

Ross softball team faces GLL test

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Staff writer

Time only knows how good the Fremont Ross softball team will be this season.

The level of confidence the Little Giants play with and the way they deal with adversity could be the indicator of the team's progress, according to first-year coach Cheryl Coressel.

"We have to be patient," Coressel said. "You never get negative, and you have to deal with disappointment."

A lot of ifs surround the Little Giants, mainly due to a lack of quality (i.e. outside) practices or scrimmages.

"I think we're going to be strong infield-wise, but it hasn't been proven yet because we haven't been on an infield yet," Coressel said prior to practice Thursday on the field in front of Ross High School. "We look

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— Cheryl Coressel, Ross coach

really good on a gymnasium floor where you get nice, clear bounces ...

... "It's really hard to tell who are going to be my top hitters because they haven't been put in any pressure situations."

Aside from the anxiety that will go with the development of pitchers Kim Crawford and Brandi Johns, Coressel is most concerned with the defense.

"We have to be more aware," she said. "They have to start thinking what can happen. They don't react very well sometimes to baserunners."

"The mental part of the game

is what I'm worried about."

Veteran catcher Amy Burmeister and shortstop Katie Rhodes, a junior move-in from Arizona, are the cornerstones of the defense.

Most of the remaining starting positions, with the possible exception of Kelly Rusch in center field and Becky Williams at third base, have yet to be decided.

"We're pretty inexperienced in the outfield," Coressel said. "The infield is reliable."

Sophomore Andi Oprie and Tonya Trevino are battling for the starting job at second base, Kelli Lance and sophomore Tricia Busdeker are vying for the job at first base with sophomore Natalie Robbins, Brenda Gibson and freshman Holly Pelfrey battling for spots in the outfield.

In addition to Burmeister, Williams, Rusch and Crawford, Oprie and Lance are returning letterwinners.

Coressel expects Burmeister,

Williams and Rhodes to power the offense.

"All three look potentially to be great hitters for us ... power hitters," she said. "I think we will hit fine off the slower pitchers. I'm worried about the Northview pitchers; the ones that are hummers."

Northview is the preseason favorite in the Great Lakes League, according to the league's coaches. The Wildcats are followed in the preseason rankings by Bedford, Mich., Toledo Whitmer, Oregon Clay, Napoleon, Fostoria and Ross.

"I don't think we're going to finish last," Coressel said.

Ross opens the season Monday at Margaretta.

"I know a strong pitcher dominates," Coressel said, "but we're working on hitting skills."

One of those skills is the bunt, which Coressel said will be a big part of the offense.

"I'd like us to be an aggres-

sive baserunning team and get the other teams frustrated," she said. "We have some small, quick kids — an Oprie, a Rusch; if they get a little more aggressive on the basepaths, they could fluster some people."

Burmeister, meanwhile, is being counted on to help Crawford and Johns, who are replacing Deb Hammond.

"Kim has some varsity experience; Brandi pitched JV and did a real nice job last year," Coressel said. "I see both of them getting a lot of pitching in this year."

"I don't think Brandi and Kim will have trouble; I think they're going to be hittable at first until they learn to read batters a little better."

"They won't walk that many, and with our infield defense, people are going to have to earn their spot on a base. We're not going to be setting too many people out there."

Ross 21, Fostoria 5

Score by innings

Ross	4	2	1	7	—	2	1	6	1
Fostoria	0	4	1	0	0	0	—	5	7

WP: Kim Crawford; LP: Emmons; HR: Natalie Robbins (R), Katie Rhodes (R), Tricia Busdeker (R); 3B: Amy Burmeister (R) 3; 2B: Andi Oprie (R), Rhodes (R), Busdeker (R), Tonya Trevino (R).

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Ross pitcher Johns victim of miscues, no run support

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross started well then fizzled in a 5-2 high school softball loss to Napoleon Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross, which slipped to 1-1 after its second Great Lakes League contest, led 2-1 after one inning. The Little Giants, however, failed offensively and defensively the rest of the way.

Although losing pitcher Brandi Johns held Napoleon in check through the fourth inning, the Wildcats scored three unearned runs in the fifth as Ross com-

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mitted three of its seven errors.

"The errors bother me more than not scoring," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "You're going to have games when the offensive production isn't there."

"Seven mistakes, though, that's too many to make in a league game and expect to win. They hit us, tested us, and we failed the test."

"Offensively, they attacked us and we didn't respond."

