

2021 Limited Season Review

Lady Little Giants move to 3-0 with exciting win at Bellevue.

By Bill Bray

BELLEVUE - It was mentioned that this second game away from the Purple Pit would be a true test for the Giants, saying 'they passed' would not do it justice. They dominated.

The first set saw Bellevue with an 18-16 lead midway through the set. Then an ace by Abby Cahill brought the Giants to within one at 18-17. Carma Johnson helped Ross tie the set up at 18-18 with some nice work at the net. The Lady Giants took the lead back again at 19-18 after Johnson and Brooklyn Smith teamed up for a nice block. Then it was a tap that caught Bellevue by surprise as Ross was up 20-18. Bellevue's Kailee Felder brought the Lady Red back to within one at 20-19 with one of her numerous kills on the night. Then the score was 20-20. The Lady Red went on to score the final five points of the set to win 25-20.

The Lady Giants' never say die attitude picked up in the second set. After the set was tied up at nine, Ross took control. In fact, they never trailed after that tie. Enter Lyndi Wolf. The freshman middle hitter had what would appeared to have been the game of her young varsity life. "You are going to write that name, say that name, see that face, a lot, a lot." Coach Cahill said of her freshman middle hitter. Unofficially she finished with 18 kills for the contest. Later in the set, two kills in a row then an ace serving from Wolf made the Ross advantage 16-11. Chip in a few kills from Carma Johnson and Caroline Cahill Ross went on to claim the set 25-21 when Abby Cahill and Brooklyn Smith ended it with a block.

The third set was anyone's game more than halfway through. After Ross' Jocelyn Hines knotted it up at 20, Ross had a few unforced errors on a bad serve and bad play at the net. These few mistakes open the door for the Lady Red and put them on top 25-20.

Then came the fourth set with a lineup of Kelsey Weickert, Abby Cahill, Haleigh Rios, Caroline Cahill, Carma Johnson and Lyndi Wolf the Lady Giants never trailed the rest of the night. In fact, the fourth set saw Ross dominate with a 25-10 win sending the match into the fifth and deciding set. "We made a change in the block a little bit in the fourth set, and I don't know if it made a difference in the size of our block out there but it took them out of sync a little bit" Coach Cahill said



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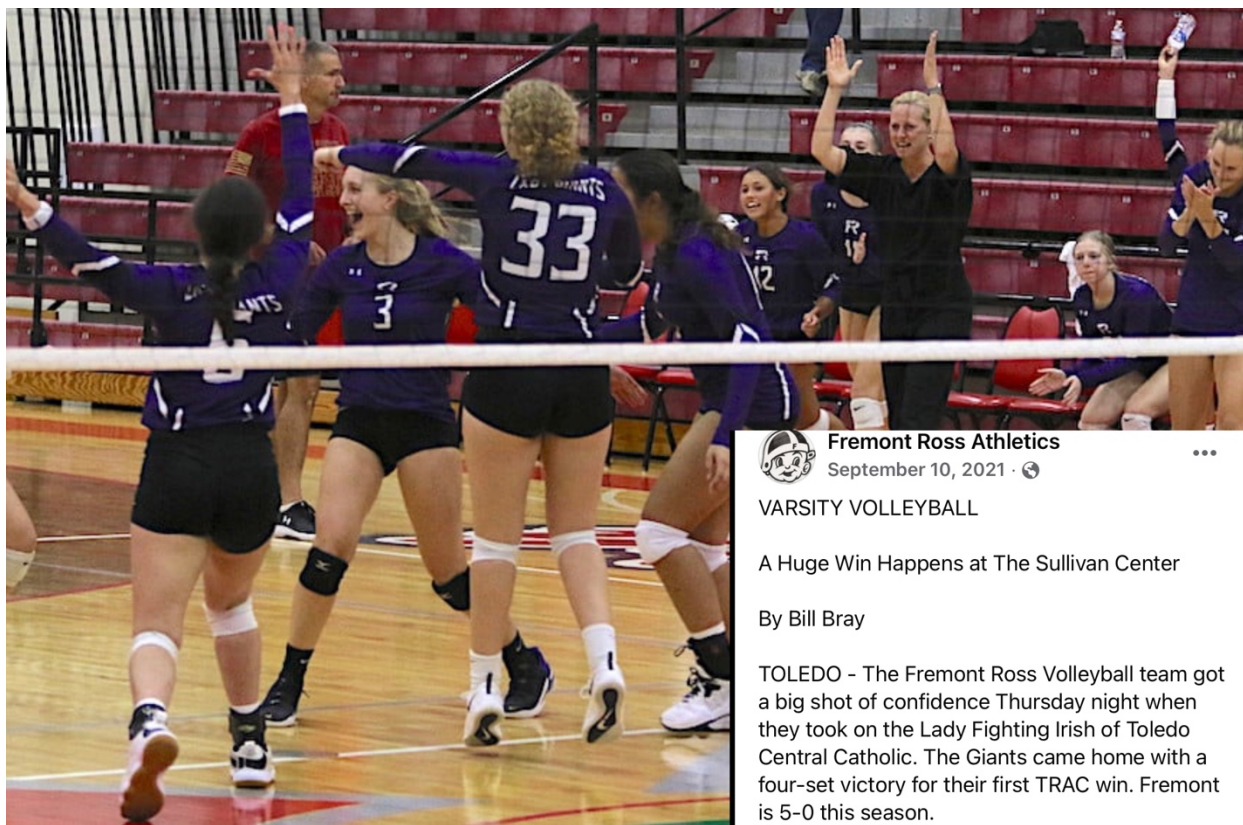
Ross moves to 4-0

