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Kidwell entrenched at the top

Second-year Ross coach returns plenty of talent

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Beth Kidwell is entrenched at the top of the Fremont Ross volleyball program.

Although Kidwell is beginning her second season, this is the first summer she has had a chance to organize matters after supplanting deposed coach Tom Joseph.

"I got thrown into the situation," said Kidwell, a graduate of Sandusky High School and Ohio State University. "I got the job two weeks before the season started without realizing I would ever be a head coach.

"I just graduated from college and I became a head coach. I was not expecting that at all."

The Little Giants compiled a 12-13 record last year.

"That was a disappointment because there was a lot of talent there with the seniors," said Kidwell, 24. "We did the best we could. When we got things together, we did a nice job."

Ross was 8-4 during the second half of the season.

"There was a lot of talent there, but I think we also have a lot of talent this year and the next coming years," Kidwell said.

Seniors Amy Burmeister and Bille Jo Elder and junior Angie Roosen are the only returning letterwinners among nine players. Burmeister is an outside hitter, Elder is a hitter and setter and Roosen plays defense.

The rest of the squad consists of juniors Lisa Smith, Jeni Schneider, Carrie Nehls, Kasey Mangette and Aimee Lease as well as sophomore Tricia Busdeker.

According to Kidwell, nine is enough.

"Sometimes it's tough to do a lot of substituting when you've got substitution rules," she said. "It's tough to do a whole lot of substituting and the games are generally quick. Most people don't keep a big bench anymore because it's really tough to get people in.

"We've got a good group of kids with good attitudes. If they work hard, they can develop into a very competitive team."

Kidwell said Ross should be an improved serving team this year and hopefully will put some quick players with defensive skills on the floor.

She said the defense is necessary against the tough competition of the Great Lakes League, where Oregon Clay is favored to win the championship and Fostoria is also expected to have a strong team.

"Playing in a tough league will make us better and faster," Kidwell said. "It will help us develop quicker. We won't have a choice; we'll have to develop to compete."

In addition to having time to set up a program, Kidwell is installing a new offense.

"We're trying to work in a new offense," Kidwell said. "It's going a little slow but the offense is pretty specialized. It's very specialized so we're trying to work through it.

"We're running a 6-2 offense this year, with some back row defensive specialization. Last year, we ran what's called an international 4-2.

In the 4-2, setters rotate through four rotations and set

for four hitters. In the 6-2, setters rotate through three rotations and all six players hit.

"Our setters will hit as well as set but we've got back row defensive specialization," Kidwell said. "We'll be doing some different things with hitting."

The first tests come in the scrimmage season — today, Monday and Thursday.

"It will be interesting to see what we can do with more of an equal level of competition," Kidwell said.

The regular season begins Aug. 29 with a home match against Sandusky Perkins.

