

Leelanauts roll at home against Petoskey

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The Leelanauts returned to Glen Arbor Park, and took it to the Petoskey Northmen.

Leelanau shut out the visiting Northmen, 12-0 and grabbed the win in each of their flights. The singles matches took place at The Leelanau School, and the doubles matches took place at Glen Arbor Park.

"In the last few weeks, we have been trying to identify our strengths and some things that we need to work on," assistant coach Brian Klauer said. "Matches like today are good for us."

In the No. 1 singles, Gray Raymond defeated Addison Tollas of Petoskey in two sets, 6-2 and 6-1. In the No. 2 singles, August Sack defeated Jace Copeland in two sets, 6-2 and 6-1. The No. 3 singles match had Drew Barber from Leelanau take on Grant Gietzen from Petoskey. Barber defeated Gietzen in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

"August has shown a lot of growth since the beginning of the year at the No. 2 singles," head coach David Grams said. "Gray Raymond has taken a leader position at the No. 1 singles, and he has shown a lot of improvement as well. Drew at No. 3 is playing a new position for us this year, he used to play doubles and he is showing a lot of growth."

With Petoskey shorthanded, the teams decided to play a few extra singles matches to make sure everyone on the Leelanau Tennis team had a chance to play. "One of the nice things about the match today is everyone is getting a chance to play a few matches," Grams said. "This is kind of a combination of varsity and jv match. Glen Lake is a no cut program, and we have a chance to play everyone on the team and you see the smiles on all the kids faces."

In the doubles matches, the No. 1 team of Margot Hazael-Massieux and Jackson Ciolek defeated the team from Petoskey in two sets by scores of 6-2 and 6-3. The No. 2 team of Sydney Hazelton and Blake Duddles won their



GRAY RAYMOND swings to hit the ball back over the net to his opponent in his singles match on Thursday at The Leelanau School.

flight, as they defeated the No. 2 team from Petoskey in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

"Our No. 2 doubles team (Blake Duddles and Sydney Hazelton) has been making a lot of great progress," Klauer said. "In particular, they are doing a better job of covering the court, communicating and basically they are working on their lobs and overhead swings. We are seeing progress in the finer points of the game."

According to Klauer, Duddles is formerly a singles player but has made the transition to play doubles for the Leelanauts.

The No. 3 doubles team of Cece Schaub and Tommy Reay won their flight against the team from Petoskey in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0. In the No. 4 doubles, the team of Mahrle Siddall and Carly Nicholas defeated the team from Petoskey in two sets by scores of 6-0 and 6-1.

"We feel lucky to be able to play tennis at these great facilities, at both The Leelanau School and Glen Arbor Park," Grams said.

The Leelanauts were set to host Traverse City West on Wednesday, but the match took place after press time. The team was also going to take on the

Cadillac on Wednesday, but the match was moved to Thursday, Sep. 6 due to inclement weather.



AUGUST SACK hits his serve to his opponent in his singles match on Thursday at The Leelanau School.



CECE SCHAUB hits her serve for the No. 3 doubles team in their flight against Petoskey on Thursday at Glen Arbor Park.

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SYDNEY HAZELTON

The Leelanau Tennis team had its first home meet of the year. Senior Sydney Hazelton competed in the No. 2 doubles and helped lead her team to a shut out victory in two sets of 6-0 and 6-0. She was partnered with Blake Duddles.

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