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Aki Koreeda (left) and Phil Augustyn spend some time together after Koreeda's 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 opening-round win in men's B singles action. Koreeda lost in the second round. NEWS PHOTO • JEFF HOLT

Old play better than the young

■ Kathy VanDeWege outlasts Krissy Hentschel in the Ann Arbor City Closed Adult Tennis Tournament.

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With only eight competitors in the top women's division of the Ann Arbor City Closed Adult Tennis Tournament, the road to the title isn't long.

Each of Saturday's competitors knew that three victories would win the championship.

Kathy VanDeWege, the No. 1 seed, was definitely aware of that Saturday when she outlasted Krissy Hentschel 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 at Pioneer High School to earn a berth in next weekend's semifinals.

VanDeWege's victory was the only one of the day's three matches in the women's AA division that went three sets.

"I guess I picked a good tournament," VanDeWege said. "I don't have to win a lot of matches. Even though there's only eight women, I think there's a lot of us that could win it."

VanDeWege, who played tennis at U-M from 1976-80, had experience, but not youth on her side against Hentschel, a 1991 Huron High graduate.

"It was real close," VanDeWege said. "Either one of us could've pulled it out. I think she's bigger and stronger and she certainly hits the ball harder. I was just fortunate to hit a few more balls over the net than she was."

VanDeWege, who has never played singles in the Ann Arbor tournament, will play the winner of Thursday's match between Beth Pierce and Kristi King at Burns Park on Saturday. In the other semifinal, Betsy Mehaffie will play Ami Walsh, the No. 2 seed and last year's runner-up.

DEFENDING CHAMPS: Men's

defending champions Paul Ripley (AA singles) and Mike Blinder (B singles) each won. Claude Wilcox (40 and over) wasn't so fortunate. He lost in the quarterfinals to Jonathan Trobe 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Kirk Granlund, who won last year's A singles, wasn't entered, but No. 1 seed Rod Beer is undefeated.

Alice Britt, the runner-up last year in B singles, lived up to her billing as the No. 1 seed after defending champion Linda Woodland didn't enter. Forty and over defending champion Emily Bowen won her only match as the No. 1 seed.

NAME GAME: Ademola Osofisan and Ojumayowa Alabi, both from Nigeria, won their opening matches.

Osofisan, who won both matches in men's A singles, said his first name means "I should win my next match." According to Alabi, however, Osofisan's name has a meaning closer to "God's grace is the highest."

Alabi, who played in men's B singles, said his name means "God bring joy."

MARATHON MATCH: Ernie Perich and Carey Colbertson have played against each other about 10 times within the past year in the Liberty Men's League. But Saturday's B singles quarterfinal will probably be the most memorable.

It lasted three hours and 30 minutes before Perich aced Colbertson to win 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE: Today is the opening round of all the doubles matches, which will be held at Pioneer and Burns Park. Matches will start at 8 a.m. and run until around 4:30 p.m. The time slots at Burns are 9:15 a.m. and noon.

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TENNIS SCORES

City Closed Adult Tournament

MEN'S A SINGLES

First round: Jeff Rhodes d. James Kuller 6-0, 6-0. Steve Lipnik d. Vitek Kumar 6-2, 6-1. Mark Horneffer d. Jeff Masse 6-0, 6-2. Charlie Chesbrough d. Thomas Patterson 6-0, 6-1. Ademola Osofisan d. Bill Carroll 6-1, 6-4. Brian Messner d. J. Paul Dixon 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Mike Blinder d. Mark Blisard 6-2, 6-3. Clint Anderson d. Dan Hill. Oliver Wreford d. Matt McGowan.