In other games reported, Woodmore defeated Hopewell-Loudon 13-5 and Fostoria St. Wendelin beat Oak Harbor 22-11.

Johns struck out four and walked three in her complete-game effort.

"If we would have supported her at the plate and in the field, we could have won," Coressel said. "She did a good job, but we didn't execute behind her."

In the Ross first, Katie Rhodes singled with two outs, stole second and moved to third on a throwing error. Tricia Busdeker

followed with a run-scoring single and came around to score on the play on Napoleon miscues.

Tricia Busdeker had three of the Little Giants' seven hits.

"We didn't string anything together," Coressel said.

Napoleon improved to 1-2 in its GLL opener.

Woodmore 13, H-Loudon 5

Woodmore scored 11 of its runs in the first inning to improve to 3-1.

Holly Reynolds was the winning pitcher, and Michelle Baker

had two hits for the Wildcats.

Both Angie Fegley and Tracy Paul doubled and scored twice for Woodmore.

St. Wendelin 22, Oak Harbor 11

The Mohawks, 2-0, scored in four of the five innings of the shortened game, including seven runs in the last of the fifth.

Janet Kealey was the winning pitcher and Amy Nickel took the loss.

Stephanie Barton and Carrie Kaiser each had a double for the Rockets, 0-2.

Trevino's hit gives Ross extra-inning win

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross pushed across a run in the bottom of the eighth inning Thursday at Rodger Young Park for a 7-6 high school softball victory over Bowling Green.

Kelly Rusch walked leading off the eighth, and Holly Pelfrey was hit by a pitch. After Brend Gibson's sacrifice bunt, Tonya Trevino singled to left — scoring Rusch.

"It was very well executed," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said.

In other games reported, Clyde outscored Fostoria St. Wendelin 16-11, Port Clinton defeated Genoa 8-5 and Bellevue beat Oak Harbor 16-3.

Ross, 2-1, led 6-3 after scoring five runs in the fourth inning but Bowling Green scored a run in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Winning pitcher Brandi Johns,

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who relieved Kim Crawford in the sixth, gave up a bases loaded walk and a run-scoring single before retiring the side on a strikeout and a groundout.

Johns did not give up a hit the rest of the way.

"She put it in play and let our defense take care of things," Coressel said.

Becky Williams, who drove in two runs, and Trevino had two of the Little Giants' six hits. Trevino and Rusch each scored twice.

Mindy Luken took the loss in relief for the Bobcats, 2-1.

Clyde 16, St. Wendelin 11

The Fliers took advantage of 14 St. Wendelin walks and seven Mohawk errors to improve to 2-2.

Clyde trailed 11-6 after four innings but scored four runs in the

sixth and six in the seventh.

Rhonda Folk scored four runs, while Tami Chagnon's triple was one of the Fliers' four hits.

Angie Carrol was the winning pitcher, taking over in the third inning after Sarah McDonald experienced control problems — yielding eight walks.

Port Clinton 8, Genoa 5

The Redskins were held scoreless through four innings but went on to their first win against three losses.

Three of Port Clinton's four runs in the seventh inning were unearned. The Redskins finished with four hits to Genoa's nine, but the Comets committed eight errors.

Christy Isaac was the winning

pitcher and Megan Bodi took the loss.

Becky Pearson and Stacy Keaton had two hits apiece for Genoa, 1-2.

Bellevue 16, Oak Harbor 3

The Redmen scored seven runs in the first inning and added seven more in the fourth to send the Rockets to their third loss in as many games.

Dara Courter and Stephanie Barton had the only two hits for Oak Harbor, and Molly Fitzgerald had an RBI.

The Rockets' pitchers allowed two hits but had trouble finding the strike zone. Starter and loser Amy Nickel walked 11 batters through three innings, and Jamie Okorowski walked nine in the final two innings.

BUILT RIGHT IN

Wildcats beat Rockets; Ross falls

News-Messenger reports

Woodmore beat Oak Harbor in a pair of five-inning high school softball games Saturday.

The Wildcats beat the Rockets 18-2 in the first game and out-scored Oak Harbor 37-17 in the second game.

Michelle Baker had six hits in the doubleheader, including a

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home run in the first game and two triples and a double in the second. Tracy Paul also had six hits, while Karen Robey drove in 11 runs.

Robey had a grand slam and a solo home run in Woodmore's 20-run fourth inning in the second game.

Kate Hinrichs and Angie Fegley picked up the pitching wins as the Wildcats improved to 5-2.

Amy Nickel took the loss in both games for Oak Harbor.

