

## 1995 Season Review

## Volleyball Roundup

hard to the back row.

"We made the dig and ran our offense right back at them."

Becky Lee led the Wildcats with eight service points, with Rupa Narra passing for 10 assists to kill.

Woodmore won the junior varsity match 4-15, 15-11, 15-12. Jessica Taylor served eight points for the winners.

In other matches:

### Ross at Napoleon

Fremont Ross overcame a slow start and defeated Napoleon 15-10, 15-12 in the Great Lakes League opener for both teams.

Napoleon led 6-1 in the first game.

"Jodi Fick had some kills that we used for momentum," Ross coach Beth Muffler said.

Fick finished with 10 kills on 19-of-23 hitting, and Michele Smith added seven kills to go with four blocks.

"They didn't hit much at us," Muffler said. "They were doing a lot of tipping, which was pulling us out of our offense.

We kept picking them up, we passed the ball well and we kept swinging.

"We served at 96 percent, and that kept us going."

Amber Brenamen served nine points, and Smith seven. Brenamen was 14-for-14 with five aces, while Smith was 10-for-10.

Jamie Hinkle was 12-for-15 passing, Brenamen had 18 assists to kill, and Nikki Pelfrey had nine assists.

Ross improved to 2-0, and Napoleon is 1-1.

Ross won the reserve match 17-15, 15-10 as Simone Brown served 16 points.

### Carey at St. Joe

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic won the Midland Athletic League opener, improving to 3-0 with a 15-7, 15-12 victory.

Michelle Celek and Suzy Halbeisen combined for 19 blocks, with Halbeisen collecting 10 to go with six kills.

Kelly Lotycz, who was 22-of-22 setting with seven assists to kill, also had six kills. Holly Wagner also had seven assists on 22-of-24 setting.

Julie Kupka led the Crimson Streaks at the service line with nine points. She also made three digs as did Aimee Fultz.

# Smith leads Ross to win over Whitmer

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Fremont Ross stumbled in the second game but defeated Toledo Whitmer in a Great Lakes League match Tuesday night.

The Little Giants won the first game 15-10, Whitmer took the second 15-6 and Ross won the third 15-13.

Michele Smith served nine points, had five kills and made seven blocks to lead the Little Giants (3-0, 2-0).

Amber Brenamen had seven points, six kills and 15 assists.

Cari Ritzman was 13-of-15 serve reception and had three digs, while Jodi Fick had seven kills.

In the junior varsity match, Sarah Wasserman served seven points and Ross



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prevailed 15-11, 12-15, 15-13.

In other matches:

### Margaretta at Clyde

The Fliers defeated the Polar Bears 10-15, 15-11, 15-6 in the Sandusky Bay Conference opener.

Jessica Swartz, Brianne Norman and Chasity Nieset served nine points apiece for Clyde (4-1).

Swartz had 13 assists and 11 digs, Nieset and Lisa Keegan had nine kills each.

Sarah Schrickel and Jocelyn Caudill served eight points apiece for the Clyde JV in a 15-17, 15-11, 15-9 victory.

### Genoa at Gibsonburg

The Golden Bears won the Suburban Lakes League match 15-6, 15-12 as Patti Long served seven points with three aces, and Corinna Heminger had eight kills.

Gibsonburg is 4-0 and 2-0 in the SLL, while Genoa is 0-6.

Gibsonburg won the JV match 15-7, 15-9

### Lakota at Elmwood

Lakota defeated Elmwood 14-16, 15-11, 15-10 in an SLL match. After dropping the opening game, the Raiders trailed 9-0 in the second.

Catherine Scherger served 11 points for Lakota (2-1, 1-1). Kristen Zoeller and Laura Witt each added eight service points.

Erin Howe served seven points as the Lakota JV beat Elmwood 15-5, 15-4.

### Woodmore at Northwood

Northwood defeated Woodmore 15-9, 15-11 in the SLL match.

Allison Wend had nine points, Nicole Camper four kills and Rupa Narra had four assists for the Wildcats (0-3, 0-2).

Northwood's JV won 13-15, 15-12, 15-10. Jennifer Emch had nine points for Wood-

more.

### Bettsville at Toledo Christian

Toledo Christian defeated Bettsville 10, 13-15, 15-10, but Linsey Windau had points and 12 kills for the Bobcats.

Hope Stickney had nine kills and five points for the Bettsville (2-2) with Christ Engle contributing eight points and assists.

Toledo Christian's JV won 15-4, 15-1 Stephanie Feller had seven points for the Bobcats JV.

### Huron at Oak Harbor

Huron beat Oak Harbor 15-5, 15-12 in the SBC opener, dropping the Rockets to 1-2

Nancy Appelhans had seven points, with four aces, and Tiffany Marshall had four points for the Rockets.

