"I told the kids at the state of the season, we could play good tennis and not have a lot to show for it," North coach Rick Jones said, "or we could play good tennis and have something really good to show for it — and the latter happened."

"It was a good tournament for us, because Seaholm and Lahser were ranked ahead of us (in Oakland County). To have beaten one of them and tied the other is a pretty good accomplishment."

"The nice thing about this tournament is the point helps. Whether you win at No. 1 singles or No. 4 doubles, no point is more important than the other."

Winning all three of their matches and flight championships were Brad Jaffe at No. 1 singles, Chris Erickson at No. 2

### TENNIS

singles, the No. 1 doubles team of Mark Frankel and Jay Berman and the No. 3 doubles duo of Josh Wool and Andy Golazewski.

Jaffe's third victory was a three-setter (6-7, 6-3, 6-4) over Avondale's Peter Voetz, one of the Western Tennis Association, which encompasses five Mid-west states.

"The kid (Voetz) has a huge serve; he's a big, strong kid," Jones said. "It was just a great win for Brad."

While he didn't win his flight, Justin Street regrouped after losing a pair of three-set matches and overcame leg cramps to win his last match against Avondale and gain an important point for the Raiders.

"He played good tennis and didn't have a lot to show for it," Jones said. "He still went out and played the third match. He had to fight through some pain. We needed that point. It was a real gutsy performance to go back out there."

#### SEAHOLM TOURNAMENT

April 17 at Birmingham Seaholm

NORTH FARMINGTON 1

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 1

No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated

Lech Czerninski, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Chris Erickson

(NF) def. Josh Stuber, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Justin Street

(NF) def. Justin Street, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-2); No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Mick Rodd, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman

(NF) def. Bob Walker-Alex Vostokov, 6-7, 6-4, 6-1; No. 2: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Strel (NF) def. Jeff

Horton-Scott Lester, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2; No. 3: Josh Wool-Andy Golazewski (NF) def. Greg Schwartz-Scott Allen, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Rob Frankel-Steve Jaffe (NF) def. Dave Stimmer-Tim Reynolds, 6-4, 6-2.

NORTH FARMINGTON 4

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSE 4

No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated

Greg Wagner, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Chris Erickson

(NF) def. Eric Grundstien, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3:

Mark Karadzhish (L) def. Justin Street, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Darren Gurether (L) def. Brandon Finkel, 7-6, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (NF) def. Phil Wagner-Nell Meyer, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Joe Langmuir-John Kelly (L) def. Brady Dwyer-Geoff Strel, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3: Josh Wool-Andy Golazewski (NF) def. Tim Moses-James Stewart, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; No. 4: Jeff Smith-Josh Bruce-Black (L) def. Rob Frankel-Mike Levy, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

NORTH FARMINGTON 8  
AUBURN HILLS AVONDALE 0  
No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated Peter Voetz, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Chris Erickson (NF) def. Eric Vogel, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Justin Street (NF) def. Ahmed Gannal, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Chad Powell, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (NF) won by forfeit over Brandon Jazdinski-Justin Powell; No. 2: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Strel (NF) def. Chris Gold-Paul Liu, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Josh Wool-Andy Golazewski (NF) def. Brian Tingling-Dave Slachew, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Steve Jaffe-Mike Levy (NF) def. Ryan Vaughan-Jason Dault, 6-1, 6-1.

#### DUAL-MEET RESULTS

NORTH FARMINGTON 8

FARMINGTON 0

April 18 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (NF) defeated Jon

Gore, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Chris Erickson (NF) def. Randy Hassan, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Justin Street

(NF) def. Chad Hara, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Brandon Finkel (NF) def. Brandon Mytyl, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman

(NF) def. Eric Bruce-Ben Broder, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Brady Dwyer-Geoff Strel (NF) def. Dan

Turkovic-Guillaume Odenvald, 6-1, 7-5; No. 3: Josh Wool-Andy Golazewski (NF) def. Samik

Prasad-Hamish Srinivas, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Rob Frankel-Steve Jaffe (NF) def. Loren Klein-Chris

Hall, 6-2, 6-3.

Real records: North Farmington 3-1-1,

Farmington 0-2.

#### FARMINGTON HARRISON 2

WESTLAND JOHN GLEN 2

April 18 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Ryan Shode (FH) defeated

Danny Kovacs, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: Tim Kufner

(FH) def. Dave Kovacs, 6-3, 6-0; No. 3: Dan

Price (FH) def. Anthony Lamont, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Rahul Dohipah (FH) def. Evan Was-

del, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Dave Stephens-Rajir

Dashyala (JD) def. An Shwayder-Jeff Braun, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Brandon Lazickowski-Ralph

Pumley (FH) def. Jeff Dorian-Rob Dorian, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Chuck Farley-Pat Sorak (XG) def. Ray

Wich John Kukla, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Brian

Studer-Eric Sotth (FH) def. Osman Altiz-

Oliver, 6-0, 6-1.

