

Ross ready to defend league title

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The Fremont Ross tennis roster may be a little different, but the defending Great Lakes League champions hope the results are similar.

The Little Giants lost three key players from a team that went undefeated last season in the GLL, but still have confidence in their chance to repeat.

"We have a hard-working team," said coach Rick LaFountain. "My expectations for us are high but possible if we work hard."

Boys tennis teams from Ross, St. Joseph Central Catholic, Clyde, Bellevue and Oak Harbor begin regular-season play this week.

The Little Giants went 13-5 overall last season and 6-0 in the GLL. The team hopes to match or better last year's accomplishments.

"We hope to win the GLL and send a few players to districts," said senior Ryan Newman. "I think that is within our reach. We all have to take one match at a time and go into every match with the same positive attitude."

Gone from last season's team are first singles player Bill Flower, first doubles player Andrew Humberger and second doubles player Jon Overberg.

In addition to the loss of a top singles player, the Little Giants will be without Flower's leadership. Newman should fill that void.

"Bill Flower was a strong role model for all of us just like Ryan (Newman) will be this year," sophomore Pete Scranton said. "Everyone on this team respects Ryan. He plays hard every single match."

Newman believes he can handle the responsibility of leadership.

"I'd like to be able to be a leader," he said. "I've been here for four years, and I'd like to help some of the younger guys. But everyone on this team has to do their part."

Four Little Giants advanced to the district meet last season. Newman and Humberger each advanced in singles, as did the doubles team of Flower and Scranton.

"I feel we can match or exceed that this year," LaFountain said.

The top two singles positions are the only guaranteed spots for the Little Giants at this time.

Scranton will play first singles and Newman will play second. Junior Jay Farrell is the front-runner for the third singles spot.

"Pete is our strongest player ability wise," LaFountain said. "Ryan is our strongest emotionally."

The first doubles team is expected to be junior Ian Steinert and sophomore Austin Miller. Sophomore Mike Zimmer, a transfer from St. Joseph Central Catholic, and sophomore Mike Moxley will make up the second doubles team.

But LaFountain expects to do some juggling with his lineup as the season gets started.

Team outlooks

Current players and schedules for the area's five high school tennis teams. B3.

"We're probably going to switch our lineup around quite a bit in the first few weeks," he said. "It's possible you could see seven different lineups in the

first seven matches."

The team hopes to have everyone in place by the GLL tournament May 9 at Sandusky High School.

"Hopefully we can get a good lineup set," Steinert said. "That way by the tournament time we can be used to be playing with the same guys."

This season the GLL champion will be determined solely by the league tournament. In the past, the title was determined using a point system based on regular-season and tournament results.

"We hate (the change)," LaFountain said. "It opens up a real possibility that the best team might not win. If we get a player injured or sick for the tournament, we might get knocked out."

Since the regular season league matches are no more important than non-league matches, the Little Giants will play accordingly.

"It's very possible that we might rest someone for a league match if he's a little tired," LaFountain said.

Findlay, the 1996 GLL champion, is expected to be Ross's toughest challenger for the title.

Because tournament matches will carry the most weight, Ross scheduled tough non-league matches against teams such as Huron, Norwalk, Lexington, Ottawa-Hills, Elida, St. Francis and Ashland to prepare.

"No school in the area has a more competitive non-league schedule than Ross," LaFountain said. "We hope this toughens us up come tournament time."

News-Messenger/Jeremy Wadsworth
RYAN NEWMAN of Ross watches a shot during tennis practice Friday at Rodger Young Park. He is expected to be the team leader.

Norwalk beats Ross in non-league match

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Fremont Ross's season started out on a down note as Norwalk upset the Little Giants 3-2.

Pete Scranton earned a 6-2, 7-5 win at singles and Austin Miller and Mike Moxley won 5-7, 6-4, 6-2 at second doubles for Ross.

Scott Woolsey beat Ryan Newman, 6-3, 6-2, Ben Lessler beat Mike Zimmer 6-0, 3-6, 7-5 and the Norwalk doubles squad of Alam Furey and Mike Panzillo defeated Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert 6-3, 6-3.

Despite the loss, Ross coach Rick LaFountain pointed out some high points.

