



**MEMBERS** of the Ross girls tennis team. Front row (left to right): Leslie Michael, Karen Shurmer, Lisa Meek, Amy Miller, Mara Tolhurst, Debbie Dierksheide, Diane Flickinger, Jenny Goszyk;

back row: Coach Janet Zimmerman, Rose Albrechta, Vicki Raubenolt, Kathy Ragen, Sue Forgatsch, Kim Polk, Nancy Krock, Donna Shore and Gigi Vaffis.

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## Sports news

### Ticket sale starts tonight

Tickets for the Ross-Marion Franklin and Ross-Elder games will go on sale tonight at 7 p.m. at

## Tennis coach is optimistic as season opens at Sandusky

Coach Janet Zimmerman is optimistic despite having only three returning letter winners on this year's edition of the Ross girls tennis team.

"We are young but we do have experience as far as the basics go," coach Zimmerman said. "At least this year I don't have to start from scratch and teach them how to grip a racket."

Captain Mara Tolhurst, Debbie Dierksheide, and Jenny Goszyk are the letter winners for the Little Giants netters. Dierksheide and Goszyk are juniors.

Goszyk will play the number one singles court with Tolhurst second singles, and Dierksheide, the third singles player.

After that, it will be sophomore Karen Shurmer and junior Diane Flickinger teaming up to play the first doubles. On

second doubles, Zimmerman will have Lisa Meek, a junior, and either Amy Miller, a junior, or sophomore Leslie Michaels.

One of the top attractions on the Ross schedule is the state team tennis tourney which is put on by the Ohio High School Tennis Coaches Association. Ross drew a bye in the first round but will face Vermillion in the second round. No date has been set for that match as yet.

"I feel that we can win our district in the tournament," Zimmerman said. "Sylvania will probably be our biggest challenge for that title."

Ross will get started toward that goal by traveling to Sandusky for a 4 p.m. match today. On Monday, Sept. 15, Ross will host Findlay in the 4 p.m. home opener at Rodger Young Park.

## Ross blanks Sandusky in first tennis match of fall season

SANDUSKY — Ross waltzed to a season opening tennis win over the Blue Streaks of Sandusky High School.

The Little Giants girls posted a perfect, 5-0, win in a match that did not last quite an hour.

Jenny Goszyk, playing the first court singles, dominated Carole Moore of Sandusky. The Ross netter lost only one game in the first set and posted a 6-0 blanking in the second for the win.

In the other singles matches, Mara Tolhurst of Ross swept Amy Ralston 6-4 and 6-3 and Ross third singles player

Debbie Dierksheide lost only one game in the second set while defeating Kathy Schoewe, 6-0, 6-1.

Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger dropped Sandusky's Jan Kisabeth and Carol Steinart in the first doubles by identical 6-1 set scores.

The Ross second doubles team of Amy Miller and Lisa Meek defeated Sherri Foust and Susan Cottier 6-0 and 6-2 to complete the sweep.

Ross' next match will be with Findlay at Rodger Young Park Monday, Sept. 15.

## Ross blanks Vermilion net team

Ross won its first venture into the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Team Tennis Invitational for girls by blanking Vermilion 5-0.

Jenny Goszyk and Mara Tolhurst posted straight 6-0 set wins to highlight the Little Giants effort in the Saturday match at Rodger Young Park.

Debbie Dierksheide won the other singles match for Ross by upending Vermilion second court player, Mimi Miller 6-4 and 6-1.

Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger, Ross' first doubles team, bowled over the Vermilion duo of Cora Kirkwood and Val Looks, 6-2 and 6-2.

Vermilion's Lisa Barnes and Sandy McHugh pushed the Little Giants second doubles team of Amy Miller and Lisa Meek in the first set before losing 7-5. The Ross team cruised to a 6-1 second set win to claim the match.

Tonight, Ross hosts Findlay in a 4 p.m. match at Rodger Young.

# Girls tennis team notches third win

The third win was not quite as easy as the first two for Ross' tennis team.

