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RE: Submission For Inclusion To KHSAA Hall of Fame – Roger Klein

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am submitting this application for the KHSAA Hall of Fame not only for myself, but for all players that have been fortunate enough to have benefited from playing tennis under the tutelage of Coach Roger Klein.

For over 32 years at Bellevue, Coach Klein not only taught us the game of tennis, but included in that were sportsmanship, the value of friendships, the importance of giving back and taking care of one another; in essence, the gift of life. Coach Klein was a father-figure to many -- an exemplary role model. Coach Klein inevitably went beyond being a tennis coach in order that he could ensure that we would leave Bellevue High School ready and eager for the future.

Personally speaking, Coach Klein was instrumental in my involvement with coaching tennis over the past 16 years (6 years at Bellevue High School; 10 years at Notre Dame Academy). Enclosed please find statistical information on Coach Klein, several letters of recommendations, and numerous articles from Coach Klein's career.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider Coach Klein for the KHSAA Hall of Fame. Should you need anything further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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### ROGER "COACH" KLEIN

Graduated from Bellevue High School in 1929

- Captain of the Tennis team
- Quote listed under his picture in the 1929 Reflector: "A Tennis Bum"

Graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1933

- Captain of the Tennis team

Began teaching and coaching at Bellevue High School in 1942

As a result of the lack of a State tennis tourney being held in 1943 or 1944, Coach took it upon himself to personally speak to Ted Sanford, the KHSAA Commissioner at the time, and ultimately achieved his goal of receiving permission to have the State tourney held at Bellevue in 1945. The tourney was held at Bellevue High School until the mid-1950's. During this period Coach was also the State Tennis Tourney Manager.

Tennis Coach at Bellevue High School Coach for 32 years – 1942-1974

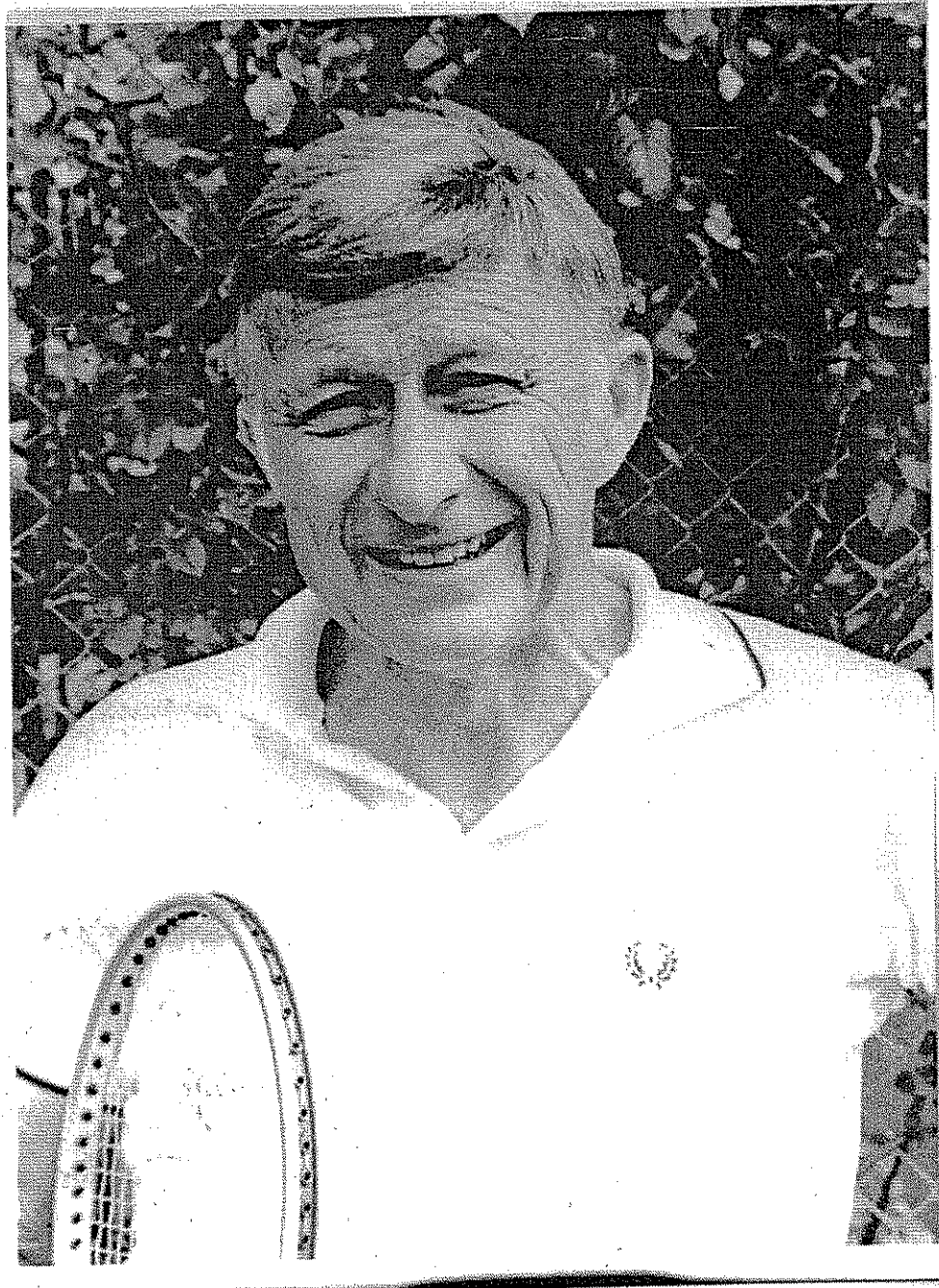
- 419 wins – 98 losses
- 28 Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Titles
- State Singles Champions in 1945, 1946, 1951
- State Singles Finalist in 1942, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951
- State Doubles Champions in 1945, 1946, 1948 and 1949
- State Doubles Finalist in 1947, 1956, 1962, 1963, 1967, 1969

He also coached Bud Igel, who lived in Bellevue but attended St. Xavier in Cincinnati. Bud won the 1946 Ohio High School Double's Title.

His 1961 team was unbeaten and won the Ohio Valley Team Championships

In 1962, the school, in cooperation with the City of Bellevue, dedicated the tennis courts to Coach Roger Klein. Again in 1984, the courts were re-dedicated in Coach's honor.

Coach was the Regional Manager from the onset of Regional play until 1972.





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**RE: COACH ROGER KLEIN NOMINATION**

To the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation with regard to Roger Klein's induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Roger's accomplishments in life are legendary and well documented. Enclosed for your review are the many articles and clippings we have accumulated over the years, which will confirm Roger's many achievements including State Singles Championships, Doubles Championships, and greater-Cincinnati Metropolitan Team Championships.

I am blessed to have been raised in Bellevue, Kentucky; a small German-Irish community of approximately six thousand residents, situated on the Ohio River across from Cincinnati, Ohio. Roger Klein, whom everyone knew as "Coach", was also from Bellevue.

Coach had an almost magical way about him. I always called him "the world's greatest salesman." He was extremely bright, had a great sense of humor and wit, and fun to be around. I am honored and privileged to have had the opportunity of spending an enormous amount of time with Coach throughout my life.

Coach attended Bellevue Schools, including Bellevue High School, and was active in tennis his entire life. Coach went on to graduate from University of Kentucky, where he became Captain of the Varsity Tennis team. He later served on the faculty of Bellevue High School for thirty-three years and was also the school's tennis coach.

Coach Klein was the Bellevue Truant Officer. Those stories are more comical than serious, as I am sure you can appreciate. He was also Bellevue's Driver Education teacher, whom the students loved. Having him teach the kids to drive was a fun and unforgettable experience.

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Virtually one hundred percent of Coach Klein's players at Bellevue High School graduated from college and most served in the military. Coach encouraged me to join the Marine Corps and be the very best that I could be at whatever I chose to pursue.

One particular event that comes to mind is the Kentucky State High School Tennis Tournament, which was held at Bellevue from 1945 until the early 1950s. I served as a ball boy and grew up longing to win the Kentucky State High School Tennis Championship, which I considered my life's dream and goal. Through his coaching and encouragement, Coach Klein helped me to develop focus and a sense for achievement, which eventually enabled me to accomplish that dream. I realized this was the road to earning an athletic scholarship at a major university, and receiving a college education that my family otherwise could not have afforded. I can honestly say that Coach Klein and tennis provided the foundation for everything good that has happened in my life.

Coach had a love for family, as well as love for his community, high school and university, all of which he passed on to his players. Coach attended Sunday School and church every Sunday; therefore, all of us attended as well. He was a terrific role model; someone whom we all looked up to and loved to be around. Coach was also an inspiration as a father, husband, and grandfather. I vividly recall playing tennis all day long, having an early dinner at a small restaurant in Newport, Kentucky, then going home with Coach, where we would all watch him string tennis racquets for two or three hours, talk tennis, and "hang out." I think back on how fortunate we all were; there was no juvenile delinquency in Bellevue or hanging out at malls. Coach set the example and we were all wise enough to follow the lessons of a mentor like Roger Klein.

I have never met anyone quite like Coach Klein. He was close to Tony Trabert, who in 1955 became the Number One tennis player in the world, having won Wimbledon, and the French and U.S. Opens. Had Tony won the Australian Open, he would have achieved one of the rare tennis Grand Slams. Tony played exhibitions at the Bellevue courts on many occasions, is loved throughout the greater-Cincinnati tennis community, and had a close relationship with Coach Klein.

Coach served as an advisor in addition to being on MacGregor Sporting Goods' staff. He was a tennis professional at both Lexington Country Club and Idle Hour Country Club for a number of years. After his retirement from Bellevue High School, a very fitting retirement banquet was held for Coach at the Beverly Hills Club in South Gate, Kentucky, where I had the privilege of presenting him with the

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keys to a new Pontiac. He often said that what he appreciated most was, "Only Adolph Rupp received a new automobile at his retirement dinner."

Coach was then asked to assume responsibilities at Northern Kentucky University as tennis coach for the women and men's teams. He did this for many years and was quite successful. I was fortunate and honored to serve as Master of Ceremony at the "Roast on Coach", a spectacular event that was well attended by many of Roger's friends throughout greater Cincinnati and the state of Kentucky. As you can see from the enclosed program, players flew in from around the country to roast and pay tribute to him as well.

Coach's accomplishments go on and on. He had the good fortune to live until the age of 91 and remained at Northern Kentucky University for many of those years. Towards the end of his life Coach served as host of the University's Information Center. Needless to say, it was his personality, presence, and his way with young people that made the University Administration want to keep Coach around. I feel this was a great tribute to him and by the same token, he enjoyed every minute of it.

During my senior year at Bellevue High School, our tennis team was one of the top High School teams in the Midwest; we were undefeated in team matches and had the Kentucky State High School Champion and Runner-Up on this team. One member of the team, Pat Uebel, was a football star who went on to play at West Point, and was a consensus All-American running back at the Academy. At Bellevue, all of the top athletes wanted to participate on the tennis team; basketball players, football players, etc. Picture this: small community and when the students were headed to school in the morning, most of them were carrying their tennis racquets. "UNHEARD OF."

During my senior year in high school on a number of occasions, our Principal had the entire student body attend our matches, including the State High School Tournament. This was certainly a thrill for us and, I might say, looking back it was almost electrifying.

During my two years at Quantico, Virginia, I represented the Marine Corps and player on the All-Marine Tennis Team. One year, 1956, the IntraService Tennis Tournament was held at Quantico. Roger was hired by the Marine Corps as the All-Marine Corps Tennis Team coach, and also in 1956 became tournament Director. He loved his days with the Marines and they were so happy with him and the job that he accomplished that they invited him back. I know he was very proud of this.

