

Little Giants downed by Trojans

Jennifer Kiser had five kills and three blocks to lead Fremont Ross, which lost its opening game 18-25, 22-25, 15-25 to Findlay on Saturday.

Sophomore Mckenzie Gallagher had 11 digs for the Little Giants.

“Findlay is a very strong team, and although we were unable to beat them, I was proud of their performance,” Ross coach Lauren Blasko said. “We have a young team, but our girls have a great deal of ability and potential. I can’t wait to see what this season has in store for us.”

SANDUSKY 25-27-19-25, ROSS 21-25-25-10

Sophomores Melanie Edris and Carly Schwartz led Fremont Ross with 10 kills each, but the Little Giants fell short in a Thursday Greater Buckeye Conference match to Sandusky in four games.

Schwartz also tallied 10 digs while senior Christy Meggitt had 17 assists.

VOLLEYBALL

Napoleon def. Ross 25-18, 24-26, 25-21, 25-27

Sophomore Melanie Edris had her top game of the season, recording 17 kills and 19 digs, but Fremont Ross fell in four games to Napoleon Tuesday in the GBC.

Sophomore libero Mckenzie Gallagher added 27 digs, and senior setter Christy Meggitt had 26 assists.

VOLLEYBALL

Ross at Irish Classic

Ross won two of three matches, beating Erie Mason 14-25, 26-24 and 25-10 and Defiance 25-10 and 25-14 after falling to Perrysburg 25-14 and 25-16.

Melanie Edris had 13 kills and libero Mckenzie Gallagher had 21 digs against Erie Mason. Christy Meggitt and McKenzie Schneider had seven digs each against Defiance.

Ross finished the tournament in fifth place.

Edris comes up big for Little Giants

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FREMONT — The Fremont Ross Little Giants defeated the Marion Harding Presidents in three sets Tuesday night in the Purple Pit at the high school.

Leading the Little Giants to the straight-set victory — by scores of 25-8, 28-26 and 25-19 — was sophomore Melanie Edris.

Edris, who is the setter for Fremont Ross, had eight kills to go along with her 20 assists. More importantly than those stats was Edris' serving in the Little Giants win in the second set.

Ross trailed 23-16 stepped to the service line. When she fin-

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Fremont Ross coach

ished, the Little Giants had a 24-23 lead. Fremont would go on to win the set 28-26.

"We've struggled all year with having to fight through adversity," said Ross coach Lauren Blasko. "We did a wonderful job fighting through that adversity in the (second) set. I couldn't be more proud of my girls."

Ross jumped in front by a score of 9-2 in the first set, forcing Marion Harding to call a timeout. Unfortunately for the Prexies, the

timeout did nothing to stop the bleeding and Ross went on to win the first set 25-8.

"Everyone who played tonight did a great job," said Ross junior Jenn Kiser. "It's nice to see all of our hard work in practice finally paying off."

Ross again jumped out to an early lead in the third set, forcing Harding to call another quick timeout.

This time, the Lady Presidents came out of the timeout fired up and tied the set at 11 before Ross took charge. Ross forced another Prexies timeout when it grabbed a 17-12 advantage. Harding never threaten again.

Junior McKenzie Schneider led the Little Giants in kills with 11.



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Christy Meggitt, of Fremont Ross, sets the ball to a teammate during Tuesday's match with Marion Harding.

VOLLEYBALL

**Fremont Ross 25-24-25,
Maumee 17-26-23**

**Fremont Ross 25-25, Oak
Harbor 15-7**

Alex Ferguson's seven blocks, along with McKenzie Schneider and Melanie Edris' eight kills, each allowed Fremont Ross to top Maumee in three games on Saturday.

The Little Giants then got six kills, two blocks and three aces from Kaylee Amor in a two-game win over Oak Harbor.

"The girls are really beginning to play as a team," Ross coach Lauren Blasko said. "They are becoming smarter players, and learning to look at what options are open on the other side of the court."

Ross battles back to beat Sandusky in five games

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SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross volleyball team extended its winning streak to seven games, defeating Sandusky 22-25, 25-27, 25-17, 25-17, 15-7 in a thrilling, five-set victory.

Leading the way for the

Little Giants was junior Jen Kiser with 7 kills and only 3 hitting errors on 26 attempts and sophomore McKenzie Gallagher with 30 digs.

"Jen played the best game I've ever seen her play tonight," Ross coach Lauren Blasko said.

"I'm really proud of our team coming back after being down two sets," Kiser

said. "We had a lot of energy left, kept our heads up and pushed through for the win."

