

Giants savor revenge

Ross tennis team wins first league title since '96

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SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross girls tennis team turned the tables on Findlay to win its first Great Lakes League championship since 1996.

The Little Giants got individual titles from Erica Wolfe, Mekenna Smith and the doubles team of Erika Parker and Devon Michaels to win the league tournament Saturday at the Sandusky High School courts.

Ross scored 26 points in the tournament to Findlay's 23. That allowed the Little Giants to overcome the Trojan's one-game lead in the dual-match standings and win the overall GLL crown.

The situation was reversed last season, when Findlay



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came from behind to beat Ross at the tournament.

"Revenge is sweet," said Ross coach Lisa Wolfe, who was a rookie coach in 1996. "It was their team goal from the very beginning. It's nice to achieve a goal. They just had one thing on their mind Saturday, and that was winning the tournament."

Coach Wolfe was voted the GLL Coach of the Year by her peers.

Erica Wolfe, a junior and the coach's daughter, recorded a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Findlay's Julie LaJoe to win the No. 1 singles title and earn GLL Player of the Year honors. Wolfe, who was seeded second, fell to LaJoe during the regular season.

"She earned everything she got that day," coach Wolfe said. "She played with a lot of determination. The final round was what we expected, with the top two seeds. She played with a lot of confidence."

Smith defeated Findlay's Rachel Wallace 7-6 (7-5) 3-6, 6-3 to claim the No. 3 singles crown. Smith was the top seed in her bracket.

Parker and Michaels out-

lasted Jessica Francis and Joanna Kosier of Whitmer 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) to win the No. 2 doubles championship. The Ross duo avenged a regular-season loss to Findlay's Ryan Weiser and Stephanie Mills with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory in the semifinal.

The other two spots on the Ross lineup came up with second-place finishes. No. 2 singles player Meghan Michaels fell to Findlay's Julia Reid 6-4, 6-0 in the final. The top doubles team of Kelli Goetz and Stephanie Clarke advanced to the final before falling 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 to Findlay's Ashley Collette and Christine Mersch.

Ross will host Perrysburg on Wednesday.