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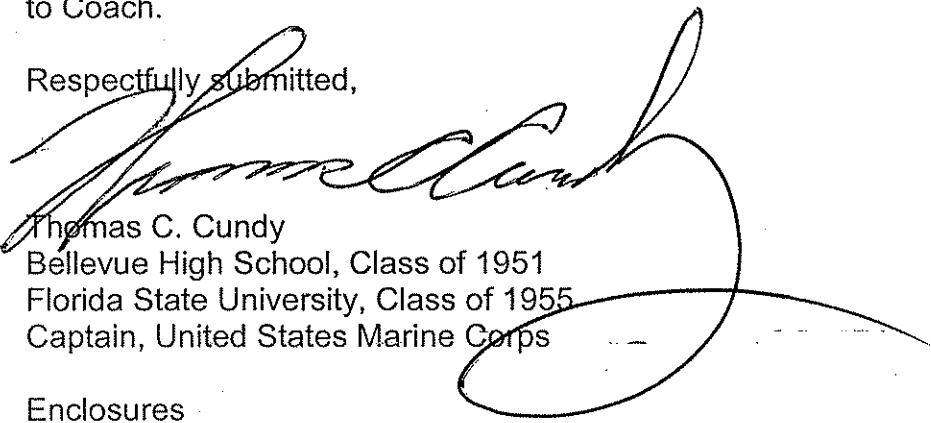
My three sons are all very active tennis. They love the game. Growing up they were blessed to have the option of attending any tennis camp in the United States. They chose to go back to Bellevue, stay with my mother and go with Coach each day to his various clubs, helping him give lessons, playing tennis, enjoying him and the relationship and what he brought to them as young men, just as I had when I was growing up. My boys adored him. He even taught them how to string a tennis racquet. (No one could string a tennis racquet like coach.)

I would be remiss if I did not mention Joe O'Brien. Other than Tony Trabert and Bill Talbert, Joe was certainly the best tennis player to come out of greater-Cincinnati. He was a world-class champion and had wins over famous tennis players such as Don McNeil, who won our U.S. National Championship and the French as well. Joe and Coach went through life together and were best friends always. We were blessed in Bellevue in that each day when Joe finished his workday, he would come to the Bellevue courts and work out with us. Having the two of them was like "winning the lottery." Joe O'Brien was in my opinion, the perfect human being. This letter is not to expound on the virtues of Joe O'Brien but I'm sure you can appreciate having someone like this in our lives and his close, personal relationship with Roger was truly a blessing for all of his players.

To summarize, there is so much more to say about Roger "Coach" Klein as a player, tennis coach, tennis professional, teacher, and last but not least, friend. I truly believe that there has never been anyone quite like him. In my lifetime, I have been fortunate with knowing some of the most successful businessmen in the United States. My business career has led me down many paths. I often reflect on Roger and would put him up as a benchmark for anyone I have ever had the pleasure of doing business with. He was truly a father figure to me and I was truly blessed to have him in my life.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information with regard to Coach.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas C. Cundy  
Bellevue High School, Class of 1951  
Florida State University, Class of 1955  
Captain, United States Marine Corps

Enclosures

# **Thomas C. Cundy**

## **“Tom”**

- ❖ Chairman / CEO / Founder of CUNDY, Inc., - a leading national employee benefit consulting firm established in 1958 – visit [www.cundy.com](http://www.cundy.com)
  - A few highlights of his career include:
    - A member of the Million Dollar Round Table for 45 consecutive years
    - Maintaining his position as the leading broker for the largest disability insurer in the U.S.
    - Designed a benefit program for over 4000 dealers for a leading US Auto Manufacturer
- ❖ Graduate of Bellevue High School – 1951
- ❖ Kentucky State High School Tennis Finalist – 1950
- ❖ Kentucky State High School Tennis Champion - 1951
- ❖ Bellevue High School
  - Financial Underwriter of the Girls & Boys Tennis Program
- Donor of the following awards:
  - The Roger Klein Award presented to Bellevue’s outstanding Men and Women’s Tennis Player for over 45 years
  - Bill “Bones” Faber Basketball Award presented to Bellevue’s Outstanding Basketball Player of the Year
  - Will Hundemer Award presented to Bellevue’s Outstanding Football Player of the Year
- ❖ Bellevue High School Commencement Speaker - 1984 and 2000
- ❖ Bellevue High School Sports Hall of Fame
- ❖ Member of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame – 1985



- ❖ Awarded Tennis Scholarship to Florida State University
- ❖ FSU Varsity Tennis Team – '52, '53, '54, & '55
- ❖ Graduate of Florida State University - 1955 – BS Degree
- ❖ Served in the United States Marine Corps – attained the rank of Captain
- ❖ Member of the All Marine Tennis Team
- ❖ 2006 Recipient of the Intercollegiate Tennis Award (ITA)
- ❖ 2000 Recipient of the Horatio Alger Award presented at the Supreme Court, Washington, DC (considered the nation's highest civilian award)
- ❖ 1999 recipient of the "Friend of the Year" award from St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida
- ❖ FSU Holocaust Studies Program – Major Donor
- ❖ Member of the Board of Trustees of Florida State University Foundation
- ❖ Member of the Board of Directors of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport, Rhode Island
- ❖ Member of the Board of Directors of First Serve (introduces tennis and life skills to inter-city children)

Tony Trabert  
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October 25, 2006

**Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame Selection  
Committee:**

This letter is to strongly recommend that Roger Klein be inducted into your Hall of Fame. Coach Klein did a fabulous job for Kentucky tennis, and he helped so many youngsters over the years.

He was like a father figure to Tom Cundy, and had tremendous influence on Tom's life and career.

He coached my college doubles partner, Bud Igel. Bud and I were finalists in the NCAA's in 1951.

When I reached the NCAA Singles Final being played at Northwestern in Evanston, Illinois, Coach Klein picked my mother up in Cincinnati, and drove her to Evanston so she could be present to see me win. That's an example of the thoughtful person Roger was.

Everyone in the Greater Cincinnati area had the utmost respect for Roger, as a Coach and as a person.

On many occasions, Coach Klein asked me to play exhibitions in Bellevue which I did happily. He was always trying to improve interest in tennis in Kentucky.

I just can't say enough nice things about Coach Klein, and I know he is deserving of the honor of being inducted into your Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



Tony Trabert

## TONY TRABERT BIO

Born: August 16, 1930

Cincinnati, OH

### MAJOR SINGLES TITLES

NCAA - 1951

U.S. Championships - Forest Hills - 1953 & 1955

French Championships - 1954 & 1955

Wimbledon - 1955

Won U.S. Championships on all four surfaces - indoors (wood), clay, cement, grass

RANKED #1 IN THE WORLD IN 1953 + 1955.

### DOUBLES TITLES

U.S. with Vic Seixas - 1954

French 1950 with Bill Talbert, 1954 & 1955 with Vic Seixas

Australian - 1955 with Vic Seixas

Italian - 1950 with Bill Talbert

Won Davis Cup with Vic Seixas from Australia - 1954 (Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall)

Played Davis Cup - 1951 - 1955

Captain - Davis Cup 1976 - 1980 (won twice)

Played Pro Tennis 1955 - 1963

CBS Commentator since 1972 - 2003

Ch 9. Australia Commentator since 1986 - 2004

Elected to International Tennis Hall of Fame - 1970

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October 13, 2006

Kentucky High School  
Athletic Association  
Hall of Fame

Gentlemen:

I would like to recommend Coach Roger Klein for induction into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

My association with the Coach goes back to 1942 when he came to Bellevue High School as their head tennis coach. I had played on the high school team as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader (not due to "my tremendous skill") but because they only had four persons out for the tennis team that year. By the time I graduated in 1945, we had 70 boys out for the team, which even exceeded the number out for the varsity, and freshman football teams.

We won the Kentucky State Singles and Doubles championships and beat Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, the best team in Ohio. (They had Billy Sneeback, singles champion - Ohio and Tony Trabert (finest player ever to come out of Ohio). We not only beat them in match play, but also in the Championship of the Ohio Valley.

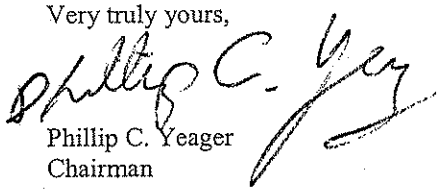
Now, how did Bellevue High improve so much in four years? We had the best coach in the Midwest and perhaps the U.S.; Coach Klein was not only a great coach, but also a great leader. He inspired all of us to give our best every time we walked on a court. He also gave us great pep talks before key matches and he believed we could beat anyone and we believed it too.

He taught us that there was no I in team and always to encourage your teammates to win. He inspired kids to never give up on making the team and never give up on their desire to play tennis and improve their lives.

He had a nothing budget; but we always had new tennis balls and racquets. Many of the kids who played for Coach Klein would never have even started to play tennis without his assistance.

He was not only a great coach, but also a great person who we all loved dearly. I believe the induction of Roger would be a wonderful tribute to him and to all of the players who he taught tennis and how to have a wonderful life.

Very truly yours,

  
Phillip C. Yeager  
Chairman

*Tom Qualey*  
*724 Bacon Trail, No. 45*  
*Chattanooga, TN. 37412*

October 25, 2006

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

This testimonial is from someone who benefited from many of Coach Roger Klein's gifts, which included coaching, teaching, directing, and helping young people prepare for life's journey. He was a school teacher by definition, but that hardly described the influence he projected on students who came in contact with his sphere of activities. He made a state championship tennis player out of me, but much more than that, he taught the values of respect for others, fair play, and the benefits of hard work.

Bellevue High School, and the community as a whole, were blessed by a man who had the rare gift to change young people's lives in a most positive and enduring way.

Very truly yours,



Tom Qualey  
Bellevue High School, Class of 1951



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To: Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame Committee  
Date: October 17, 2006  
Re: Nomination of Roger Klein  
From: Jim Brockhoff

Like all great coaches and teachers Roger Klein was outstanding on the court as off the court. Coach Klein's tennis accomplishments are difficult to surpass. Record 419-98, state champs, 3 singles, 3 doubles, team titles are 28.

Besides his tennis record, my finest impression of Roger is the effort he displayed off court towards his students. Because of his many contacts he was able to get many of his players some kind of tennis scholarship. For those who he could not get scholarships he vigorously encouraged or guided them to attend college.

In most of the above cases the majority of them would not have visualized attending college, thanks to Roger they not only attended but graduated and went on to become useful and productive citizens, parents, and community leaders.

It should be obvious that I have no qualms about nominating Roger for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

# Rothfuss, Thomas Play For State Doubles Crown

Northern Kentuckians competing in the state high school tennis tournament did not fare too well yesterday, with the exception of unbeaten Rick Rothfuss and Rob Thomas of Bellevue.

The doubles pair moved into today's 10 a. m. final against Louisville St. Xavier's Tom Tafel and John Lancaster.

Meanwhile singles teammates Robbie Hart and Dennis Deal of Bellevue both lost in the second round of play, Hart to Charley Hodges of Western, 6-1, 5-7, 7-5, and Deal to Ross Bowling of Bowling Green, 6-1, 6-4.

**IN GIRLS' play,** Denise LaCroix of Bellevue dropped to Kathy Rowlett of Murray, 6-2, 6-3, and Polly Foureman fell before Linda Burton of Ashland, 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles play, Highlands' Nancy Jones and Sue Guest bested Glasgow's Janie Nunn and Lois Holmes, 6-2, 6-1, but lost in the semifinals to defending champs Jane Wheeler and Susan Sturma of Lexington Tates Creek in a pair of 6-2 sets.

Hodges moved from the brink of defeat to lead the boys' action yesterday

In his second-round match against Hart, Hodges trailed, 0-5, 15-40, in the final set. Then the Western senior took seven straight games—staving off eight match points along the way

—to triumph, 6-1, 5-7, and 7-5.

**THE WIN** placed Hodges in Saturday's semi-finals against second-seeded Ted Roberts of Trinity.

The other semifinal sends top-seeded Tim Cooper, seeking his third consecutive state singles title, against fast-improving Jamie Howell of Kentucky Military Institute.

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## Courts Dedicated to Klein

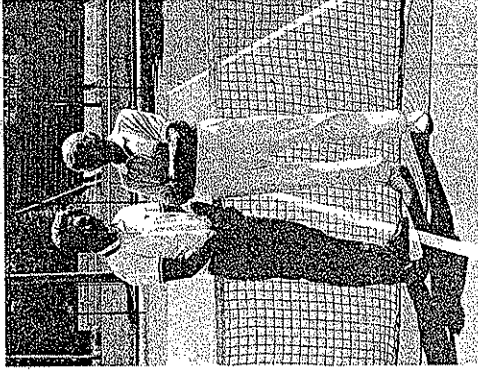
Thirty-five years of service to Bellevue tennis will be celebrated Sunday, September 13, when the Bellevue Tennis Courts are dedicated to "Mr. Tennis" Roger Klein. The festivities will start at 1:00. There will be exhibitor matches and refreshments.

