

Ross softball squad could bloom in time

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Staff writer

Time well tell the tale of the Fremont Ross softball team this spring.

The Little Giants began practicing March 4, but coach Sue Wolf has for the most part speculated to evaluate talent.

"Just in the last week things have started to come together," Wolf said.

Players' other activities as well as practice time spent indoors has prompted the guessing game, although the Little Giants

have practiced on a diamond four times already compared to not a single time before last season's opener.

Ross, 6-12 a year ago, opens the season today against Margaretta at 4:15 p.m. at Rodger Young Park. Today's game is followed by a doubleheader Thursday against Bedford (Mich.), the defending Great Lakes League champion.

"We could get shot down in a hurry, but I hope that doesn't happen," Wolf said. "If we play pretty good softball ... win or lose-

... we've got a chance for improvement.

"We have to go out, play each game and see where we are."

High school softball begins with pitching, and that is one area Wolf hasn't had to use much guesswork.

"Pitching-wise I feel pretty confident," she said.

Senior Deb Hammond, who logged most of the innings for Ross last year, returns.

"She's worked hard over the winter and has done a lot of work on her own," Wolf

said. "She looks pretty good."

Hammond is supported by sophomore Kim Crawford, a pitcher Wolf said is close in ability to Hammond, and junior left-hander Jenny Ballard, who moved in from Dayton last fall.

Crawford pitched the final game of the season last spring against Findlay. She took the loss in the deciding game of the Buckeye Central Conference's North Divi-

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sion series but was hurt by poor fielding.

"We're going to be as strong as we've been knowing we have two pitchers we can go to and knowing that Jenny Ballard can do some pitching," Wolf said. "In the past, we have had one person pitch all the innings."

In addition to Hammond and Crawford, letterwinners Carrie Clark and Lisa Watts return.

Clark, who led the Little Giants with a .444 average as a sophomore, has moved from third base to first with junior Becky Williams taking over at third.

Watts, a senior, will play center field. She will be flanked by junior Kelly Rusch in left field and Ballard in right.

Amy Brandt, a senior who

played as a sophomore but ran track last spring, is the Little Giants' shortstop. Junior Amy Burmeister is the starting catcher.

The jury is still out on the second base job, with juniors Kellie Lance, Lisa Brenneman and freshman Andie Oprie battling it out. Lance will start today.

Rounding out the roster are outfielder-first baseman Janean Schenk, a junior, and sophomore catcher-outfielder Angie Roosen.

Sophomore Cortney Cominsky is ill and could join the varsity or reserve team when she recovers.

Wolf likes her teams to "play

tough defense and avoid mental errors" and feels this group can do that.

Offensively, Wolf said the Little Giants should show more power than in the past.

"We are making pretty good contact, and we have some people (Hammond, Watts and Williams) who can hit it longer this year," Wolf said, "but we haven't seen any real quick pitching yet."

"I really think the offense will take care of itself."

All it takes is time.



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Ross falls in opener

News-Messenger reports

Margaretta took a 9-1 lead against Fremont Ross and held on for a 9-7 season-opening high school softball victory Tuesday.

In one other game, Toledo Central Catholic defeated Oak Harbor 6-1.

The Polar Bears scored four runs in the first inning, two in

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the second and three in the third.

"We had some major errors in the beginning," Ross coach Sue Wolf said. "We were rattled, but we settled down and played some good ball after that."

Trailing 9-3 after six inning, the Little Giants scored four runs in the seventh.

"I was real happy with the comeback," Wolf said.

Heather Birmingham was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 and walking six while allowing five hits. Deb Hammond and Kim Crawford each pitched three innngs for Ross, with Hammond taking the loss.

Margaretta collected nine hits, including Amy Barton's triple.

Lisa Watts led the Ross offense with two runs scored.

Tol. C. Catholic 6, Oak Harbor 1

Amy Motter pitched a one-hitter in the season-opening game, while Toledo Central Catholic collected 10 hits, including two by Shelley McCreery.

Motter struck out nine.

The Rockets got their lone hit and run in the fourth inning. Carrie Kaiser walked to open the inning, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on Tiffany Knoop's single.

Mules kick Little Giants in sweep

News-Messenger reports

The hard-hitting of the Bedford (Mich.) Mules and the sloppy fielding of Fremont Ross added up to a doubleheader sweep for the Mules in a high school softball doubleheader Thursday.

