

# Ross softball team will rely on defense

## Little Giants are young but talented

By TIM HARMON

Staff writer

Softball coach Christy Holland begins his 10th season at Ross with a fine blend of youth and experience.

The Little Giants, who opened their season with an 18-7 victory over Fostoria St. Wendelin Wednesday, have six returning letter winners, three newcomers, two players who played on the junior varsity team last season and two others who have varsity experience.

Seniors Linda Borys, Shannon Watts, Kim White and Tammy Dumbroff, junior Debbie McClure and sophomore Kim Borys are back from last year's squad, which finished the season 13-12.

Sophomore Shannel Moneghan and freshman Amy Brandt are promising newcomers out for softball for the first time and Rachael Ritter and Pam Wright, both juniors, have moved up from JV.

Senior Michelle Coppelman, junior Shelly Lamson and freshman Annette Myers round out the roster.

"My youth has the ability," said Holland. "The only thing they lack is the experience you gain from playing everyday."

White, who got the victory

against St. Wendelin, and McClure will do the bulk of the pitching for the Little Giants. Wright and Coppelman will split time behind the plate.

The infield is solid with Watts at third base, Dumbroff at second, Ritter at shortstop and Moneghan at first. Kim Borys, who filled in at second last season when Dumbroff was injured, is a capable infield backup.

Borys, though, will start in the outfield along with Linda Borys and Brandt.

"We've got more depth on the team than we have ever had at Ross," said Holland. "We're not really hurt when we substitute.

"Likewise, we can switch people in the infield and the outfield and not be hurt by it."

Despite Wednesday's 18-run outburst, including a nine-run fifth inning, Holland said the Little Giants will win with defense.

"We'll have to work a little harder against some of the better pitchers, but defense will be one of our strong points," he said. "We are pretty solid at all positions and that should help us in the close games."

The Little Giants return to action Monday at Lake.

## Little Giants open softball season with win

News-Messenger reports

The Ross girls softball team opened the season in fine fashion Wednesday with an 18-7 victory over St. Wendelin at Fostoria.

Ross backed the pitching of Kim White with a 10-hit attack. The Little Giants broke open a

close game when they exploded for nine runs in the fifth inning.

"The girls played much better for the first game than I had anticipated," said Ross Coach Christy Holland.

Rachael Ritter and Shannon Watts paced the Ross offense

with two RBIs apiece off losing pitcher Tammy Reinhart.

St. Wendelin committed nine errors, helping the Ross cause, while the Little Giants made six miscues.

White gave up six hits in earning a complete game victory.

## Ross even after loss

News-Messenger reports

The Ross High School softball team slipped to 1-1 after an 8-5 loss to Lake Monday.

The Little Giants committed four errors and had just three hits. Kim White collected two of the hits and had four RBI.

choice and two passed balls accounted for the St. Joe runs.

Clyde scored three in the fifth on walks to Terri Meyer and Cari Zontini, two stolen bases, three passed balls and Vicki Cunningham's single. In the sixth, the Fliers tied the game on an error, walk, a passed ball and Cunningham's triple.

In the St. Joe seventh, Underwood doubled but was awarded third when she was interfered with at first base. Lisa Whitaker, running for Underwood, held third when Zontini made a diving catch in center but Binder followed with the game-winning hit.

McGrath went the distance, fanning 11 but walking 14.

#### **Ross 6, Columbian 3**

Kim White scattered five hits but Ross had to go an extra inning to raise its record to 2-1. White had five strikeouts and walked six.

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The Little Giants scored twice in the first on Shannon Watts' single, a sacrifice, three stolen bases, Rachel Ritter's RBI single and a fielder's choice.

Columbian tied it in the second but Ross took a 3-2 lead in the third on a walk to Watts, a pair of stolen bases and Linda Borys' grounder to second. The Tornadoes tied it in the fifth, forcing the extra inning.

After one out, White walked in the eighth. Amy Brandt followed with a single and the runners moved up on a double steal. White scored the go-ahead run on Shannel Monegahn's sacrifice fly. Tammy Dumbroff singled in another run and Dumbroff scored when she stole second and the throw went into centerfield.

