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Fremont Ross was not as fortunate in Class AAA District play at Malabar High School in Mansfield. The Little Giants won their first match but then lost a heart breaking three-game decision to Tiffin Columbian in the district finals.

Ross, after going through the 1976 season, the school's first in girls volleyball, closed out a successful year by taking the district runnerup honors.

defeated Sandusky 15-12 in the first game of the semifinal match after trailing by 7-2 and 10-5 counts. In the second game, Ross flattened the Blue Streaks 15-1.

"We spent most of the first game behind," Ross Coach Paula Ebert explained, "because we got off to a slow start. When we got going, we kept on going."

Columbian won the first game 15-9 but Ross, behind Penny Broshious, Carla LeJeune, and Lori Mehling, rallied to win the second 17-15. In the final game, however, Ross slipped 15-10.

Broshious with nine, LeJeune and Mehling with six each led Ross in the finals. Barb Bliss with 10 and Cheryl Carter's six keyed Ross's semifinal win.

"It was a little disappointing at the end," Ebert said about the district finals loss but then glanced back over the season and added, "but once you get to thinking about it, it was very satisfying."

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