Kelly Harpel pitched a no-hitter in Bedford's 22-0 first-game victory, and the Little Giants followed up the 11 errors they committed in the first game with nine miscues in a 20-5 loss in the nightcap.

"We threw the ball around a lot," Ross coach Sue Wolf said.

"They hit the ball, but we were bad. It's hard to explain how bad we were."

In one other game, Fostoria St. Wendelin beat Oak Harbor 7-2.

The bright spot for Ross, 0-3, was Carrie Clark's three-run home run in the third inning of the second game.

"It was a good game for a little while," Wolf said. "I thought we were going to start playing, but we blew up again in the third inning."

Clark's homer tied the second game at 4-4, but the Mules plated

10 runs in the bottom of the third and added six runs in the fourth.

Deb Hammond, who took the loss in the first game, collected two of the Little Giants' five hits in the nightcap and Andi Opri scored two runs.

St. Wendelin 7, Oak Harbor 2

For the second straight game, Oak Harbor managed just one hit. The Rockets, 0-2, got a single by Darrah Courter Thursday.

Gina Baker had three of St. Wendelin's 11 hits.

Hammond twirls no-hitter against Genoa

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross softball team needed a lift, and senior pitcher Deb Hammond gave it to the Little Giants in a big way Wednesday.

Hammond pitched a five-inning no-hitter as Ross beat Genoa 11-0 for its first win of the season. She struck out five and walked one.

"She was really concentrating," Ross coach Sue Wolf said. "I think she



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knew we needed a win."

In other games reported, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic topped Oak Harbor 17-11 and Clyde defeated Fostoria 7-3.

Ross, which lost its first three games prior to Wednesday, led 4-0 before Hammond took the mound.

"It really helped to jump out like that right away," Wolf said.

Catcher Amy Brandt made a diving catch of a wind-blown pop-up in front of the plate for the final out of the first inning. The only other tough chance for a Ross fielder was a line drive first baseman Carrie Clark snared for the second out in the

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fifth.

"We played better defense behind (Hammond), but she pitched well," Wolf said. "She was moving the ball around real well."

The Little Giants committed two errors.

Brandt and Kelly Rusch each had three of Ross's 15 hits. Amy Burmeister and Hammond had doubles and Kelli Lance had a triple, while Brandt, Rusch and Hammond drove in two runs apiece.

Genoa coach Shelly Murphy said Hammond was not overpowering but was "really quick."

"We're not used to that, because of our inexperience," Murphy said. "She didn't have a lot of stuff, but she had a lot of speed. It was our first home game and they had the jitters really bad."

St. Joe 17, Oak Harbor 11
St. Joe opened the season with a 23-hit barrage, and Melanie Shilling overcame 13 walks.

"That (23 hits) surprises me," St. Joe coach Lou Kuhlman said. "We definitely hit the ball. This group is definitely not afraid to swing the bats."

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Little Giants slip to 1-4

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross softball team lost its fourth game in five outings Thursday, suffering a 12-4 setback to Tiffin Columbian at Rodger Young Park.

Columbian, 1-1, scored a run in the first inning before tallying a

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trio of runs in each of the next three innings.

In other games reported, Bettsville defeated Old Fort 13-9, Woodmore ripped Port Clinton 39-6 and Bellevue routed Oak Harbor 29-5.

Ross had three hits, while Columbian collected 13. The Little Giants committed five errors.

"We didn't make the plays we

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needed to make," Ross coach Sue Wolf said. "And if we would have hit the ball a little bit better it would have helped."

Ross was issued eight walks but failed to take advantage of them.

"We could have run the bases a little better," Wolf said.

Bettsville 13, Old Fort 9

Bettsville overcame an 8-5 deficit with a four-run fourth inning to remain undefeated after two games and leave Old Fort winless in three contests.

The Stockaders took a 2-0 lead, but the Bobcats came back with five runs in the bottom of the first. Old Fort scored three runs in the second and three in the fourth before Bettsville rallied.

Winning pitcher Carrie Windau had three of Bettsville's 12 hits, while Charlene Lynch and Kara Wohlgamuth had three RBIs apiece.

Melissa DeRan had a home

run among her two hits and scored two runs for Old Fort, which collected seven hits.

Bettsville committed seven errors and Windau overcame nine walks.

Woodmore 39, Port Clinton 6

Peggy Romine homered, doubled twice and drove in nine runs as Woodmore set a school record for most runs and hits in a game.

