

2015 Season Review



Team Stats - 2015 FR Lady Giants - Fielding

#	Name	G	IP	ERR	PO	A	CS	PB	DP	FP	OP	AP
3	Hailey Taylor	26	135.33	6	84	12	7	21	0	0.941	406	145
4	Morgan Englund	24	129.33	5	23	46	0	0	0	0.932	388	139
11	Kayla Foss	25	135.67	8	76	22	0	0	2	0.925	407	147
20	Paige Esker	11	51.00	6	55	0	0	0	0	0.902	153	54
8	Brina Hrynciw	21	110.67	3	18	1	0	0	0	0.864	332	120
6	Chloe Swaisgood	26	144.33	17	52	45	0	0	3	0.851	433	154
2	Maurene Fox	25	138.67	19	49	28	0	0	1	0.802	416	148
9	Logan Lamalle	26	135.33	6	21	2	0	0	0	0.793	406	147
12	B Horn	13	66.67	13	26	18	0	0	2	0.772	200	70
13	Paige Risch	14	56.33	2	6	0	0	0	0	0.750	169	62
5	Gabby Zuniga	14	70.67	5	13	0	0	5	0	0.722	212	76
7	Addie Burmeister	18	92.33	7	8	3	0	0	1	0.611	277	99
10	Nacaila Roberts	8	31.00	2	1	0	0	0	0	0.333	93	32
TOTALS		26	1297.33	99	432	177	7	26	8	0.860	3892	1393

G - Fielding Games
 IP - Innings Played
 ERR - Errors
 PO - Put Outs

A - Assists
 CS - Caught Stealing
 PB - Passed Balls
 FP - Fielding Percentage

DP - Double Plays
 OP - Outs Played
 AP - Innings Appeared

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“And probably 50 percent of those were throwing errors,” King said. “Most of those kids on last year’s team were first-year starters and we played pretty tentatively. ... We put an extremely big emphasis on our defensive program this year.”

While no team wants to endure a losing season, King believes the motivation the Little Giants took from their struggles of a year ago will spawn a new run of success for Ross baseball.

“I won’t put a number of anything, but I don’t expect this team to be sub-.500 like there were last year,” King said. “We’ll be disappointed as a team in our effort if we match last season’s numbers.”

Softball team in midst of youth movement

Youth is going to be in great supply for the Fremont Ross softball team. The Little Giants expect to carry five freshmen on varsity this season on a team that went 6-20 in coach Jen Bair’s first season.

Among the fresh faces for the Little Giants will be pitcher Morgan Englund. The youngsters join a returning nucleus that includes senior outfielder/second baseman Mo Fox, outfielder Brina Hrynciw, junior pitcher/infielder Kayla Foos, sophomore shortstop Chloe Swaisgood and sophomore outfielder Logan Lamalie.

Bair said meshing the returning Little Giants with the new faces is one of her team’s biggest challenges.

“Building a cohesive team that includes a large number of freshman and challenging the younger players to find out how they best fit into the program,” Bair said. “The team needs to stay healthy, consistent, motivated, and to play hard every inning.”

Swaisgood, who hit a team-leading .528 last season, takes over at shortstop in place of graduated four-year starter Kelsey Ivy, who hit .461 a year ago.

“We are excited and looking forward to what the season can bring,” Bair said. “The girls have set very reasonable goals to start the season. They’ve created a strong sense of unity among themselves this year.”

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Ross softball falls to Clay

Offense was in short supply for the Fremont Ross softball team Friday as the Lady Giants lost 12-0 to Three Rivers Athletic Conference foe Clay High School.

Brina Hrynciw, Logan Lamalie and Chloe Swaisgood had Ross' only hits for the day while Clay totaled 10 hits.

Morgan Englund took the loss for Ross as she gave up 10 hits and four walks in four innings.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

PORT CLINTON TOPPLES FREMONT ROSS

Redskins' aggressive play leads to large early lead and shut out

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PORT CLINTON — Port Clinton's Katelyn Wammes decided not to try to score on a wild pitch after her two-run triple in the first inning Thursday.

"I'm sorry," Wammes said in the direction of the Redskins' dugout.

Port Clinton stole five bases and scored seven runs in the first inning in a 12-0 non-conference victory against visiting Fremont Ross in five innings.

"We want to be aggressive," Redskins coach Keith Mora said. "We have an athletic team that can force things with pressure. We like to move around the bases. We're a fiery team.

"We can be a dangerous team and we can compete with anybody in our league when we play like that."

Wammes, who ultimately scored on a single from Taylor Steyer, obviously was forgiven for her caution.

"We have a lot of fun," Redskins center fielder Emily Ashley said. "We feel bad if we're not aggressive. It's in our mentality."

Ashley, therefore, was uber-aggressive as she stretched a conventional two-run single to left field into a double with sheer hustle. She got a great read and scored on a wild pitch that bounded toward her at third.