"There were some anxious moments there," Little Giants coach Janet Zimmerman smiled after her team had beaten an improved Findlay squad, 3-2 at Rodger Young Park.

Last season the Little Giants blanked the Trojans 5-0 but a few new players and a year of experience helped close the gap on Ross.

Jenny Goszyk, the Ross first singles player, stopped Anna Faris of the Trojans 6-1, 6-1, to get Ross moving toward its third win without a loss.

Mara Tolhurst posted a 6-2, 6-3, win over Susie Strathman to give the Little Giants a 2-0 singles lead. Findlay's Bernice Adams handed Debbie Dierkshiede her first loss in third singles play 7-5 and 6-4.

The first Ross doubles team of Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger put the Little Giants over the hump by defeating Sue Cain and Nancy Grooms 7-5 and 6-4.

The second doubles team of Amy Miller and Lisa Meek of Ross fell to Jeri Bjorling and Trica Hennings, 6-3 and 6-4.

# Shawnee stops Ross streak

LIMA — Ross' girls tennis team winning streak was broken by Lima Shawnee Wednesday night.

The Shawnee team tripped the Ross squad 3-2. The Little Giants are now 3-1 for the season.

Jenny Goszyk, first singles court player for Ross and the Little Giants' first doubles team of Diane Flickinger and Karen

Shurmer were the winners for Ross.

Goszyk, a junior, stroked her way past Miriam Hart 6-3 and 6-1 for her fourth straight win this season.

The Ross doubles team dropped the Shawnee team of Diane Pedlow and Ann Stechchulte in three sets, 2-6, 6-3, and 6-3.

The next match for Ross will be at Sylvania next Wednesday.

Lima Shawnee 3, Ross 2

## Singles

Jenny Goszyk (R) defeated Miriam Hart (LS) 6-3, 6-1

Tammy Zinn (LS) defeated Mara Tolhurst (R) 6-2, 6-2

Charmin Carr (LS) defeated Debbie Dierkscheide (R) 6-1, 1-6, 6-2

## Doubles

Diane Flickinger and Karen Shurmer (R) defeated Diane Pedlow and Ann Stechchulte (LS) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3

Chris Sielscholt and Mary Ellen Stechchulte (LS) defeated Amy Miller and Lisa Meek (R) 6-1, 7-5

## Exhibition match

Sue Forgatsch (R) defeated Dorothy Hart (LS) 6-3, 6-4

# Girls topple Ashland

Ross posted its second girls tennis win of the fall season over Ashland 4-1 Monday at Rodger Young Park.

Earlier this season, Ross had nipped Ashland 3-2.

Jenny Goszyk and Mara Tolhurst of Ross picked up wins in singles play. Tolhurst avenged an earlier loss to Ashland's Joanne Mathews with 6-3 and 6-4 set wins.

Both Ross doubles team won with Leslie Michaels making her first varsity start for Ross in the second doubles match. Michaels and Lisa Meek downed Ashland's Debbie Harper and Pam Archer in straight 6-2 sets.

The only loss suffered by Ross was in third singles play where Debbie Dierkschiede lost to Ashland's Tina Petry, 6-3, 4-6, and 6-4.

Ross 4, Ashland 1

#### Singles

Jenny Goszyk (R) defeated Nancy Noble (A) 6-3, 6-0

Mara Tolhurst (R) defeated Joanne Mathews (A) 6-3, 6-4

Tina Petry (A) defeated Debbie Dierkschiede (R) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4

#### Doubles

Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger (R) defeated Penny Perez and Tammy Smith (A) 6-2, 6-4

Leslie Michaels and Lisa Meek (R) defeated Debbie Harper and Pam Archer (A) 6-2, 6-2

#### Reserve matches

Amy Miller and Sue Forgatsch (R) defeated Lynette Schad and Kim Clark (A) 6-4, 6-1

Jenny Armbruster (A) defeated Nancy Krock (R) 6-1, 6-1

Season record: Ross 6-1, Ashland 6-2

# *Lima Shawnee nips Ross 3-2*

Lima Shawnee handed Ross a 3-2 setback in girls tennis play Monday.