Woodmore, 2-2, scored at least five runs in every inning against the Redskins, 0-3. The Wildcats outhit Port Clinton 30-3.

"It could have been much worse," Woodmore coach Rich Bricker said. "I put in all my subs after three innings. I'm not trying to rub it in on anybody."

Bellevue 29, Oak Harbor 5

Bellevue scored at least three runs in every inning, including 12 in the fourth, to send the Rockets to their fourth loss in four games.

The Redmen, 3-0, collected 17 hits and took advantage of seven Oak Harbor errors.

Carrie Kaiser and Deanna Siller had the Rockets' lone hits, both singles.

Ross tops St. Wendelin 5-4

News-Messenger reports

Lisa Brennenman drove in Becky Williams with the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday, leading Fremont Ross to a 5-4 high school softball victory over St. Wendelin.

In one other game, Norwalk drubbed Port Clinton 17-10.

Deb Hammond pitched a five-hitter as Ross improved to 2-4 with the win. Hammond struck

out seven and walked three.

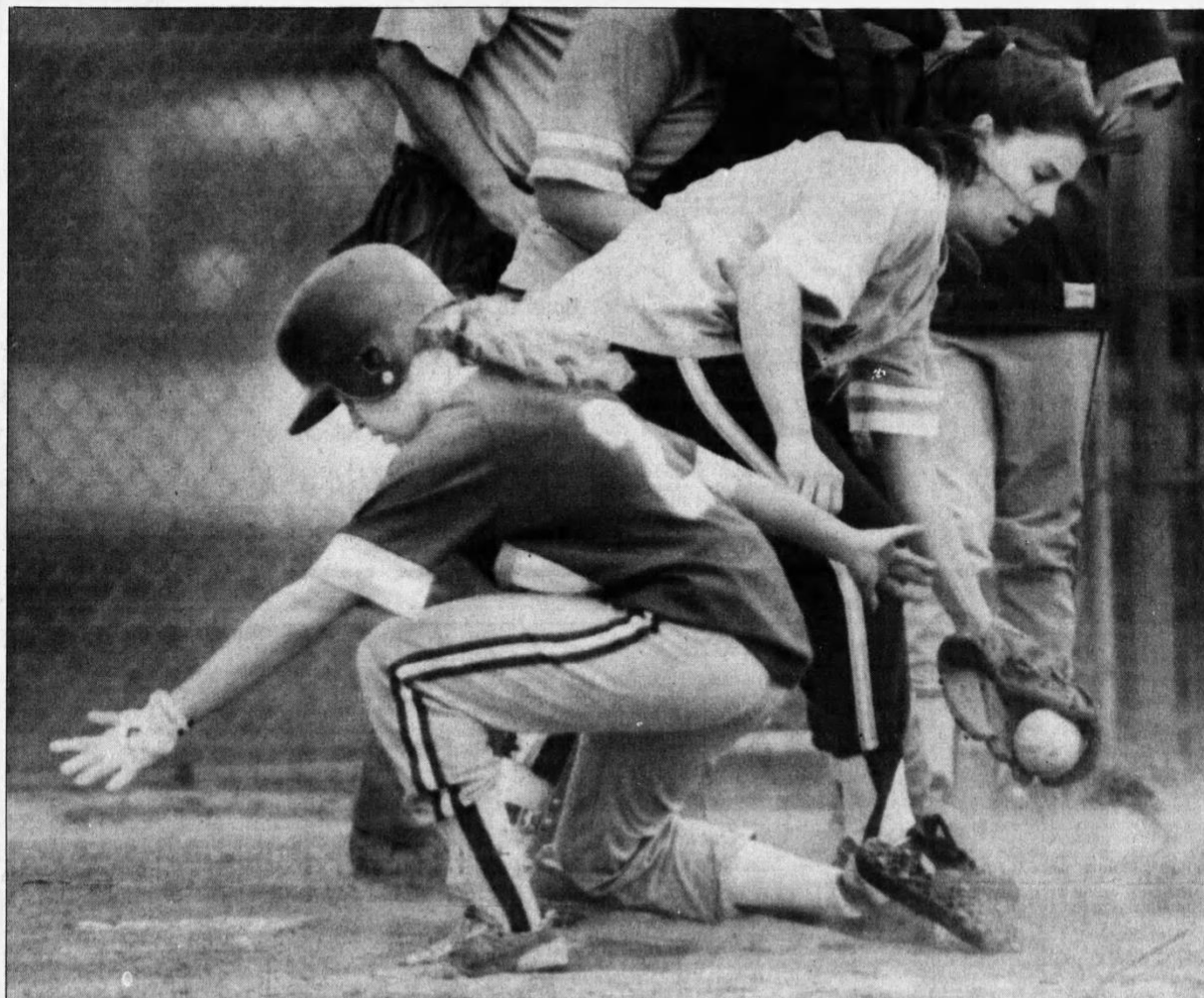
St. Wendelin lost its first game in four outings.