"I'm pleased with our second doubles team (Miller and Moxley)," he said. "At third singles Zimmer played well. He showed me he can play singles. Pete Scranton played a tough player and won in straight sets."

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Giants defeat Perrysburg

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Fremont Ross bounced back from Monday's loss to Norwalk by beating Perrysburg 4-1.

First singles player Pete Scranton defeated Ryan Alvanos, 6-1, 6-0 and Ryan Newman beat Greg Kruse, 6-0, 6-2, at second singles.

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Jay Farrell and Ian Steihert won 6-0, 6-1 against Andy Barrell and Grant Kordash at first doubles, and the second doubles duo of Mike Zimmer and Mike Moxley topped Chris Meyer and Drew Pyle 6-3, 6-2.

Giants blank St. Francis

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TOLEDO — Fremont Ross beat Toledo St. Francis 5-0 in the first round of the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association tournament.

Three of the Little Giants' five wins came in three-setters as they improved to 2-1.

"We started out battling the elements as it was raining when we got there," Ross coach Rick LaFountain said. "By the time we finished up it was really dark. It was kind of an April Fools' match."

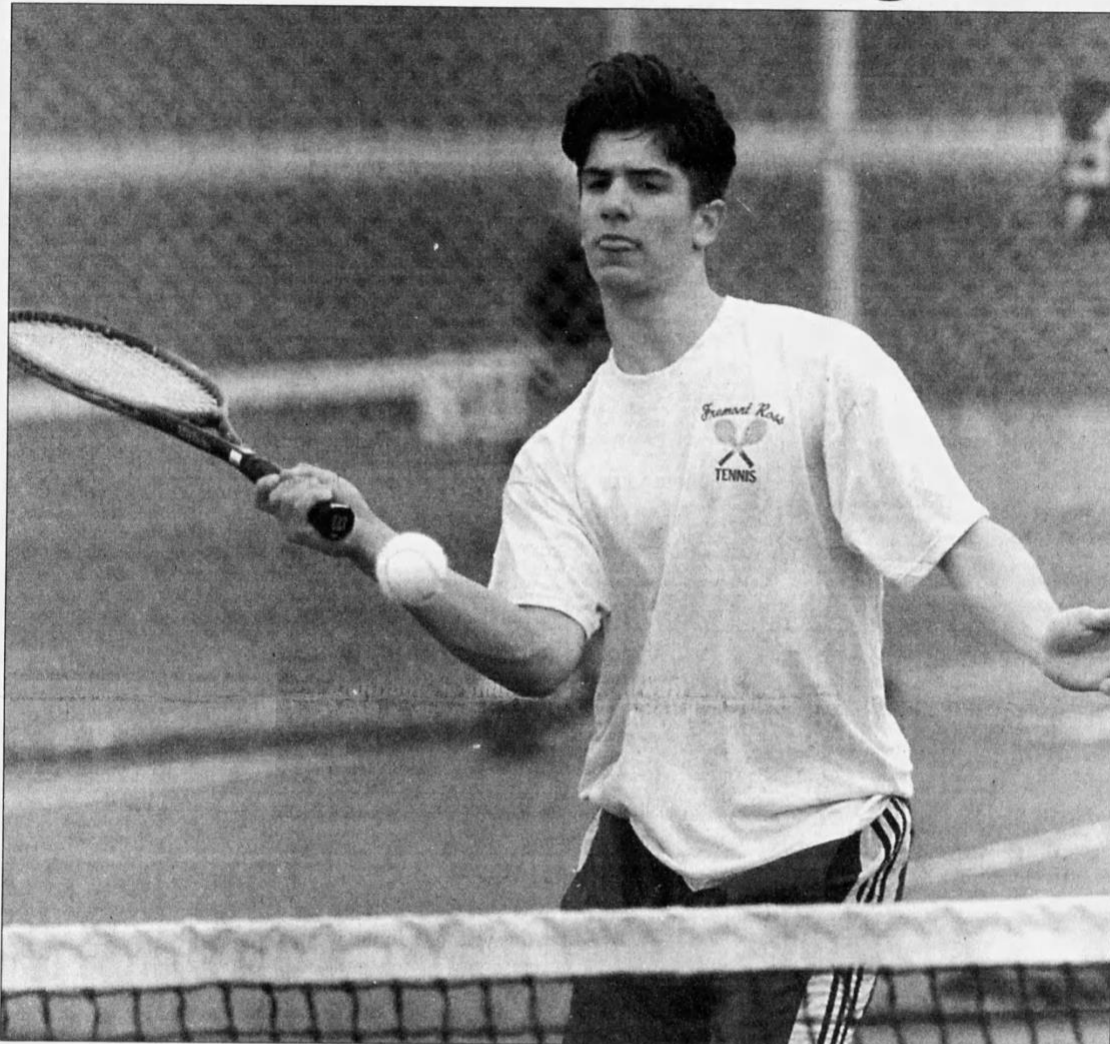
Pete Scranton defeated Eric Helm 3-

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6, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7) at first singles, followed by Ryan Newman's 6-1, 6-2 win over Mike Valiton. Third singles player Mike Zimmer defeated Rory Laney 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The No. 1 doubles team of Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert beat Adam Linsley and Zach Barden 6-7 (3-7), 7-5, 7-6 (9-7). Mike Moxley and Buck Young defeated Kevin Nortz and Fred Brown won 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in second doubles.

Little Giants cruise past Eagles



PETE SCRANTON of Fremont Ross hits a drop shot during his 6-3, 6-0 win against Oregon Clay's Eric Rader Thursday. *News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison*

Ross blanks Oregon Clay for third victory in a row

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Pete Scranton knew how well things were going for the Fremont Ross tennis team shortly after he finished his first set.

"I was just getting ready to start my second set, and everyone else was just about done," said Scranton, who defeated Clay's Eric Rader, 6-3, 6-0 at first singles.