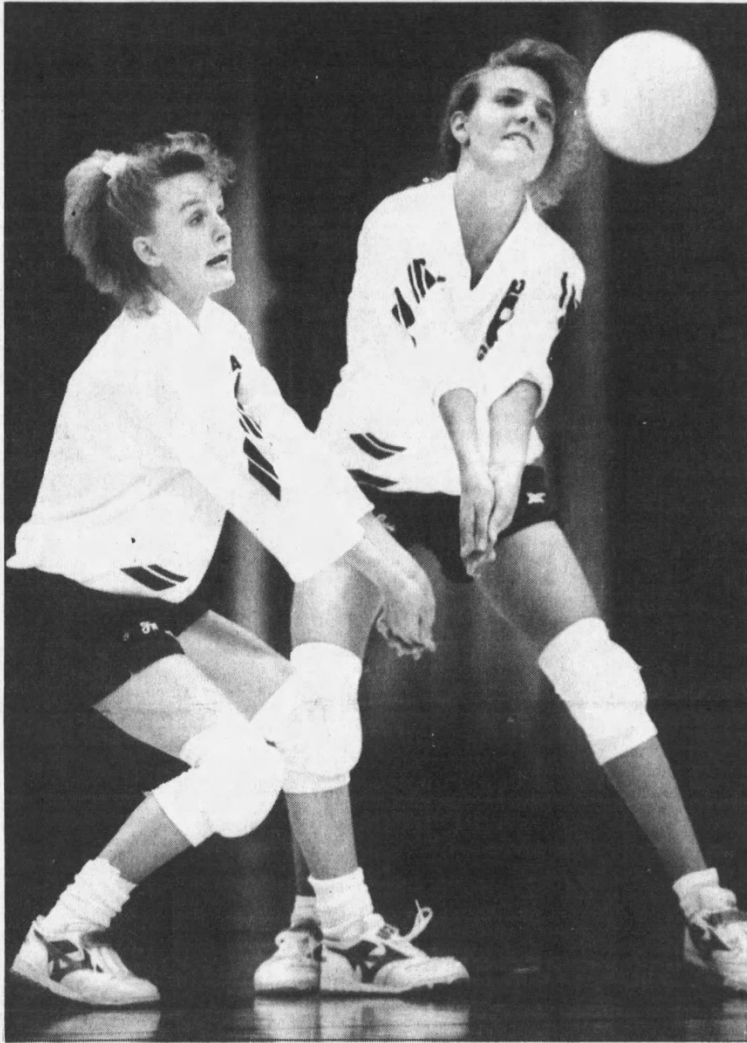
Kidwell said 1991 is a rebuilding year but with a program in place, brighter days are ahead.

"One thing we're really excited about is that we've got a separate seventh and eighth grade coach this year," she said. "In the past, those two teams have been combined.

"I feel we've put together a really good staff at all levels with five coaches."

Cheryl Coressel returns as the junior varsity coach, and will work with eight players. Judy Purdum of the Fremont Recreation Department will coach the freshman squad; Dawn Gerds, a former varsity coach at Defiance High School, will tutor the seventh grade team; and Mindy Gedeon, the Ross JV softball coach, is the eighth grade coach.

"We put the staff together and will try to build from the ground up," Kidwell said. "I really pushed for the seventh and an eighth grade coach so we can start paying particular attention to our younger grades. Because it all starts there."



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AIMEE LEASE (right) of Fremont Ross backs her up during the Little Giants' victory over Sandusky Perkins Thursday.

Ross opens with victory

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Like she would in most opening matches, Fremont Ross volleyball coach Beth Kidwell found room for improvement Thursday night after the Little Giants beat Sandusky Perkins 15-9, 15-12.

But a win is a win and Kidwell said it left Ross "undefeated."

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"We played well, but we have things to work on," she said. "Passing, mainly. If our passing improves, our whole game will improve."

Carrie Nehls served 12 points and Bille Jo Elder had 11 assists to kill for Ross.

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AMY BURMEISTER of Fremont Ross prepares to spike a shot during action against Perkins.

Little Giants lose to Whitmer in two games

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Inspired play from a pair of Fremont Ross junior varsity players wasn't enough to offset the tactical problems posed by the missing presence of Carrie Nehls and Jeni Schneider Tuesday night.

Nehls and Schneider were ill and did not play, and the Little Giants lost to Toledo Whitmer 15-12, 15-10.

Belinda Sandoval and freshman Jessica Rollins filled in for Nehls and Schneider.

"We made mistakes in transition because of the new people," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "We had to throw them in. We lost points here and there because they didn't always know where they were supposed to be, but they did a nice job."

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Whitmer's Kristi Lee served five straight points for the Panthers in the first game, and teammate Ann Almaguer served five straight in the second as Ross fell to 1-1.

After serving 16 points in the reserve match, including nine in a row in the second game as the Ross JV won 15-11, 15-5, Sandoval served six points for Ross in the first game of the varsity match.

Rollins had two blocks in the second game of the varsity match.

Ross also got six points and three kills from Kasey Mangette, eight assists to kill

into the net, according to Clyde coach Nancy Hanger.

"Our passing game and our setting game was fine, and it was not a bad defensive game," Hanger said. "The errors were at the net."

"St. Mary's played a great game. They did not make mistakes. They hit the ball well."