Amy Brandt had two hits for the Little Giants, who trailed 4-1 after 5½ innings.

Norwalk 17, Port Clinton 10

Port Clinton fell to 0-4 on the season after being outhit by an 18-1 margin. PC committed four errors.

Hope Barnett singled in the fourth inning for the Redskins.



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Ross routs Old Fort

Kelly Rusch of Fremont Ross scores a run during the third inning Tuesday as Old Fort's Reini Krupp is late with the tag during the Little Giants' 18-1 victory over the Stockaders. Ross, 3-4, outhit winless Old Fort 12-1. Andi Oprie, Kelli Lance and winning pitcher Kim Crawford had three hits apiece for the Little Giants. Oprie, Crawford, Lisa Watts and Amy Brandt each scored three runs,

while Oprie and Deb Hammond finished with two RBIs. Losing pitcher Jolena Schubach had Old Fort's lone hit and only RBI in the first inning. Crawford struck out eight Stockaders in the five-inning game. In one other game, New Riegel jumped to a 10-0 lead and went on to a 12-1 victory over Bettsville, which lost for the first time in three games despite Pam Little's two hits.

Northview 12, Ross0

Deanna Kreidel pitched a two-hitter and was 4-for-4 at the plate as Northview improved to 2-0 and Ross slipped to 3-5.

Northview outhit Ross 14-2, while the Little Giants committed five errors.

Kreidel struck out 10 and did not walk a batter. Andi Oprie and Kelly Rusch each had a hit for Ross.

Deb Hammond took the loss, walking two with one strikeout.

The Wildcats scored three runs in the fourth inning, four in the fourth, one in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Ross uses 17-hit attack to stop Perkins; Calvert rolls past St. Joe

News-Messenger reports

Deb Hammond and Kim Crawford combined to toss a two-hitter as Fremont Ross defeated Sandusky Perkins 19-11 in a high school girls softball game Tuesday in Sandusky.

In other games, Tiffin Calvert rolled over St. Joseph Central Catholic 25-5 in a Midland Athletic League clash, Bettsville

bullied over Northwood 21-4 in

five innings and Ottawa Hills downed Genoa 15-9.

Hammond tossed the last five innings for Ross after Hammond had trouble finding the plate. The Ross duo gave up 15 walks but 17 Little Giants hits offset the wild streak. Hammond fanned four batters in picking up the win.

Ross and Perkins scored six runs each in the first inning but

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the Pirates held an 11-9 before the Little Giants exploded for nine runs in the top of the sixth.

Lisa Watts doubled twice and singled twice for Ross. Amy Brandt had three hits with Andi Oprie, Kelly Rusch and Hammond collecting two hits apiece. Rusch had a double. Amy Bur-

meister drove in three Ross runs.

The win lifted Ross to 4-5 while Perkins slipped to 1-2.

Calvert 25, St. Joe 5

Calvert's Renna Shook tossed a two-hitter at St. Joe, striking out four and surviving 13 walks.

Rubi Booc tripled and doubled and Shook tripled for the Senecas. Tara Rodenhauer doubled for St. Joe.

Bettsville 21, Northwood 4

Carrie Windau allowed three hits and her Bettsville teammates collected 19 hits.

The Bobcats had a 15-4 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth, ending the game at that point with a six-run inning.

Maria Miller homered, doubled and singled for Bettsville with Lisa Hammer, Heather Cook and Carol Wohlgamuth — all three

tripled — getting two hits apiece. Ottawa Hills jumped out to a 12-4 lead after three innings.

Ottawa Hills 15, Genoa 9

The Cornets, 2-3, outhit Ottawa Hills 8-7 but committed 10 errors, including eight in the first two innings.

Lisa Polsdorfer had a pair of singles and scored a run for Genoa.