Scranton and the Little Giants won every set in an easy 5-0 victory over Great Lakes League opponent Oregon Clay.

Ross improved to 3-1 after picking up its third victory in as many days.

"I'm pretty happy with the

way everyone played," said Little Giants' coach Rick La Fountain. "We're starting to play real well."

Ross second singles player Ryan Newman cruised past Eagles sophomore Eric Schabel 6-0, 6-0.

"I don't think he was a very experienced player," Newman said. "It wasn't that tough, but it's good to get a win."

Ross' third singles player Mike Zimmer also earned a shutout in his match with Clay's Mike O'Shea, winning 6-0, 6-0.

The Little Giants doubles teams also won with ease. The first team of Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert topped Lonnie

Lachone and Lonnie McMillian 6-1, 6-0.

At second doubles, Mike Moxley and Buck Young trounced Jason Phillips and Brad King, 6-0, 6-0. It was Young's first varsity match of the year.

"We're in the process of experimenting with our lineup," LaFountain said. "We want to see who can play singles and which doubles teams play well together."

LaFountain expects to use sophomore Austin Miller Saturday as Ross hosts Tiffin Columbian today. Miller had played in the team's first three matches of the season.

The Little Giants were still

riding high after Wednesday's 5-0 victory over St. Francis.

"We beat a real good team quite badly," Scranton said. "After that we're on a roll."

Thursday's match was played in cold and windy weather. LaFountain said those conditions benefit the Little Giants.

"On a day like this we are as tough as anyone," he said. "A lot of teams practice indoors when it's cold but we're outdoors," the coach said. "We're used to playing in the cold and with the wind."

The only indoor facility the Little Giants have access to is the YMCA and that is often in use, LaFountain said.

Ross tennis team wins fourth straight

The Fremont Ross tennis team won its fourth straight match, topping Columbian, 5-0.

At first singles, Ross' Pete Scranton topped Rick Barga, 6-2, 6-0. Senior Ryan Newman dominated Kevin Lofton at second singles, 6-0, 6-0. Third singles player Mike Zimmer beat Aaron Buskirk, 6-1, 6-0.

The Little Giants second doubles team of Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert defeated P.J. Landers and Josh Zirger, 6-3, 2-6, 6-0. At second doubles, Mike Moxley and Austin Miller defeated Jim Dodak and Eric Lint 6-2, 6-0.

Ross continues to roll with win at Clyde

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CLYDE — Fremont Ross won its fourth straight 5-0 contest and fifth in a row overall with a shutout of Clyde.

