



Fremont Ross' Hunter Smith hits the ball during a Little Giants' practice.

A look at what's in store for high school tennis

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The high school boys tennis season gets underway Friday, and five area teams will take to the courts. Here is a look at what to expect this spring.

Fremont Ross

After a 14-4 season in 2015, the Little Giants have many holes to fill with just two returning letter winners returning in 2016.

Senior Marshall Kuieck played at No. 1 doubles in 2015 and earned a Three Rivers Athletic Conference honorable mention at year's end while junior Brandon Richter played in nine varsity doubles matches last season.

Ross must replace all three of its singles players, Robert Joerg (first team TRAC), Nate Rellinger (second team) and Connor Martin (honorable mention), all of whom had at least three varsity letters.

"We basically graduated an entire lineup of quality athletes with great leadership skills, they graduated earning 17 letters between them," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. "Their leadership over the years has and will be a great base of standards for the others to follow."

While the Little Giants may be inexperienced at the varsity level, that doesn't necessarily mean they lack talent.

"We do have a lot of talent that never got the opportunity to play varsity because of the talent above them in the line-

up," Wolfe said.

St. Joseph Central Catholic

A season ago SJCC had just three athletes and were unable to play full matches. But with two returning starters and several new sophomores on the team, the Crimson Streaks are looking forward to being more competitive as a team.

Juniors Patrick Cool and Austin Underwood are returning letter winners at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively. They will be joined by sophomores Spencer Harrison, Matt Magro, Jordan Smith and Christian Zaragoza.

While many Crimson Streaks will be learning as they go about playing tennis at the varsity level, coach Sam Lagrou likes many of the qualities he is seeing

Fremont Ross 4, St. Joseph Central Catholic 1

Fremont Ross defeated St. Joe's 4-1 on Tuesday winning two singles and both doubles matches. In singles, Marshall Kuieck defeated Patrick Cool (6-2, 6-0), Lucas Cronin defeated Austin Underwood (6-3, 6-0). In doubles, Brandon Richter and Ethan Moyer defeated Matt Magro and Jordan Smith (6-0, 6-1). The second double was forfeited by St. Joe's.

^N Trevor Weickert of St. Joe defeated Spencer Harrison (1-6, 6-1, 8-10).

Findlay 5, Fremont Ross 0

The Little Giants fell at home on Tuesday to visiting Findlay.

Fremont Ross' Alex Thatcher lost to Jake Elbin in the first singles 1-6, 0-6 while Trevor Weickert lost to Logan Sullivan in the second singles 1-6, 3-6 followed by Sam Long falling in the third singles to Matt Munoz 1-6, 0-6. The team of Marshall Kuieck and Lucas Cronin lost to Konoo and Giedemann in the first doubles 3-6, 2-6 then Brandon Richter and Ethan Moyer lost to Kagy and Hoffman in the second doubles 4-6, 4-6.

Fremont Ross 5, Fostoria 0

The Little Giants won all five matches on the road Monday over host Fostoria.

Fremont got their wins from Marshall Kuieck beating Casey Finsel at 1st singles 6-0, 6-0. Lucas Cronin blanked J. Kshata at 2nd singles 6-0, 6-0. Ethan Moyer defeated Hunter Kauffman at 3rd singles 6-1, 6-0. Alex Thatcher and Trevor Weickert beat Lornzen and Kitchen at 1st doubles 6-1, 6-1. Brandon Richter and Joell Starks downed Morton and Milum at 2nd doubles 6-2, 6-4.

TENNIS

Tiffin Columbian 3, Fremont Ross 2

The Little Giants fell on the road Wednesday to host Tiffin Columbian.

Ross got their wins from Alex Thatcher over Hayden Stone at 1st singles 6-0, 6-3. Sam Long defeated Nate Wise at 3rd singles 6-1, 6-3.

Columbian got their wins from Dustin Digby over Trevor Weickert at 2nd singles 6-2, 6-1. Gaietto and Hawk beat Marshall Kuieck and Lucas Cronin at 1st doubles 6-4, 6-4. Henkel and Anderson downed Brandon Richter and Ethan Moyer at 2nd doubles.

Clyde 5, Fremont Ross 0

The Fliers won all five matches on the road Monday over the host Little Giants.

Clyde got their wins from Nathan Strudthoff over Alexander Thatcher at 1st singles 6-2, 6-1. Caleb Prunty beat Trevor Weikert at 2nd singles 6-2, 6-4. Jacob Strudthoff defeated Marshall Kuieck at 3rd singles 7-5, 6-1. Noah Prunty and Alex Brandon downed Samuel Long and Brandon Richter at 1st doubles 6-1, 6-3. Cole Foos and Scott Clapp beat Lucas Cronin and Ethan Moyer at 2nd doubles 5-7, 6-4, 10-4.

TENNIS

Bellevue 3, Fremont Ross 2

The Little Giants fell on the road Monday to the host Redmen (8-9).

Bellevue got their wins from Tate Schoen over Trevor Weickert at 2nd singles 6-1, 6-1. Aaron Price beat Marshal Kuieck at 3rd singles 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. John Smith/Nate Fox defeated Brandon Richter/Adam Long at 1st doubles 7-6(5), 6-4.

Fremont Ross got their wins from Alex Thatcher over Jared Schnee at 1st singles 6-3, 6-4. Lucas Cronin/Ethan Moyer downed Ben Coffelt/Jordan Schaefer at 2nd doubles 6-2, 6-3.

Fremont Ross 5, Sandusky 0

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The Little Giants won all five matches at home on Wednesday against visiting Sandusky.

Ross got their wins from Alex Thatcher over Skyler Kane at 1st singles 6-0, 6-1. Trevor Weickert beat Wyatt Wade at 2nd singles 6-0, 6-2. Sam Long defeated Austin Slater at 3rd singles 6-1, 6-1. Marshall Kuieck/Lucas Cronin downed Fleck/Jacobs at 1st doubles 6-1, 6-2. Hunter Smith/Kit Wilson beat Taylor/Reed at 2nd doubles 6-3, 7-6 (4).

BOYS TENNIS

Port Clinton 5, Fremont Ross 0

The Redskins (13-4, 7-2 SBC) swept the Little Ginats on Monday. In singles, Andrw Filmore defeated Alex Thatcher (7-5, 6-2), Alex St. Leger defeated Trevor Weickert (7-6, 6-0) and Jacob Koxh defeated Sam Long (6-1, 6-4). In doubles Tristan Auxter/Dean Colston defeated Marshall Kuieck/Lucas Cronin (6-2, 6-2) and Ashton Barton/Steve Kast defeated Brandon Richter/Ethan Moyer (3-6, 6-1, 6-3).