

TENNIS

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final match Saturday, she was playing smart, tough tennis, and she carried that through the rest of the day.

"She's a very solid player at No. 3. At a lot of other schools, she could play higher. That shows what kind of depth we have at singles."

Jaffe was seeded No. 1, also, but lost an extremely close three-setter to Christine Bader of Okemos in the final, 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Berke was the No. 3 seed at two singles and was guaranteed a higher finish after beating Northern's Lindsey Thatties in the semis, 6-4, 6-4. Okemos' Stephanie Kehler won the title, 6-2, 7-5.

"Both Emily and Amy played a very solid tournament," Shenton said. "There was a lot of adversity. The first day was played indoors, and both had one match Friday and three straight Saturday out in the wind and the cold."

Farmington's Allison Lyon was a semifinalist at No. 4 singles. North's No. 1 (Chrissy Dwyer and Michele Boothroyd) and No. 2 (Alyssa Trotsky and Jessica Hoffman) doubles team and Farmington's No. 2 doubles team (Monica Ramsey and Ellie Harding) were quarterfi-

nalists.

Ramsey and Harding were eliminated by the Birmingham Seaholm duo in a close contest, 7-5, 7-6.

"The No. 1 doubles team played a couple good matches and ran into a very good team from Marian," Shenton said. "That's a pair of seniors who've done an excellent job for us all year long."

Mersey was the top Oakland County team in the Division I tournament, finishing one point ahead of Troy, which tied

Midland Dow for sixth place with 16 points apiece. Port Huron Northern won the team title.

"At No. 3 doubles, we lost to the No. 1 seed," Mersey coach Ken Stocker said. "We were up 6-2 in the second set; if we won, we had a straight shot to the finals. That would have moved us way up. Lauren Walsh and Caryn Switaj played an incredible match and lost it by inches."

"We had a great season. We had nine new kids on the team.

We did well. We were very happy with our finish. We improved every week."

Kaza lost in the semis to the eventual state champion from Port Huron Northern, Amy Szynalar, 0-6, 7-6, 6-0.

"At five of the eight flights, we lost to the state champions," Stocker said. "That's how tough our draw was."

Blanchard also lost a three-set match to a PHN opponent, Jill Setter, in the final, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"It was an incredible match,"

Stocker said. "It was a grueling match. It could have gone either way."

If Blanchard had beaten Setter, PHN would have tied Grosse Pointe South for the team title with 22 points apiece.

"It was one of the last matches of the day," Stocker said. "The Grosse Pointe girls were rooting for us, and the Port Huron girls were rooting for their player."

Mersey's Nos. 1, 2 and 4 doubles teams consisting of Keri

Muldowney, Ashleigh Worford, Marianna Loiselle, Danielle Bryant, Melissa Domol and Krissy Crandall advanced as far as the quarterfinals.

Ten of Mersey's top 12 players will return next year. Kaza and Crandall are the only seniors.

"Our kids want to play already," Stocker said. "They'd like to be state champions next year. The kids are definitely going to give it an effort; so we'll see."

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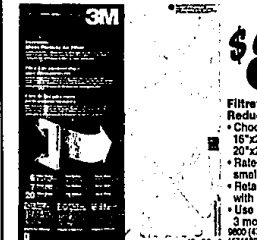


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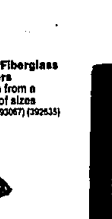
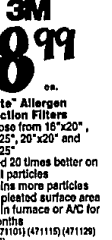
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