

Champions crowned at Robinson

Top matches featured open division champs

TENNIS

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It was the perfect day to crown the new champions.

The 59th annual Francis J. Robinson Memorial Tennis Tournament concluded Sunday at Sanborn Park with numerous flight champions. Among the first time winners were Mike Ziegler, who teamed with Rick Scavarda to win the men's 65 doubles division.

"I've been playing maybe 20 years and it really feels terrific," Ziegler said. "You get in it every year hoping to win. I got to Sunday once before and this is my first win. I had a good partner and I have been playing a lot of tennis."

Two of the day's best matches featured the men's and women's open singles divisions.

Franklin Brozovich outlasted Steve Pillon, 7-5, 3-6, 11-9 to claim the men's championship. Meanwhile in women's open singles, Allie Sweeney defeated Claire Brooks, 6-3, 6-4.

Incoming Port Huron Northern freshman Isabella Murray won a triple crown, taking home titles in girls 18 singles, doubles and 16 mixed doubles.

"I'm so happy," Murray said. "I worked so hard for it. There were a lot of other people with a chance to get it. I'm playing really well right now and I hope it carries over to the tennis season."

Not far from Murray stood Derek Distelrath, who fell just short of winning a triple crown for the third consecutive year. Instead this year, he will settle for a double crown with flight championships in 14 singles and doubles.

"It's a lot of fun," Distelrath said. "Whenever I play in the Robinson it's always a ton of fun. It's my favorite tournament. I learn what I'm capable of doing. This is the measuring point with all of my friends I play with."

Ashlyn Kinney won a double crown, taking first in the 10-year old girls singles and mixed doubles while Ian Pinnoo won the 14 doubles and mixed doubles.

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