Roger is the tennis coach at Northern Kentucky University, but a legend still persists around these parts that when Roger was born in Bellevue he had a tennis racket in his hand. His 32-year tenure (1932-1974) at Bellevue High School may never be matched. Roger graduated from the

University of Kentucky in 1949 where he was captain of the tennis team. He came to Bellevue the same year as an assistant and then accepted the head job the next year. In an incredible career he produced a landmark record of 419 wins and only 98 losses.

That's an 811 winning percentage. The Bellevue High tennis team, coached by Roger Klein, dominated the 1952-58 Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference. Titles and won state singles titles in 1945, 46, and '51 and then doubles titles in 1945, 46, 48, and 49.

In 1944 he helped found the state tennis tournament and authored the first rules. After



"Mr. Tennis"

Roger Klein is pictured above with Robbie Hardin.

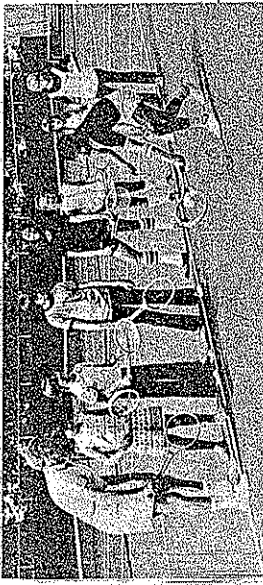
Pictured above left, Roger instructs eager tennis students and helps them learn the basics of the ever popular game.



## ATTENTION

On September 11, Grandview School will hold Open House. The parents are requested to gather in the cafeteria at 7:30 to meet Dr. Spaulding, the new principal and also the new faculty members.

This meeting also gives the parents an opportunity to meet their children's teachers. Following the meeting, the parents will be asked to visit their children's classrooms to become familiar with the teacher and the program of the grade.



## Rev. Nelson to Speak at Calvary United Methodist

Bob Nelson will speak at Calvary United Methodist Church, 210 Poplar St., Bellevue, Ky. September 16 through 21 at 7:30 p.m. A former golf professional, Bob is widely known in the Kentucky area. Recently graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary, Bob served in the Army and Air Force. He has three daughters, Kathy, Susan and Jennifer. Currently, Rev. Nelson serves as Associate Minister on staff of the Southern Hills United Methodist Church.

Converted November 6, 1973, Bob left the golf business to join the Ford Philpot Evangelistic Association. Traveling and speaking extensively across the country and even outside the United States, Bob shared his testimony with eager listeners. Offered the opportunity to continue formal education, he entered a divinity program in the fall of 1973, thirty-nine year old freshman.



Rev. Robert Nelson

Bob is an engaging speaker, relying heavily on life experience to present the gospel. Of all the awards he has received in life, "None compare with the real joy of sharing Christ with others."



# It's been 'love game' for Roger Klein

BY ANDY COX  
Kentucky Post Sports Writer

A smallish man with a twinkle in his eye and a salt-and-pepper, slightly modish styled toupee, stared out of his office window at Bellevue High School.

"You know, I can't believe it," sighed Roger Klein. "I came into this school; this office almost 30 years ago and I remember it was just the same as it is now."

"See that desk," he said, pointing to the old, wooden structure in the corner. "That's the same desk that was here then. And those trophy cases, that cost track... they've all been here all these years. Why the only thing that's been added is the pencil sharpener... that's new."

Roger Klein reminisced. The name alone is enough to bring back memories to anyone who's anyone in the gentlemanly sport of tennis.

KLEIN IS renowned in tennis circles, not only in the small, cozy community of Bellevue, but throughout Kentucky and certainly Greater Cincinnati.

Dropping Klein's name immediately brings to mind bouncing ball against racket as much as bouncing ball against backboard is synonymous with Adolph Rupp of basketball fame.

Roger Klein, now approaching his 30th year as head coach of tennis at Bellevue High, is "Mr. Tennis." That's all there is to it and not many will argue that fact. To date, his teams have won 347 matches against only 63 losses.

Roger Klein is also a character. He's known by everyone. There's hardly a person in northern Kentucky who hasn't played tennis for him, under him, with him or against him one way or the other.

One person, close to the tennis scene in this area, says recently that without Roger Klein at the helm, tennis in northern Kentucky would have died years ago.



Roger Klein and "family" of trophies

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM DAILEY

"WHY, HE'S the only person I know who has kept this game going year after year," said the anonymous fan. "Every summer, even after the schools are out, as sure as the first sign of halyever sets in, Roger Klein will have a tennis tournament going somewhere close by. You can count on it."

Take a stroll along the dark, somewhat dingy hallway on the main floor of Bellevue High and you'll see a faded team photo—row upon row of the

great tennis teams turned out by Klein.

There are the posed shots of Klein with his pupils of the racketset, dating back to the early days of 1940's when even Klein had hair of his own.

Klein, proudly points to the picture of his favorite team, the 1965 Tiger varsity. "That team was something," smiles Klein. They won both the singles and doubles in the state that year.

His recall is amazing, quoting matches and names as if it were only yesterday. "Bob Qualey was our No. 1 singles player that year and he was a fine player.

He's a doctor now, down in Tampa (Fla.)."

KLEIN GOES on. "That 1951 team was a good one, too. Tom Condy was on that one and he was a state champ. He's a doctor too. Lives in Ft. Lauderdale now. Saw Tom and his wife just the other day. They were up here visiting and we had a fine time together."

Klein's 1961 varsity went unbeaten and won the Ohio Valley team championship that year. "We were run- ners-up in the state singles tournament that year but we were certainly no disgrace," said Klein.

"Those guys we lost to, (Jackie Cooper and Mickey Shaad) from Louisville St. Xavier, went on to win the National Interscholastic title, so we felt we had been beaten by the best."

Klein dropped more names. "There was Bobby Griffin, a real good one who's a senior at Northern Kentucky State this year, I believe. There's Ricky Rothfuss... and Robbie Thomas, now a senior at Xavier, real good boys," rambled Klein, sounding like a proud mother hen.

"Can you imagine," he asked, "that last year, we failed to go to the state for the first time since 1945?"

When they all saw me down there at Louisville, they really gave me a razzing. I told 'em the only way I could get down there this time was to be a reporter for the paper."

ONE OF Klein's prize proteges was Pat Uebel, the former All-America footballer at West Point.

"Pat was a fine tennis player. Why he'd climb the fence for you if it meant winning the match. He was a tough competitor and could have probably gone on to become a fine tennis prospect. It hasn't been for football," said Klein.

Klein was destined to be-

come "Mr. Tennis" of this area. In his Bellevue High School annual his senior year, it was written under his photo that he would be "a tennis bum." "You know," laughs Klein, "they had me pegged right even then!"

That was in 1929 when he was a member of the Tigers' tennis team under coach George Wright.

"Roger attended University of Kentucky where he also played tennis and was captain of the team his senior year in 1933.

"I wasn't a big hitter at all," he recalls. "I played more of a slicing, drop-shot game," he chuckled.

THEN CAME the depression and Klein went to work for Spaulding Sporting Goods as a salesman. During the summers, he hitched on as a club pro at Hyde Park Tennis Club in Cincinnati.

"My first pupil there was George Ratterman," remembers Klein. "George was another fine tennis player who gave up the game later for football, but he had all the strokes."

After going to work for International Harvester in Cincinnati, Klein had this urge to get into teaching.

"I had always wanted to teach in some capacity," he said. And in March of 1952, he returned to his old alma mater, Bellevue, as a teacher.

He served as assistant tennis coach his first year, then became head coach the following year and thus began the "Klein era" in northern Kentucky tennis.

Let it be known that Klein was once the private tutor of the great Tony Trabert, one of the game's best-ever.

"It's funny," Klein says. "Tony's dad called me one day and asked if I'd give the boy lessons. That was in 1945. I guess Tony was in his sophomore year at Walnut Hills High School."

"Every morning, his dad would bring him over and

we'd go to it. He was a powerful hitter. A great prospect."

KLEIN BELIEVES the game of tennis is on the upswing after a decline for several years in this country.

"There's no doubt about it, the game is getting bigger all the time," he said. "I think television has a lot to do with it. The more exposure you can get, the better it is."

"And people are switching over to this game from golf. Golf, you know, was the big sport but they've found that it takes so much time, where you can go out to a tennis court, let out all your frustrations by hitting that ball, and take less time doing it."

Klein looks for character in his young pupils. "That's the big thing, I think. If a kid doesn't have character, forget it. When the chips are down, I want the kid with some smarts. He'll win for you in the end."

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# Game, set, match . . . Mr. Klein

BY ANDY COX  
Kentucky Post Sports Editor

question about tennis, "I was running a clinic somewhere," the grand old man of tennis recalls, "and

someone asked from the crowd, 'How do you make a tennis ball?' That completely stumped me."

The little man with the glib tongue, the hawk-like nose and the salt-and-pepper rug finally ended his "love game"

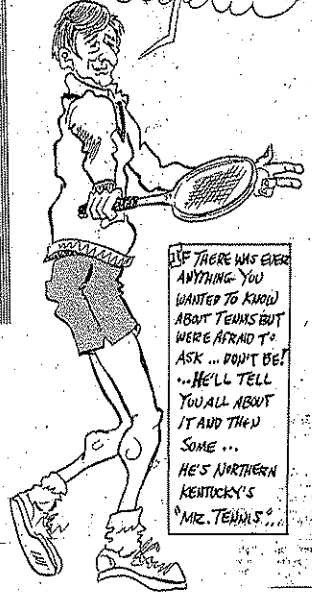
with Bellevue High School after 32 years of teaching and coaching there in the small community.

## Jolly Roger honored tonight



BELLEVUE'S  
ROGER  
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"UNOFFICIALLY", ROG IS RETIRING AFTER 32 YEARS AT BELLEVUE AND HE'LL BE HONORED TONIGHT AT BEVERLY HILLS ... "OFFICIALLY", HE'LL BE IN THIS "RACQUET" FOREVER ...

Robbie Thomas  
200 E. Roosevelt Rd.  
Box 202  
Lombard, Ill. 60148

Dear Coach,

I just heard about the recognition you received at the new indoor club. I wanted to add my congratulations to you. It really made me happy to see that others feel the same about you that I do. Even though I don't necessarily think of "tennis" when I think of you as so many others do. I rather think of you as the man you are & all of your qualities which I admire in you. Other than one other man, my dad, ~~my~~ I have learned more from you & felt closer to you than any man I have ever known & the bulk of that which I have learned has nothing to do with tennis. I can't help feeling that without "tennis" & without you as a friend during my senior year & first couple of years of college I might not be where I am today. You know

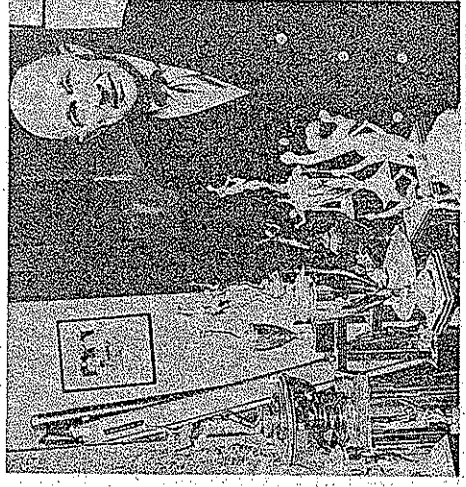
what I mean by that I'm sure. Anyway my thanks accompany my congratulations and I want you to know that although I see you very infrequently I think of you often.

See you when I get home??  
Best regards to Mrs. Klein & the family.

Love,  
Robbie

ROBBIE THOMAS  
GRADUATED IN 1969  
WRITTEN IN 1979

# He's not a bad coach for a 'truant chief'



Roger Klein has a mound of trophies in his office at Bellevue High. He's best tennis coach there 28 years.

**BY JACK BOGACZYK**  
 Staff Writer

If you sat and listened to a stern tennis coach, Roger Klein would get the impression that he was born in Bellevue with a tennis racket in hand and you would be only half-right. The tennis racket didn't come until later.