The first game was a back-and-forth contest until Sandusky pulled ahead 20-16, forcing Blasko to call a timeout. Despite being hampered by missed serves and some hitting errors, Ross came out of the timeout and battled back, tying

the set at 22 before the Blue Streaks pulled away for win.

Sandusky also won a tight second set before things started to unravel for them.

"It's like we were two different teams out there from the first two sets to the last three," Sandusky coach Dana Weatherspoon said.

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"We've been like Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde all season long, and today was no different. We were flat out scared the last two sets."

Fremont won the third set after jumping out to a 10-6 lead and never gave away any ground, winning 25-17. After a neck-and-neck start in the fourth set, the Little Giants pulled ahead 14-9 and Sandusky called a timeout.

The Streaks were unable to do anything to stop Fremont's momentum though.

Ross jumped out to a 4-1 edge in the final game and never looked back, winning 15-7.

"Sandusky had a lot of errors in the first set," Blasko said. "Unfortunately, we just made more errors than they did. After that set, we were like a whole different team. Our girls really stepped up and did a great job of keeping their heads up after the first two sets."

VOLLEYBALL

OREGON CLAY DEF.

FREMONT ROSS

25-16, 26-24, 25-10

Giants get slow start in loss

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OREGON — The Oregon Clay volleyball team kicked off its homecoming festivities with a three-set win over Fremont Ross before heading to a pep rally bonfire. Clay beat Ross in straight sets, 25-16, 26-24 and 25-10.

“We played very well in the first set,” Clay coach Tracy Donnelly said. “I made a couple of switches to our starting lineup, and we gave them a big lead in the second set. Fortunately, we played well at the end and fought back and got the win.”

The Eagles jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first set, forcing Little Giants coach Lauren Blasko to take an early timeout.

Ross was unable to get anything going throughout the remainder of the game.

Fremont jumped out on top 8-3 in the second game, forcing

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Donnelly to call a timeout. Clay went on a 5-0 run coming out of the timeout and tied the game.

Ross, again, took control of the set and mounted a 16-10 lead, forcing Donnelly to use her second timeout. Oregon played well enough to come back and get a tight 26-24 win.

"Ideally you don't want to lose the first two sets," Blasko said. "However,

we've found ourselves in that position more times than we would have liked to this season, so we should have been semi-comfortable. For some reason, we just gave up after the second set. I have no answers; I don't know where that team came from."

Clay opened up the third set by scoring the first 12 points of the match before Fremont finally got on the board. Ross put up very little fight, and the Eagles took advantage.

"We really focused on spotting our serves in the third set," said Donnelly.

"They couldn't pass serve, and when you can't pass serve you can't run your offense."

Senior Christy Meggitt led Ross with 12 kills and 14 digs.



MEGGITT

ROUNDUP

Ross volleyball team tops Fostoria

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross volleyball team defeated Fostoria 25-20, 22-25, 25-15 and 25-17 in a non-conference matchup Monday.

"The girls came back after losing two rough games last week and were really energetic," Little Giants coach Lauren Blasko said. "Our goal was to increase our communication as a team and work on staying mentally strong the entire match. We achieved this. Although they let Fostoria get a few runs throughout the night, they never hung their heads or stopped working hard."

Junior outside hitter McKenzie Schneider led Ross with 11 kills. She also had 25 digs and sophomore Melanie Edris had 10 kills.

GIRLS TENNIS GBC tournament

Fremont Ross's Casey Clark (No. 3 singles), and Maddie Kueick and Jenna Overmyer (No. 2 doubles) each captured first place at the Greater Buckeye Conference tournament.