Huron's JV won 17-15, 15-6. Lindsay Herrick and Samantha Barton had five points apiece for the Rockets.

### **Findlay at Ross**

Fremont Ross prevailed after blowing a 13-2 lead in the third game. After Findlay came back for a 14-all tie, Michele Smith served out the Little Giants' 15-8, 9-15, 16-14 victory.

Smith finished 17-of-17 at the service line with 13 points, and Emily Dowell was also 17-for-17 with 10 points.

Jodi Fick had seven kills, and Amber Brenamen had five kills to go with 16 assists to kill.

Smith added six blocks, and Cari Ritzman was 10-for-10 in serve reception.

Ross improved to 4-0 and 3-0 in the Great Lakes League. The Trojans are 2-1 and 1-1.

The Little Giants won the reserve match 15-12, 15-9 as Jodi Kuzmer served 12 points.

# Little Giants win 3 matches at Avon Lake

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Fremont Ross won three matches at the Avon Lake quadrangular Saturday.

The Little Giants beat Wellington 15-11, 15-9, Lorain Admiral King 16-14, 15-10 and Avon Lake 15-12, 15-10.

Amber Brenamen had 42 assists to kill as Ross remained undefeated in eight matches, Jodi Fick served 24 points and had 13 kills and Michele Smith served 20 points to go with six kills and five blocks.

Jamie Hinkle and Cari Ritz-

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man led the Ross defense. Hinkle made five digs, while Ritzman was 12-of-12 passing and 9-of-10 on service reception.

The Ross junior varsity also won three matches, beating Wellington 15-12, 15-7, Admiral King 15-7, 15-13 and Avon Lake 16-14, 15-9.

Brittany Brudzinski served 25 points for the reserve squad.

In other action:

### New Riegel Tournament

Fremont St. Joseph Central

Catholic advanced to the finals with a 15-13, 15-6 victory over Fostoria before falling to New Riegel in the championship match.

The Blue Jackets prevailed 3-15, 15-7, 15-8 in the final.

Kelly Lotycz served 23 points in the tournament for St. Joe, which is now 5-3.

St. Joe's JV team also lost in three games to New Riegel in the finals after beating Fostoria in the semifinals.

### McComb tri-match

Old Fort defeated Miller City

13-15, 16-14, 15-5, but McComb topped the Stockaders 15-10, 15-6.

Heather Omlor served 10 points for Old Fort, 2-5, and Chrissie Cole made 14 kills to go with eight service aces.

Jenny Magers added 18 points and 11 kills, while Randi Whitman served 13 points and 23 assists to kill. Monica Whitman had 15 assists to kill.

Monica Terry served 19 points and Brooke Trautman 18 as the Old Fort JV team beat Miller City 12-15, 15-12, 15-5 and McComb 15-12, 9-15, 15-12.

# Clay hands Ross first loss

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Oregon Clay defeated Fremont Ross 12-15, 15-11, 15-7 in a Great Lakes League match Tuesday night.

It was the Little Giants' first loss.

Nicki Pelfrey served nine points to lead Ross, 8-1 and 4-1, Amber Brenamen had 15 assists to kill and Jodi Fick made seven kills.

Michele Smith finished with four blocks for the Little Giants and assisted on four others.

The Eagles won the junior varsity match 15-7, 15-0.

In other matches:

### St. Joe at Old Fort

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic's Jodi Shaffer served 10 points and Kelly Lotycz seven points as it downed Old Fort 15-12, 15-11 in the Midland Athletic League match.

Ann Foos had three kills, Julie Kupka made three digs and Suzy Halbeisen finished with three blocks for the Crimson Streaks, 6-3 and 2-2.

Old Fort was led by the trio of Jenny

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Magers, Chrissie Cole and Randi Whitman with five service points.

St. Joe won the JV match 15-11, 16-18, 15-7. Dawn Wilbur served eight points for St. Joe, and Heather Kerlin served 10 for Old Fort.

### Clyde at Oak Harbor

The Fliers improved their record to 10-1 and 5-0 in the Sandusky Bay Conference with a 15-10, 15-4 victory.

Jessica Swartz served 13 points, while Kelly Kwiatkowski added seven.

The Clyde junior varsity defeated the Rockets 15-9, 14-16, 15-3. Erin Dirlam led the way with 11 service points.

### Woodmore at Otsego

Otsego defeated Woodmore 15-1, 15-10 in a Suburban Lakes League match.

Allison Wend served four points for the Wildcats, while Noel Blake had four kills and Rupa Nara finished with four assists to kill.