KLEIN, 58, is in his 28th year as coach of the Bellevue tennis team. In this season, his teams had compiled a record of 365 wins and 56 losses.

HIS OFFICIAL position within the Bellevue school system is director of pupil activities. His office is crowded with photos, trophies, schedules, scrapbooks, and a typewriter.

"My position is that of the old truant officer," laughed Roger. "And then I teach one class of drivers."

But Klein, 58, "don't talk very long without returning to tennis. I guess you should say I've added on to my job."

"I graduated from Bellevue in 1923," smiled Klein, "passing through scrappier, bigger and bigger schools."

"AND I went to UK and coached tennis for the team. When I graduated in 1925, I went to work in the credit department of the National Harvester Corp.

"I returned to Bellevue in 1925 as coach, and the following year I took over the coaching of the boys' tennis team at the UK courts.

"But in 1929 and '44, nobody wanted to have a tennis team at Bellevue, so I wrote to Ted Sanford, the commissioner of the KHSAA. He gave me permission to have the team at Bellevue in 1945.

"In that season, Pop Qualey won the state singles title for Bellevue, and Qualey was the state doubles champion. You could play both singles and doubles in those days.

"QUALEY WON the singles again in 1946," added Klein. "And then he and I won the state doubles. We were the state champions."

"In 1948 (the state was still at Bellevue) Roger Otten and Tom Qualey won the state doubles and I learned to win the state doubles championship in 1949."

difference between the teenager of today and the one I coached back in 1925. They are all great kids. When I ask them to do something, they do it. They are dedicated. It's an honor to coach them."

"DON'T claim to be a great student on the game."

And I don't intend to write a book about tennis," he laughed. "I think I've had enough articles published in a magazine."

"I leave the writing to the newspapermen. They have been most gracious to me. I've been interviewed and filled with articles—mostly paper articles."

"I've gone through three phases of coaching," added the former coach, who now teaches at Kenmore, Ft. Thomas.

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"Now I mostly come to practice and offer advice. A lot of these kids today have learned the hard way. Now, the attitude is most important."

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KLEIN, who also serves on the tennis advisory board for the state, has a share of tennis playing thrills, too.

"In 1946 I won the state trophy. I've won it a few times. Ask me the Cincinnati Metropolitan Tournament a couple times. I've won it. I have three children and two grandchildren, Jill, Jill and Cindy. I'm the coach at UK. Retired 12 years ago," said Klein.

"That's his picture on the trophy case. He did a few years ago. What a good man."

"AND I considered taking the coaching job at Kentucky. I was interviewed by Bernie Shirley. He was a descendant for the job. He was the athletic director."

"But I couldn't pull my self away from Bellevue. I know I'm just a home town boy."

"If I tried to pinpoint the

Citizen and Tom Qualey teamed to win the state trophy in 1949. The trophy was presented by the KHSAA.

In 1948, Tom Qualey won the state singles championship. He was coached by Roger Klein. (Although a heavy and worn trophy from his desk.)

"THIS IS the Roger Klein trophy. It is presented to me by the KHSAA. I'm a tennis player. He got his name engraved on this one and then he gets a trophy when he wins it. Tom lives in Florida. Last year he won an award for selling \$16 million worth of life and accident insurance. He's the champion here. The KHSAA decided to hold a state tennis tournament around the state. But it's never been back.

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# Bellevue Netters Aim at State Title

BY JACK BOGACZYK  
Kentucky Post Staff Writer

The state tennis tournament gets underway today at the new Louisville Metropolitan Tennis Center and veteran Bellevue coach Roger Klein is looking forward with a keen eye.

The eye is turned on Louisville, a city in which tennis is almost as popular as basketball, and the racket sport is played the year round.

"Louisville has some outstanding tennis people," offered Klein, "and we are going to have to try a bit harder than usual to win."

**KLEIN IS CORRECT.** Louisville has three outstanding boys' singles performers in St. Xavier's Tim Cooper, Westport's Carly Davis, and Ted Roberts from Trinity.

Cooper, only a junior, has already won the state singles twice, and Davis was his runnerup last year.

This is why Klein is playing his two best boys, Rick Rothfuss and Rob Thomas as a doubles team.

"It's the truth," said Rothfuss. "Cooper is really something. But we think we have a chance to win the doubles title."

**THOMAS AND ROTHFUSS** have won one previous tourney as a duo, that the Central Life Insurance meet last summer in Lexington. They went to the semifinals in the State Amateur tourney.

Bellevue also sends Robbie Hart and Dennis Deal into the boys' singles, a category in which the school hasn't won since 1951.

Denise LaCroix carries the Tiger banner in the girls' singles. And Klein is hoping Miss LaCroix can escape unscathed since the veteran coach has never won a girls' trophy in state competition.

In fact, since girls play originated in 1960, only Louis-

ville schools had won until Lexington Tates Creek took the doubles titles last May.

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The Tigers captured their first state titles in 1946, winning both the singles and doubles. They duplicated the feat in 1946.

In 1948 and 1949, Klein's doubles team won the crown. And in 1951, the singles trophy returned to the northern Kentucky school.

"The last time we sent five people to the state was in 1967," recalled the Bellevue coach, now in his 27th season. "And Robbie Rothfuss and Rick Denker were runner-up in doubles play."

**HIGHLANDS WON ITS** only tennis championship way back in 1932, that being the boys' singles.

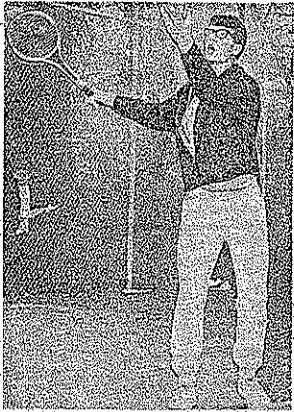
The Bluebirds didn't have a boy qualifier this year, but they do have Polly Fourreman in the girls' singles and Nancy Jones and Sue Guest in doubles.

Miss Loyce Meadows, coach of Highlands' girls, feels the Louisville schools, and Tates Creek will be the teams to beat.

"Our doubles team could do quite well, depending on the draw. But Polly, who is only a sophomore, is quite young and rather inexperienced."

Miss Jones is a junior, while Miss Guest is a senior at the Ft. Thomas school.

State action got underway this morning. The finals will be Saturday.

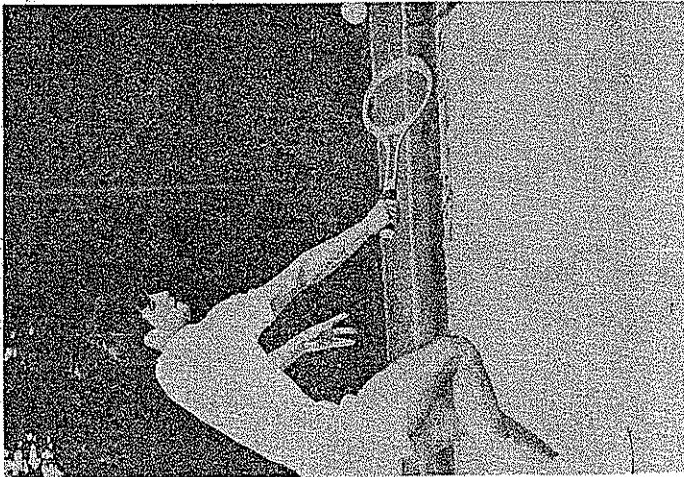


Rob Hart has never played in a state tennis tournament. The Bellevue senior debuts today in singles competition.



Dennis Deal, Bellevue senior, plays in his first state tennis singles tournament today.

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Dwayne Clements, champion 3160-yard dash man, is a big cog on the Bellevue track team.

Bob Thomas strains for a backhand return in regional tennis action. The Bellevue netter is seeded No. 2 in the tournament after compiling a 2-0 win, no-loss record this spring.

# Bellevue Spring Success Traced to Coaching Staff

BY DAVE PHILLIPS  
Special Staff Writer

Let the Highlanders have the fall and the Couglington Catholics the winter, for the spring is the time when the small school goes to build a new, better one.

And with the exception of a solitary, but rightly revered, state football team, the Highlanders have a share of glory, too.

Why has this small school of around 390 students managed to win so many trophies and slightly more than 50 losses?

He's coached two state singles champions, five state doubles champions, and he gets all-around athletes like Bobbie Thompson, who won the state track and field title, and baseball squads, to go out for tennis.

WHY? Klein, known tenths inside and out, is a MacGregor coach, and a successful one. Ben Pumpumery has brought two Class A track and field championships back from Leavenworth, and he has coached a number of other first-class athletes.

And Ben? Ben Pumpumery's thinkchase are grabbing off more than their share.

Other schools are creeping up on Bellevue's tennis reputation.

"REGALIST," said Klein, "more and more schools are taking up the sport seriously. They should be more interested in this great sport."

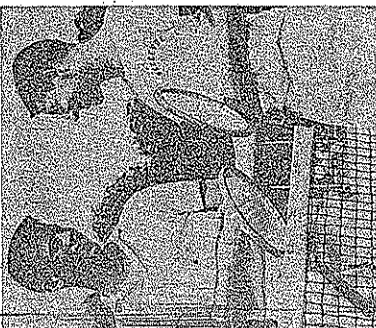
But don't look for any more state titles from Bellevue. On the "Tiger" 10-man 1988 varsity squad roster, no singles champion and seven doubles champions.

And nobody is going to split in Ben Pumpumery's eye for a few years either.

ALTHOUGH LOSING four state titles in a row, Ben is developing a promising junior program and has such fine sophomores as Steve Potts, Will Smith, Steve Potts, Will Smith, Steve Potts, Will Smith, and Mike Reynolds.

Along with a good crop of juniors, this year's track and field team has a number of freshmen who are among the finest in the state.

And, of course, Ben Klein has probably the greatest coaching staff in the state to keep interested from flagging.



St. Xavier's tennis team, which defeated the Belvedere tennis team in the state tournament, is seen in action during a match at the University of Louisville tennis courts.

**INTO THE SEMIS . . .** Henry Hamilton of Belvedere defeated Carl Evans of St. X. in the first round of the state tennis tournament at Shreveport yesterday. The victory put him into today's semi-final against Jackie Cooper of St. Xavier.

### To Dedicate Bellevue Tennis Courts Sunday

A group of civic leaders, working with the Bellevue Board of Education, have, finally, experienced a dream come true. Tennis courts in Belvedere have been resurfaced with "Ray-Kold" and are now ready for play. The dedication ceremony will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday.

Taking part in the ceremonies will be the new members of the Bellevue Board of Education, Sen. Lambert Holt Jr., James [unclear], and other civic leaders. Ronald Sly will be master of ceremonies.

One of the features of Sunday's program is tennis by the new courts. The former member of Coach Roger Klantz, outstanding tennis player at the school, will be coached by Coach Klantz. The courts will be open for 20 years of service. The dedication will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday. The public is invited.



ROGER KLANZ

### Hamblen Gains State Net Semis Evans, Cooper, McNerney Win; St. X, Flaget In Doubles Final

It was a tossup as to who would be seeded fourth in the State High School Tennis Tournament, Jerry Ducker of Louisville and Bill Embright of Owensboro.

But the determined Northern Kentuckian proved them wrong. Embright, seeded fourth, reached the final set for 2-0. Ducker, 1-6, 6-3 at Shreveport.

Embright, seeded with a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Carl Evans of Berea, sent Hamilton of Louisville, 6-0 and Belvedere of Owensboro, 6-0, 6-0 into today's double final against defending champion St. Xavier.

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### Bellevue Netters Win Meet

Bellevue High School won the annual Northern Kentucky high school regional tennis tournament on the campus of St. Xavier.

Henry Hamblen, plant-size senior, won the singles with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over his teammate, Tom [unclear].

Shamus Hamblen, a senior, won the doubles with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over [unclear].

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Dear Member:

We are happy to announce that we have secured the services of Mr. Roger Klein, Tennis Professional, of Bellevue, Kentucky. Mr. Klein is a member of the Professional Lawn Association, and comes to us highly recommended as a high school and college coach for the past fifteen years. Mr. Klein will teach on Tuesday and Friday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day through the summer. For lessons, you may contact Mr. Klein at the Club each Tuesday and Friday, or have Mrs. Knoll place your name in his appointment book, so that Mr. Klein may call upon you.