Jenny Smetzler served seven points for the Fliers, 3-2 and 0-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference, and Christy Carroll had nine assists to kills.

Clyde won the reserve match 15-9, 15-3 as Nichole Jesse served 13 points.

Genoa at Woodmore
Holly Revnolds served 13 points and had

Otsego at Gibsonburg

Otsego improved to 2-0, while Gibsonburg fell to 1-2 and 0-2 in the SLL.

Stephanie Samson had six service points for the Golden Bears.

Oak Harbor at Edison

Amy Hesselbart served nine points, Stephanie Barton had six kills and Courtney Holman and Kim Rife each had six assists to kill for Oak Harbor.

The victory in the SBC opener for both teams left the Rockets unbeaten in three matches.

Edison won the JV match 15-8, 15-12.

Margaretta at Port Clinton

Amy Barton had 11 points from the serve.

Busdeker serves Ross past PC

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PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross eased to a 15-7, 15-3 victory over Port Clinton in a high school volleyball match Wednesday night.

The Redskins, 0-3, took a 3-0 lead in the second game. Ross, 2-1, tied the score 3-3 before Tricia Busdeker served 12 straight points.

"Before Tricia got to the line, we put a lot (of serves) in the net," Ross coach Beth Kidwell

said. "Once she started serving, everybody was real confident."

Busdeker finished with 16 service points, including four aces.

Bille Jo Elder had eight assists to kill on 26-of-26 passing, Angie Roosen was 16-for-16 passing and Amy Burmeister had five kills and two blocks.

Poor serving was Port Clinton's downfall.

"We played a better second game than a first game," PC coach Kim Miller said. "Our

serving late in the first game and early in the second game was the difference. We hit too many out of bounds and into the net."

Hope Barnette served four points for the Redskins and Sonya Cortez had three points, including two aces.

The Ross reserves remained undefeated with a 15-2, 15-0 victory. Christy Holland and Holly Pelfrey had six service points apiece.

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Schubach had 14 points from the service line.

In other matches, Bowling Green defeated Fremont Ross 15-6, 15-8; Fostoria St. Wendelin topped Bettsville 15-8, 15-6; and Toledo Whitmer beat Genoa 15-6, 15-9.

Ross at Bowling Green

Angie Roosen served seven

points, Amy Burmeister had two kills and Bille Jo Elder was 29-of-29 in setting with six assists to kill for Ross but the Little Giants fell to 2-2.

The Ross junior varsity lost its first match in four tries 15-11, 15-13 despite eight service points by Angie Sankovich.

Bettsville at St. Wendelin

Nicki Olmstead had two aces among her eight service points, Heather Cook had two kills and

Little Giants handle Northview in GLL match

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A solid all-around performance helped Fremont Ross to a 15-4, 15-13 Great Lakes League volleyball victory over Sylvania Northview Tuesday night, according to Ross coach Beth Kidwell.

Amy Burmeister led the Little Giant attack despite finishing with just four kills.

"She was hitting the daylight out of the ball," Kidwell said. "They made some great digs on some shots that I thought would be kills."

"B.J. (Bille Jo Elder) and Tricia (Busdeker) both set real well tonight; they were right on, but it all started with the passers."

In other matches reported, Old Fort defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 9-15, 15-1, 15-8; Oak Harbor beat Port Clinton 15-1, 15-7; Clyde topped Sandusky Perkins 15-9, 15-3; Eastwood beat Gibsonburg 15-4, 15-1; and Genoa defeated Lakota 15-6, 12-15, 15-5.

Elder was 25-of-25 in passing with six assists to kill and added three kills for Ross, 3-2 and 1-1 in the GLL. Busdeker had six service points with two aces and

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picked up 24 digs, and Kasey Mangette also chipped in six points from the service line.

Carrie Nehls served nine points, including three aces, and added three blocks for the Little Giants.

Ross won the reserve match 15-10, 15-6 as Belinda Sandoval served 11 points.

The Little Giant varsity will host the Fremont Volleyball Invitational in the Purple Pit at Ross High School Saturday.

