

Whitmer becomes Ross's final victim in perfect GLL year

News-Messenger reports

TOLEDO — No Great Lakes League team could stop Fremont Ross.

The Little Giants, with a 15-3, 15-11 win at Whitmer Thursday, finished the season 10-0 in the GLL and 16-2 overall.

The win was icing on the cake for the school's first-ever back-to-back GLL titles.

"It took good senior leadership," Ross coach Beth Muffler said after the win against the Panthers. "And we have three of the best hitters in the area — Jodi Fick, Emily Dowell and Sarah Wasserman. And Simone Brown

is probably the best setter around.

"Most importantly we had a great team atmosphere," Muffler said. "The girls had an all for one attitude. There a good group of kids and good group of friends who support each other."

The team did not dazzle against Whitmer, however. Muffler called the performance "a little sloppy," against a Panthers team which

was celebrating its homecoming. Fick finished with 11 kills and nine digs, Dowell and Wasserman 10 kills and Brown handed 31 assists on 54-of-55 setting.

The Little Giants play in the Clyde Invitational Saturday, where they open against Tiffin Columbian while Clyde plays Ashland. The winners and losers play in the second set of matches.

In other action Thursday: **Clyde def. Edison**
CLYDE — Kelly Kwiatkowski did it all Thursday, totaling 11 points, seven kills and 15 assists in Clyde's 15-6, 15-9 win against Edison.



DOWELL

VOLLEYBALL

The win was the Fliers 11th in 13 Sandusky Bay Conference matchups and improved the team to 16-3 overall.

Amanda Hoffman had 17 assists and four kills, Angie Beier 11 kills and Shelley Rogers six kills and four points for Clyde, which hosts Ashland, Fremont Ross and Tiffin Columbian in an invitational Saturday.

Oak Harbor def. St. Mary's
OAK HARBOR — Oak Harbor's volleyball team got solid serving from Stacy Honaker and Jamie

Beier as well as strong setting from Kelli Vasilil Thursday night in a 16-14, 15-9 victory over Sandusky St. Mary's.

Beier had three aces, while Honaker served two aces and Vasilil had one for the Rockets, 5-12 and 4-9 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Vasilil, a senior setter, "played a great game," according to Oak Harbor coach Brian Vorst.

"She really stepped it up and had a nice match for us. We need her if we want to do anything in the tournament."

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GLL volleyball

GLL Player of the year: Jodi Fick, Fremont Ross, Jr., 5'11". GLL Coach of the year: Beth Muffler, Fremont Ross.

FIRST TEAM

Shelli Habegger, Clay, Jr., 5'8", Sherry Niekamp, Findlay, Sr., 6'0", Simone Brown, Fremont, Soph, 5'3", Emily Dowell, Fremont, Sr., 5'9", Sarah Wasserman, Fremont, Sr., 6'0", Kenya Graves, Sandusky, Soph, 5'9", Angie Almaguer, Whitmer, Sr., 5'10". ALL GLL

SECOND TEAM

Erica Anderson, Clay, Soph., 5'9", Julie Laplante, Clay, Jr., 5'11", Julie Buck, Findlay, Soph., 5'10", Nicki Peitrey, Fremont, Sr., 5'5", Kaisha Alexander, Sandusky, Jr., 5'7", Lori Maloch, Whitmer, Sr., 5'8".

HONORABLE MENTION

CLAY—Tabatha Miller, Lindsay Breese, FINDLAY—Courtney Ritchie, Keri Baker, FOSTORIA—Brittany Russell, Kay Lynn Walters, FREMONT—Sara Thiessen, SANDUSKY—Jeanette Dubois, Jackie Sturbaum, WHITMER—Alexis Osborne, Tammy Stewart.