TENNIS COMMITTEE: Lawrence C. Jenkins  
Tommie Underwood, Jr.  
Tommie Asbury

#### Klein To Come Back

As Club Tennis Pro, Roger Klein, at Bellevue High school, has been engaged to serve for the tennis season at the Professional Lawn Association at Lexington County Club. Starting this week, he will teach Saturday and Sunday lessons at the Club. He will arrange each week to meet classes at the local clubs.

Klein was arranged by the committee. He will also be chairman of the Asbury and Rose Asbury and the committee will assist in planning the tournament.

A member of the Professional Lawn Association, Klein has turned out three tennis winning tournaments and coached two nationally ranking players.



# Six Teams To Enter Tourney In High School Tennis Today On Courts At Bellevue High

The Kentucky state high school tennis tournament opens today at the Bellevue High School courts in Louisville. Six teams are expected to enter the tournament today. The teams are Glasgow, Glasgow, Glasgow, Glasgow, Glasgow, and Glasgow. The tournament will be held tomorrow and the day after tomorrow at Bellevue High.

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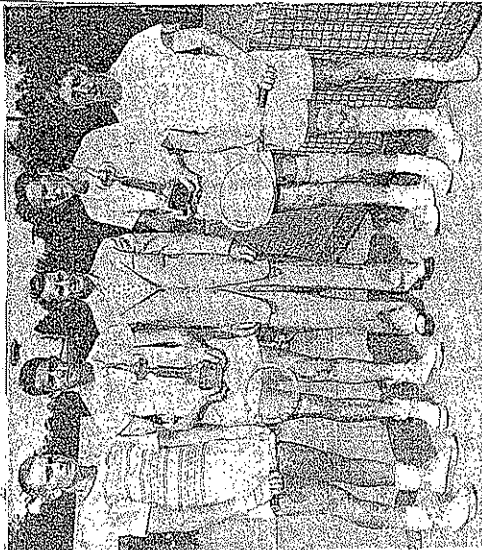
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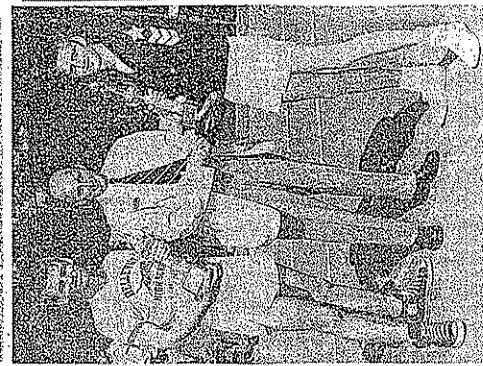
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**STATE CHAMP**—Bellevue and Glasgow shared honors in the 19th annual Kentucky State High School Tennis tournament, completed Tuesday at Bellevue Stadium. Pictured at top are left to right: Coach Glasgow, state champion doubles team; Glasgow Coach Jim Bravard, and Sam English and Calvin Barwick, Louisville Male's undefeated team. Middle, Tom Quarty, Bellevue, runner-up in singles; and right, Tom Quarty, the source manager, and Tom Cundy, state singles champion who is seen in the photo above shaking hands with the champion, Quarty, at the top of this page.



# Tennis 1951

## Belleuve Is Site of State High Tennis Tourney

### Villa Booster Cage Banquet Set April 2

Villa Madonna College Boosters will sponsor their second annual "Cage" banquet and ball game Monday night, April 2, at 7 p. m. at the St. Agnes Club and Ballroom, 400 Ross St. The event will be presided over by Rev. J. J. Bruggeman and the evening will be given in aid of the school fund.

The boosters are entering millinery service, which they have been invited to attend if his selection of appointments will permit and friends of the college are invited to attend.

Bruggeman said the evening ball game will be a feature of the evening and will be held at the college.

Bruggeman, J. J. Fekken, Jerry Caffee, George Krasner, Ben Besh, and Bill Doherty.

### Prophy Presentation

Prophy trophies will be presented to the champions of the Kentucky County "ETCA" church leagues Monday night at 8 p. m. at the John Seaton hall and center winners and losers will be presented with individual spotmanship awards.

The trophies will be made by Grace Loney, secretary, will give a short talk on the advantages of the sport.

The next meeting of the league will be held at the church desiring to enter a team should have a representative.

### Globecats Win

First Methodist, Globecats, defeated the other teams in the boys' tennis tourney at the McKelton-Sloan boys' tennis tourney.

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COACH ROGER KLEIN

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## State Tennis Tourney Again Slated Here

### Belleuve Net Mentor Reports Squad of 7 Lettermen Returning

Roger Klein, head tennis mentor at Belleuve High School and northern Kentucky's most enthusiastic supporter of the net game, announced Thursday, the 1951 State High School Tennis Tournament will be held again at Belleuve.

Final dates for the state classic are May 23 and 24.

A party has been planned for the night before the opening. The party will be held at the State of High School Athletic Center.

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## State Tennis Tourney Again Slated Here

### Belleuve Net Mentor Reports Squad of 7 Lettermen Returning

Roger Klein, head tennis mentor at Belleuve High School and northern Kentucky's most enthusiastic supporter of the net game, announced Thursday, the 1951 State High School Tennis Tournament will be held again at Belleuve.

Final dates for the state classic are May 23 and 24.

A party has been planned for the night before the opening. The party will be held at the State of High School Athletic Center.

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### Belleuve's Candy Wins State Prep Net Championship

Tom Cundy, Belleuve High School senior, Wednesday was wearing the Kentucky state prep tennis title by defeating Tom Quibers, 6-2 and 6-3 in the final of the junior boys' tennis tournament at Belleuve.

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Cundy won a tough semi-final match from Sam Rogers, 6-4 and 6-3 in the final of the junior boys' tennis tournament at Belleuve.

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# Klein's Hopes High for Another Big Year With Bellevue Netmen

Roger Klein, Bellevue High School tennis coach, who piloted his crew to the state doubles championship last season, holds high hopes for the 1950 edition of the Tiger netmen.



ROGER KLEIN

Klein was greeted by 35 spectators, including Tom Quatey, who captured the doubles crown last year, with Roger Otten, recently at the opening of practice. After barely missing the state single championship last year, Klein thinks that he may do it this time with Tom Cundy. Cundy has been getting in shape with indoor tennis throughout the winter for his big bid.

Other squad members include: Nord Gies, Pat Uebel, Steele Harmon, Jim Schneider, Jim Gorman, Ronald Culp, Danny Sullivan, Dave Weber, Ronnie Hastings, Jim Palmer, Don Gorton, Ken Russell, Bill Dixius, Jack Vastine, Stanley Stimpson.

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Mentley, Don Gauspohl and Bob Goodford. Richard Barnett is the student manager.

Bellevue has scheduled 12 regular season matches and will add Covington Holmes at a later date. The Tigers will compete in the Ohio Valley Tournament at Withrow High School, Cincinnati, on May 17 through 23, and the State High School Tournament at Bellevue on May 29 and 30.

The schedule:  
 April 3: Mariemont, away.  
 April 4: Wyoming, away.  
 April 12: Western Hills, away.  
 April 17: Withrow, away.  
 April 19: Xavier, home.  
 April 24: Purcell, away.  
 April 25: Middletown, O., away.  
 May 1: Walnut Hills, away.  
 May 3: Hughes, away.  
 May 8: Newwood, home.  
 May 10: Portsmouth, O., home.  
 May 15: Bethel, O., home.  
 May 17-23: Ohio Valley Tourney.  
 May 29-30: State High Tourney.



ROGER KLEIN

## State Tourney Site Selected—

# Bellevue Opens Tennis Season April 3 at Mariemont Courts

Bellevue High, a perennial tennis power in Kentucky's scholastic circles, opens its racquet season on Monday, April 3.

Couch Roger Klein announced the Tigers will compete in 12 regular season games and two post-season tournaments. Bellevue will participate in the Ohio Valley Tournament and the Kentucky State High School Tourney. The Tigers face Mariemont High in their opening match at the Ohio school's courts.

### STATE TOURNAY SITE

Bellevue again will be the site of the state high school net classic. Klein said he recently has been informed by Commissioner Ted Sanford of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association that the state meet will be held at Bellevue for the sixth straight year.

Since 1945 the Bellevue racquet welders have been most troublesome in the state playoffs.

Klein's charges won both the singles and doubles events in '45. Bob Quatey, now at the University of Cincinnati, capped the singles crown in 1945 and teamed up with Phil Yeager to take the doubles.

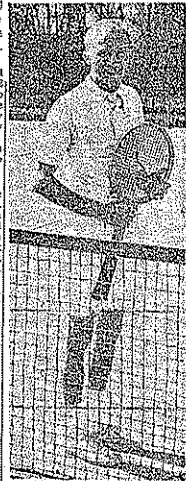
Quatey and Ray Feld combined in 1946 as the Tigers again walked off with the state doubles title. Paul Reischer and Roger Otten successfully defended the doubles championship in 1947.

Bellevue didn't fare too well in the 1948 state classic but came back again last year with Otten and Tom Quatey winning the doubles. Otten lost out to Billy Evans of Berea in the 1949 singles final.

### TRIO AT EASTERN

Triestman, Feld and Don Augsburg, all former Bellevue leaders, now are members of the Eastern Kentucky College team. Otten is attending Western Kentucky College.

Members of the 1950 Bellevue squad include Tom Cundy, Tom Quatey, Nord Gies, Pat Uebel, Steele Harmon, Jim Schneider, Jim Gorman, Richard Barnett, Ronald Culp, Danny Sullivan, Dave Weber, Ronnie Hastings, Jim Palmer, Don Gorton, Ken Russell, Billy Dixius, Jack Vastine, Stanley Stimpson, Richard Perry, Bill



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 May 29-30—State Tourney.

**Kentucky High School Tennis Tourney  
Slated May 29-30 at Bellevue Courts**



**STATE TENNIS TOURNEY**—Coach Roger Klein's Bellevue High team will be northern Kentucky's chief threat in the eighteenth annual state high school tennis tournament on May 29-30 at the Bellevue courts. Shown above with the tournament trophies are Tom Cundy (left), Coach Klein and Tom Qualey.  
 Seven other schools already have entered the state net classic, Coach Klein, tourney manager, disclosed. Last year 16 schools participated.  
 Billy Evans of Berea will defend his singles title this year. Bellevue's Tom Qualey and Roger Otten won the 1949 doubles crown.



**MR. ROGER KLEIN**

We have come to know Mr. Klein in a wide variety of ways —as classroom teacher, tennis coach, attendance officer and instructor in Driver Training. He always has a sympathetic ear for our problems and takes a personal and friendly interest in helping us solve them.

It is with deep appreciation and sincere affection that the Seniors of 1949 dedicate this REFLECTOR to Mr. Klein.

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# Bellevue Hi Doubles Team Takes Honors

## Otten and Qualey Defeat Louisville Male in Kentucky State Tourney; Billy Evans Is Singles Winner

Top-seeded Bellevue doubles team of Roger Otten and Tom Qualey, and Billy Evans, star from Berea Foundation School, won the Kentucky state tennis tournament on Tuesday afternoon in the Louisville Sports Club courts.

Roger Kish, Bellevue tennis coach and tourney manager, presented the state double crown for the fourth time in five years.

The Bellevue team defeated Louisville Male 6-4, 6-3, for the doubles title, while Evans topped Otten 6-4, 6-3, to take the singles crown.

In the semi-final round of the first play, Dave Sneyd of Danville 6-1, 6-1, and Otten took Tibboe 6-1, 6-1, and Otten took Tibboe 6-1, 6-1. McKnight of Mays 6-4, 6-1, 6-1, and Otten took Tibboe 6-1, 6-1. Peterson and Bob Linnemick of Berea defeated the team of Tom Qualey and Billy Evans 6-4, 6-3, in the semi-final round.