Pete Scranton defeated Nick Nieset 6-2, 6-0 at first singles, Ryan Newman topped Jason Suter 6-3, 6-1 at second singles and at third singles Mike Zimmer beat Mike Desiak 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

At first doubles, Jay Ferrel and Ian

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Steinert topped Dan Wott and Jeramiah Weiker 6-3, 6-2, and Austin Miller and Mike Moxley defeated Dustin Payne and Errick Audritsch 6-1, 6-4.

Fremont Ross is 5-1. The match was the first of the year for Clyde.

Ross wins sixth straight

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BEDFORD, Mich.— Ross continued to roll with a 4-1 win at Bedford in a Great Lakes League meet.

First singles player Pete Scranton topped Andy Francis 6-3, 6-1. At second doubles,

Ryan Newman defeated Brad Norton 5-7, 6-0, 6-1.

Ian Steinart and Jay Ferrell defeated Andy White and Mike White 6-1, 6-3 at first doubles, and Austin Miller and Mike Moxley took second doubles.

Ross is 6-1.

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Giants, Streaks suffer losses

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Elida swept the singles matches and edged Fremont Ross in a non-league match.

Scott Dredge beat Pete Scranton 6-0, 4-6, 7-5 at first singles, Brandon Williams beat Ryan Newman 6-3, 6-2 at second, and at third Ryan Garling defeated Mike Zimmer 6-2, 6-1.

The Ross doubles teams had better luck. Jay Ferrell and Ian Steinart bested John Osmon and Jeff Fisher 6-4, 6-4 and Mike Moxley and Austin Miller

beat Brian Mooney and Ray Hampshire 6-3, 6-3.

In another match Wednesday:

Calvert 3 St. Joe 2

TIFFIN— Jose Ramirez and Chris Burkett scored singles victories, but St. Joseph Central Catholic fell to Calvert.

Ramirez topped Rahda Ganesan 6-4, 6-0 at first singles and Burkett handled Nick Paradiso 6-2, 6-2 at third singles.

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Ross, St. Joe pick up important victories

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ASHLAND — Fremont Ross picked up its "biggest win this year," according to coach Rick LaFountain, with a 4-1 victory over Ashland.

"We avenged a loss from last year when they beat us 3-2," LaFountain said. "This was a big win for (tournament) seeding purposes."

Ross's Pete Scranton beat Jeff McQuate 6-2, 6-2 at first singles and Ryan Newman topped Gavin McFarlin 6-3, 6-2 at second singles.

The Ross first doubles team of Jay Ferrell and Ian Steinart defeated TJ Harper and Matt McKernan 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

"Our first doubles were dynamite," LaFountain said. "They get better with each match."

At second doubles Mike Moxley and Austin Miller outlasted Mike Ihrig and Adam Slabodnick 6-7 (8-6), 6-4.

Ross is 7-2 and hosts Huron Saturday. Ashland fell to 3-1.

"Our team is starting to play some good tennis," LaFountain said.

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St. Joe 4 Fostoria 1

FOSTORIA — St. Joseph Central Catholic picked up its first tennis win of the season, with a 4-1 decision over Fostoria.

"It is nice to see guys get the first win tonight," said St. Joe coach Brian Miller. "They were very pleased with that and so was I."

Senior Jose Ramirez continued to roll at first singles as he topped Mike Blose 6-2, 6-0 to improve his record to 5-0. At third singles, Chris Burkett beat Wes Smith 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

The Crimson Streaks swept the doubles matches. Nick Raubenolt and Nate Walyerzack defeated Tim Betal and Garret Hansen 6-2, 6-0 at first doubles and Ryan Wilhelm and David Wensinger beat Tom Gernsy and Garret Thamilton 6-2, 6-1 at second doubles.

St. Joe is 1-4, Fostoria is 0-7.

The Crimson Streaks are idle until Monday when they will host Lorain Catholic.

Little Giants defeated by Huron

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Huron swept the doubles matches and beat Fremont Ross.

Seth DeRose and Nate Faust defeated Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert, 6-3, 6-4 at first singles and Mark Murray and Chris Reutepohler topped Mike Moxley and Austin Miller 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) at second doubles.

Huron's Matt Wooster topped Pete

Scranton 6-3, 6-3 at first singles.

