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Clarence Hammond beat Kevin McDonnell 6-2, 7-6 in the 3.0 division of the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament on Thursday at the University of Michigan Varsity Tennis Center.

Retired psychologist nets city tennis win

Also, 3 of 4 senior champs earn victories

From Local Reports

There's a senior division in the Ann Arbor City Tennis Tournament, but Clarence Hammond, 71, wasn't too interested.

Instead, he opened play in the 3.0 flight by beating Kevin McDonnell 6-2, 7-6 at the University of Michigan's Varsity Tennis Center on Thursday evening.

It wasn't bravado that drove the retired psychologist, who splits his time between Ann Arbor and Arizona, to play with the youngsters. Rather, it was a senior bracket that features four past city champions.

"The senior division begins at 50, and I'm 71," he said. "Fifty is a little young for me. And if they're 50 and they're 4.0 (level players), I didn't think I would be competitive."

Three of those four defending senior champs - Steve Jensen, Carey Cul-



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Robert Pentracosta connects with the ball against John Ramon in the Arbor City Tennis Tournament senior division. Pentracosta won, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

ertonson and Jeff Alson - were victorious in their round of 16 matches Thursday. The fourth, top-seeded Robert Nowlan, did not play.

Two of the three top-seeded players in the men's open division started play Thursday. No. 2 Daryl Fisher beat Nate Vanderveen 6-1, 6-4 and No. 3 David Seyferth topped Bill Godfrey 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

The tournament's first upset occurred in the men's 4.0 flight when Patrick Persello-Seefeld upended No. 1 seed David Pickard 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

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at U-M Varsity Tennis Center

Thursday's results

Men's open (Round of 16) David Seyferth d. Bill Godfrey 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Daryl Fisher d. Nate Vanderveen 6-1, 6-4. **Men's seniors:** (Round of 16) Carey Culbertson d. Janis Valdmanis 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Steven Jensen d. Fred Kung 6-0, 6-0; Robert Petracosta d. John Ramon 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; Fred Yambach d. Thomas Merrill 6-3, 6-1; Ray Burke d. Chris White 6-1, 6-3; Fred Chapman d. Ramon Gallardo 6-1, 6-1; Jeff Alson d. Shinya Yamakado 6-0, 6-1. **Men's 3.0:** (Round of 32) Clarence Hammond d. Kevin McDonnell 6-2, 7-6; Tim Atkinson d. Jonathan Scherer 6-1, 6-0; Kevin Tang d. Rob Richards 6-1, 6-1. (Round of 16) Clarence Lewis d. Pierre Goovaerts 6-4, 6-4. **Men's 4.0:** (Round of 16) Patrick Persello-Seefeld d. David Pickard 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; James Davidson d. Stefan Craciun 6-4, 6-2; Thomas Rhodes d. Rod Conley 6-3, 6-4; Freddy Peebles d. Jacob Chowpaknam 6-1, 7-6 (3).

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(Seeds in parenthesis)

Men's Singles 3.0 (Round of 16)- Nicholas Hutchinson d. Michael Tran (w.d. inj.). **3.5** (Round of 32)- Whitney Kriengkrairut d. Young Kim, 6-1, 6-3. **3.5** (Round of 16) John Dillard d. Thomas Schuelke, 6-3, 6-3; Bill Woodland (1) d. Egor Alekseen, 6-1, 6-3; Syed Rafeeq (4) d. Naroo Krishnan, 6-1, 6-2; Paul Huang d. Ravi Madhavaram, 6-1, 7-5; Kerry Larson d. David Parker (w.d., inj.), Robert Gray d. Wayne Snyder (3), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; Ralph Mckee d. Albie Silverman,

6-1, 6-4. **4.0** - Wei Zhou d. Daniel Socaci, 7-6 (6), 6-2; Patrick Persello-Seefeld d. Rich Chicoine, 6-4, 6-2; Chi-Tsai Tang d. Brian Bianucci, 6-1, 6-2; Scott Halpert d. Jonathan Heinzman, 7-5, 6-3; James Davidson d. Mark Boblitt, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. **4.5** - Marc Siciliano d. Rich Stiles, (def. n.s.), Joe Jankolovitz d. V. Arun, 6-3, 6-4; Robert Smothers d. Alan Parenteau, 6-4, 6-2; Tim Peterson d. Damon Mark, 6-1, 6-1; John Hughes d. Christopher Plawewski, 6-1, 6-1.