Woodmore is 2-7 and 1-5.

Otsego won the JV match 15-8, 15-5. Jennifer Emch served four points for Woodmore.

### Lakota at Genoa

The Raiders got by Genoa 17-15, 15-7 as Valerie Myers served 11 points with four aces and six blocks.

Kristen Zoeller had 19 assists to kill for the Raiders, 6-2 and 4-2.

Genoa won the JV match 15-12, 15-7. Beth Foos and Jenny Hammer served five points for Lakota.

### North Baltimore at Bettsville

After being down 0-7 in the first game Bettsville came back to win 15-12, 15-3.

Christie Engle led the Bobcats with 15 service points, including nine aces, and had eight assists to kill. Hope Stickney made eight kills for the Bobcats, 4-6 and 1-2 in the MAL.

North Baltimore won the JV match 5-15, 15-12, 15-13. Amanda Saldivar served 20 points for Bettsville.

# Little Giants whip Fostoria for fifth GLL victory

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Fremont Ross defeated Fostoria 15-7, 15-1 in a Great Lakes League match Thursday at the Purple Pit.

Nikki Pelfrey finished with nine service points to lead Ross, 9-1 and 5-1.

Emily Dowell added eight points, while Jodi Fick served seven points and had three kills. Michele Smith had five kills and five blocks, including four solo.

Ross won the junior varsity match 15-3, 15-4.

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kills to lead the Crimson Streaks.

St. Joe won the JV match 15-12, 10-15, 15-1.

### Huron at Clyde

Clyde improved to 11-1 with a 15-8, 9-15, 15-11 Sandusky Bay Conference victory over Huron.

Kelly Kwiatkowski served 10 points to lead the Fliers, who stay unbeaten in six SBC matches. Mary Jo Hoffman contributed nine points and seven kills, with Sarah Galt and Jessica

### Northwood at Gibsonburg

Gibsonburg lost the first game 15-13 but came back with 15-3 and 15-9 victories in the Suburban Lakes League match.

Carrie Hoy had 12 kills and Corrina Heminger had seven aces among 14 service points as the Golden Bears improve to 9-2.

Northwood won the JV match 15-10, 13-15, 8-15. Leah Schuett led Gibsonburg with five aces among 13 service points.

### Elmwood at Woodmore

Elmwood defeated Woodmore

In the JV match, Woodmore won 15-11, 15-8 as Ashley Lowery served six points.

### Lakota at Eastwood

Eastwood defeated Lakota 15-1, 15-7 in a SLL match.

Leading the Raiders, 6-3, was Erin Howe with four service points, Renee Brickner with four kills and Kristin Zoeller with nine assists to kill.

Eastwood won the JV match 13-15, 15-9, 15-11. Gretchen Greeger led Lakota with nine points.

Cole added nine kills and Ra Whitman had 24 assists to kill. The Stockaders fall to 2-7 and 1-4.

### Oak Harbor at Margaretta

Margaretta beat Oak Harbor 15-12, 15-13, although Ellyn Vrland served eight points and Nancy Appelhans made six kills for the Rockets.

Oak Harbor is 2-7 and 1-5 in SBC.

In the reserve match, Margaretta prevailed 11-15, 15-13, 14. JaNav Grieger served

# Ross earns split at Sandusky

## Little Giants beat Huron in second match; Gibsonburg wins two over St. Joe, Margaretta

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Fremont Ross split a pair of volleyball matches Saturday at the Sandusky Invitational.

The Little Giants lost to Sandusky 15-9, 16-14 but bounced back to defeat Huron 13-15, 15-12, 15-13.

Emily Dowell and Jodi Fick both went 9-for-10 serving with five points apiece, while Jamie Hinkle was 9-for-11 in serve receive and Cari Ritzman was 5-for-5 in Ross's loss to Sandusky.

Fick also had four digs and led the Little Giants in hitting with five kills. Amber Brenamen had four kills and Michele Smith had nine solo blocks.

Against Huron, Dowell was 18-for-19 serving with 11 points and three aces, Smith was 12-for-12 with eight points and four aces and added seven kills, and Marcy Reinbolt was 6-for-6 serving with six points and two aces, all in the third game. Reinbolt was 6-for-7 in serve receive.

"She was a big factor," Ross coach Beth Muffler said.

Amber Brenamen was 51-for-54 setting with 11 assists to kill, Fick had nine kills and Smith and April Brenaman both had 10 blocks in the win over the Tigers.

Reinbolt, a junior, was named

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to the all-tournament team.

"She came off the bench in the third game against Huron and did an awesome job for us," Muffler said.

In other matches Saturday:  
**St. Joe tri-match**

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic hosted Gibsonburg and Margaretta and lost to both, 15-4, 15-10 and 17-15, 7-15, 15-8, respectively.

