

Little Giants fall in district semis

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RAWSON, Ohio — Momentum came and went, and the Fremont Ross volleyball team fell from postseason play Saturday at Cory-Rawson High School.

The Little Giants dropped the first game of their Division I District Tournament semifinal match with Celina 15-9 but bounced back to win the second game 17-15.

"We (had momentum), and I really thought we could beat them," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "We came apart in the third game. We weren't setting up anything to attack them."

Celina went on to the district championship match with a 15-6 victory in the third game.

"We missed five serves all match, but we didn't get a chance to serve much in the third game," Kidwell said.

The Little Giants were down

10-5 in the deciding game and went two straight serve rotations without scoring a point.

Belinda Sandoval's service ace at 13-6 was the final Ross point of the season.

"We left it at: what a season it was," Kidwell said. "We really did a lot of nice things this year. We let the seniors know the tradition has begun."

Both teams entered the match 15-6.

Katie Rhodes had 13 service points, and Angie Roosen added nine for Ross.

Tricia Busdeker's five kills and Jessica Rollins' four led the Little Giants at the net, while Aimee Lease had two blocks.

Celina later lost to Mansfield Madison in the championship match. Madison, which topped Tiffin Columbian 15-8, 16-14 in the semifinals, stopped the Bulldogs 15-4, 19-17 in the district final.