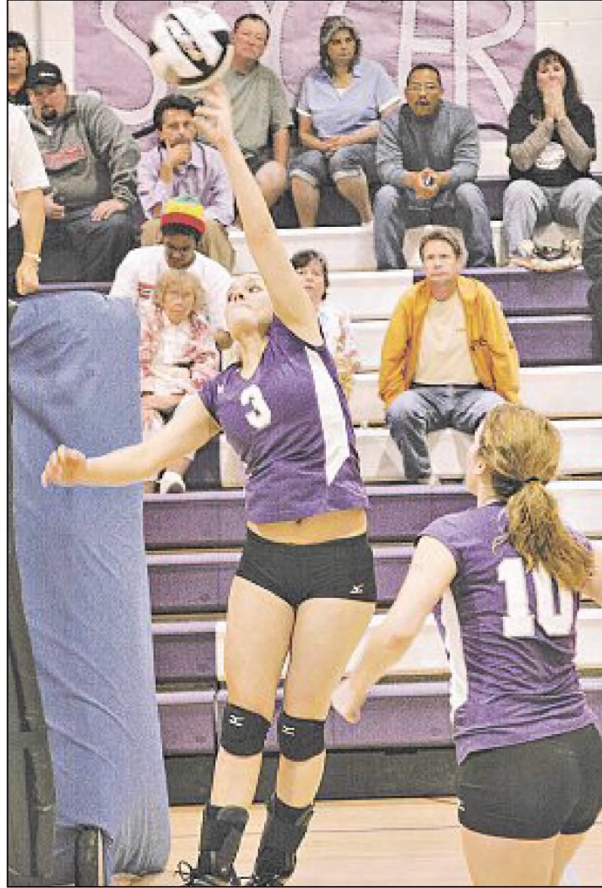
The Little Giants finished one point back of Napoleon for the team title. Ross was three points back of Napoleon in the final league standings, which include dual match points and tournament points.

"We handled the courts against Napoleon — we just needed Findlay to do the same and it didn't happen," Little Giants coach Lisa Wolfe said.

Wolfe was recognized coach of the year for the second straight season. Clark, and Kueick and Overmyer were designated first-team all-GBC while Rachel Laeng, and Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne were second-team.

Abbi Hasselbach was honorable mention. Gedeon and Osborne were runners-up while Laeng and Hasselbach were third Monday.

"I'm happy with the way the girls performed," Wolfe said.



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Fremont's Christy Meggitt tips the ball for a point during Monday's match against Fostoria.

"They did their job. I'm proud of them."

Clyde 5, Edison 0

Hannah Manty (No. 3 singles) didn't drop a game as the Fliers won in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Caitlin Nearhood (No. 2 singles), Mariah Bloom and Shelbe Gibson (No. 1 doubles), and

Amanda Cahill and Spencer Robles (No. 2) also won in straight sets for Clyde (14-4, 10-2).

Sara Potts (No. 1 singles) won in three sets.

Sectional draw

Oak Harbor's Ashley LaFountain is the top singles seed and has a first-round bye

Thursday at Port Clinton. LaFountain advanced to state and won one match as a freshman last season.

Fourth-seed Julia Konieczny (Rockets) plays the winner between Rogers' Maya Cogdell and St. Mary Central Catholic's Giselle Spadaro in the first round.

Clyde's Shelbe Gibson and Mariah Bloom have a first-round bye as the four-seed.

Clyde's Hanna Manty plays SMCC's Sara May, Sara Potts faces St. Joseph Central Catholic's Emma Hoffman and Caitlin Nearhood matches Perkins' Sarah Sullivan in singles.

SJCC's Chloe Beck plays Bellevue's Emily Wallingford and Leah Walters faces Huron's Brittany Mayer. The Lady Red's Catherine Wilson plays Port Clinton's Amber Peto while third-seed Ophelia Whitmore matches Edison's Amy Salmons.

Oak Harbor's Katie Mehlow faces Edison's Mallory Kiley.

Spencer Robles and Amanda Cahill (Fliers) play Chrisshayle Duncan and Shannon Woods (Scott) in the first round.

Emily Ronski and Taylor Baker (SJCC) have a first-round bye. The Crimson Streaks' Ailish Masterson and Hannah Sani face Oak Harbor's Logan Bahnsen and Hannah Birchell.

Brittlyn Grodi and Jessica Hymore have a bye for the Rockets.

Bellevue's Tanya Posey and Cassidy Pugh match Norwalk's Allison Loden and Caleigh Ott, and Alivia Ball and Breanna Wolfe have a bye.

GIRLS SOCCER

Oak Harbor 2, Huron 0

Makayla Carpenter and Dayna Setzler each scored as the Rockets remained unbeaten in the SBC.

Chelsie Kamann had four saves for Oak Harbor (9-2-2, 8-0).

Fremont Ross 25-25-23-26, Napoleon 23-19-25-24

McKenzie Schneider tallied 12 kills, 23 digs and scored the match's final two points on service aces as Fremont Ross knocked off Napoleon in four games in the Greater Buckeye Conference Tuesday.

"We just out-hustled them," Little Giants coach Lauren Blasko said. "We came back from a rough stretch of games, and battled tough."

Recording 20 digs for the Little Giants (10-7, 4-4) was Christy Meggitt and chipping in 10 kills was Melanie Edris.

In game two, Alex Ferguson had an eight-point serving run that helped solidify a Ross win.