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She was a quarterfinalist at year ago in the Division II state finals.

"My goal is to make the semifinals and go beyond that, maybe even win it," Jaffo said.

Mazzoni, 21-5 on the year, is a hard-hitting left-hander with heavy top-spin forehand. She was a state qualifier in Division I a year ago and recently knocked off Hutto in the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

Mazzoni will be the top seed Friday when Stevenson hosts the regional.

At No. 2 singles, North senior Bethany Nestor rolled to a 6-1, 1-0 victory over Farmington's Brittany Nuccitelli after getting by Stevenson freshman Ashley Moccia in a tough semifinal match, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Junior Amy Berke of North repeated as No. 3 WLAAs singles champion with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over Stevenson sophomore Sara Gonzalez.

North made it a clean sweep in singles when freshman Kelly Davis beat Northville's Ashley Polchynok

in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. The Raiders also captured the No. 1 and 2 doubles flights.

Juniors Michele Boothroyd and Chrissy Dwyer took care of Salem's Mandy Bradley and Misay Nelson, 6-1, 6-4, to claim the No. 1 doubles crown.

In the last and longest match of the day, North's Kimmy Solarz and Allison Kay defeated Walled Lake Western's duo of Laura Bell and Christina Williams, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, to claim the No. 2 flight.

Northville claimed the Nos. 3 and 4 doubles crowns.

Stephanie Patterson and Kelly Harrison beat North's Jenna Street and Jessica Hoffman in three sets at No. 3, and the Mustangs' Megan Bennett and Amanda Retzbach took out North's Sarah Williams and Rachel Redmond in three sets, also.

The three Farmington schools will host a Division 2 regional Friday, and North will be a heavy favorite: The Raiders hope to top last year's 11th-place, state-meet finish.



WLAAs tennis tourney: Harrison's Abby Cleland (above) and Laura Glynn were semifinalists at No. 1 doubles.

Help arrives in time for Whalers to win 2

It was, indeed, a big weekend for Plymouth Whalers.

First, they welcomed the return of a pair of stalwarts from last season's Ontario Hockey League finalist in Stephen Weiss and Chad LaRose. Both had been in NHL camps.

Weiss returned in time to appear in Friday's game in London against the Knights, and Weiss — the Whalers leading scorer last season and the NHL's fifth-overall draft pick — wasted no time getting accustomed to his surroundings. He scored his first goal of the season, and Plymouth's second of the game, just 8:31 into the first period. Weiss would finish with a goal and an assist in the Whalers' 8-0 win.

Defenseman Cole Jarrett scored twice for Plymouth and added an assist, and Tim Sestito contributed a goal and two assists. Sestito and Mike Smith each scored short-handed goals for the Whalers, while George Niemas had a goal and an assist. Other goals were netted by James Wisniewski (Canton) and Jared Newman, and Kris Vernarsky had three assists.

Jason Bucashihua turned away 29 shots in picking up his first OHL shutout. Glen Rieder and Anton Molnar were in goal for London.

Weiss got his second goal of the season Sunday in the Whalers' 3-1 victory over the Kingston Frontenacs at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. Sestito and Smith both scored in the second period to stake Plymouth to a 2-0 lead; each also had an assist in the period, as did Niemas.

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Kingston closed to within one with a power-play goal by Kyle Neufeld 11:31 into the third, but Weiss' goal 2:36 later secured the Whaler win.

The Whalers outshot Kingston 41-28. Paul Drew was in goal for the victory, turning away 27 shots. Peter Hamerlik had 38 saves for the Frontenacs.

Whalers ranked No. 2

Once again, the Plymouth Whalers — despite the loss of several key players and their coach from last season — are ranked with the elite in the Canadian Hockey League.

The Red Deer Rebels of the Western Hockey League, the defending Memorial Cup champions, are ranked No. 1 with a 6-1-2-0 record. The Whalers, riding a five-game winning streak, are second at 6-1-0-1. The next best OHL team is the Belleville Bulls at No. 7.

Plymouth has reached the OHL finals the past two seasons only to lose. With coach/general manager Pete DeBoer leaving to take a similar position with the Kitchener Rangers and nearly all of the team's top scorers either departing for or drafted by the NHL, it didn't figure to be a big season for the Whalers.

Certainly not at the start. However, under the tutelage of new coach/general manager Mike Vellucci, it's been just the opposite.

The Whalers host the Toronto St. Michael's Majors Friday.