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Margaretta sophomore Heather Birmingham threw a no-hitter Thursday as the Polar Bears beat Port Clinton 11-2 in a Sandusky Bay Conference softball game at Castalia.

Birmingham struck out 17 and walked eight.

In other games, Clyde topped Fremont Ross 9-7 and Bettsville edged Hopewell-Loudon 7-6.

The Polar Bears, who had eight hits, scored five runs in the third inning and four in the sixth.

Clyde 9, Ross 7

Clyde overcame a 7-1 deficit, improving to 5-3 and dropping Ross to 4-6.

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The Fliers scored three runs in the fourth inning, three in the sixth and won the game with a two-run seventh.

Ross scored four runs in the first inning and three in the second but no more.

Jenny Greenslade was the winning pitcher, walking five and striking out six. Deb Hammond took the loss in relief of Kim Crawford.

The Little Giants committed 10 errors, negating the combined five-hit pitching of Crawford and Hammond.

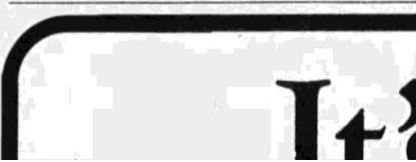
Dee Sumner had two hits for

the Fliers, while Lisa Watts and Amy Brandt each had two of the Little Giants' nine hits.

Bettsville 7, Hopewell-Loudon 6

Bettsville, which took a 4-1 lead after one inning, never trailed until the Chieftains scored twice in the seventh inning for a 6-5 lead.

The Bobcats, though, came back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the seventh and improved to 5-2.



Softball roundup

Fremont Ross collected 15 hits and beat Oak Harbor 17-3 in a high school softball game Tuesday.

Ross, 5-6, scored at least one run in each of the six innings it came to bat.

In other games reported, Sandusky topped Clyde 12-7 and Tiffin Calvert defeated Bettsville 15-10.

Kelli Lance had three hits, while Kelly Rusch and Carrie Clark each drove in three runs for the Little Giants.

Winning pitcher Deb Hammond allowed four hits, struck out four and walked four.

Losing pitcher Michelle Clark walked one and struck out one, but the winless Rockets committed six errors.

Clyde outhit Sandusky 10-6, but the Fliers committed six errors and Jenny Greenslade walked 10 and hit three batters.

Amy Smith, who drove in two runs, had two hits for Clyde, 5-4, as did Lauri Butzin and Chelsea Gill.

Bettsville, which had just three hits, fell behind 11-1 before making the game close with four runs in the sixth and four more in the seventh.

Carrie Windau and Charlene Lynch had two RBIs apiece for the Bobcats.

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Ross 17, Oak Harbor 3

Score by innings

Oak Harbor	000	111	0	—	3	4	6
Ross	115	262	x	—	17	15	3

WP: Deb Hammond; LP: Michelle Clark;
2B: Amy Brandt (R), Shelley Whittaker (OH).

Records: Ross 5-6.

Whitmer 7, Ross 6

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The host Little Giants committed seven errors and collected only six hits in the loss to the Panthers while falling to 5-7.

Kim Crawford suffered the loss, allowing just seven hits and walking four.

Becky Williams homered and Amy Brandt added a triple for the Little Giants, who led 3-0 after two innings.

Carrie Green was the winning pitcher.

Ross defeats Findlay

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross scored five runs in the sixth inning Thursday for a 14-12 high school softball victory over Findlay.

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Ross, 6-7, trailed 12-9 after five innings.

In other games, Clyde shut out Oak Harbor 20-0 as Jenny Greenslade and Sandy Musser combined on a no-hitter and Sandusky beat Port Clinton

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23-7.

Ross overcame 11 errors as Becky Williams drove in five runs with a home run and a double. Amy Brandt added two hits for the Little Giants.

Deb Hammond was the winning pitcher, striking out six and walking one.

Ross beats Genoa

News-Messenger reports

Becky Williams hit a grand slam in a seven-run second inning and Fremont Ross went on to a 12-8 high school softball victory over Genoa Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Kim Crawford overcame 10 walks in four innings as the Little Giants improved to 7-8.

In other games reported, Mo-

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hawk shut out Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 17-0 and Tiffin Calvert defeated Bettsville 18-10.

Williams, Andi Opre, Kelli Lance and Kim Crawford each had two of the Little Giants' 12 hits.

Crawford gave up all eight Genoa runs before giving way to Deb Hammond to start the fifth.

The Comets fell to 6-7.