# Ross nips New Riegel; Streaks whip Bellevue

News-Messenger reports

The Ross softball team improved its record to 3-1 with a 9-8 victory over New Riegel Monday.

In other action, Bellevue defeated St. Joseph Central Catholic 14-7, Margaretta beat Old Fort 13-1, Tiffin Calvert topped Clyde 6-2 and Bowling Green beat Oak Harbor 14-2.

Ross scored six runs in the seventh inning then held on for the win. Debbie McLure got the win while Kim Styer took the loss.

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"We finally caught up to the pitcher (in the seventh inning)," said Ross Coach Christy Holland. "She was slow and we are used to a fast pitcher."

Shannon Watts and Shannell Moneghan had two hits apiece for the Little Giants and Moneghan added three RBI.

**Bellevue 14, St. Joe 7**

The Redmen collected 11 hits and took advantage of nine walks in handing the Streaks their first loss of the season.

Bellevue scored seven runs in the fifth inning, when losing pitcher Michelle McGrath surrendered five walks.

McGrath had two hits for the Streaks off winning pitcher Deb Ward.

**Margaretta 13, Old Fort 1**

Andrea Carter struck out 13 batters, Vicky Limberios had two hits, two walks and three RBI and Margaretta played errorless ball in the field in thumping the Stockaders.

Kelly Miller took the loss for Old Fort. Amy Steyer had both Old Fort hits as the Stockaders slipped to 1-1.

**Tiffin Calvert 6, Clyde 2**

Brenda Rohmbach outlasted Heather Dick for the win as the Senecas handed the Fliers their third loss without a win this season.

Calvert scored three times in the first two inning and held on to improve to 3-1.

**Bowling Green 14, Oak Harbor 2**

Holly Jones allowed just three hits and Bowling Green had 10, but more importantly the Bobcats took advantage of six walks.

Becci Proch took the loss for the Rockets, who got two hit from Shelly Whitaker.

# White hurls Ross past Perkins 7-0

News-Messenger reports

Kim White hurled a three-hit shutout as the Ross softball team defeated Sandusky Perkins 7-0 Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

In other action, Mohawk defeated Clyde 13-5, Old Fort thumped Hopewell-Loudon 20-5 and Oak Harbor defeated Sandusky St. Mary's 17-11.

"Kim pitched a real good game," said Ross Coach Christy Holland. "She had 10 strike outs and that helped, and we played errorless ball and that made the game easy."

Shannon Watts and Kim Borys led the offense with two hits

apiece and Watts had two RBI as Ross improved to 4-1.

"We had eight hits and that's about normal for us," said Holland. "The difference was that we were able to bunch (the hits) together."

In the Little Giants' three-run fourth inning, Watts had a triple, Borys had a double and Linda Borys also doubled.

**Mohawk 13, Clyde 5**

The Warriors scored four runs in the first inning and exploded for seven more in the fourth to hand Clyde its fourth loss in as many games.

Andrea Weinenger had two

hits and two RBI for Mohawk, which improved to 9-1. Teri Meyer had two hits and Lindi Morrison two RBI for Clyde.

"We didn't play badly," said Clyde Coach Bob Meyer. "(The Warriors) just had a couple of big innings."

Mohawk had seven of its 10 hits in the fourth inning.

Kim Hassinger got the win and Katie Hush took the loss.

**Old Fort 20, Hopewell-Loudon 5**

Home runs by Laura Adelsperger and Jenny Conn led a 13-hit Stockader attack that made a winner of Kelly Miller.

Amy Brueggemeier tripled for

Old Fort, 2-1, Jody Shireman doubled twice and Julie Guth also had a double.

Adelsperger and Shireman each finished with three hits, scored three runs and had five RBI.

Janine Meisner took the loss for the Chieftains, who fell to 0-2.

**O. Harbor 17, St. Mary's 11**  
Janice Butzin was 4-for-5 with two RBI and Lisa Goode pitched the win as the Rockets won their first game of the season.

St. Mary's, 1-1, committed six errors to aid the Rockets, who won for the first time in three games.

## Margaretta 15, Ross 1

Andrea Carter fired a one-hitter and Vicki Leibacher drove in four runs to lead the Polar Bears.