### The Results

#### Results of Tuesday play:

##### SINGLE SEMI-FINALS

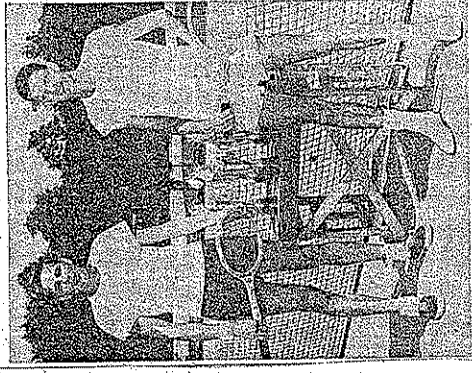
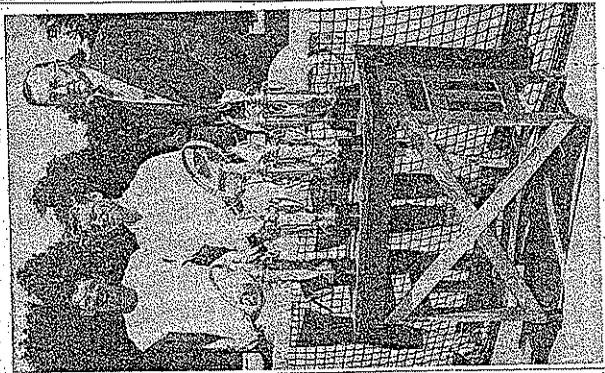
Bill Evans, Berea, defeated Dan Sneyd, Danville, 6-1, 6-1.  
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##### SINGLE FINALS

Billy Evans, Berea, defeated Roger Otten, Bellevue, 6-4, 6-6.  
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George Koper-Gene Moore, Berea, defeated Tom Qualey-Roger Otten, Bellevue, 7-5, 6-3.  
Bellevue (Tom Qualey-Roger Otten) defeated Covington-Haines 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 (retirement-Linnemick).

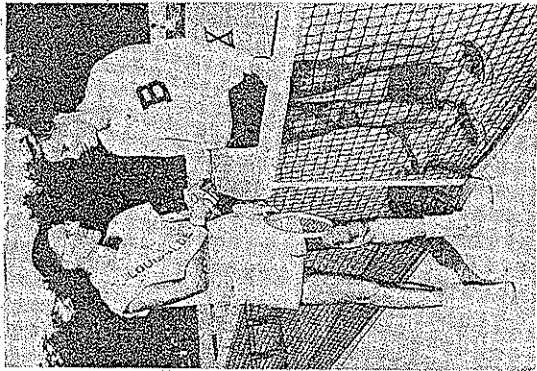
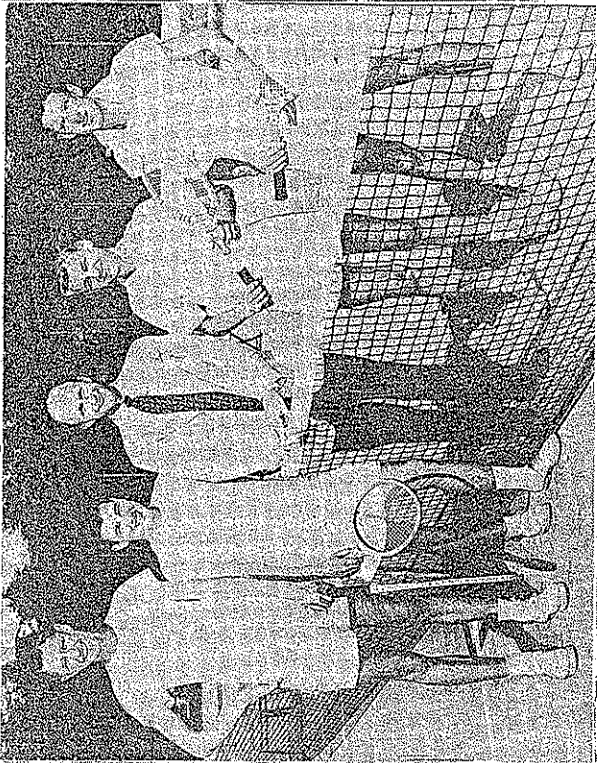
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Bellevue (Tom Qualey-Roger Otten) defeated Louisville Male (McKnight-George Wagner) 6-4, 6-3.



**STATE CHAMPS**—Winners of the Kentucky State High School Tennis Tourney. Top school courts are shown above. In the picture at top, Roger Otten and Tom Qualey, championship doubles team from Bellevue, are shown standing with the trophy. In the picture below, Billy Evans, Berea, is shown with the trophy. In the picture below, Billy Evans, Berea, is shown with the trophy. In the picture below, Billy Evans, Berea, is shown with the trophy.

# Bellevue Wins State High School Doubles Title



Winners and runner-up in the Kentucky State High School tournament Monday and Tuesday at the Bellevue High court.

Top photo, left to right, shows George Warner and Wilson Rodgers of Louisville Male; Roger Kitch, tournament manager, and Tom Qualey and Roger Otten of Bellevue.

Right photo (left) is shown congratulating Billy Evans of Berea in the boys' doubles. Evans captured the state singles title by defeating Otten in Tuesday's final.

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## Tennis Title

(Continued from Page 1.)

Top-seeded Billy Evans of Berea and Bellevue's double combination emerged victoriously. Tom Qualey emerged victoriously in the Kentucky singles final. The Kentucky tournament on the Bluegrass Tennis Association grounds at Berea.

The trophy Berea did not lose. Evans, a senior, defeated Otten of Louisville Male in the final by defeating him 6-1, 6-2. The Tigers won the doubles title. The team teamed up with Qualey who teamed up with Kitch. The doubles team of Evans and Otten defeated Kitch and Rodgers of Louisville Male in the final by defeating them 6-1, 6-2.

The Berea youth trailed 4-1, but Evans was called at. Don Rodgers of Louisville Male in the final. The team teamed up with Qualey and Kitch. The doubles team of Evans and Otten defeated Kitch and Rodgers of Louisville Male in the final by defeating them 6-1, 6-2.

Coach Roger Kitch's 18-year-old Bellevue doubles team moved into the final by downing Holmes High.

Results of Tuesday's play follow:

**SINGLES**  
 Billy Evans, Berea, defeated Roger Otten, Louisville Male, 6-1, 6-2.  
 Tom Qualey, Bellevue, defeated Roger Kitch, Louisville Male, 6-1, 6-2.

**DOUBLES**  
 Billy Evans and Roger Otten, Berea, defeated Tom Qualey and Roger Kitch, Louisville Male, 6-1, 6-2.

# Tigers Have Big Entry List for State High School Tennis Tournament

## In Finals of Ohio Valley

### New Singles Campaign To Be Crowned Here

The 17th annual state high school tennis tournament, the fifth in succession to be held at Bellevue, will be played May 30 and 31. It was announced Friday by Roger Klein, Bellevue coach and tournament manager.

The most well known of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

A new singles champion will be crowned in the tournament as Don Ewald, outstanding champion from Louisville Male, has graduated.

Although Ewald will not compete, the Louisville school has a strong contingent of players. Among them are high-ranking juniors and seniors from the Louisville area. A 12-man team, which won the state title last year, has been seeded No. 1 in the tournament. It is expected to have a strong showing in the opening rounds of play.

**Rated First**  
Bill Evans, top-flight writer from Danville, is expected to be defeated by Roger Otten last year in the singles event, although he was runner-up in the 1948 tournament. Otten was a number one player in the state.

Other players who have been placed in separate brackets are Roger Otten, who has been seeded No. 2, and Bill Evans, who has been seeded No. 3. The tournament will be held next week, Klein said.

The tournament will be held at the University of Cincinnati. The tournament will be held at the University of Cincinnati. The tournament will be held at the University of Cincinnati.

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## Tigers Open With Without—

### State High School Tennis Tournament Expected to Return to Bellevue Courts

Bellevue Tigers, a perennial power in the state's scholastic tennis ranks, faces a rugged 12-game schedule and two post-season tournaments.

The Tiger racquetballers, again under the tutelage of Roger Klein, will open their 1949 campaign with a match at the University of Cincinnati on April 1 at the Cincinnati school's court.

Following their regular season schedule, the Tigers will compete in the Ohio Valley four-day tournament at the University of Cincinnati on May 1-4.

Coach Klein expects the team to capture the state high school title, a feat which has not been accomplished since the 1948 state tennis tournament at the University of Cincinnati.

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Coach Roger Klein's Bellevue team will be running for a flock of trophies in the state high school tennis tournament which will be held at Bellevue on May 30 and 31. The team will be coached by Roger Klein, who has won the state title in 1948.

The tournament will be held at the University of Cincinnati. The tournament will be held at the University of Cincinnati.

## Evans, Otten Are Victors In Singles Semi-finals

Bill Evans, top-flight writer from Danville, defeated Dave Steves of Danville, 6-1, 6-1, Tuesday in the semi-finals of the Kentucky state high school tennis tournament being held at the University of Cincinnati.

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# State Track Meet Gets Under Way With 224 in Competition

## Events Will Resume Under Lights Tonight

### Northern Kentucky's Teams Rated Highly in Annual Classic

By **HENRY F. CHILDRRESS**  
Sports Editor

At 2 p. m. yesterday, the first race on the track was held at the annual classic as the opening event of the annual Kentucky High School track and field meet. The meet will continue through today, with the final events being held at the same time.

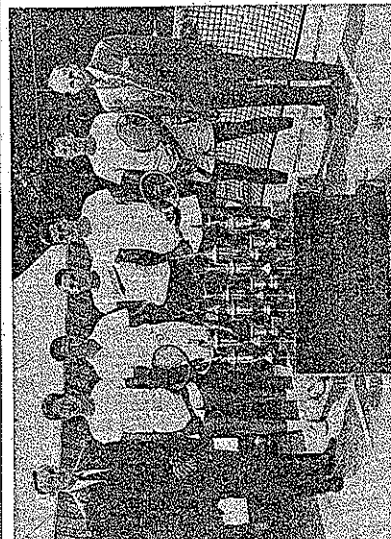
Championship events to be held today, with the 100-yard dash and 200-yard dash to be held at 2 p. m. and the 400-yard dash, 800-yard dash and 1,600-yard dash to be held at 5 p. m.

Local track stars are being watched closely by the teams from across the state, and the meet is expected to be one of the most interesting and competitive ever held in the state.

In these events, northern Kentucky's teams are being rated highly, and the local schools are expected to do well. The meet is being held at the University of Kentucky track and field stadium.

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## Ewald State Champ; Tigers Take Doubles

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**TIGERS WIN STATE DOUBLES** in the championship match. From left to right, Don Ewald, Louisville Male High School tennis player, and Paul Trischmann, Bellevue High School tennis player, captured the state doubles title by defeating the doubles team of Don Ewald and George Wagner, 6-4, 6-3, in the final.

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# The Northern-K Sports Story

George (Bud) Igel  
221 Center Street  
Bellmore, Kentucky

## TENNIS

The picture accompanying this week's story is that of Bud Igel, a young man who has developed fast and who is now a member of the tennis team at Xavier High School. Bud is the son of George (Bud) Igel and his wife, Mrs. Igel. Bud has been playing tennis since he was a boy and has won many trophies. He is a member of the tennis team at Xavier High School and has already decided to make tennis a full time career.

The next four years will, no doubt make or break this young man's tennis career. Bud is a sophomore at Xavier High School and has already decided to make tennis a full time career. He is a member of the tennis team at Xavier High School and has already decided to make tennis a full time career.

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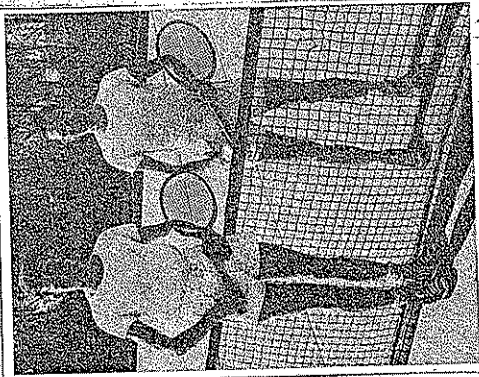
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## Tigers Win State Doubles



New singles and doubles champions of Kentucky high schools are shown receiving trophies from Dr. H. H. Devanish, UK net coach. From the left are Dr. Devanish, Don Ewald, Louisville State singles winner; Roger O'Brien, Bellmore coach; Paul Trischman and Roger O'Brien, Bellmore doubles champs.