The visiting Indians won the second and third singles and nipped Ross' second doubles team to pull out the narrow win.

Jenny Goszyk of Ross was overpowering in winning the first singles court match from Shawnee's Miriam Hard. The Ross netter forged back-to-back 6-0 set wins for the first Ross point of the match.

Tammy Zinn won the first set from Ross' Mara Tolhurst in the second singles but fell 6-2 in the second. Zinn rallied to win the match 6-3 in the final set.

Debbie Dierkshiede pushed Shawnee's Charmin Carr to the tiebreaker in the first set before losing 7-6 but the Shawnee third singles player breezed to the match win with 6-0 second set triumph.

Karen Shurmer and Daine Flickinger did not have to worry about the Shawnee first doubles team of Diane Pedlow and Ann Stechschulte — the pair did not show and Ross won on default.

The match clincher for Shawnee came in the second doubles. Kris Sielschotte and Mary Ellen Stechschulte won the first set, 7-6, via the tiebreaker route but lost to Ross' team of Leslie Michaels and Lisa Meek 6-2 in the second set.

The Shawnee team broke the Ross's team service in the 11th game of the third set and went on to hold their own service for a 7-5 match winner in the final set.

Ross is in action today at Rodger Young against Sylvania in the Northwestern District Girls Team Tennis Tournament finals. Match time is 3:30 p.m.



**DEBBIE DIERKSHIEDE**  
In action against Sylvania



**JENNY GOSZYK**  
Returns shot in district finals

## Sylvania gals beat Ross

Sylvania blanked Ross in the finals of the Northwestern District of the Ohio Coaches Girls Team Tennis Tournament.

The Sylvania team had few problems in downing the Little Giants netters. The most trouble experienced by the visitors

to Rodger Young Park came in the second court singles and the first doubles matches.

Mara Tolhurst of Ross lost in the second singles battle to Denise Haigh in a hard fought 6-4, 6-3 match. Wind hampered both girls in the match.

The wind took its toll on both doubles teams as the first doubles duos battled to three sets before Sylvania's Kris Kanios and Joan Jacobson pulled off the win.

The Sylvania team lost the first set to Ross' Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger 6-2 but battled back to take the final two sets by identical 6-4 tallies.

## Clyde clinches SBC golf title

**TIFFIN** — The Clyde High School golf team clinched the Sandusky Bay Conference championship and maintained its perfect record by defeating host Tiffin Calvert 157-163 Tuesday.

The victory gives the

40, while John Huffman had a 42.

Pacing Calvert was Denny Barlekamp, who shot a 36. The Clyde junior varsity also won by a score of 181-226. Bryon Eshelman was medalist with a 41.

Clyde 157, Tiffin Calvert 163

### Sylvania 5, Ross 0 Singles

Martha Chicles (S) def. Jenny Goszyk (R) 6-2, 6-0

Denise Haigh (S) def. Mara Tolhurst (R) 6-4, 6-3

Tammy Mc Nerney (S) def. Debbie Dierkshiede (R) 6-1, 6-1

### Doubles

Kris Kanios and John Jacobson (S) def. Karen Shurmer and Diane Flickinger (R) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4

Brenda Hoover and Judy Marvin (S) def. Leslie Michaels and Lisa Meek (R) 6-1, 6-3

# *Ross downs Marion*

**MARION** — Jenny Goszyk, down 1-4 in the final set, handed Marion Harding's Nancy Whalen her first defeat of the year to pace the Ross High School girls' tennis team to a 4-1 victory over Marion.

Goszyk defeated Whalen 7-6, 5-7 and 6-4. Whalen is now 5-1 on the year. Other Ross victories in singles matches were Mara Tolhurst over Karen May 6-4, 6-4, and Debbie Dierkshiede over Martha Geer 2-6, 6-3 and 6-0.

In the doubles matches Diane Flickinger and Karen Shurmer of Ross defeated Cathy Swartz and Kay Stern 8-3, while Marion's Ann Wagner and Cindy Armendinger defeated Leslie Michaels and Lisa Meek 8-2.