Findlay, Hopewell-Loudon and Sandusky Perkins will join Ross in the quadrangular lineup.

Ross will take on Findlay in the 10 a.m. lidlifter with Hopewell-Loudon facing Perkins in the second game.

The losers of the games play in the third match with the two winners playing in match number four.

Tickets at the door are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Old Fort at St. Joe
Julie Brueggemeir had nine kills and two blocks as the Stock-

aders overcame the first-game loss to win the Midland Athletic League match.

"We didn't pass well in the first game," Old Fort coach Nancy Hoover said. "We served well in the second game, and Julie Brueggemeir dominated at the net."

Shelley Haugh, who served 12 points, had 10 of those to close the second game.

"We were playing really strong at the net in the first game," St. Joe coach Don Biscupski said. "In the second game, emotionally, we just fell apart. It looked to me like they didn't want it."

"In the third game, we started making a comeback but they were a little too far ahead."

Old Fort, 3-2 and 1-1 in the MAL, pulled away from a 4-4 tie to take a 12-4 lead in the third game before St. Joe closed to 12-8. Old Fort's Melissa DeRan, though, served three straight aces to close out the match.

Lynn Curms passed for 14 assists to kills for the Stockaders. Amy Lenhart served 10 points for St. Joe, which has lost three

straight matches after winning its first two, but the Crimson Streaks struggled on the attack.

Tina Wagner had 23 sets, which resulted in only two kills, while just two of Tara Rodenhauer's sets went to kills.

St. Joe's junior varsity remained undefeated with a 15-1, 9-15, 15-7 victory as Erin Kelly and Amy Faist served eight points apiece.

Oak Harbor at Port Clinton

Stephanie Barton served 14 points, including 10 straight in the first game, as Oak Harbor improved to 5-1 and 3-0 in the Sandusky bay Conference.

Barton added five kills, Stacey Schultz served eight straight points in the second game, Holly Ontko and Pam Butzin each had four kills and Kim Rife had seven assists to kill.

"It was a good effort," Oak Harbor coach Pam Bechtel said. "Our serving percentage (88 percent) was great. We only missed five serves."

Port Clinton is winless in five matches, including three SBC contests.

Oak Harbor won the reserve

match 15-12, 15-4 behind six straight serving points in the second game by Kelly Harder.

Clyde at Perkins

Jenny Smetzler served 1 points for the Fliers, while Christy Carol and Charit Newsom each had five.

Clyde's JV team won 15-8, 15-12 to remain undefeated in seven matches. Melinda Hackenberg' 12 points led the Flier reserves.

Eastwood at Gibsonburg

Wendy Nicholson's eight point led Eastwood, 4-1 and 4-0 in the Suburban Lakes League. Gibsonburg is 1-5 and 0-4.

Genoa at Lakota

Jasmine Bless served nine points and Kim Applegate added eight points for the Comets, 3- and 2-2 in the Suburban Lake League.

Karl Kilmer and Megan Boc each had six kills.

Lakota's Sara Foes served nine points and set for 15 kills, an Jenny Geyman had 15 kills.

The Raiders are 2-4 and 2-2 in the SLL.

Genoa won the reserve match 15-12, 15-12 behind 10 points by Heidi Schmidt.

Chieftains win Ross Invitational

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The Hopewell-Loudon volleyball team won the Fremont Ross Volleyball Invitational Saturday, beating Findlay 15-5, 15-8 in the championship match.

Findlay defeated Ross 15-7, 15-12 to reach the final.

"Our percentages (passing, serving and attacks) just weren't good against Findlay," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said.

Kasey Manette had six blocks and three kills for the Little Giants against the Trojans, and Amy Burmeister added five kills.

Ross, 4-3, beat Sandusky Perkins 7-15, 15-8, 15-13 in the consolation game.

Angie Roosen served nine points and made 21 digs against the Pirates, Tricia Busdeker had six kills and Bille Jo Elder had five kills and seven assists to kill.

"We were disappointed that we didn't beat Findlay and didn't get to play Hopewell in the final," Kidwell said.