Mohawk 17, St. Joe 0

Mohawk, which collected only four hits, took advantage of eight walks and eight errors.

Losing pitcher Jennie Ewanski had St. Joe's lone hit.

Mohawk, 12-3, is undefeated in five Midland Athletic League games. The Crimson Streaks slipped to 7-9 and 2-3.

Calvert 18, Bettsville 10

Calvert scored in every inning, capped by a five-run seventh.

The Senecas, 17-2 and 9-1 in the MAL, outhit the Bobcats 15-6.

Nikki Olmstead had two hits, including a double, for Bettsville. Lisa Hammer, Charlene Lynch and Heather Cook each scored two runs for the Bobcats, 6-8 and 5-5 in the MAL.

Renee Shook was the winning pitcher and Carrie Windau took the loss. Shook walked 15 and struck out six. Windau struck out six and walked two.

Hammond, Ross shade Fostoria

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning Wednesday for an 8-7 high school softball victory over Fostoria at Rodger Young Park.

Lisa Brenneman, who singled and moved to second on a wild pitch, scored the winning run after Fostoria's first baseman fielded

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Deb Hammond's sacrifice bunt and threw wildly to first.

In other games reported, Clyde nipped Sandusky Perkins 4-3 and Woodmore swept a doubleheader from Northwood 10-5 and 15-0.

Ross, 8-8, stole 13 bases in the game.

"Once people got on, we did a good job running the bases," Ross coach Sue Wolf said.

The Little Giants collected eight hits. Brenneman, who entered the game in the fifth inning when Ross overcame a 6-4 deficit with three runs, and Kelli Lance each had two hits. Lance and Brenneman also scored two runs apiece.

Hammond got the win, allowing six hits with seven strikeouts and one walk. All seven Fostoria runs were unearned. Ross committed seven errors.

"She didn't let the errors bother her," Wolf said. "She buckled down and pitched a good game."

Autumn Emmons took the complete-game loss for Fostoria, 5-11. Emmons walked five and struck out one.

Little Giants earn chance at BCC title

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross won its second high school softball game against Findlay Thursday, and the 5-4 victory earned the Little Giants a berth in the Buckeye Central Conference championship game.

Ross, 9-8, beat Findlay with a three-run fourth inning and the Little Giants held off the Trojans, who scored two runs in the fifth.

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Deb Hammond was the winning pitcher with one walk and one strikeout, and the Little Giants committed just two errors.

Melanie Myers took the loss for Findlay, 5-7.

In one other game, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic

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Errors costly to Ross; Newark wins BCC title

News-Messenger reports

NEWARK — Ten Fremont Ross errors led to or set up 17 runs as Newark won the Buckeye Central Conference softball championship Saturday, 18-2.

Ross (9-9) committed five errors in the second inning, when Newark scored six runs; and the Little Giants made five errors in the fourth, when the Wildcats scored 11 runs in the five-inning victory.

"We really had a letdown," Ross coach Sue Wolf said. "If we make the plays, it could have been a different game."

Offensively, Ross could not generate much with eight hits. The Little Giants did lead 2-1 after one inning.

"We could never put any pres-

sure on them," Wolf said.

Winning pitcher Kelly Patrick walked one and struck out three.

"She was no faster than anyone else we have seen," Wolf said. "They just made the plays behind her."

Newark (18-7) collected 16 hits, including three each by Bridget Sherman and Buffy Corentay.

Lisa Watts and Amy Brandt each had two hits for the Little Giants.

Deb Hammond took the loss, pitching into the fourth before giving way to Kim Crawford.

Ross earned the right to play for the BCC title by defeating Findlay twice, while Newark won a round-robin series with Lancaster and Zanesville to reach the championship game.

Little Giants finish strong against Stockaders

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross capped its 21-6 high school softball victory over Old Fort Tuesday with a 13-run seventh inning.

Lisa Brenneman opened the Ross seventh with a solo home run, and Amy Brandt slugged a grand slam later in the inning.

In other games reported, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic edged Bettsville 8-7, Clyde defeated Sandusky Perkins 8-3 and Woodmore topped Port Clinton 19-10.

Ross, 10-9, fell behind 4-0 after one inning but outhit the Stockaders 18-3.

Deb Hammond got the victory for Ross after entering the game

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for starting pitcher Kim Crawford, who suffered a sprained ankle in the dugout after the first inning. Hammond struck out three and didn't walk a batter.