In one other game, Margaretta beat Fremont Ross 15-2 as Heather Birmingham got the victory over Kim Crawford.

Katie Rhodes had two of the Little Giants' four hits and scored two runs.

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Margaretta 15, Ross 2

Score by innings

Ross	101	00x	x —	2	4	3
Margaretta	680	1xx	x —	15	11	4

WP: Heather Birmingham; LP: Kim Crawford; 3B: Carrie Grimm.

Records: Ross 2-2, Margaretta 4-0.

St. Joe wins; Ross loses

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Fremont St. Joseph Catholic outscored Bettsville 9-8 in the first three innings and held on for a 10-9 Midland Athletic League softball victory over the Bobcats Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

St. Joe, 1-2 after its third league game, trailed 8-4 before scoring five runs in the bottom of the third.

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The Crimson Streaks extended their lead to 10-8 in the fifth, and Bettsville added a run in the sixth.

Amy Lenhart was the winning pitcher and Michelle Dodson took the loss. Lenhart struck out one and walked five.

Two triples by Tara Rodenhauser and two doubles by Suzanne Militello were among the Streaks' eight hits.

Bettsville had five hits and slipped to 2-4.

In one other game reported, Sylvania Northview defeated Fremont Ross 4-1.

The Little Giants, 2-3 and 1-2 in the Great Lakes League, collected two hits — a single by Brenda Gibson in the third and a lead-off triple by Tricia Busdeker, who scored, in the sixth.

Brandi Johns allowed seven hits, walked three and struck out two but took the loss.

Johns, Ross blank Fliers

News-Messenger reports

CLYDE — Brandi Johns pitched a two-hit shutout Thursday as Fremont Ross defeated Clyde 7-0 in a high school softball game at Community Park.

Johns had no strikeouts but walked only three.

"She put the ball in play and the defense took care of everything else; I was really impressed with them," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said.

Ross, 3-4, committed three errors but stopped a three-game losing streak. The Little Giants scored two runs in the second inning but were silent until the fifth.

"Normally, I feel we need more (than two runs)," Coressel said. "But tonight, I felt really confident in our defense. We executed well."

The Little Giants added two runs in the fifth and three in the seventh off losing pitcher Angie Carroll, who walked three and struck out three.

Kelly Rusch and Andi Oprie each had two of the Little Giants' seven hits and scored two runs apiece.

The Fliers fall to 3-6.

Rusch, Ross nip Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

Kelly Rusch went 4-for-4, drove in a run and scored twice Monday, helping Fremont Ross to a 14-13 high school softball victory over host Toledo Whitmer.

In other games Monday, Woodmore topped Northwood 7-1, Margaretta downed Oak Harbor 13-1 in five innings and Port Clinton suffered a 12-6 loss to Sandusky St. Mary's.

Ross, 4-4 and 2-2 in the Great Lakes League, opened up a 7-0 lead after three innings before the Panthers stormed back.

Natalie Robbins hit a two-run triple in the top of the seventh to give the Little Giants a 14-10 lead. Whitmer, however, scored three runs in the bottom of the inning to make it close.

Ross finished with nine hits and 10 errors, while the Panthers had 15 hits and five errors.

Kim Crawford had two hits and scored twice for the Little Giants in support of winning pitcher Brandy Johns. Johns struck out nine and walked three.

Whitmer dropped to 1-10 and 0-2 in the GLL.

Margaretta 13, Oak Harbor 1

Margaretta scored 10 runs in the first inning and cruised to the victory.

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Heather Birmingham pitched all five innings for the Polar Bears to get the win. She gave up one hit, struck out eight and walked two.

Beth Parlette singled in the fifth inning for the Rockets, 0-8 and 0-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Oak Harbor scored in the fifth when Jamie Auger scored on a fielder's choice.

Monica Alexander (0-2) suffered the loss.

Woodmore 7, Northwood 1

Shawna Crispen gave up four hits, struck out eight and walked five to lead Woodmore to its eighth victory in 11 games.

Northwood fell to 1-4.

Chris Moore led the Wildcats' nine-hit attack with a double and two singles. She also scored three runs.

St. Mary's 12, Port Clinton 6

Tonya Wagner went 3-for-4 and Jolene Bryant added two hits in a losing effort for Port Clinton.

Cari Sachs added a two-run home run in the sixth inning. By that time, the Panthers had built a 12-4 lead off loser Christy Isaac.