Ryan Newman of Ross beat Paul Butke 6-2, 6-2 at second singles and the Little Giants' Mike Zimmer beat Jason Butke 1-6, 7-6, (7-4), 6-1 at third singles. Ross is 7-3.

It was a very tough loss for us. This was the third straight undefeated team we've played," said Ross coach Rick LaFountain.

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High School

Ross 3, Lexington 2

SINGLES

1—Matt Piper (L) def. Pete Scranton 6-7, 4-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2); 2—Ryan Newman (R) def. Brett Hundertpfund 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; 3—Seth Robert (L) def. Mike Zimmer 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES

1—Jay Farrell/Ian Steinart (R) def. Cliff Nolan/Jeff O'Brien 6-0, 7-6 (7-4); 2—Mike Moxley/Austin Miller (R) def. JD Miller/Marcus Hershner 6-1, 6-1.

Records: Ross 8-3, Lexington 5-3.

JV Winners

Buck Young, Kyle Fisher, Clay Huffman, Zach Murkey, Rob Brady.

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Singles

1—Pete Scranton def. Rumzi Araj 6-2, 6-0; 2—Ryan Newman Pat Ryland, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; 3—Keith Jackson def. Mike Zimmer, 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles

1—Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert def. Kevin Brechmacher and Martin Tucker, 6-1, 6-2; 2—Mike Moxley and Austin Miller def. Ben Cullman and Keith Zandenbroek, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Records: 9-3; Bowling Green 5-2;

JV winner: Buck Young and Dan Wise
Clay Huffman Zack Mierke Rob Brady
and Marcus Yamamoto.

Giants, Fliers, Rockets win matches

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Pete Scranton and Ryan Newman cruised at first and second singles as Ross topped Whitmer 4-1 in a Great Lakes League match.

Scranton blanked Todd O'Neill and Newman topped Caroline Bettinger for the Little Giants, who improved to 10-3 and 3-0 in the GLL.

At first doubles, Ross' Jay Farrell and Ian Steinart beat Jordan Rofkar and Justin Frisco and Mike Moxley and Autin Miller of Ross defeated Scott Salcamuggio and Rob Nusbaum.

In other matches Thursday:

Clyde 3, Edison 2

CLYDE — Jeremiah Weiker outlasted Matt Thayer at second singles to lead Clyde past Edison in a Sandusky Bay clash.

Weiker helped Clyde improved to 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the league.

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"I'm happy with the play of Jeremiah," said Clyde coach John Cahill. "I thought he showed a lot of courage."

At first singles, Jason Suter topped Josh Schwanger and the Fliers' first doubles team of Nick Nieset and Mike Dziak beat Nate Kurko and Pat Bickley.

Oak Harbor 3, St. Mary's 2

SANDUSKY — Andy Loth won at first singles and Oak Harbor's doubles teams also provided victories Thursday, sending the Rockets to a 3-2 SBC tennis win over St. Mary's.

Loth beat Chip Keller. Oak Harbor's No. 1 doubles duo of Gary Skeel and Mark Lajti defeated Jason Gideon and Matt Milas and the No. 2 team of Greg Baker and Zack Goetz toppled Matt Dillinger and Andy Schoewe.

Host Little Giants win doubles tournament

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As Fremont Ross's eighth-best player, Buck Young does not have many chances to showcase his ability.

But Saturday in the Fremont Doubles Invitational, Young teamed with Mike Zimmer to win the No. 4 doubles title, helping the host Little Giants win the event for the first time since 1995.

"It went down to the wire, but we knew if we won the third and fourth doubles we would win," said Ross coach Rick LaFountain, whose team edged second place Port Clinton by a 90-78 margin.

Defending champion Maumee Valley Country Day was third with 55 points. Area teams Clyde and Oak Harbor finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in the eight team event.

Typical high school matches use seven players from each team to fill three singles spots and two doubles teams. But eight were needed Saturday as each school entered four doubles teams.

"We thought we had enough depth to win the tournament," LaFountain said.

"Buck Young got some nice playing time," LaFountain said.

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"He's a solid eighth player, and for anyone we've played he'd be playing well into their order."

Zimmer and Young beat Port Clinton's Joe Fredericks and Darrel Durkie 7-5, 6-0 in the No. 4 doubles final.

At third doubles, Ross's Mike Moxley and Austin Miller defeated Hyatt Chaudary and Shalin Desai of Maumee Valley 7-6 (7-2), 6-3.

Ross also scored points at first and second doubles, where the Little Giants managed a pair of third-place finishes.

Ross's Pete Scranton and Ryan Newman played No. 1 doubles and beat Bowling Green's Keith Jackson and Pat Ryland 8-1 in a pro-set. Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert took third at No. 2 doubles with an 8-3 win against Maumee Valley's Shanewit Nopkhun and Nirag Shah.

Clyde's highest finish came at third singles, where Mike Dziak and Jeremiah Weiler beat Kevin Brechmacher and Martin Tucker of Bowling Green 8-5 for third place.

In other action Saturday:

NWOCSA tournament

TIFFIN — St. Joseph Central

Catholic's Jose Ramirez won the first singles championship and Chris Burkett was third at No. 3 singles as the Crimson Streaks finished fourth in the Northwest Ohio Catholic Schools Association tournament.

Ramirez defeated Norwalk St. Paul's Dave Bermudas 6-4, 6-4 in the final. He had won matches against Sandusky St. Mary's Jared Miller and Mansfield St. Peter's Charlie Park to reach the championship.

Burkett defeated St. Mary's Zach Whitehurst 6-4, 6-3 to claim third place.

St. Joe's Mickey Yeager defeated Tiffin Calvert's Andy Riemer 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to score a point at No. 2 singles.

Bellevue 3, Bucyrus 2

Bellevue won the first and second singles matches and the first doubles match to beat Bucyrus in a Northern Ohio League match.

The Redmen (3-5, 2-4 NOL) got a No. 1 singles win from Jerry Gonzales, who beat Justin Dible 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, and a No. 2 singles win by Nick Eisenhauer, who defeated Andy James 6-4, 6-4.

Bellevue's top doubles team of Luke Harms and Aaron Garman beat Nate Zahn and Andy Furner 7-6, 7-6.

Ross blanks Sandusky

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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross had no problem with Sandusky and scored a 5-0 win in the Great Lakes League.

At first singles, Pete Scranton swept past Joe Whitmer 6-0, 6-0, at second singles Ryan Newman breezed past David Stratton 6-0, 6-0 and Mike Zimmer whipped Charlie Gurban 6-0, 6-1 at third singles.

At first doubles, Ian Steinert and Jay Farrell got past Curt Romp and Scott Poeschl 6-2, 6-1 and at second doubles, Mike Moxley and Austin Miller defeated Chris Parker and Stephan Schonner 6-2, 6-1.

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Ross improved to 12-3 and Sandusky fell to 1-8.

Giants sweep to give LaFountain 100th win

Fremont Ross tennis coach Rick LaFountain picked up the 100th coaching win of his varsity career as the Little Giants blanked Fostoria Thursday in a Great Lakes League match.

"I've had a lot of great players," said LaFountain. "My biggest secret, though, is my assistant Gil Ravas. He has been there for three-quarters of those wins and has made my job a whole lot easier."

LaFountain, in his 11th season of coaching, has a record of 100-87.

"I'm just glad I got to 100 wins before I got to 100 losses," he said.

Jay Farrell, Ian Stienert and Austin Miller were singles winners, while the teams of Buck Young and Clay Huffman and Nick Wearsch and Zack Mierke won in doubles.

Ross wins all six GLL matches

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FINDLAY — Ross completed its second consecutive perfect Great Lakes League season with a 3-2 win over Findlay.

Pete Scranton easily beat Nick Jacobson 6-1, 6-0 at first singles and Ryan Newman whipped Andy Hardy 6-1, 6-2 at second singles. At first doubles, Jay Farrell and Ian Steinart beat Matt Romick and Daisuke Yanagisawa 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Ross improved to 14-3 overall and 6-0 in the GLL. Findlay fell to 9-6 and 5-1.

The Little Giants play Saturday in the GLL tournament.

Ross sweeps Calvert to win 15th match

TIFFIN — Fremont Ross continued to roll with a 5-0 non-league sweep of Calvert.