Kim White, who took the loss on the mound, had the only Ross hit, a single in the second inning. Channel Monican broke up Carter's shutout bid when she walked and scored on a wild pitch in the fourth. The game was called after five innings.

Leibacher homered, tripled and singled to pace the Polar Bears' 10-hit attack. Carter and Kristin Riley added two singles apiece and Vicki Limberios and Angie Kenne had doubles.

Margaretta stayed unbeaten for the season with a 3-0 record, while Ross dropped to 4-2.





KIM WHITE of Ross watches the ball as she swings during early action at Clyde Thursday.

White drove in three runs in the Little Giants' 20-6 victory over the Fliers.

News-Messenger/Chris Walker

## St. Joe, Ross roll in softball

News-Messenger reports

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and Ross reached the 20-run figure in a pair of high school softball victories Thursday.

St. Joe opened the Midland Athletic League season, outscoring Seneca East 23-16. Meanwhile, Ross thumped Clyde 20-6.

In other MAL games, Old Fort toppled New Riegel 10-5 and Hopewell-Loudon slipped past Bettsville 5-3. Elsewhere, Northwood nipped Oak Harbor 13-12 in a Sandusky Bay Conference clash.

St. Joe scored 10 runs in the top of the seventh, opening up a 23-11 lead before Seneca East scored five in the bottom of the seventh.

The Streaks had just nine hits but took advantage of nine Seneca East errors.

Winning pitcher Michelle McGrath had eight strikeouts but walked 14 before giving way to Jennifer Ewanski in the sixth. McGrath helped herself with two home runs, a double and a single

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## Ross 20, Clyde 6

Tammy Dumbroff doubled and drove in four runs to lead Ross to the victory. Rachel Ritter and Shanell Moneghan had two hits apiece and Kim White drove in three runs, also for the Little Giants. Ritter and White also doubled.

Ross, 5-2, scored four runs in the first and held an 11-2 lead after four innings. The Little Giants had a dozen hits.

Heather Dick was 3-for-4 for Clyde.

# Ross, Oak Harbor girls lose

News-Messenger reports

The Ross softball team slipped to 5-3 after a 22-9 drubbing by Bellevue Saturday at Rodger Young Park.

In the only other game played Saturday, Lake defeated Oak Harbor 17-12.

Alisa Raifsnider had four hits including three doubles to lead Bellevue, which supported winning pitcher Tina Thomas with 15 hits.

Rachael Ritter had a triple and two RBI for Ross, and

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Tammy Dumbroff added two RBI.

Kim White took the loss.

**Lake 17, Oak Harbor 12**

Oak Harbor matched Lake hit for hit but committed 10 errors. Both teams had 11 hits, including three by Oak Harbor's Mary Fehr and two each by Lake's Tricia Askins and Mickey Bihn.

Robin Ptake was the winning pitcher and Becci Proch took the loss.

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# Maumee's Thompson stops Ross

News-Messenger reports

Jodi Thompson pitched a one-hitter as Maumee defeated Ross 4-1 in high school softball Monday.

Kim White broke up Thompson's no-hit bid with a sixth inning single.

In other games, St. Wendelin's Tammy Peluso had a no-hitter in a 16-1 win over Oak Harbor, Edison defeated Clyde 7-4 and New Riegel toppled Bettsville 15-8.

Maumee scored three times in the bottom of the third, giving Thompson the cushion she needed. Vicki Woods doubled in a run and the other two Maumee runs in the inning scored on an error and a wild pitch.

Ross scored in the fifth on Shannell Moneghan's walk, an error on a sacrifice bunt by Tammy Dumbroff, a walk to Kim Borys and a bases-loaded walk to Pam Wright.

Thompson walked four and struck out two. White gave up three hits, striking out seven and walking six.

# White, Watts power Ross

News-Messenger reports

Ross thumped Oak Harbor 22-6 in a high school softball game Tuesday.

In other games Tuesday, Toledo Notre Dame defeated St. Joe 8-4 and St. Wendelin pounded Old Fort 17-2.

Debbie McLure was the winning pitcher for Ross and Becci Proch took the loss for the Rockets.