Second round: Rob Beer d. Mike Doyle 6-0, 7-5. Rhodes d. Lipnik 6-4, 6-2. Horneffer d. Chesbrough 6-3, 6-1. Osofisan d. Jim Porter 6-3, 6-4. Mike Psarouthakis d. Messner 7-6 (7-1), 6-3. Bob Perry d. Micheal Duran 6-3, 5-7, 2-3 (Duran retired). Blinder d. Anderson 6-4, 7-5. John Ellison d. Wreford 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

MEN'S B SINGLES

First round: Piwaki Mazumder d. Marcus Ma 6-1, 6-1. Lawrence Kirchmeier d. Craig Cattell. John Kosta d. Joe Devereaux 6-3, 6-3. Eric Restuccia d. Tom Baughman 6-4, 6-2. Ralph Wetherbee d. Howard Scheps 6-4, 6-2. Tom Starzyk d. Jerry Tarpley 6-2, 6-2. Ken Utsunomiya d. Ajay Daga 6-3, 7-5. Eric Andrews d. Jeff Pens 6-3, 6-0. John Kosta III d. Mark Myran 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). Craig Ross d. Brian Wu. David Carson d. Karl Johnson 6-1, 6-1. Micheal Heljan d. Will Roberts 6-2, 6-1. Steven Harwood d. David Hermon 6-2, 6-1. Aki Koreeda d. Phil Augustyn 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. Marvin Kronberg d. Brian Williams 6-4, 6-0. David Homa d. Joshua Cohen 6-1, 6-1. Ned Shure d. David Smith 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Ojumayowa Alabi d. Marvel Ma 6-4, 6-2. Steve Miller d. Anthony Thomas 6-2, 7-5. Chat Phatharaphak d. Gerry Zonca 6-2, 6-1. Marc Mueller d. Jim Melby 7-6 (7-2), 2-6, 6-2. Haining Shao d. Terry Abrams 6-2, 7-5. Frank Richardson d. Mike Watassek 0-6, 7-5, 6-0. Greg Huszco d. Gideon Hoffer 6-1, 3-6, 6-0. Carey Colbertson d. Robert Lowe 6-1, 6-2. Ernie Perich d. Marek Ma 6-2, 6-0. Bradley Geller d. Michel Gniard 6-1, 6-4.

Second round: Mazumder d. Jeff Alson 6-4, 6-1. John Kosta d. Kirchmeier 7-5, 6-2. Wetherbee d. Restuccia 6-2, 6-2. Starzyk d. Utsunomiya 6-0, 6-1. John Kosta III d. 7-5, 6-2. Ross d. Steve Janson 6-4, 6-1. Carson d. Heljan 6-1, 6-2. Harwood d. Donovan Dreyer 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Richard Bowerman d. Koreeda 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Kronberg d. Homa 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6). Shure d. Alabi 6-4, 6-2. Phatharaphak d. 6-1, 6-1. Mueller d. 6-1, 6-3. Huszco d. 6-1, 6-2. Perich d. Colbertson 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Dan Rudgers d. Geller 6-3, 7-5.

MEN'S 40 AND OVER SINGLES

First round: Tom Huntzicker d. Lawrence Ephraim 6-1, 6-0. Bill Flett d. Jeffrey Baker 6-1, 6-3. Jack Amundsen d. John Watson 6-3, 6-1. Neil Haldeman d. Sam Shell 7-5, 7-5. Bob Mueller d. Ben An 7-5, 6-3. Jonathan Trobe d. Daryl Sills 6-1, 6-1.

Second round: Huntzicker d. Bruce Watkins 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Leo Legatski d. Flett 7-5, 6-3. Dan Burroughs d. Don Selens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. George Earl d. Amundsen 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. Jim Burdelski d. Haldeman 6-0, 6-0. John Robinson, Jr. d. Mueller 6-2, 6-4. Dale Greiner d. Fred Shure 6-1, 6-2. Trobe d. Claude Wilcox 7-6 (7-5) 6-2.

WOMEN'S AA SINGLES

First Round — Kathy VanDeWege d. Krissy Hentschel 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Betsy Mehaffie d. Kristina Glusac 6-2, 6-1. Ami Walsh d. Jeanie Hayes 6-3, 6-0.

B SINGLES

First round — Leonie Rush d. Carol Diephuis 6-1, 6-2. Ursula Fachnie d. Catherine Grossman 6-0, 6-2. Chris Psujek d. Karen Danzeisen. Alice Britt d. Pat Geller 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

40 AND OVER SINGLES

First round — Emily Bowen d. Jeri Sawall 6-2, 6-1. Mary Gregg d. Ann Dougherty 6-1, 6-0. Cheryl Grant d. Marilyn Vanderveide 6-2, 7-5. Charlene Eisenlohr d. Sally Delange.