Gibsonburg beat Margaretta 8-15, 15-13, 15-4.

Suzy Halbeisen had eight solo blocks, seven block assists and eight kills, while Kelly Lotycz had 12 kills and Holly Wagner went 64-of-73 setting with 17 assists to kill for St. Joe.

Erin Lytle also served for 12 points for the Crimson Streaks, 7-5.

Gibsonburg's Corinna Heminger had 20 kills, Carrie Hoy had 15 kills and Dana Shaw had 71 sets, including 24 assists to kill and went 21-of-21 serving

with three aces for the Golden Bears, 11-2.

In JV matches, St. Joe defeated Gibsonburg 15-3, 16-14 and beat Margaretta 15-12, 13-15, 15-5.

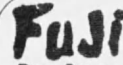
Dawn Wilbur served for 14 points and Jenny Gabel and Molly Yeager had eight points apiece for the Crimson Streaks, 10-2.

**Bettsville at Vanlue**

The Bobcats won 15-15, 15-13 as Christie Engle has 16 points with 10 aces, two kills and 11 assists. Hope Stickney added four points and 11 kills with Angie Steinhauer getting six kills and four points.

Bettsville is 5-7.

In the JV match, Bettsville won 15-1, 15-12 with Sherry Dodson and Alicia Valentine scoring eight points apiece. Dodson had five service aces.



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# Dowell leads Little Giants past Napoleon

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Fremont Ross defeated Napoleon 15-12, 15-6 in Great Lakes League match Tuesday night at the Purple Pit.

Emily Dowell was 12-of-13 setting and served eight points, including four aces, as the Little Giants improved to 11-2 and 6-1.

Jodi Fick served seven points, had five kills and was 11-of-12 setting, while Michele Smith was 12-of-15 hitting and had nine kills.

Dowell was 11-of-12 and Cari Ritzman 5-of-6 in serve reception.

In the junior varsity match, Ross topped Napoleon 15-7, 10-15, 15-10.

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26 setting with six assists.

Lotycz also made four kills as the Crimson Streaks improved to 8-5 and 4-2.

The St. Joe JV won 16-14, 15-9 as Dawn Wilbur served seven points, including four aces.

**Woodmore at Gibsonburg**

Gibsonburg improved its record to 12-2 and 6-2 in the Suburban Lakes League with a 11-15, 15-1, 15-6 victory.

Corinna Heminger served 13 points and made eight kills, and Carrie Hoy added seven kills to go with four blocks for the

three points for Woodmore.

**Lakota at Otsego**

The Knights beat the Raiders 15-7, 15-13 in the SLL match as Courtney Russell served 10 points, Valerie Myers made eight kills and Kristen Zoeller had 14 assists to kill for Lakota.

Lakota won the JV match 10-15, 15-12, 15-12 as Beth Foss served eight points.

**Clyde at Edison**

Clyde defeated Edison 15-1, 16-14 to win its seventh straight Sandusky Bay Conference match.

Jessica Swartz served 14 points, had nine assist to kills and made four kills for

Tiffany Marshall had two aces among eight service points.

Nancy Appelhans made four kills, an Ellyn Vreeland had six assists to kill for the Rockets, 3-7 and 2-5 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Oak Harbor won reserve match 15-3, 11-15, 15-12 as JaNay Grieger served 1 point.

**Bettsville at Old Fort**

Niki Baker led the Stockaders with 1 service points, including three aces, as they defeated Bettsville 15-3, 15-7 in a MAJ match.

# Little Giants rout Whitmer

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Fremont Ross jumped out to 9-0 lead in the first game and 7-2 in the second for a 15-2, 15-4 Great Lakes League victory over Toledo Whitmer Thursday night at the Purple Pit.

Emily Dowell led the Little Giants with 12 service points on 14-of-14 serving.

Jodi Fick had five kills, and Michele Smith added four. Smith and April Brenamen combined for four blocks.

The Little Giants, 12-2, won for the seventh time in eight GLL matches.

Simone Brown served 14 points for the Ross junior varsity in a 8-15, 15-3, 15-2 victory.

In other matches:

#### North Baltimore at St. Joe

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic won its ninth match in 14 outings with a 15-2, 15-1 Midland Athletic League win.

Julie Kupka served 13 points and had three kills to lead the Crimson Streaks. Ann Foos had five kills, while Kelly Lotycz was 23-of-23 setting.

St. Joe won the JV match 15-6, 15-0 as Angie Wiechman had six service points.

#### Seneca East at Bettsville

Seneca East won the MAL contest 15-2, 15-8.