In the first game, after the score was tied 2-2, and after a point by the Toledo Start Lady Spartans, the Lady Giants (4-0) reeled off 13 straight points before the Spartans could get their fourth point and took a 15-4 lead. Before Toledo Start could win another point, the Giants had the game well in hand at 18-5. From that point it was two kills by Jocelyn Hines, one by Lyndi Wolf and three service aces by Brook Smith to give the Giants a 25-5 win in set one.

In set two, the Lady Giants used three straight aces by Caroline Cahill and a pair of kills by Carma Johnson to take a commanding 8-1 lead. The Spartans next point came with the score 12-1 on a net violation by Johnson. After the Spartans made it 12-3, Fremont put three more point on the board with two Toledo Start errors and another kill by Johnson. A Wolf service error gave the Spartans their fourth point of the set. After that, Ross built the lead to 21-5 including two service aces by Sydney Weickert and an Abby Cahill kill. The set ended with a Lyndi Wolf kill and the Giants were two up with the score 25-8.

The third set saw Fremont connect with eight service aces on way to a 25-8 win. The set started with a monstrous kill by Wolf followed by two more points by Johnson and Wolf. It was Sydney Weickert who had the hot hand serving. Weickert served up six aces during the set.

Fremont will travel to Toledo Central Catholic to take on the Lady Fighting Irish Thursday evening.



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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

A Huge Win Happens at The Sullivan Center

By Bill Bray

TOLEDO - The Fremont Ross Volleyball team got a big shot of confidence Thursday night when they took on the Lady Fighting Irish of Toledo Central Catholic. The Giants came home with a four-set victory for their first TRAC win. Fremont is 5-0 this season.



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By Bill Bray
FINDLAY – The Lady Little Giants entered the confines of the Findlay High School Gym looking to improve on their 10-4 record. They did just that, with a three set to two win over the Lady Trojans.



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The Lady Little Giants have improved to 12-4 with a three-set sweep of Ashland Saturday. Set scores were 27-25, 25-7, 25-12. Pictured is freshman Lyndi Wolf.

ROSS LOSES HISTORIC GAME TO OREGON CLAY 3-2

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FREMONT – September 14, 1976, Fremont Ross Volleyball began its history.

On that night, the Lady Little Giants were defeated by Bowling Green with scores 15-5 and 15-12 on their home court. Fast forward 46 years to October 13, 2021. The last game played in the “Purple Pit” ended much like the first game played at the hallowed arena. The 2021 edition of the Lady Giants (13-5) found themselves in a dog fight and, after forcing a deciding fifth set, fell to Oregon Clay three sets to two.

“I was proud of our team tonight,” coach Lindy Cahill began. “It would have been really sweet to close out the ‘Pit’ with a win, but it is what it is.”

The first set began with freshman Lindy Wolf laying down a nice, easy kill to go up 1-0. Ross played in the lead until a bad kill attempt by **Brooklyn Smith** tied the game at 7-7. There were six ties during the set. The score was tied at 19-19 when Wolf had two kills in a row to put Ross up 21-19. Carma Johnson added a kill, and Wolf said two more kills. The set ended with a Caroline Cahill ace. The Giants were one set up with the 25-21 win.

Behind Wolf and Johnson again, Ross broke out to a 6-0 second-set lead. The Lady Giants’ most significant lead during the set was a 10-5 advantage. Ross hung on to a lead until Oregon Clay tied it up at 17-17. There were two more ties during the set, as neither team was about to give up. After Oregon took a 21-19 lead, coach Cahill called a timeout. Ross could not fight off the Lady Eagles and gave a set up at 25-21.



Notre Dame slams past Giants 3-1

By Bill Bray

SYLVANIA - For the second night in a row, the Giants fell in yet another tough contest. This time the victor was The Notre Dame Academy with a 3-1 win.

The Giants (13-6) played hard throughout the match and gained a victory in the first set of the night. Ross held onto a lead during the initial set until Notre Dame's Abby Buerk had a block to give her team their first lead of the night at 19-18. But a tip from Caroline Cahill and a block from Brooklynn Smith gave the lead back to Fremont at 20-19. Buerk was long with a kill attempt but came right back for a successful kill to cut Fremont's lead to 21-20. This time it was Abby Cahill's turn to redeem herself after a kill attempt went long to tie the game at 21-21. Cahill scored a point and Kelsey Weickert laid the ball perfectly in the Eagle's defense as Ross took the 23-21 lead. Cahill scored another point for a 24-21 lead. Fremont's Haleigh Rios served the ball long and Notre Dame's Buerk scored with a tip to make it 24-23 in favor of Ross. Amanda Ngo was long with a kill attempt and Ross was a two-point winner in the set at 25-23.