WLAAs TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. GIRLS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 9 at Livonia Stevenson
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. North Farmington, 30 points; 2. Northville, 20; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 13; 4. Plymouth Salem, 12; 5. Farmington, 11; 6. Livonia Churchill, 8; 7. (tie) Walled Lake Western and Farmington Hilda Harrison, 0 each; 9. Walled Lake Central, 5; 10. Plymouth Canton, 3; 11. Livonia Franklin, 2; 12. Westland John Glenn, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Emily Jaffe (NF) defeated Erin Mazzoni (LS), 6-1, 6-3; semifinalist: Jaffe def. Nike Hady (PS), 6-3, 6-0; Mazzoni def. Lauren West (NF), 6-1, 6-2.
No. 2: Bethany Nestor (NF) def. Brittany Nuccitelli (F), 6-1, 0-0; semifinalist: Nestor def. Ashley Moccia (LS), 4-0, 6-0, 6-2; Nuccitelli def. Lindsay Pyle (PS), 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3: Amy Berke (NF) def. Sara Gonzalez (LS), 6-1, 6-1; semifinalist: Berke def. Sarah Price (H), 6-3, 6-0; Gonzalez def. Michelle Kitchanew (LS), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
No. 4: Kelly Davis (NF) def. Ashley Polchynok (N), 6-1, 6-2; semifinalist: Davis def. Maranon Swasy (PS), 6-0, 6-0.

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSN. BOYS TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Oct. 9 at Farmington
No. 1 doubles: Michele Boothroyd-Chrissy Dwyer (NF) def. Mandy Bradley-Misay Nelson (PS) def. 6-1, 6-4; semifinalist: Boothroyd/Dwyer def. Laura Glynn-Abby Cleland, 7-6, 6-1; Bradley/Nelson def. Lauren Farris Saran Potter, 3-6, 6-0, 7-5.
No. 2: Kimmy Solarz-Alison Kay (NF) def. Laura Bell Christina Williams (WLV), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; semifinalist: Solarz/Kay def. Adriane Grace-Natalie Rock (F), 6-3, 6-2; Bell/Williams def. Jamie Lindholm-Erica Dobson, 5-7, 6-2.
No. 3: Stephanie Patterson-Kelly Harrison (NF) def. Jenna Street-Jessica Hoffman (NF), 6-0, 4-0, 6-4; semifinalist: Patterson/Harrison def. Katherine Fretz-Lindsay Novotny (LS), 6-3, 6-4; Street/Hoffman def. Nancy Okeshukwa-Monica Ramsey (F), 6-3, 6-3.
No. 4: Megan Denette-Amanda Retzbach (NF) def. Sarah Williams-Rachel Redmond (NF), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; semifinalist: Denette/Retzbach def. Jody Winkler-Kenneth VanBeebe, 6-4, 7-5; Williams/Redmond def. Sarah Wight-Miki Savena (LC), 6-0, 6-0.

DUAL-MEET TENNIS SCORES

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Oct. 4 at Farmington
No. 1 singles: Lauren West (NF) def. Reem Sumra, 7-0 (37), 6-1; No. 2: Brittany Nuccitelli (F) def. Allison Long, 6-4, 6-2; No. 3: Sarah Price (H) def. Kristy Boskey, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4: Allison Lyon (F) def. Ashley Polchynok, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Lauren Farris Sarah Potter (NF) def. Stephanie Arnold-Karen Turukovich, 7-5, 6-2; No. 2: Stephanie Patterson-James Lindholm (NF) def. Adriane Grace-Natalie Rock, 7-5, 6-4; No. 3: Kelly Harrison-Erica Dobson (NF) def. Monica Ramsey-Nancy Okeshukwa, 7-5, 6-2; No. 4: Megan Denette-Amanda Retzbach (NF) def. Elise Harding-Kate Stien, 6-3, 6-2.

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Oct. 2 at Farmington
No. 1 singles: Nikki Hady (S) defeated Reem Sumra, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2: Brittany Nuccitelli (F) def. Lindsay Pyle, 7-6 (75), 6-3; No. 3: Allison Lyon (F) def. Jacqui Siebendick, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4: Maranon Swasy (PS) def. Eleanor Harding, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Mandy Dwyer-Missy Nelson (S) def. Stephanie Arnold-Karen Turukovich, 6-2, 6-1; No. 2: Kerry Griffin-Adriane Grace (NF) def. Adriane Grace-Natalie Rock, 7-6, 6-3; No. 3: Monica Ramsey-Nancy Okeshukwa (F) def. Amy Grick-Sara Hewton, 6-2, 6-3; No. 4: Anni Bash-Laura Lilia (S) def. Lisa Heibuech-Kate Stien, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

FARMINGTON 8 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 0

Oct. 1 at Farmington
No. 1 singles: Reem Sumra (F) defeated Katie Moloni, 6-3, 6-2; No. 2: Brittany Nuccitelli (F) def. Beth Trenchard, 6-0, 6-0; No. 3: Kristy Boskey (F) def. Susan Frank, 5-7, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Allison Lyon (F) def. Lauren Hammes, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: Stephanie Arnold-Karen Turukovich (F) def. Pam Tokarski-Laura Ulmer, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; No. 2: Jessica Landford-Jenna Delaney (C) def. Adriane Grace-Natalie Rock, 7-0 (7-5), 3-6, 6-4; No. 3: Monica Ramsey-Nancy Okeshukwa (F) def. Pam Tokarski-Laura Ulmer, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Julia Fabuszewski-Jenny Deard (C) def. Lisa Heibuech-Kate Stien, 3-6, 4-6.

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