Boys Upper Peninsula Tennis

Day of Firsts Highlight A-B Finals

It was a day of firsts on the tennis courts. The Menominee Maroons captured their first-ever Class A-B Upper Peninsula team title, and the Gladstone Braves brought home what is believed to be their first individual U.P. crown.

The Maroons finished with 18 points to end Marquette's 14-year reign. Runner-up Kingsford tallied nine points while Marquette and Escanaba tied for third with seven points.

Menominee had players in all four singles championships but Canon Sobey was the Maroons only champion when he prevailed 6-3, 6-4, over Pete Mileyki of Escanaba at No. 4 singles.

The Maroons did win all three doubles championships, though. At No. 1 doubles, the teams of Chris Butler and Adam Nelson defeated Marquette's Dale Alto and Jon Zelmer, 7-6 (1), 0-6, 6-4. Aaron Blom and Jerry Dimaso triumphed over Mike Mering and Tim Calden (Marquette), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, in the second slot. In the No. 3 doubles final, Charlie Barker and Pat Palmquist beat Pat Cibula and Jason Guindon (Escanaba), 7-5, 6-3.

Matt Johnson of Gladstone gave the Braves a titlist with a 6-4, 7-6 (5), win over Menominee's Travis LePisto at No. 2 singles. Gibby Lave (Kingsford) captured his third U.P. title with a 6-0, 6-1, victory over the Maroon's Chris Bickel at No. 1, while Chris Moore (Kingsford) topped Matt Lemery (Menominee), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 3.

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**Singles**

**Number One Quaterfinals**

Kevin Girard (Marquette), bye
Chris Bickel (Menominee) d. Josh Galmi
(Inkopenning Westwood), 6-1, 6-7
Zach Hcner (Escanaba) d. Zek Fairchild
(Gladstone), 6-4, 7-8 (8)
Gibby Lave (Kingsford), bye

**Semifinals**

Chris Bickel d. Kevin Girard, 1-6, 7-5, 6-4
Gibby Lave d. Zach Hcner, 8-0, 8-6

**Finals**

Gibby Lave d. Chris Bickel, 6-0, 6-1

**Number Two Quaterfinals**

Matt Johnson (Gladstone), bye
Lucas Saaladaela (Marquette) d. Jason Heavyside (Inkopenning Westwood), 6-1, 6-7

**Semifinals**

Matt Johnson d. Lucas Saaladaela, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3

**Finals**

Matt Johnson d. Travis LePisto, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0

**Number Three Quaterfinals**

Chris Moore (Kingsford), bye
Ryan Campbell (Marquette) d. Chris Aman (Gladstone), 8-0, 6-2

**Semifinals**

Chris Moore d. Ryan Campbell, 6-4, 6-2
Matt Lemery d. Kevin Kari, 6-4, 6-3

**Finals**

Chris Moore d. Matt Lemery, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

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**Quarterfinals**

Pete Milosi (Escanaba), bye
Robert Pirkola (Kingsford) d. Rod Parkkonen (Marquette), 6-1, 6-3
Kurt Wilson (Gladstone) d. Gabe Osbrow
(Inkopenning Westwood), 6-1, 5-7, 6-3

**Semifinals**

Pete Milosi d. Robert Pirkola, 6-4, 6-9
Canon Sobey d. Kurt Wilson, 8-0, 8-4

**Finals**

Canon Sobey d. Pete Milosi, 6-3, 6-4

**Doubles**

**Number One Quaterfinals**

Alto & Zelmer (Marquette), bye
LeFleur & Vix (Gladstone) d. Holsworth & Patulski (Inkopenning Westwood), 6-2, 6-3

**Semifinals**

Alto & Zelmer d. LeFleur & Vix, 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Butler & Nelson (Menominee), bye

**Finals**

Chris Butler & Adam Nelson d. Dale Alto & Jon Zelmer, 7-6 (1), 6-6, 6-4

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**Quarterfinals**

Mering & Cudahy (Marquette), bye
Conaway & Arts (Escanaba) d. Holsworth & Solomon (Inkopenning Westwood), 6-2, 6-0

**Semifinals**

Mering & Cudahy d. Conaway & Arts, 6-2, 7-5

**Finals**

Bloom & Dimaso (Menominee), bye