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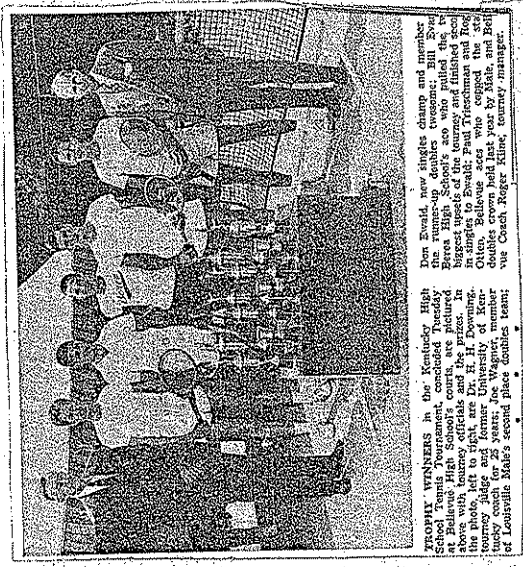


BELLEVEUE CONQUERERS for doubles and singles titles in the State High School Tournament to be concluded Monday and Tuesday at the Bellevue courts are Paul Trischman, left, and Roger Otten, pictured above. Fifteen schools will participate in the tourney.



**INSTRUCTOR**  
ROGER KLEIN  
Roger Klein of Bellevue High School has returned from Dayton, Ohio, where he has completed a course in driver education and training for high school teachers. He was awarded a certificate which qualifies him to teach a course in driver education at his school. This school clinic was sponsored by the Dayton Board of Education in co-operation with the American Automobile Association.

Bellevue High School, which has sponsored a driver's course early in the year, has set the following main objectives: (1) The conservation of life, (2) the conservation of property, (3) the conservation of life, (4) the conservation of property.



Don Ewald, new singles champ and member of the runner-up doubles team, and Billy Neiter, runner-up in the singles, are pictured above with trophies from Dr. H. H. Devanish, UK net coach. From the left are Dr. Devanish, Don Ewald, Louisville State singles winner; Roger O'Brien, Bellmore coach; Paul Trischman and Roger O'Brien, Bellmore doubles champs.

# 17 Schools to Compete in State High Tennis Tournament at Bellevue

When the fifteenth annual Kentucky state high school tennis tournament gets under way at the Belvoir stadium, a record 17 teams will compete for the various championships. The tournament, which was managed and announced Friday by eight local schools, will be held at the Belvoir stadium being a good state-wide representation. Entered locally in the tournament are the following teams: St. Henry, champion of the Cox; Newport Catholic, Covington Catholic, Holmes and Dry Ridge, St. Xavier and Male, Louisville; Georgetown, Bowling Green; Berea Academy, College High, Bowling Green, Highlands and Danville.

Kaiser reported sections would be conducted Monday and Tuesday for doubles play and Sunday for doubles play. The tournament will be played Tuesday and Wednesday.

**FIELD AUGSBACK**, 160, St. Henry, who teamed with champion Don Kaiser last year, will defend his championship. The team he accompanied, which was coached by Ed. E. Ewing, No. 1, defeated St. Henry, 2-1, in the final match of the tournament.

Individual trophies have been provided by the Kentucky Tennis Association for the winners of the singles, doubles, mixed and runner-up trophies. The trophies will be presented to the winners at the tournament.

Harry Fogelman, former Duke University tennis star, is now a representative of the McGregg-Goldsmith sporting goods store.

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## CHAMPION

### Moves Into Semifinals of State Tennis Tournament by Defeating Danville Nette

In Singles, 6-3, 6-2

Don Kaiser, Louisville, defeated the Danville Nette, 6-3, 6-2, in the first round of the state high school tennis tournament at the Belvoir stadium. Kaiser, a senior at Louisville, is the defending champion. He won the title last year at the same venue.

The results follow:

**Singles:** Danville, defeated St. Henry, 6-3, 6-2; St. Henry, defeated Danville Nette, 6-3, 6-2; St. Henry, defeated Danville Nette, 6-3, 6-2.

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## Frieschman Faces Kaiser In State High Net Tourney

### Play Shifts Back to Bellevue Courts.

Kentucky's state high school tennis tournament, moved to the Belvoir stadium, is now scheduled to return to Bellevue High school courts at 2 p. m. today.

A feature of the afternoon program was the return of the defending champion, Don Kaiser, to the courts. He will be matched against the challenger, Roger Kuhn, in the first round.



Bellevue Coach Roger Kuhn is shown handling the Kentucky State High School Tennis championship trophies to Louisville Male's twin stars of the clay courts, Don Kaiser and Don Ewald. Kaiser, center, captured the singles crown for the second successive year. He then teamed up with Ewald to share the doubles championship. At 17, Kaiser is ranked as one of the outstanding high school tennis players in this section of the country.

# Bellevue's Qualley Goes Down Before Louisville Male Net Ace

Defending Singles Champion Beaten After Hard Struggle.

Ewald, Louisville Male, defeated Qualley, Bellevue Male, in the singles final of the state tennis tournament at the University of Louisville on Thursday afternoon.

Qualley, who was seeded No. 1, won the title by defeating Ewald, who was seeded No. 2, in a hard-fought match that lasted for two hours and 15 minutes.

The match was played on the outdoor courts at the University of Louisville. Qualley, who is a senior at the University, is considered one of the best tennis players in the state. Ewald, who is a junior at the University, is also considered one of the best tennis players in the state.

# Tiger Netters Retain State Doubles Title

Ace Annexes Singles Crown at Bellevue

Bellevue's team of Bob Qualley and Ray Ewald, who were seeded No. 1 and 2, respectively, defeated the team of Don Kaiser and Don Hennessy, who were seeded No. 3 and 4, respectively, in the doubles final of the state tennis tournament at the University of Louisville on Thursday afternoon.

The match was played on the outdoor courts at the University of Louisville. Qualley and Ewald, who are both seniors at the University, are considered one of the best doubles teams in the state. Kaiser and Hennessy, who are both juniors at the University, are also considered one of the best doubles teams in the state.

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# Top Two Out in Tennis Tour

## Will Play Title Matches in Singles and Doubles at Bellevue Courts Today.

The two top-seeded performers are out of the Kentucky State High School singles tennis tournament now under way at Bellevue, leaving the title chase wide open for Friday's play.

Bellevue's Bob Qualey, defending champion and seeded No. 1, and Louisville's Mark Ewald, seeded No. 2, were the big winners of the tournament's first round.

Bill Chambers, Hopkinsville, was the only other player to win a match, and he did so by defeating Qualey (St. Henry) 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, and left for home Thursday.

Qualey, who is a senior at Bellevue, has won the state title in the Chicago fire disaster.

Feld in Semifinal

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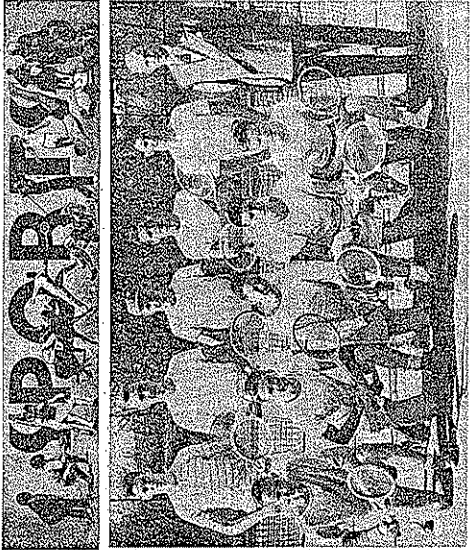
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HOSTS—Bellevue High School's tennis team, unquestioned clamp in northern Kentucky, is best to the annual high school tournament, which will start on Friday. From left to right: Coach, P. K. O'Brien; T. E. Fogarty; Bob Qualey; B. Gormiller; and Coach Roger Kuhn. Bottom row, A. Garrard, P. Feld, R. Otten, P. Trueschman and L. Ballance.

### Kentucky State Tennis Tournery Gets Under Way

The Kentucky state high school tennis tournament, which is being held at Bellevue, opened the tourney with a fifth round match at 11 a. m. today. The following pairings were announced: Qualey (Bellevue) vs. Chambers (Hopkinsville); Ewald (St. Xavier) vs. Fogarty (St. Henry); and Feld (Bellevue) vs. O'Brien (St. Xavier).

Four singles matches were played at 11 a. m. today. The following pairings were announced: Qualey (Bellevue) vs. Chambers (Hopkinsville); Ewald (St. Xavier) vs. Fogarty (St. Henry); and Feld (Bellevue) vs. O'Brien (St. Xavier).

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St. Xavier's top tennis team at 10 a. m. Friday with the championship match set for 2:30 p. m. Doubles Schedule (Thursday)—Bellevue vs. Holmes, 11 a. m.; Louisville vs. St. Xavier, 11 a. m.; Bowling Green vs. Louisville, 11 a. m.; and Louisville vs. Louisville, 11 a. m. Winner to meet St. Henry at 5 p. m.

### Netmen Learn of Friends' Death in Chicago Fire

Jerry Chambers and Bill Boyd, Louisville tennis players, learned today in order that they might attend services for two of their friends who died in the fire in Chicago. The young victims were identified as Phillip R. Corlette, 16, a junior at Louisville, and Boyd, who they were personal friends of since they were in the same class at the time of the fire. The news which they received by long-distance telephone, the boys immediately telephoned home and immediately resuming play in the tournament.

St. Camillus (Cottin) vs. Louisville, 11 a. m.; winner to meet Georgetown at 2:30 p. m. Single-elimination tournament set for 4 p. m. on first day. Their order are Bellevue, Louisville, Louisville, St. Xavier, and Qualey. The singles event, and Boyd will play in the 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. matches. The doubles event, and Boyd will play in the 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. matches.

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FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1946

STATE NET TOURNAMENT AT BELLEVUE



Qualey Will Lead Tigers in Tourney As Hi School Netters Invade Bellevue

Sixteen Teams Enter for Play Here Next Week

Plans are being completed by Bellevue High School for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's annual tennis tournament to be staged June 6 and 7 at the Bellevue courts.

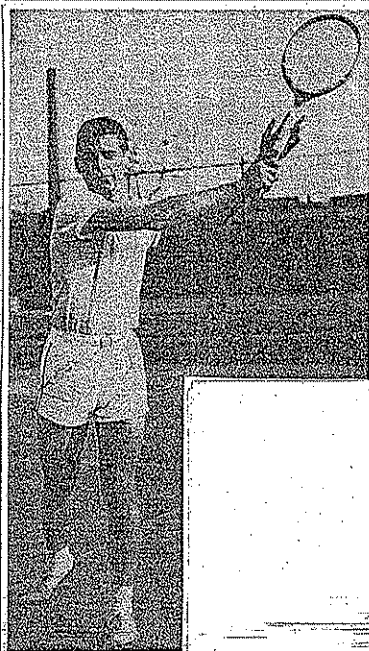
The Bellevue team is defending champion, having won singles and doubles titles last season. Bob Qualey, a member of the current team, will be defending his title for Bellevue in singles and the doubles crown won last season by Qualey and Phil Yeager also will be on the block. Yeager has graduated.

Seventeen or more schools will compete for the 22 trophies, which include school and individual awards in singles and doubles. U. S. Lawn Tennis Association rules will apply to the play. The visiting teams will be housed, and fed by Bellevue, and sight-seeing trips are being arranged as a tourney sideline.

Bellevue's Coach Roger Kline has announced efforts to stage a tennis clinic in connection with the tourney, with some national ranking players being sought for an exhibition.

Millerburg Military Institute, and Shelbyville still are on the doubtful list, but definite entries have been received from Louisville Male, Barrett Manual of Henderson, Bowling Green, Edinburg, Hopkinsville, Breckinridge Training School of Morehead, Lafayette of Lexington, Owensboro, St. Xavier of Louisville and St. Camillus of Corbin.

Local schools entering include Highlands, Covington, Newport, St. Henry, Covington Catholic,



Kentucky Prep School Athletes Open Battle Next Thursday.

Bellevue will be the focal point of prep school tennis next Thursday and Friday when netmen from throughout Kentucky convene there to decide the state net laurels for 1946.