Leading Bettsville, 5-8 and 1-5, were Hope Stickney and Leigh Berry with three points. Angie Steinhauer made five kills, while Stickney had three.

In the JV contest, Seneca East prevailed 15-1, 15-8. Alicia Valentine served four points for Bettsville.

#### Old Fort at Calvert

Old Fort defeated Tiffin Calvert 12-15, 15-10, 15-9 as Niki Baker and Randi Whitman served 10 points for the Stockaders.

Heather Omlor and Jenny Magers contributed eight points each, and Magers had 13 kills. Chrissie Cole added 10 kills, and Bridget Seigley made five blocks.

Old Fort is 5-7 and 3-4.

Calvert won the reserve match 15-11, 12-15, 15-11.

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Becky Crum led Old Fort with 10 points.

#### Clyde at Margareta

The Fliers stayed undefeated in Sandusky Bay Conference matches with a 15-9, 15-9 victory.

Clyde won its eighth SBC match behind Chasity Nieset's 12 service points. Lisa Keegan had nine kills and two solo blocks, and Shelley Rogers added five kills. Mary Jo Hoffman was 13-of-16 in serve receptions for the Fliers, 13-1.

The Fliers won the JV match 15-3, 15-11 as Kim Lieb and Kristy Nieset each served seven points.

#### Oak Harbor at Huron

Huron defeated Oak Harbor 15-9, 15-7.

Amy Jensen served for seven points, and Anna Noggle had three kills for the Rockets.

Oak Harbor falls to 3-8 and 2-6 in the SBC.

Huron won the reserve match 11-15, 15-10, 15-5. Lindsey Hetrick served nine points with four aces for Oak Harbor.

#### Elmwood at Lakota

Elmwood defeated Lakota 15-7, 15-10 in the Suburban Lakes League match.

Lakota, 5-10 and 5-4, got six service points apiece from Gretchen Creeger and Jessica Wyant.

Lakota's JV team beat Elmwood 15-9, 15-9 as Courtney Russell served 10 points, including three aces.

#### Gibsonburg at Genoa

Gibsonburg downed Genoa 15-4, 15-11 as Corinna Heminger made 12 kills and three blocks.

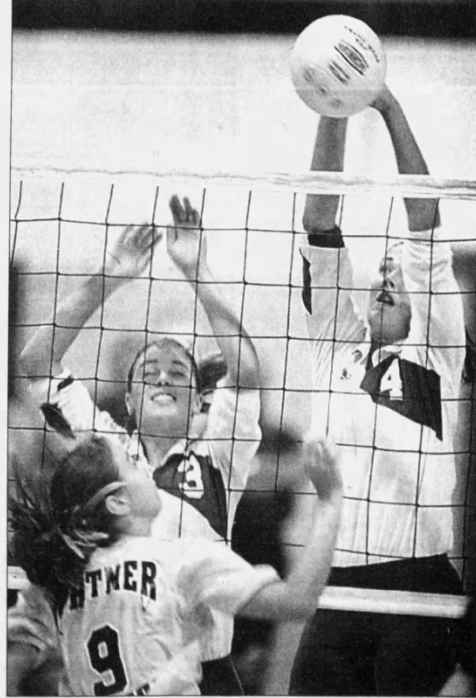
Carrie Hoy added seven kills and had six service points for the Golden Bears, 13-2 and 7-2.

Gibsonburg won the JV match 15-3, 15-11.

#### Northwood at Woodmore

Woodmore stopped Northwood 15-8, 15-13 to improve to 3-9 and 2-7 in the SLL.

Rupa Narra and Keri Harman had seven service points each for the Wildcats, Narra added six assists and Nicole Camper made four kills.



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**MICHELE SMITH** (4) of Fremont Ross blocks a shot by Toledo Whitmer's Jill Kluczynski as April Brenamen of Ross tries to help out Thursday night.

### **Ross at Findlay**

The Little Giants outdueled Great Lakes League rival Findlay 15-13, 16-4 while raising their league mark to 8-1 and 14-3 for the season.

Jodi Fick was 13 for 14 serving with 11 points, 8 for 9 in attacks and five kills for Ross. Amber Brenamen was 10 for 10 serving with eight points to go with 26-for-27 setting and 13 assists.

Emily Dowell was 10 of 11 in serve reception and Cari Ritzman had six digs for Ross. Michele Smith was 9 of 11 serving along with six kills and five blocks.

Findlay won the JV match 15-13, 16-14. Simone Brown had eight points for Ross (10-7).

# **Little Giants split triangular**

Fremont Ross beat Bowling Green 15-10, 15-11 and lost to Toledo Bowsher 9-15, 15-12, 15-10 in volleyball Saturday at Bowling Green High School

Michelle Smith had 17 service points to lead the Little Giants, while Emily Dowell had 14 points in the two matches.