Port Clinton dropped to 2-9 and 1-3 in the SBC, while St. Mary's improved to 3-1 and 3-0.



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She's out!

Ross shortstop Katie Rhodes holds the ball up after tagging out a Bedford runner at second base during the fourth inning of the

first game at Rodger Young Park. Ross dropped both games of the Great Lakes League doubleheader 18-1 and 14-3.

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Bedford 18, Ross 1

Score by innings

Bedford	143	101	8	—	18	18	2
Ross	000	100	0	—	1	2	10

WP: Bringman; LP: Kim Crawford; 3B: Czarnecki (B), Scarborough (B), King (B) 2; 2B: Ressigui (B).N

Bedford 14, Ross 3

Score by innings

Bedford	524	60x	x	—	14	14	0
Ross	003	00x	x	—	3	5	5

WP: Marpel; LP: Brandi Johns; 3B: Bringman (B), Tricia Busdeker (R); 2B: Czarnecki (B), Plumber (B), Saso (B) 2.

Records: Ross 4-6 (2-4).

Ross wins

Katie Rhodes tripled in three runs in the fifth inning and Fremont Ross went on to a 6-3 high school softball victory over Sandusky Thursday.

Brandi Johns was the winning pitcher as Ross improved to 5-6 and Sandusky fell to 4-8.

In one other game reported, Port Clinton edged Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 6-3.

St. Joe fell to 2-4 after losing pitcher Amy Lehhart walked in the go-ahead runs in the top of the seventh.

Johns tosses no-hitter for Ross

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Junior pitcher Brandi Johns pitched a no-hitter Saturday, leading Fremont Ross to a 7-0 Division I sectional softball tournament victory over Fostoria.

The Little Giants will face Bowling Green, a team they've beaten once this season, for the sectional title Thursday at Oregon Clay.

In Division III tournament action Saturday, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic lost to Old Fort 20-16 and Woodmore defeated Northwood 12-10. In a Division II game, Port Clinton routed winless Oak Harbor 18-2.

Johns (5-2), struck out 13 and walked one in leading Ross to its sixth win against six losses.

"It was tough to get a hit out of the infield for either team," Little Giants coach Cheryl Coresel said. "Brandi was strong. She struck out the side in the first inning and got some confidence off that.

"She pitched a beautiful game."

Andi Opre and Natalie Robbins led Ross with two hits apiece.

Fostoria, which committed eight errors, fell to 2-9.

Old Fort 20, St. Joe 16

Old Fort scored nine runs in the top of the seventh inning to earn the victory.

"My pitching just collapsed," said St. Joe coach Kathy Williams after her team fell to 2-6.

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"It was a tough loss, it really was."

Losing pitcher Amy Lenhart went 6½ innings and walked in the winning run. She gave up 19 runs, walked 14 and struck out two.

"It was a three-hour game," Williams said, "and she threw hard every inning."

The Crimson Streaks committed a season-high 12 errors.

Angie O'Neal and Mandy Eberle drove in four and three runs, respectively, and Jenny Banks added three hits for St. Joe.

Jolena Schubach was the winning pitcher.

Woodmore 12, Northwood 10

At Bettsville, Woodmore overcame a driving rain and a fast start by Northwood to advance to Saturday's sectional title game against the host Bobcats.

The Wildcats, 11-4 after their third straight win, trailed 7-1 after 1½ innings but scored two runs in the second, two in the fifth and seven in the sixth inning to win it.

Shawna Crispen tied the game at 10-10 with a single, driving in Karen Robey, and freshman Josie Koler followed with the game-winning hit.

Koler singled to right field, scoring Julie Geers and Laurie

Crispen with the game's final two runs.

Laurie Crispen, a sophomore center fielder, went 4-for-4, drove in three runs and threw out two runners at the plate.

"You can't have a better game than that," Woodmore coach Rich Bricker said of Crispen's effort. "She was a key factor in our win."

Shawna Crispen was the winning pitcher in relief of Holly Reynolds. Crispen allowed two runs on five hits after entering the game in the second inning with a 7-0 deficit. Reynolds gave up three hits and walked four in two innings.

Northwood fell to 3-5.

Port Clinton 18, Oak Harbor 2

At Clyde, the Redskins won their third straight to improve to 5-8. PC will face top-seeded Edison for the sectional championship Tuesday.

Oak Harbor dropped to 0-11 after giving up 10 runs in the fourth inning and four each in the fifth and seventh.

Christy Isaac (5-8), was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits, four walks and striking out seven.