"When I round first and the girl hasn't started to throw, I just go," Ashley said. "I don't second-guess it. A lot of us are pretty quick and like to run the bases. We were inside for so long that that's all we could work on.

"It's transferred to the field. We're all aggressive, and it's good to see."

Taylor Steyer, Kate Mueller, Allie Schroeder, Ashley, Abby Wuersig and Lauren Steyer also scored in the first inning for Port Clinton (6-4). Mueller added one RBI.

"We have a young team, so it was nice to see them rebound," Mora said of consecutive setbacks to Oak Harbor and Margareta in Sandusky Bay Conference play. "You saw what happens when we don't play defense. Our girls stayed aggressive and didn't get comfortable with the lead.



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Ross' Logan Lamalie makes contact Thursday in a game against Port Clinton.

"They wanted to get that shutout."

Chloe Swaisgood singled in the second inning for the Little Giants' only hit as Mueller struck out nine, including three in the third and fifth. Redskins catcher Morgan Hazzard threw a runner out trying to steal second in the

first.

"We didn't have any offense, and we made too many errors in the first inning," Ross coach Jen Bair said. "We're a young team. We have five freshmen

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on varsity.”

Mueller retired the side in order on four pitches in the fourth. Morgan Englund drew a walk in the third for Ross (2-6).

“I was feeling better about all my pitches,” Mueller said. “The defense was great. It was a better game compared to the last two. We really needed this. We were confident, and we hit the ball. We’re a young team.

“We’re getting there. We have the talent to do really well.”

Delayna Laurel scored on a single from Lauren Steyer in the second. Mueller and Schroeder scored on a single from Ashley in the third.

Laurel then capped the scoring with a two-run home run to left field.

“I’ve come close many times, and it felt great I finally got it over,” the freshman said. “It was a great start to my freshman year. Hopefully there are many more to come.”

There was no aggressive run manufacturing on the bases as Laurel strolled to her home run. No apology was necessary.

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Fremont Ross' Morgan Englund tries to get an out at third base during a game against Findlay on Wednesday afternoon.

WINNING IS A SLOW PROCESS FOR ROSS

Building blocks are now in place for the youthful Lady Giants



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FREMONT—For young softball teams, such as the squad fielded by Fremont Ross, goals can be a little more precise. Yes, the ultimate goal is always the same, winning. But getting there requires many, smaller steps. Get three outs in an inning without giving some away with errors. Play seven innings, not five. It's a keep it simple approach the Lady Giants are taking as they build with a roster comprised mostly of freshman and sophomores. "We are very young. We only



MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

Fremont Ross' Morgan Englund, left, Gabby Zuniga and Paige Risch try to stay warm in the dugout Wednesday afternoon during a game against Findlay.

have four seniors and two of those seniors are new to varsity softball," Ross coach Jen Bair said. "We're learning."

A season of lessons continued

Wednesday as the Lady Giants suffered a 15-6 loss to Three Rivers Athletic Conference rival Findlay.

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From the first batter of the day, Wednesday's game had a familiar look as miscues quickly took their toll. Findlay scored two runs before it registered its first hit and the Lady Giants trailed 6-0 after the first half-inning. The Trojans added another six runs in the top of the second. Ross committed five errors as Findlay led 12-2 midway through the second frame.

But on a gray and frigid day, Ross generated a ray of light on what the future could hold for such a youthful team. Instead of packing it in and waiting for the fifth inning to end the day early, Ross strung together a few hits, benefited from a Findlay error and plated a few runs to trim the deficit to 12-6.

Chloe Swaisgood, Halley Taylor and Mo Fox each totaled multiple hits for Ross.

"Our hitting was better today," Bair

said. "I thought the middle of our lineup hit well."

As Ross' defense tightened up, Findlay's offense slowed. Ross held the Trojans without a run in three of the next five innings and retired eight of nine batters at one point where the only hitter reaching base did so on the Lady Giants' only error after the second inning.

It's measured, but it's progress. Small growth is still growth.

Wading through a season where the losses pile up, the mistakes are plentiful and the wins are few is never easy. But reinforcements are on the way. In addition to the underclassmen on varsity, Ross is fielding two junior varsity teams for the first time.

The building blocks of the program are in place, now the Lady Giants just need patience and the will to drive through the adversity.

"We're staying positive and the girls are staying positive," Bair said.

Small steps.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Gibsonburg softball tops Fremont Ross

Despite committing four errors Monday, the Gibsonburg softball team took a 9-5 win over Fremont Ross. The game was stopped by an hour-long rain delay.

Katy Roberts went 2-for-2 with a double for the Golden Bears while Abby Cantrell went 2-4 with two triples and Allie Teeple also went

2-4. The Golden Bear improved their overall record to 19-5.

Chloe Swaisgood went 2-4 for the Lady Giants.

Jaso home run leads Lakota past SMCC

Jordan Jaso hit a home run and drove in two runs to help the Lakota baseball team to a 7-6 win over Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic.