

1995 State (individual) Tournament

Ross doubles its pleasure with state berths

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Getting there may have been half the fun for a pair of Fremont Ross doubles teams.

It was fun for Kristen Farrell and Dawn Zerman to win the Division I district championship. But they had to defeat their teammates to do it.

For Casey and Dena Schepflin, if they had to lose, well, let it be to teammates.

By finishing first and second, both teams qualified for the 20th Ohio High School State Tennis Tournament in Columbus Friday and Saturday.

It's the third time for the Farrell-Zerman duo and the second time for the Schepflin cousins. All are seniors and instrumental in leading the Little Giants to an undefeated season and their fourth straight Great Lakes League championship.

Two years ago, the Ross duos also met in the district finals with the Schepflins winning 6-3, 4-6, 7-5 in a match that lasted two hours, 45 minutes.

Farrell and Zerman, who played singles in the regular season before switching to doubles for the tournament, placed second as juniors while the Schepflins were fourth — missing a state tournament berth.

Two of the Schepflin's seven losses in 118 matches were in the district tournament last year.

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Teams do double duty

News-Messenger reports

Two Ross doubles teams who play in the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Tournament beginning Friday join the Little Giants when they play in the state finals of the Ohio High School Tennis Coaches Association Team Tournament Sunday.

The Little Giants play Youngstown Boardman in the state semifinal at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Ohio State University's Stickney Center on Olentangy Road in Columbus.

Dawn Zerman, Kristen Farrell and Andi Anderews will play singles for the Little Giants. Casey Schepflin and Dena Schepflin and Alissa Brickner and Courtney LaBenne will play doubles.

Friday's pairings

Dawn Zerman-Kristin Ferrell
(Fremont Ross) vs.

Isabel Benrath-Katie Christopher
(Brunswick)

Dena Schepflin-Casey Schepflin
(Fremont Ross) vs.

Kristin Shearer-Marci Mitson
(Massillon Jackson)



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MEMBERS OF THE Fremont Ross tennis team include left to right, front row: Casey Schepflin, coach Sue Badertscher and Courtney LaBenne; second row: Alissa Brickner, Dena Schepflin and Dawn Zerman; top row: Kristen Farrell and Andi Andrews.

Ross doubles head to state

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This year, Farrell and Zerman beat the Schepflins 6-2, 6-0 in the district finals in a match in which the cousins made a couple of early mistakes and never recovered.

"It's tough playing (your teammates)," Casey Schepflin said. "You have to go out wanting to win, but it's your friends you are playing and it is tough to get into that focusing stage...it did not seem like a match."

Dena Schepflin said, "I like playing against them but when you go onto the court you have to realize they are not your friends, they are your opponents."

The fact both teams were already in the state tourney — the top three teams qualified — made the the finals match a little easier.

"It would have been very hard to play for third or fourth...very hard," Dena Schepflin said.

But said the Schepflins in unison, "I'd rather lose to our team if we had to lose to anybody."

Farrell said she did not like playing her teammates except in the district finals.

"Since we were all going to the state, it did not really matter," the Little Giants regular second-court singles player said. "You still want to win but you can still be happy if you lose."

Said Zerman, "It was a satisfying win because I thought both Kristen and I played well. But we had not played very well until then. We finally got our teamwork back together, but it was very difficult playing them."

In this match, a tie would have been nice.

Coaches Tennis Poll

COLUMBUS — The fifth and final weekly Ohio Tennis Coaches' Association girls tennis rankings for 1995 with school and total points (first-place votes in parentheses):

1, Centerville (14).....	184
2, Upper Arlington (1).....	124
3, Louisville Aquinas (3).....	89
4, Hudson (1).....	73
5, Tol. Ottawa Hills.....	58
6, Cin. Sycamore.....	49
Kettering Fairmont.....	49
8, Fremont Ross (1).....	48
Cuya. Falls Walsh Jesuit.....	48
10, Cols. School for Girls.....	35
Second 10: 11, Kettering Alter 32. 12,	
Troy 31. 13, Young. Boardman 30. 14,	
Cin. Ursuline 24. 15, Dublin Coffman 22.	
16, Vandalia Butler 20. 17 (tie), Carlisle,	
Gates Mills Hawken 16. 19, Tol. St.	
Ursula 14. 20, Lorain Admiral King 12.	

Tennis

High School

State Girls Tourney

COLUMBUS (AP) — Results from Friday's play at the 20th girls state tennis tournament, which was to have been held outdoors at Ohio State's Stickney Tennis Center but was moved indoors because of rain. The Division I matches were held at Athletic Adventures in Dublin and the Division II matches were played at Racquet Club of Columbus:

DIVISION I

Singles

First Round

Nichole Votolato, Dublin Coffman, def. Jen Gerlach, Hudson, 6-0, 6-2; Jessie LeMasters, Cin. Ursuline, def. Tracie Fraunfelder, Holland Springfield, 6-1, 6-2; Alyson Gabel, Tol. St. Ursula, def. Lyndsi Gay, Reynoldsburg, 6-2, 6-1; Caroline Stevens, Westlake, def. Libby Dunlap, Millford, 6-0, 6-0; Becky Schrager, Lyndhurst Brush, def. Martha Polus, Bowling Green, 6-1, 7-5; Brandy Steinhauser, Young. Boardman, def. Alicia Graham, Centerville, 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 7-6 (7-1); Megan Wise, Cols. Northland, def. Manuela Todorova, Barberton, 6-2, 6-3; Brooke Hart, Cin. Anderson, def. Tracy Howitt, Westlake, 6-1, 6-1.

Second Round

Votolato def. LeMasters, 6-3, 6-2; Stevens def. Gabel, 6-2, 6-1; Steinhauser def. Schrager 6-1, 6-1; Hart def. Wise, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles

First Round

Hallie Feeman-Laura Massey, Hudson, def. Katie Meecker-Helen Johnson, Troy, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2; Shannon McCann-Karen Uretsky, Upper Arlington, def. Carey Richards-Kara Tashima, Sylvania Southview, 6-2, 6-0; Sara Little-Liz Simon, Centerville, def. Katie Harcourt-Renee Rosemeier, Hilliard, 6-4, 6-1; **Dawn Zerman-Kristin Ferrell, Fremont Ross, def. Isabel Benrath-Katie Christopher, Brunswick, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2;** Kelly Craycraft-Julie Sterner, Upper Arlington, def. Lindsey Conners-Jenne Lee, Medina, 6-1, 6-3; Kelly Peller-Michelle Webb, Cin. Sycamore, def. Alicia Vessas-Katy Wiles, Massillon Jackson, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; **Dena Schepflin-Casey Schepflin, Fremont Ross, def. Kristin Shearer-Marcie Mitson, Massillon Jackson, 6-2, 6-3;** Deldri Bissinger-Devon Bissinger, Kettering Fairmont, def. Veena Kolli-Katie Warden, Young. Boardman, 6-2, 6-4.

Second Round

Feeman-Massey def. McCann-Uretsky, 6-2, 6-3; **Little-Simon def. Zerman-Ferrell, 6-0, 6-1;** Peller-Webb def. Craycraft-Sterner, 6-2, 6-4; **Bissinger-Bissinger, Kettering Fairmont def. Schepflin-Schepflin, 6-1, 6-0.**