Amy Nickel took the loss despite recording 12 strikeouts.

Jen Dress had two hits and scored four runs, and Kris Irons added two hits and three RBI for Port Clinton.

Darrah Courter led the Rockets with a pair of singles.

Ross beats Fostoria for 3rd time

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross won its third high school softball game over Fostoria this season, topping the Redmen 6-1 Monday at Rodger Young Park.

The Little Giants, 7-6 and 3-4 in the Great Lakes

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League, beat Fostoria in a Division I sectional game Saturday and also defeated the Redmen in their season opener.

Kim Crawford got the victory. She did not allow a hit after Denise Spenser led off the game with a single. Crawford struck out seven and walked three.

Tricia Busdeker and Amy Burmeister each had two of the Little Giants' six hits.

Ross erased a 1-0 deficit with two runs in the third inning and added four runs in the fifth.

Fostoria, 2-9, is winless in the GLL.

In other games, Clyde shut out Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 13-0, Margaretta blanked Port Clinton 10-0 and Edison beat Oak Harbor 12-1.

Clyde 13, St. Mary's 0

The Fliers scored all their runs in the first three innings of the shortened game, improving to 5-10 and 3-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Clyde outhit St. Mary's 12-2 as Rhonda Folk had three hits. Jenny Smetzler and Sandy Musser added two hits.

Tami Chagnon drove in four runs for the Fliers, and Kim Lawrence added three RBI.

Angie Carroll got the win, striking out two and walking one. The Fliers played errorless ball behind Carroll.

Margaretta 10, Port Clinton 0

Heather Birmingham was the winning pitcher and Christy Isaac took the loss as Margaretta improved to 12-1 and 7-1 in the SBC.

Margaretta outhit Port Clinton 7-3 as the Redskins fell to 5-9 and 2-4 in the conference.

Edison 12, Oak Harbor 1

The Rockets are winless in 13 games, including seven in the SBC.

Jill Ward was the winning pitcher and Amy Nickel took the loss as the Chargers outhit Oak Harbor 9-4.

Ross explodes

The Fremont Ross softball team collected 10 hits for the first time this season Tuesday and defeated Napoleon 11-7 in a Great Lakes League game.

The Little Giants, 8-6 and 4-4 in the GLL, collected 10 singles and never trailed after scoring two runs in the first inning.

Amy Burmeister, Tricia Busdeker, Brenda Gibson had two hits apiece for Ross. Brenda Gibson drove in three runs and Burmeister and Busdeker each scored three times.

Brandi Johns was the winning pitcher, despite allowing seven walks. Johns struck out four.

In other games, Genoa defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 13-2 at Rodger Young Park and Edison beat Port Clinton 14-3 in a Division II sectional tournament final.

St. Joe, 2-7, got two hits from losing pitcher Amy Lenhart. Martha Nieset and Angie O'Neal scored runs for the Crimson Streaks, who were outhit 9-3.

Tennis shutout

Fremont Ross blanked Fostoria 5-0 in a high school tennis match Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

The win improved the Little Giants, who lost 17 games and did not drop a set, to 7-5 and 4-1 in the Great Lakes League.

Maumee defeats Ross

News-Messenger reports

Maumee pitcher Ann Williams struck out 12 Little Giants, leading the Panthers to a 3-1 high school softball victory over Fremont Ross Wednesday at Rodger Young Park.

All three Maumee runs were unearned as Ross committed six errors.

In one other game reported, Woodmore beat Genoa 10-1.

Maumee, 12-3, took a 1-0 lead in the first inning but Ross tied it in the second when Kelly Rusch walked and scored on Jessica Rollins' triple.

Ross, 8-7, left nine other runners on base. Katie Rhodes, who doubled twice, was stranded in the first and the seventh.

The Panthers took the lead in

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the fourth and added a run in the sixth off losing pitcher Kim Crawford, who struck out one and did not walk a batter.

Williams allowed five hits and walked five, but Maumee played errorless ball.

Woodmore 10, Genoa 1

Holly Reynolds pitched a one-hitter and Karen Robey hit a two-run double Wednesday to lead Woodmore.

Reynolds, who struck out one and walked one, lost her no-hitter and shutout in the seventh.

Loser Brandi Bodi allowed three hits, with seven walks and two strikeouts.

The Wildcats improve to 12-6. The Comets drop to 5-10.

Clyde routs Oak Harbor 15-2

News-Messenger reports

Clyde took advantage of three errors and 13 walks by Oak Harbor pitching Monday en route to a 15-2 Sandusky Bay Conference softball victory over the Rockets.