Amber Brenamen had 34 assists to kill, Smith had 14 kills, Jodi Fick had 12 kills and Erica Radeloff added 10 kills for Ross, 15-4.

Marcy Reinbolt added 10 digs for the Little Giants. Ross won both reserve matches. Ross travels to Northview on Tuesday before returning home Thursday to take on Oregon Clay.

# Ross win sets up pivotal match with Clay

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and Oregon Clay will meet in the Purple Pit Thursday night with first place in the Great Lakes League going to the winner.

The Little Giants defeated Sylvania Northview 11-15, 15-7, 15-10 Tuesday night.

"We weren't as sharp as we need to be on Thursday," Ross coach Beth Muffler said.

Muffler said Ross, 16-4 and 9-1, settled down in time to avoid the upset.

"Somewhere they realized that Clay didn't mean anything if we didn't beat

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Northview," she said.

Northview was successful tipping the ball in the first game.

"We started picking it up better in the second game," Muffler said. "We work on it a lot. Once we started to adjust to it, we were fine."

Michele Smith, Emily Dowell and Jodi Fick served nine points for Ross, with Dowell going 14-for-14 and Smith serving two aces.

Fick also had 13 kills, Smith had nine and Erica Radeloff five.

Amber Brenamen had 23 assists to kill on 63-of-63 setting.

Defensively, Smith, April Brenamen and Dowell all had five blocks. Jamie Hinkle made five digs, but that's an area Muffler says has to improve.

"We have to be aggressive in digging and passing," she said. "Sometimes we wait for someone else to step in and take the pass."

Clay improved to 16-4 and 9-1 Tuesday with a 15-6, 14-16, 18-16 win over Findlay.

"I expect a battle (Thursday) and we want a battle," said Muffler, noting the Little Giants play better the bigger the match. "I don't know if they need it, but they strive on it."

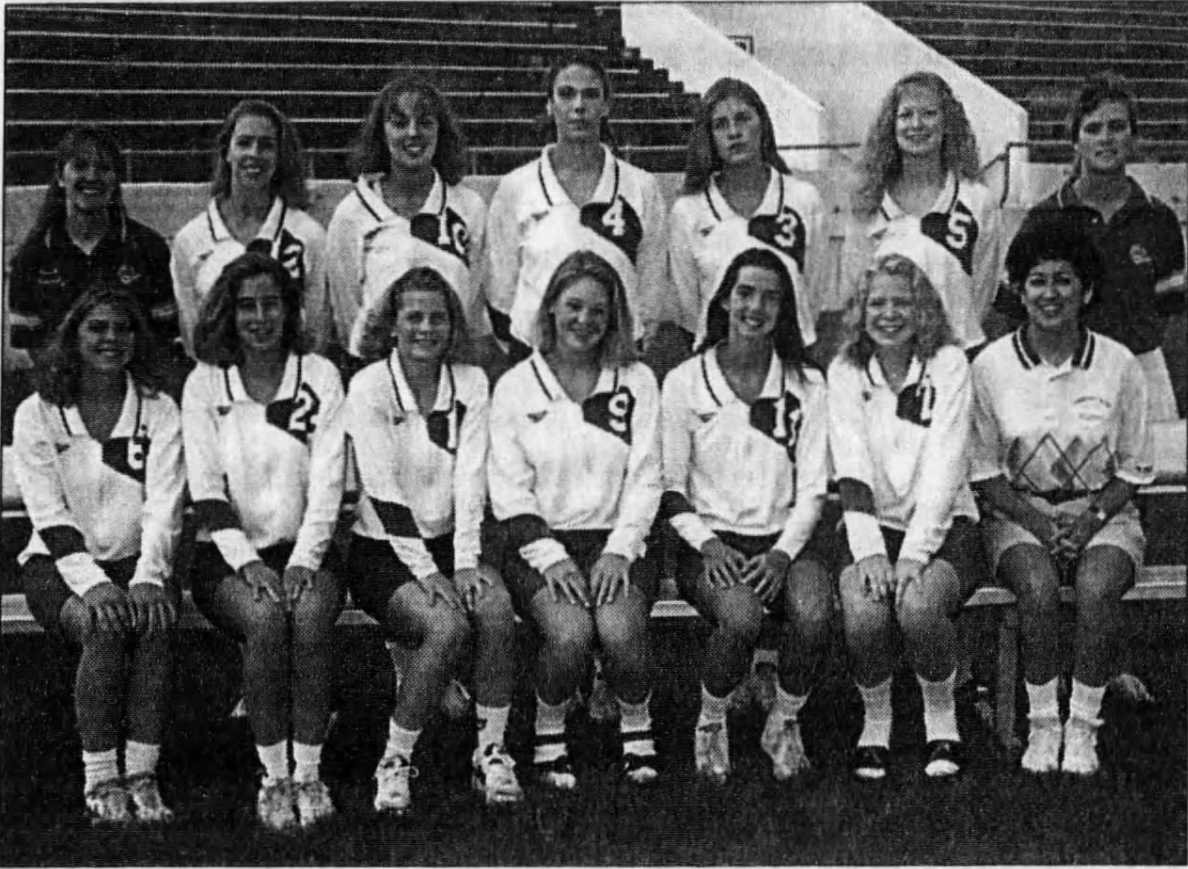
Both teams would have one match left after Thursday, with the Little Giants traveling to Fostoria.

