

'Good show' not good enough for Ross

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TENNIS — Pete Michaels called it a good show but as fate had it, Ross fell a step short of making it a great show.

Competing in the Class AAA sectional tennis tournament at Bowman Park, Ross sent two singles and both doubles teams to the quarterfinals before bowing out. Another win would have put the Little Giants in the district tournament next week.

"Everyone did the best they could," Michaels, the Ross tennis coach said, "they did a heck of a job considering we had sort of a mediocre season."

After winning their first two matches, Ross first singles player Tom Myers and second court player Ramon Eickert lost to the number two and three seeds, respectively. Myers pushed second-seeded Trent Paul of Bowsher to three sets before falling 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Eickert was ousted from the tournament by third-seeded Bruce Jacobs of Sylvania Southview in straight 6-0 sets.

Myers won his first four sets without losing a game. In his first match, he defeated Greg Reynolds of Toledo Scott and then came back to polish off Jeff

Starr of Southview, all by 6-0 counts.

Eickert defeated Carlo Fuemi of Perrysburg 7-6, 7-3 in the tiebreaker, 6-4 in his first match. In the second, Eickert stopped Franz Messner of Port Clinton 6-3, 6-2.

Ross's third court singles player, John Battles, lost to Todd Hallock of Perrysburg 6-2, 6-3 in the first round.

Kevin Brooks and John Cahill, normally Ross's second doubles team, moved up to number one for the sectional. After a first round bye, the Ross duo defeated the brother team of Dave and Fred Harrington of Bowsher 7-6

(7-5) and 6-1. In the quarterfinals, Brooks and Cahill lost to Rob Bixler and Steve Rudnicki of St. Francis 6-2, 6-1.

The Little Giants' second doubles team Mark Moyer and Brian Casselman won a three-set match in the opening round, defeating the Bowsher team of John Mize and Bill Huepenbecker 6-7 (9-7), 6-1, 6-3. In the second round, the Ross team rolled over Tom McCullough and Rick McDonald of Toledo Start 6-0, 6-2.

In the quarterfinals, Moyer and Casselman lost to Jeff Vesco and Craig Smith of Anthony Wayne in straight 6-0 sets.