Dual records: Harrison 1-0, John Glen 0-2.

#### ROCHESTER ADAMS 4

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 3

April 20 at Rochester Adams  
No. 1 singles: Kai Glische (RA) defeated Mike Findling, 6-2, 6-3; No. 2: Andy Formanovsky (RA) def. David Altan, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Brett McCool (RA) def. Evan Curtis, 6-2, 6-0; No. 4: Brian Porter (RA) def. Tom McNery, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Rob Sparks-Jeff Fleazar (CC) def. Greg Nowakowski-Serve Parvati, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: J.D. Shade-Nick Gray (CC) def. Andrew Boulton-Jason Benedict, 6-3, 6-1; No. 3: Mark Fleazar-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) def. Joe

Drozdz-Joe Desjardis, 6-2, 7-5; No. 4 (unseeded): Ryan Cior-Matt Rowe (CC) def. Nate Pan-Nick Austin, 6-1, 6-4.

CC's dual record: 2-3 record.

#### DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8

ALLEN PARK CARRING 0

April 19 at Rochester Adams

No. 1 singles: Mike Findling (CC) defeated

Jeff Vinok, 6-0, 6-2; No. 2: David Altan (CC)

def. Bill Baker, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Evan Curtis

(CC) def. Chris Plutner, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Tom

McNery (CC) def. Nick Sorak, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Rob Sparks-Jeff Fleazar (CC)

def. Mike Blinn and Mike Serpelli, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 2: Nick Gray-Mark Fleazar (CC) def. Jerry

Whitaker-Chris Regates, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Ryan

Cior-Eric Tomkiewicz (CC) def. Justin

Leonard-Andy Maczowski, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Matt

Rowe-Nick Glische (CC) def. Bill Love-Eric

Schmidt, 6-1, 6-0.

#### DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8

CLARKSBURG DRIVE CLUB 0

April 18 at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Mike Findling (CC) defeated

Matt Doyle, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: J.D. Shade (CC)

def. Steve Brindswal, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: David

Altan (CC) def. Ansh Patel, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4:

Evan Curtis (CC) def. Ken Gayek, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jeff Fleazar-Rob Sparks (CC)

def. Brian Somerville-David Lindley, 6-0, 6-0;

No. 2: Nick Gray-Mark Fleazar (CC) def. Cag

Jillian-Mike Grotzki, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Eric

Tomkiewicz-Ryan Cior (CC) def. Ryan Bauer-

Tim Sitkunas, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Andy Clob-

Nick Gonzalez (CC) def. Mike Mattee-Paul

Zimard, 6-0, 6-1.

#### LIVONIA CHURCHILL 8

LIVONIA STEVENSON 0

April 20 at Church

No. 1 singles: Robert Simola (LC) def.

Maier Sohan (LS), 6-0, 6-4; No. 2: Tom Wallis

(LC) def. Sean Mann, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Ben

Long (LC) def. Brian Adams (LS), 6-0, 6-1; No. 4:

Ross Puchalsky (LC) def. Brandon Carmichael,

6-1, 7-6.

No. 1 doubles: Ian Quip-Bobby Kaimann

(LC) def. Todd Lerner-Matt Deming, 6-3, 6-4;

No. 2: Mike Horak-Scott Rinner (LC) def. John

Schilling-Pat Peterson, 6-2, 7-6; No. 3:

Adam Rourke-Zac Tibbels (LC) def. Jon

Schred-Derek Kogut, 6-3, 6-2; No. 4: Chris

Singletom-Tom Fitzpatrick (LC) def. Karik

Srinivasan Eric Lammers, 6-1, 6-1.

Livonia Churchill's record: 1-1 overall.

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"We had a new staff come in, and coach (Butch) Davis rebuilt the team the way he wanted. If coach (Dennis) Erickson would've stayed, the first couple years we might have been better, because the guys would not have had to learn a new system."

"I feel I could've done more, but I'm not bitter about it at all. It helped me in a way. I polished up on my blocking skills and concentrated more on learning the game."

"It made me a better total player, because I know I can still run the ball and catch. I'm a devastating blocker now, too."

Williams compares himself to Keith Byars of the Philadelphia Eagles and thinks he could be a sleeper, a diamond in the rough, ready to show his true ability as a pro player.

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Williams is happy to be heading north again, too.

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