In the junior varsity match Tuesday, Northview defeated Ross 15-5, 14-16, 15-10. Jennifer Molyet served 10 points for the Little Giants.

In other matches reported:

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## Ross hosts Clay Thursday in key clash



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Fremont Ross will host Oregon Clay Thursday in a key Great Lakes League match. The Eagles handed the Little Giants their only league loss on Sept. 19. Both teams are 9-1 after winning matches — Ross defeated Northview and Clay topped Findlay — Tuesday night. Members of the Little Giants are, front row, left to right: Jamie Hinkle, Cari Ritzman, Marcy Reinbolt, Nicki Pelfrey, Tonya Elder, Jodi Fick, junior varsity coach Maggie Bliss; Back row: assistant coach Cheryl Schell, Amber Brenamen, Erica Radeloff, Michele Smith, April Brenamen, Emily Dowell and head coach Beth Muffler.

# Oregon Clay tops Ross for GLL lead

By **BOB MARKER**  
Sports Editor

Oregon Clay snatched a win from the hands of defeat in the third game Thursday at the Fremont Ross Purple Pit and won at least a share of the Great Lakes League volleyball championship.

Trailing 12-5 in the third game, the Eagles went left and right while rallying for a 15-13 win — assuring them of the title tie because both teams entered the match with nine wins in 10 GLL matches.

With the Eagles trailing 9-5, Clay coach Dave Habegger called time out.

"I told the girls to dig in," he said were his instructions. "Basically, I said to get the blocks on them; they are hitting the ball hard and we will get a free one. And to be sure to make the first pass."

Ross won the first game, bouncing back from a 9-4 deficit to win 15-13. In the second game, Clay held off a late Ross rally for a 15-11 win.

Clay, 17-4, has a match left with Sylvania Northview Tuesday. Ross, 16-5, plays at Fostoria.

Amy Cordell, Tonia Rollo and Jodi Jesion, fed off the sets by Megin Renenaugh, continually hurt the Little Giants with spikes down the sidelines.

Clay, after falling behind by seven, took advantage of a pair of Ross double hits to close to 12-10 before Jodi Fick ended the run for Ross with a kill off a block.

Fick got another point off a block for a 13-10 Ross lead, but a short return put the Eagles back on the offensive. Jessica Abde's service ace started the Eagles on a five-point run. A double hit made it 13-12, and when Fick mis-hit a kill, the match was even.

"I think we moved to an afraid to lose mode instead of a wanting to win mode," Ross coach Beth Muffler said. "We should not have let them get back into the game...we let down."

Emily Dowell's return sailed just out of bounds for a one-point Clay lead and Rollo's kill off Revenaugh's set into the middle gave Clay the win.

"When we get the ball into our setter's hands, we are tough to stop," Habegger said.

Habegger said he told the Eagles to hit to the side in order to avoid the Little Giants' chief hitter, Michele Smith.

"I told our setters to go to the antennas," he said.

Smith was not a factor in the early part of the match, but Muffler said that was the Little Giants' fault as much as it was attributed to Clay's game plan.

"We took Smith out of the game," she said. "We did not get the ball to her and we need to have her in the game swinging."

Smith, who served 10 points, finished with 10 kills but was involved in only 16 attacks. Erica Radeloff added eight kills for Ross.

Amber Brenamen was 71-of-73 in setting with 27 assists to kill, Nikki Pelfrey served eight points and Cari Ritzman made four digs. Jamie Hinkle was 8-for-8 receiving serve, and Marcy Reinbolt was 10-for-13.

"They did not go down the line on us the first match so we were working on taking the middle...we started picking them up on the side but definitely not enough."

Clay won the junior varsity match, 10-15, 16-14, 15-1. Simone Brown served 14 points for Ross.

### **Ross at Fostoria**

Led by Michele Smith's five aces among 15 service points, Ross defeated Fostoria 15-1, 15-2 in a Great Lakes League match.

Erica Radeloff had four kills and Jodi Fick three for the Little Giants, 17-5 and 10-2.

In the JV match, Ross got 11 points from Sarah Wasserman and prevailed 15-6, 5-15, 15-2.

# Volleyball

## Smith on GLL top star squad

News-Messenger reports

Michelle Smith, Amber Breneman and Jodi Fick were named to the All-Great Lakes League volleyball selected by the coach and officially released Wednesday.

Smith, a 6-foot junior, earned first team honors while Brenamen, a 5-foot-7 senior and Fick, a 5-6 freshman, earned second-team honors.

### First Team

Player, school	Gr	Ht
Megan Revenaugh, Clay	Sr	5-8
Jodi Jesion, Clay	Jr	5-9
Julie Niekamp, Findlay	Sr	6-0
Leah Beltz, Findlay	Sr	5-11
Michelle Smith, Ross	Jr	6-0
Amy Aschemier, Napoleon	Jr	5-8
Lindsey Squire, Northview	Sr	5-6

### Second Team

Tonia Rollo, Clay	Jr	5-7
Jessica Hardy, Findlay	Sr	5-9
Amber Brenamen, Ross	Sr	5-7
Jodi Fick, Ross	Fr	5-6
Mimi Kimmet, Northview	Jr	5-8
Jill Kluczynski, Whitmer	Sr	5-11

Player of the year: Revenaugh  
 Coach of the year: Dave Habegger,  
 Clay

### Honorable Mention

Clay: Jessica Abde, Lyndsey Anderson  
 Fostoria: Jessica Hammer, Mandy McCumber  
 Findlay: Beth Thallman, Nicole Shellhamer  
 Ross: Cari Ritzman, Nikki Pelfreyh  
 Napoleon: Sarah Baughman, Brenda Huddle  
 Northview: Morgan Ramsdell, Sarah Levine  
 Whitmer: Angie Pohl, Janette Lewicz

### Final Standings

	League W-L	Overall W-L
Clay	11-1	19-5
Ross	10-2	17-5
Findlay	8-4	15-4
Northview	5-7	11-13
Whitmer	5-7	15-9
Napoleon	4-8	12-10
Fostoria	0-10	1-22

## Awards



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# Ross honors fall sports teams

News-Messenger reports

Six Fremont Ross High School athletes received "most valuable" awards during the first of two fall sports awards programs.

Athletes in golf, volleyball, cross country, girls tennis and soccer were awarded letters and other honors Tuesday. The football awards program is 7 p.m., Nov. 21.

Rob Hammer in golf, Amber Brenamen in volleyball, Jeremiah Wagner and Jami Toeppe in cross country, Kristen Farrell in tennis and Mike Hickey in soccer received most valuable honors.

Golf coach Dave Fleming also awarded the most improved player award to Mark Walter. Hammer also received the Great Lakes League player of the year award and, along with Eric Brough, a co-captain trophy.

Brenamen also received a co-captain trophy along with Cari Ritzman for the volleyball team. Coach Beth Muffler presented Erica Radeloff with the team's most improved player award. Sharing the outstanding offensive player award were Michelle Smith and Jodi Fick and Ritzman was named the team's outstanding defensive player.

Wagner won the boys most valuable runner for coach John Elder's cross

country team. Eli Semer was named the team's most improved runner. Clint Hill and Wagner were presented co-captain awards.

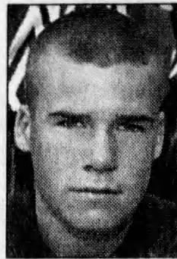
Girls cross country coach Cathy Mallia presented Lynne Grossman with the most improved running trophy and Sarah Williams received the captain's award.

In tennis, coach Sue Badertscher presented Farrell, Casey and Dena Schepflin and Dawn Zerman with captain's trophies. The most improved player award went to Alissa Brickner while the Schepflins won the coaches award. Zerman was presented with her GLL player of the year award.

Hickey, the team's goalie, was presented his MVP award by coach Jon Detwiler. Other special awards went to Jason Strayer as the team's outstanding offensive player and Nate Mortimer as the top defensive player. Strayer, Hickey and Heather Schnee received captain's trophies.

Four-year award winners included Casey and Dena Schepflin and Zerman in tennis; Clint Hill and Wagner in boys cross country; and Rob Hammer in golf.

Although the whole teams have not been announced by the GLL, all-league selections were announced in volleyball and soccer. Smith was a first-team pick with Brenamen and Fick second-team in volleyball; Hickey and Strayer first team and Andy Smith second team in soccer.



HICKEY