Jenny Ballard and Hammond had three hits apiece for the Little Giants, Kelly Rusch scored four runs and Andi Oprie and Hammond each contributed two RBIs.

Pitcher Jolena Schubach, whose triple was one of Old Fort's hits, took the loss.

St. Joe 8, Bettsville 7

St. Joe took a 7-3 lead and held on for the Midland Athletic

League victory.

Deanna Brickley drove in two runs and Suzanne Militello scored twice as the Crimson Streaks evened their record at 10-10 and 4-4.

Kara Wohlgamuth had two hits for Bettsville, 7-11.

Jennie Ewanski was the winning pitcher and Carrie Windau took the loss. Ewanski struck out six and walked two, while Windau walked seven and struck out three.

Clyde 8, Perkins 3

Winning pitcher Jenny Greenslade offset nine walks and a hit batter with 10 strikeouts, pitching a two-hitter for the Fliers'

14th win in 23 games.

Clyde, 8-4 in the Sandusky Bay Conference, got two of its six hits from Amy Smith. Dee Sumner drove in two runs and Kendra Miller scored twice for the Fliers, who did not commit an error.

Perkins slipped to 3-16 and 2-9. Woodmore 19, Port Clinton 10

Peg Romine hit for the cycle, drove in four runs and scored four times and Woodmore outhit Port Clinton 14-7 and took advantage of 10 Redskin errors.

Shawna Crispin pitched five innings for the victory and Christy Isaac took the loss.

The Wildcats are 12-10 and PC is 2-16.

Findlay beats Ross in third try

News-Messenger reports

The third time was a charm for the Findlay softball team Wednesday, as the Trojans defeated Fremont Ross 6-1.

The win was the first for Findlay in three tries against the Little Giants.

In other games reported, Margaretta defeated Clyde 9-3, Woodmore beat Genoa 17-11 and Edison shut out Port Clinton 15-0.

Findlay, 9-9, scored two runs in the third and four in the fourth and outhit Ross 8-2.

The Little Giants, 10-10, also committed five errors.

Brandy Gutierrez was the winning pitcher and Deb Hammond took the loss.

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Margaretta 9, Clyde 3

A trio of three-run innings — the third, fifth and sixth — lifted Margaretta to its 20th win in 23 games and improved to 11-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

One of the Polar Bears' six hits was a home run by Meredith Jordan.

Heather Birmingham, who shut out the Fliers through four innings, struck out 13 and walked three for the complete-game win.

Jenny Greenslade took the loss, striking out eight with three walks.

Clyde, 14-10 and 8-5, committed six errors.

Woodmore 17, Genoa 11

Woodmore collected eight hits and took advantage of five Genoa errors.

Holly Reynolds was the winning pitcher as the Wildcats improved to 13-10 with their fourth straight victory. Reynolds walked four and struck out nine.

Peggy Romine and Michelle Baker each had two hits for Woodmore.

Edison 15, Port Clinton 0

Becki Deehr pitched a two-hitter and the Redskins committed eight errors.

Christy Isaac was the losing pitcher, allowing 13 hits.

Edison is 25-1 and remained undefeated in 13 SBC games.

Norwalk 15, Ross 6

Ross committed a season-high 14 errors, and Norwalk scored 10 runs in the first.

Becky Williams two had hits, including a home run, and drove in four runs. Jenny Ballard also had two of the Little Giants' six hits.

All-BCC team

Deb Hammond of Fremont Ross was named player of the year for the Northern Division of the Buckeye Central Conference softball teams.

Hammond is a senior pitcher.

Other Ross players on the team are Lisa Watts, Amy Brandt, Becky Williams and Amy Burmeister.

Ross upsets New Riegel

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross closed the season with a 5-2 high school softball victory over New Riegel Wednesday at Rodger Young Park.

It was only the second loss in 21 games for the Blue Jackets.

Ross, 11-11, scored four runs in the first inning and made them stand up behind the four-hit pitching of Deb Hammond.

New Riegel scored single runs in the third and fourth, and Ross added a run in the fifth.

Hammond did not strike out a batter but walked only one, finishing the season 9-6.

Andi Oprie and Becky Williams each had two of the Little Giants' nine hits. Williams drove in three runs and Oprie scored twice.

Defensively, Ross shortstop Amy Brandt had six assists and one putout.

Barb Wank, who walked none and struck out two, took the loss for New Riegel.