At first singles, Pete Scranton cruised past Radha Ganesan 6-0, 6-1, and at second singles Ryan Newman whipped Greg Krupp, 6-1, 6-0. Mike Zimmer beat Nick Paladiso 6-4, 6-2 at third singles.

At first doubles, Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert outlasted Brian Frank and Mark Kimmet 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (9-7). At second doubles, Mike Moxley and Austin Miller beat Jeff Feasel and Nathan Steinmetz 6-2, 6-0.

Ross is 15-3 entering Saturday's Great Lakes League Tournament at Sandusky.

Calvert dropped to 6-7.

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Upstart duo helps Ross win GLL

Moxley, Miller get key win; Scranton is league's best

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SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross tennis coach Rick LaFountain expected his team to win Great Lakes League titles at first and second singles and first doubles.

The Little Giants did. But it was the play of second doubles players Mike Moxley and Austin Miller that helped Ross

clinch its second straight GLL Championship Saturday.

Moxley and Miller, who lost 6-2, 6-3 to Findlay's Dan LaJoe and Jamie Reid in Tuesday's regular season match, rebounded to beat LaJoe and Reid 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) in the No. 2 doubles title match.

Ross sophomore Pete Scranton won at No. 1 singles, senior Ryan Newman was the No. 2 singles champion and the No. 1 doubles team of juniors Jay Farrell and Ian Steinert won as the Little Giants amassed 32 points. Findlay finished second with 27 followed by Bedford, 18.

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"We had some surprises," LaFountain said.

"Our No. 2 doubles team, when they played at Findlay, probably played their worst match," LaFountain said of his second-seeded sophomore duo. "This time they played at a different level. They moved a lot better and played a lot smarter."

"They were not trying to drive the ball through opponents. They moved the ball around and got to the net to win points."

Moxley and Zimmerman's win gave Ross the seven first-place points and LaJoe and Reid earned five for second. A reversed result would have trimmed Ross's victory margin to one point.

Another surprise for Ross came at No. 3 singles, where Mike Zimmer was seeded fourth. He lost in the semifinals to Whitmer's Sean Fitzgerald, but then defeated Bedford's Nick Nieman 8-3 for third place.

Scranton was dominant at No. 1 singles, beating Clay's Eric Rader 6-0, 6-0 in the semifinals

and Findlay's Nick Jacobson 6-2, 6-0 in the championship match. That performance earned Scranton the GLL Player of the Year title given to the No. 1 singles champion.

At No. 2 singles Newman beat Sandusky's Joe Wittmer 6-2, 6-2 before outlasting Findlay's Andy Hardy 7-6, 1-6, 6-2.

"Ryan hung in there," LaFountain said. "He's played long matches with Hardy before."

Farrell and Steinert beat Bedford's Andy White and Mike

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Ross tennis team wins back-to-back GLL titles

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White 7-5, 6-1, then defeated Findlay's Daisuke Yanagisawa and Matt Romick 6-1, 6-4.

"All the guys knew that we should win it," LaFountain said of the Ross team. "They just had to play up to their standards."

Ross finished the regular season unbeaten in six matches, but that record had no bearing on the championship.

"I really hope they do change that," LaFountain said. "It puts a lot of pressure on the kids for that

one day tournament."

LaFountain will attend a seeding meeting tonight for the sectional tournament, which begins Friday at Sandusky.

In another tournament Saturday:

SBC Tournament

SANDUSKY — Matt Wooster of Huron won the Sandusky Bay Conference singles title, joining 24 of his Tiger teammates on the seven-player all-league first team.

Wooster, a senior, won his third singles title and made the

"They were not trying to drive the ball through opponents. They moved the ball around and got to the net to win points."

— Ross coach Rick LaFountain, on Mike Moxley and Austin Miller

All-SBC team for the fourth time. He beat Port Clinton's Stefan Schenkelberg 6-2, 6-1 in the final at Bay Winds.

Tim O'Neill of Perkins finished third and joined Wooster and

Schenkelberg on the first team, which is composed of the league's top three singles players and top two doubles teams.

Huron's Nate Faust and Seth DeRose defeated teammates Mark Murray and Christopher Reutepohler 6-2, 6-1 for their third straight doubles crown.

Clyde's Jason Suter and Nick Nieset were singles representatives on the second team along with Port Clinton's Brian Van Hoose.

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