In other games Monday, Fremont Ross lost to Oregon Clay 9-3 and Sandusky Perkins defeated Port Clinton 17-10.

Clyde improved to 8-10 and 6-3 in the SBC with its fourth straight win. The Fliers scored 11 runs in the third inning to blow the game open.

Emily Laremore had two hits and drove in a run and Sandy Musser scored four runs for the winners.

Sarah McDonald (3-1) was the winning pitcher. She went all five innings, with five walks and two strikeouts.

Amy Nickel suffered the loss for Oak Harbor.

Clay 9, Ross 3

The Little Giants were held to

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four hits and committed five errors.

Ross, 8-9 and 4-5 in the Great Lakes League, got singles from Trisha Busdeker, Natalie Robbins, Kelly Rusch and Jessica Rollins.

Kim Crawford went the distance and took the loss. Crawford gave up six hits, walked four and struck out four.

Perkins 17, Port Clinton 10

Port Clinton committed four errors in the sixth inning that led to five Perkins runs.

Port Clinton had 10 hits but committed a season-high nine errors in the loss.

The Redskins are 6-12 and 3-6 in the SBC, while the Pirates improved to 4-13 and 3-9.

Eight of Perkins' runs were unearned.

Northview 11, Ross 1

Score by innings

Ross	000	100	x —	1	4	5
Northview	303	005	x —	11	10	3

WP: Deanna Kreidel; LP: Brandi Johns; 3B: Amy Burmeister (R), Marcinak (N).

Records: Ross 8-9 (4-6).

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Big inning helps Ross top Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross exploded for six runs in the sixth inning Wednesday en route to a 15-6 high school softball victory over Toledo Whitmer.

In one other game reported, Port Clinton lost to Sandusky St. Mary's 6-4.

Katie Rhodes doubled, drove in three runs and stole two bases to lead Ross, 9-10 and 5-6 in the Great Lakes League.

Natalie Robbins added two hits, two RBI and scored twice in support of winning pitcher Brandi Johns.

Johns allowed three hits, walked nine and struck out three.

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Whitmer, 5-12 and 2-10, committed four errors and losing pitcher Christy Lee walked three batters and hit one in Ross' six-run sixth.

St. Mary's 6, Port Clinton 4

Port Clinton outhit the Panthers 9-7 in a losing effort.

Tonya Wagner and Kris Irons had two hits apiece for the Redskins, 7-13 and 3-7 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Losing pitcher Christy Isaac struck out two and walked one.

St. Mary's, which scored five runs in the second inning, is 8-7 and 6-6 in the conference.

Genoa tops Ross 13-11

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross lost its 11th game in 20 decisions Friday with an eight-inning, 13-11 non-league softball loss to Genoa.

In other games Friday, New Riegel beat Fremont St. Joseph

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Central Catholic 17-6 and Edison trounced Port Clinton 22-0.

Genoa improved to 9-12 after Megan Bodi's two-run double in the bottom of the eighth scored Becky Pearson and Stacy Keaton. Bodi, Keaton and Pearson each collected two hits.

New Riegel 17, St. Joe 6

Tera Rodenhauser, Amy Lenhart and Angie O'Neal had two hits apiece for the Crimson Streaks, 2-11 and 1-7 in the Midland Athletic League. O'Neal also had a pair of RBI.

Edison 22, Port Clinton 0

Cari Sachs and Kris Irons had the only two hits for Port Clinton, 7-14 and 3-8 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Edison improved to 19-2.

Little Giants fall

Toledo Central Catholic scored seven runs in the second inning and went on to a 13-3 high school softball victory over Fremont Ross Monday at Rodger Young Park.

Brenda Fix was the winning pitcher and Kim Crawford took the loss as TCC improved to 12-4 and Ross fell to 8-11.

The Fighting Irish outhit the Little Giants 13-6, collecting four triples and two doubles.

Katie Rhodes, Amy Burmeister and Jessica Rollins had two hits apiece for Ross.

Clay whips Ross in final game

News-Messenger reports

Like its baseball counterpart, the Fremont Ross softball team closed the season Friday with a 10-0 Great Lakes League loss.

Oregon Clay outhit the Little Giants 16-5 and took advantage

of seven Ross errors at Rodger Young Park.

Kelly Rusch and Holly Pelfrey each had two of Ross's five hits.

Brandi Johns took the loss as Ross finished up 8-12 and 5-7 in the GLL.