Shannon Watts and Kim White had four hits apiece for Ross, 6-4, while no Rocket player had more than one. White also had four RBI.

The loss was Oak Harbor's eighth in nine games.

**Notre Dame 8, St. Joe 4**

The Streaks left nine girls on base and lost for the second time in three games. St. Joe, 4-2, was unable to score in the second and seventh innings after loading

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the bases.

Carrie Ries got the mound victory over Kelley Aldrich.

"We didn't play heads up ball," said St. Joe Coach Gary Geller. "We bumbled the game away."

Bridget Loeffler had three of Notre Dame's six hits while no player had more than one for St. Joe.

**St. Wendelin 17, Old Fort**

St. Wendelin score 11 runs in the first inning and took advantage of 10 walks in the easy win.

Lisa King and Tammy Reinhart propelled the Mohawk offense with grand slam home runs.

Old Fort, which slipped to 2-3 and 2-1 in the Midland Athletic League, had just two hits.

# Friday unkind to Fremont

News-Messenger reports

Friday wasn't kind to the St. Joe and Ross softball teams.

The Streaks dropped an 11-4 decision to Norwalk St. Paul while the Little Giants lost twice in the Perrysburg Tournament.

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Bedford's Tina Alvarez pitched a no-hitter as the Bearcats rolled to a 16-0 victory. The Little Giants, 6-6, managed just one hit in their second game of the round-robin tournament, falling to Richmond 7-1.

The only other area team in action Friday was Oak Harbor. The Rockets defeated Sandusky Perkins 8-5.

Kelley Aldrich walked 12 batters and St. Paul collected 11 hits as St. Joe slipped to 5-3.

Kim White took the loss in both Ross games.

### **Oak Harbor 8, Perkins 2**

Becci Proch scattered five hits to earn the victory and was backed by the Rockets' 16-hit attack. The Rocket defense also pitched in, committing just three errors.

Rachel Rouandoin had three hits to lead the Rockets.

## Old Fort 9, Ross 8

Despite eight runs, the Little Ginats' hitting woes continued. Ross managed just four hits, but three of those came in the first inning when it scored four runs.

Old Fort scored in every inning but the third. After falling behind 8-3, the Stockaders chipped away. They tied the game with a three-run sixth inning and won it with a run in the seventh.

"We failed to capitalize on some opportunities early, but we did what we had to do to win," said Old Fort Coach Gary Perkins.

Julie Guth, Jenny Conn and winning pitcher Kelly Miller had two hits apiece for Old Fort, which evened its mark at 4-4. Guth also added four RBI.

Rachael Ritter had a home run, for Ross, which slipped to 6-8.

"We didn't hit and until we start hitting, we're going to be in trouble," said Ross Coach Christy Holland.

Debbie McClure took the loss for the Little Giants.

### **Findlay 8, Ross 4**

Ross scored all its runs in the final two innings, but it wasn't enough as Findlay dropped the Little Giants to 7-10.

Karen Lee got the mound victory over Kim White.

Ross committed 11 errors and had just two hits.

"We're not hitting the ball, and we couldn't hold onto anything," said Ross Coach Christy Holland. "We made all kinds of errors."

### **New Riegel 5, Ross 3**

Debbie McClure walked 14 batters, including 10 in the first three innings, and Ross fell to 7-10.

# Findlay pitcher hurls no-hitter at Ross

News-Messenger reports

Findlay's Karen Lee pitched a no-hitter against the Ross girls softball team Thursday, but Ross Coach Christy Holland gave his squad credit for an assist.

"Lee pitched well, but we made her look pretty good too," Holland said after Findlay beat the Little Giants 7-3. The loss dropped Ross to 7-11 for the season.

In other games, Calvert whipped Old Fort 29-1, Oak Harbor edged St. Mary's 12-11, and New Riegel downed Bettsville 18-8.

"We haven't been hitting the ball for quite some time, about the last seven or eight games," Holland added. "I don't know what our problem has been, but obviously you can't win that way."

Ross got all three of its runs on walks and errors by the Trojans.

Kim White took the loss on the mound for the Little Giants, who actually led 3-2 until a five-run outburst by Findlay in the fifth inning turned things around.