The second set saw the Giants fall behind by 10 points at 14-4. But as it has become routine as of late, they fought their way back into the match tying it up at 19-19. With the set tied at 23-23, it was Buerk again who came through with two straight kills to give Notre Dame a 25-23 win to knot the match up at one set each.

The third set saw five ties before Notre Dame ran wild. Lindy Wolf's point making it 15-13 proved to be Fremont's final offensive point of the set as Notre Dame scored ten unanswered points to take the third set in convincing fashion 25-13.

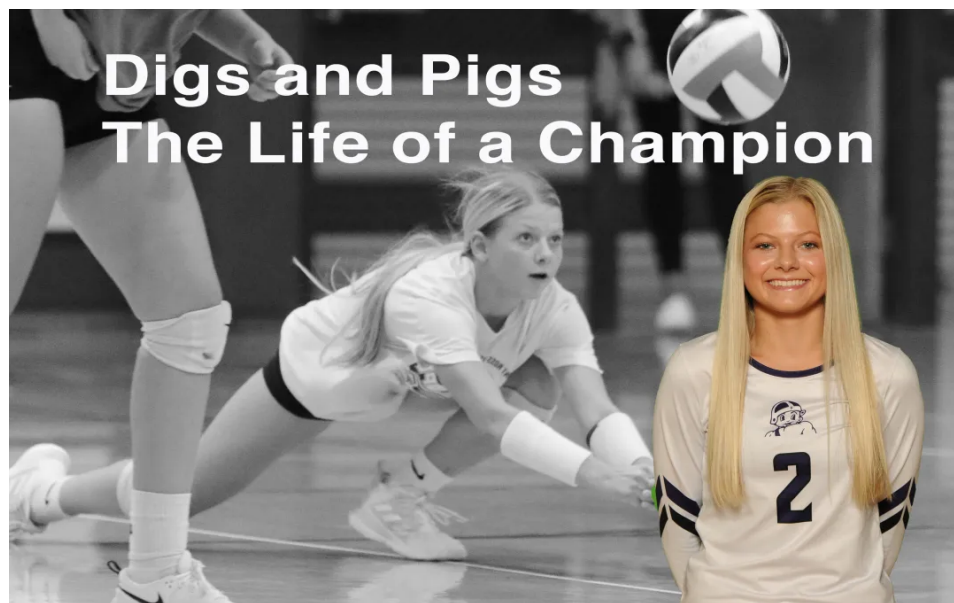
The fourth set, that proved to be the final set of the match, saw Ross still competing and giving it all they had. They stayed within striking distance throughout the match hanging to within two or three points after the last tie was 6-6. After Notre Dame took a 20-14 lead on an Emma

Kapszukiewicz kill, Ross came storming back one more time. It was two kills by Abby Cahill, two service aces by Caroline Cahill and a kill by Smith that brought the Giants back to within one point at 20-19. From there the Eagles sandwich two kills on either side of a bad serve as the lead was three at 23-20 when coach Cahill called a final time out. When play resumed Notre Dame's Lauren Susor served two aces to end the set and the match. Notre Dame took the set 25-20.

"We're tired," coach Cahill said with good reason. "I told the girls; I would have loved to have played this match on fresh legs." Cahill was referring to the fact that the night before Ross went five grueling sets with Oregon Clay in a hot gymnasium at home. Cahill is hoping to have a shot at Notre Dame again on a neutral court if both teams can make it through to the district tournament. Tournament play begins Wednesday when the Little Giants will travel to Perrysburg to take on the team from Wapakoneta.

KELSEY WEICKERT: A SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

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FREMONT – When you went to a Fremont Ross volleyball game this season, there was one player who stood out. Kelsey Weickert played the libero position the last three years for the Little Giants. With the position came wearing the opposite color jersey from all her teammates. Is this the only reason Ms. Weickert stood out? Some people would say not.

The Fremont Ross senior has had a spectacular volleyball career for the high school team. “Kelsey has been the most selfless player for this program,” coach Lindy Cahill said. “During Weickert’s freshman year, she was a setter for the team, where she earned a varsity letter in her freshman season. “When I took over the program, I saw that Kelsey’s ball control was the best in the gym,” Cahill raved. “I knew immediately that her role should be that of the libero. So, when we met the summer before her sophomore season, I asked her to make the move, Cahill explained. “We needed someone in there to pass the ball, and she was it.” Cahill explained that she was the most selfless player in the gym because of the move she agreed to make from setter to libero. “It really changed her responsibilities she was used to on the court,” Cahill continued. “That kid has grown up in the gym with a ton of travel volleyball experience. She had the most playing experience in the gym.”



Caroline Cahill
First Team



Lyndi Wolf
First Team



Lindi Cahill
Coach of the Year



Abby Cahill
Second Team



Kelsey Weickert
Second Team

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LITTLE GIANT VOLLEYBALL

CAROLINE CAHILL
FIRST TEAM

Lyndi Wolf
SECOND TEAM

Abigail Cahill
HONORABLE MENTION

Kelsey Weickert
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