Coach Roger Kline of Bellevue High School, pilot of the defending champions in both the singles and doubles, said Friday entries so far had been received from such sports-minded institutions as Corbin, Georgetown, Breckinridge Training, Owensboro, Hopkinsville, Bowling Green, St. Xavier and Male, both of Louisville, and Lexington Lafayette.

In addition to these teams outside northern Kentucky, Klein said Kentucky Military Institute and Ashland had signified sending representatives but that their official entry had not arrived as of Friday.

HOLMES ENTERED

Besides Bellevue's Tigers, teams from the local area slated to enter racket-swingers are Covington Holmes, St. Henry of Erlanger, Holy Cross and Highlands.

Bellevue's top-ranking star will be Bob Qualey, who annexed the state singles crown and paired with Phil Yeager, now in the Army in California, to take the doubles title in the 1945 state classic, also held at Bellevue's courts. Qualey will team with Don Augsbach to defend his doubles prize.

Expected to offer plenty of competition among the prep schoolers are Don Kaiser, hailing from Louisville Male, who last year was runner-up in the doubles, and his teammate, Don Ewald, and James Hennessy and Jack Corbett, St. X's powerhouse.

FINALS FRIDAY

Klein reported the tourney will open Thursday, with the semifinals to be contested Friday morning and the finals Friday afternoon. Dr. H. H. Downing, mathematics instructor and tennis coach at the University of Kentucky, will referee the matches.

Kentucky High School Athletic Association trophies will be awarded the individual and team winners and runners-up.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1946

STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT BELLEVUE

Tiger Net Champion to Defend Crown in Play Opening, June 6.

For the second consecutive year, Bellevue has been selected as the site for the staging of the state annual tennis tournament...

Roger Klein, tennis coach of Bellevue High School, made the announcement Friday after receiving a letter from Red Sanford, secretary of the state association.

Tentative dates for the matches have been set for June 6 and 7. Sanford said it was impossible to set the exact dates at this time...

DEFENDING CHAMPION

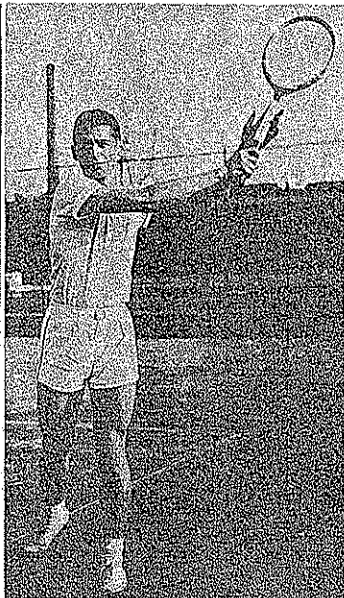
Bob Quasey, Bellevue High School senior and state singles champ, as well as part holder of the state doubles title, will defend these honors at the tournament.

Sixteen school teams entered play last year and practically every part of the state was represented.

BELLEVUE HOLDS TITLE

Dr. Harold Browning, tennis coach of the University, Lexington, will again umpire the contest.

Large crowds witnessed the matches in 1945 and with many tennis enthusiasts home from service in World War II, more people are expected to be in the gallery when play starts in June.



Defending his singles title in the Kentucky State High School tennis tournament this year at the Bellevue courts will be Bob Quasey, senior of Bellevue High School.

SPORTS

BY HARLAN H. CAMPBELL

Tennis at Bellevue

A few weeks ago, I enjoyed a pleasant chat with Mr. Roger Klein, tennis coach at Bellevue High School.

Realizing that many young boys, now discharged from the service, participated in sports for the first time during their tenure of service...

To this end he is now working on a program which will bring to local courts many fine attractions during the summer months.

Mr. Klein, a former U. of K. tennis star, himself playing in some of the matches, should be an incentive for many local boys and girls to take up tennis seriously.

A peek at his coaching record (Continued on Page 4)

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cord stamps him as a splendid mentor.

Last year Mr. Klein's Bellevue team made a grand slam in the tennis tournaments: They won the Metropolitan High School Championship, embracing all Northern Kentucky schools, and the Cincinnati Public and Catholic schools.

They also won the 13th annual Kentucky State singles and doubles championship.

Bellevue's possibilities for another fine team this year are encouraging.

Bob Quasey, last year's singles champion, will defend his laurels this year.

At later dates the following schools will be met: Covington, St. Xavier, Rugles, Willetts, Walnut Hills, Western Hills, Hamilton Public and Wyoming, Ohio.

Owing to the success the boys have had at tennis, plans are now being formulated at Bellevue for girls to participate in the sport.

Bellevue Sees Tennis Stars

Winner Allison, former American Davis Cup star and national doubles champion with John Van Ryn in 1932 and 1936, participated in an exhibition tennis match Tuesday at the Bellevue High School courts.

Allison teamed with Joe O'Brien, former Covington Tennis Club ace, against Bud Igel and Roger Klein, Bellevue net stars.

Also Tuesday Bellevue High School girls and St. Henry High School girls from Edinger-Bellevue were played with Bellevue taking two matches, St. Henry one and one ending in a tie.

Dottie Roth won for St. Henry over Marilyn Walker by 2-6, 7-5 and 6-2, while Shirley Ziegler of Bellevue and Betty Cahill ended in a draw, Jean winning one set, 3-7, and Betty winning 6-1, in the second.

Doubles were won by Walker and Ziegler of Bellevue over Janice Hoising and Betty Ann Fustner of Bellevue, whose tennis is coached by Kitty Churchill, physical education instructor at the school.

Bellevue Has Champ

Bellevue now can boast of having one member of the championship doubles team of Ohio as a result of Saturday's action in the Ohio state tennis finals at Columbus.

It's a masterpiece of understatement, as they say in the movies, to remark that it is most unusual for a lad, who lives at 221 Center Street, Bellevue, Ky., to capture the Ohio State tennis crown in the doubles tennis room at 1118 N. That's exactly what happened Bud Igel did, however, teamed up with Jack Collins, a real Buckeye slacker, the Bellevue net natural took all opposition in stride to bring the doubles crown to St. Xavier High. Much of the credit for Igel's knowing must go to Roger Klein, Bellevue High tennis coach, who set Igel's mind.



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# State High School

## Tennis Tourney at Bellevue

Young Netmen in Kentucky Expected to Compete for Honors.

### Bellevue Netmen in Running For Kentucky High School Championships

Green, default from Sterns, High School, Louisville, 6-2. The Bellevue Tigers, by winning the championship at the University of Louisville, have won the title for the first time since 1912. The tournament was held at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., from May 1 to 5. The winners were: Singles, Green, 6-2; Doubles, Green and Sterns, 6-2, 6-4.

### Two Bellevue Boys in Semis Of Tennis Meet

Male's Players Lose In Quarters of State

Bellevue boys in semis of tennis meet. The boys' tennis tournament was held at the University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky., from May 1 to 5. The winners were: Singles, Green, 6-2; Doubles, Green and Sterns, 6-2, 6-4.

### Bellevue Takes Crown In Tennis Tournament

The Bellevue High School Tennis team took both the singles and doubles titles at the Kentucky High School Tennis tournament held Friday at the Bellevue stadium.

### State Tennis Tourney Finals Will Be Friday

Hopkinsville Star Scores Upset In Defeating Kaiser

The semi-finals and finals of the state tennis tournament will be held at the Bellevue stadium, Rogers, Ky., on Friday. The winners of the semi-finals will be: Singles, Green, 6-2; Doubles, Green and Sterns, 6-2, 6-4.

### Among Local Schools Which Will Enter the Tourney are Bellevue, Hopkinsville, and Rogers

The Bellevue tennis team has two representatives in the state tennis tournament. The team consists of Green and Sterns. They are coached by Coach Kuhn.

### Rules and Regulations of the Tourney

The rules and regulations of the state tennis tournament are as follows: The tournament will be held at the Bellevue stadium, Rogers, Ky., from May 1 to 5. The winners will receive a trophy and a certificate.

### Bellevue Assured Of Singles Title

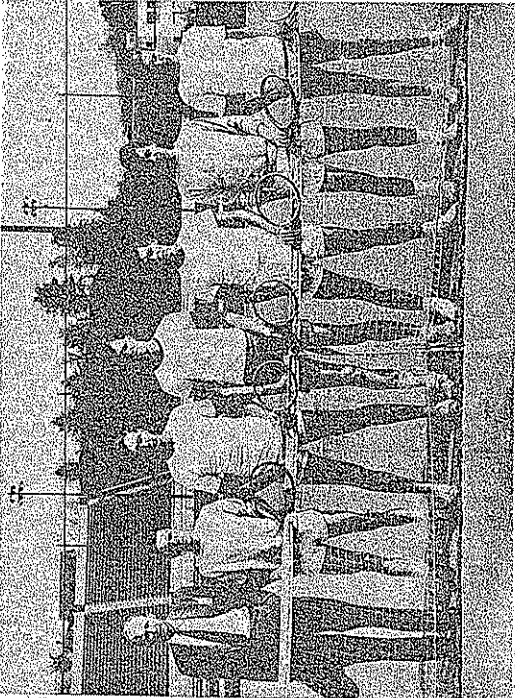
Bellevue was assured of the title in the singles tournament. The team has a strong record in the tournament and is expected to win the title.

### Bellevue Assured Of Doubles Title

Bellevue was also assured of the title in the doubles tournament. The team has a strong record in the tournament and is expected to win the title.



# Bellevue Tigers State Tennis Champions



Bellevue Tigers, only coached by Roger Klein, set a new record this season by capturing the championship of the Metropolitan High School tourney and taking the singles and doubles titles. The Metropolitan met match was held at the University of Cincinnati, under auspices of the Ohio Valley Lawn Tennis Association. There were 13 high school teams entered. At the recent Kentucky tourney, Bob Qualey, a junior, won the singles title, the first time a local boy has won such a trophy. Qualey teamed with Paul Yeager in the state doubles and won the championship against Louisville Male. The team consists of Paul Yeager, Coach, Bob Qualey, Tom Voth, Ted Singsburg, Capt. Yeager, Qualey, Bob Qualey, Don Applegate. Ray Phil, another member, was not present when the photograph was taken.

## Thirtieth Annual Kentucky High School Tennis Tournament

Bellevue High School  
June 7-8, 1945

Shingles

Kaiser - Male	Kaiser	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Ferrell	(Def.)
Ferrell - Highlands	Ferrell	6-0, 6-0
Ferrell - St. Henry	Ferrell	(Def.)
Wagner - Bowling Green	Wagner	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Chaborn	(Def.)
Talbot - Lafayette	Talbot	6-0, 6-0
Chaborn - Highlands	Chaborn	(Def.)
Bunker - Holy Cross	Bunker	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Hunter	(Def.)
Miller - Breckinridge	Miller	(Def.)
Bye	Spilling	6-1, 6-2
Spilling - Henderson	Spilling	6-1, 6-2
Keeney - Holmes	Keeney	6-1, 6-1
Bye	Yeager	(Def.)
Yeager - Bellevue	Yeager	6-1, 6-1
Neal - Male	Neal	6-0, 6-2
Bye	Neal	(Def.)
Davis - St. Henry	Davis	6-1, 6-3
Inman - Lafayette	Inman	6-1, 6-3
Schell - Holmes	Schell	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Borrell	6-0, 6-0
Borrell - Henderson	Borrell	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Shawell	(Def.)
Sawana - Highlands	Sawana	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Sawana	(Def.)
Byrd - Hopkinsville	Byrd	6-0, 6-2
Seward - Bowling Green	Seward	6-0, 6-2
Landers - Holy Cross	Landers	6-0, 6-0
Bye	Qualey	6-0, 6-0
Qualey - Bellevue	Qualey	6-0, 6-0
Doubles		
Bellevue	Bellevue	6-0, 6-0
Holy Cross	Holy Cross	6-0, 6-1
St. Henry	St. Henry	6-0, 6-1
Bowling Green	Bowling Green	6-0, 6-1
Breckinridge	Breckinridge	6-0, 6-1
Male	Male	6-1, 6-2
Henderson	Henderson	6-0, 6-1
Hopkinsville	Hopkinsville	6-0, 6-1
Holmes	Holmes	6-0, 6-1
Bellevue Qualey & Yeager	Bellevue Qualey & Yeager	6-0, 6-1
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Male (Neal & Kaiser)	Male (Neal & Kaiser)	6-0, 11-9