**Calvert 29, Old Fort 1**

Sandy Klaus hit a grand slam home run and Calvert took advantage of 12 Old Fort errors to win easily in five innings.

Winning pitcher Brenda Rombach added a home run and held the Stockaders, 6-6, to two hits.

**New Riegel 18, Bettsville 8**

New Riegel scored seven runs

in the fourth inning to go ahead for good.

Dana Kuhlman had a triple and double as New Riegel improved to 9-6.

Shelly Lanny, Lisa Heilman and Heather Row all had two hits for Bettsville, while losing pitcher Becky Gabel added a double. Bettsville slipped to 1-9.

**Oak Harbor 12, St. Mary's 11**

Oak Harbor's Janice Butzin singled in Heather Miller in the top of the seventh inning, breaking an 11-11 tie in the Sandusky

Bay Conference game at Sandusky.

Miller singled with one out. With two outs, Shelley Whitaker and Amy Harrell walked to load the bases and Butzin followed with her game-winning hit. Winning pitcher Lisa Goode set the Panthers down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the inning.

Whitaker and Butzin led Oak Harbor's 10-hit attack with two hits each.

Oak Harbor is 5-13 and 4-3 in SBC play.

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Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Heid, Attorney. Topic will be "Legal Considerations Involving Alzheimers Conditions".

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RBI, while Dee Toth and Ann Thome also tripled. Meyer added a pair of singles.

In other games Wednesday, Findlay topped Ross 11-7, and Bettsville dumped Seneca East 14-2.

#### **Findlay 11, Ross 7**

Lisa Cameron homered and Karen Lee scattered six hits over seven innings to lead Findlay.

Ross, 7-12, got a triple, single and four RBI from Rachel Ritter

and Amy Brandt also tripled. However, it was not enough for Kim White, who took the mound loss.

#### **Bettsville 14, Seneca East 2**

Becky Gabel pitched a four-hitter and gave up two unearned runs as the Bobcats won for the second time in 13 outings.

Heather Row backed Gabel with two hits and three RBI and Lisa Hammer added a double.

Mary Ann Stacklin took the loss for the Tigers, 2-10.

#### **Ross 6, Norwalk 3**

Ross finally got untracked offensively in its win.

"(Shannon) Watts opened the game with a triple, and we were never in trouble after that," said Ross Coach Christy Holland. "We finally got the bats going for a change and that's good news."

Ross, 8-13, collected 11 hits, including two each by Watts, Rachael Ritter and Tammy Dumbroff. Dumbroff had two RBI.

# Ross closes season on winning note

News-Messenger reports

Ross wrapped up its high school softball season with a 10-8 victory over Fostoria St. Wendelin Friday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross, 10-13, scored in every inning but the first to make a winner of Kim White and a loser of Tammy Reinhart.

In other games, Clyde pounded Oak Harbor 14-4, Bettsville defeated Fostoria 12-6 and Old Fort edged Otsego 13-11.

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## High School Softball

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Annette Myers had three hits and Rachael Riter had two for the Little Ginats, who closed the season with two straight wins.

"The season could have been a much better one had (the Little Giants) hit the way they did the last two games," said Ross Coach Christy Holland. "They were relaxed, hit and had fun."

The Little Giants had 11 hits in a victory over Norwalk Thursday.

St. Wendelin, 12-8, had just four hits and committed seven errors.

### Clyde 14, Oak Harbor 4

Cari Zontini had two hits, including a home run as the Fliers improved to 6-12 and 5-4 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Teri Meyer also had two hits for Clyde while Kelly Mauter and Mary Fehr had two hits apiece for Oak Harbor, 6-16 and 5-5 in the SBC.

### Bettsville 12, Fostoria 6

Becky Gabel had three hits and was the winning pitcher for Bettsville, 3-11.

Amy Nighswander also had three of the Bobcats' 14 hits.

### Old Fort 13, Otsego 11

Amy Steyer had three RBI and Julie Guth, Jody Shireman and winning pitcher Laura Adelsperger each added two as Old Fort, 7-8, made the most of its four base hits.

Karen Maurer and Lisa Hurt had two hits apiece for Otsego.

Sarah Robinson took the loss.