The Chieftains beat Perkins 15-3, 15-1 in the other semifinal match.

Ross at Napoleon

Ross was hurt by 79 percent serving in the first game and 70 percent serve-receive in the third as the Little Giants fell to 4-4 and 1-2 in the Great Lakes League.

In the second game, Ross was 100 percent in serving and 85 percent in serve-receive.

Bille Jo Elder led Ross with nine service points, six kills and eight assists to kill.

Amy Burmeister led the Little Giants' defense with four blocks.

Napoleon won the junior varsity match 15-6, 17-15 despite Belinda Sandoval's 12 service points for Ross.

Ross at Swanton

After dropping the first game, Ross fell behind 12-6 in the second but fought back and eventually came away with a victory.

“Coming back, the girls showed a lot of guts,” Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. “They took that momentum into game three.”

Amy Lease served five straight points in the third game, including two aces, as the Little Giants improved to 5-4.

Bille Jo Elder, Amy Burmeister and Kasey Mangette each had eight service points for Ross, while Lease and Tricia Busdeker had seven apiece.

Burmeister also had five kills, and Elder and Busdeker each had five assists to kill.

Angie Roosen, meanwhile, had 13 digs.

“She played super back-line defense,” Kidwell said. “She was getting balls back up so we could play them.”

Belinda Sandoval had 18 service points as the Ross junior varsity improved to 5-2 with a 1-15, 15-8, 15-7 victory.

Ross volleyball team drops two matches

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It was a weekend Fremont Ross volleyball coach Beth Kidwell would rather forget.

The Little Giants, competing in a quadrangular at Willard High School, suffered a 15-9, 15-3 loss to Willard and then lost a 15-4, 15-6 decision to Margaretta.

Bucyrus Wynford also competed in the tournament. Willard captured the team title in the varsity and reserve tournaments.

In other matches Saturday, Oak Harbor beat Rossford 15-13, 15-8 and came back to defeat Cardinal Stritch 15-1, 15-6 at Rossford High School.

The losses dropped Ross to 5-6 marking the first time this season the Little Giants have been under .500.

"It's a good thing we don't have any more Saturday matches," Kidwell said. "We haven't played well on Saturdays."

Tricia Busdeker scored five points for Ross in the loss to Willard.

Ross's reserves lost to Willard 15-12, 11-15, 15-6 and beat Margaretta 15-8, 15-3.

Jessica Rollins had 10 points for the Little Giants, 6-3.

Ross's next match is at home Tuesday against Oregon Clay.



Woodmore 15-2, 15-4; and Genoa defeated Northwood 13-15, 15-10, 15-8.

At The Hangar, Clyde got 11 kills from LeeAnn Newsome and nine from Julie Jordan to improve to 8-4 and 4-3 in the SBC.

Sandy Musser served 14 points for the Fliers, and Sandy Musser had 13 assists to kill.

The Clyde junior varsity remained undefeated in 11 matches with a 15-4, 15-2. Angie Carroll served six points for the Fliers.

Huron at Oak Harbor

Huron moved into a first-place tie in the SBC with Oak Harbor. Both teams are 6-1.

Oak Harbor, 10-3 overall, got 12 service points from Stacey Schultz; nine kills and 11 blocks from Holly Ontko; and Cortney Holman had 11 assists to kill.

Edison at Port Clinton

The Redskins fell to 1-9 and 0-8 in the SBC.

Clay at Ross

The Little Giants let a 12-9 first-game lead slip away in the Great Lakes League match.

Ross fell to 5-7 and 1-3 in the GLL, while the Eagles won for the fourth time in as many GLL matches.

Angie Roosen served six points, Amy Burmeister had three kills and Kasey Mangette was 10 for 10 in hitting. Bille Joe Elder was 32 of 33 passing.

Belinda Sandoval served 15 points as the Ross reserves topped Clay 15-9, 15-8.

St. Joe at Mohawk

Tina Wagner served for 19 points and Tara Rodenhauser served 12, but St. Joe coach Don Biscupski said the Crimson Streaks' serving could have been better.

St. Joe improved to 5-5 and 2-4 in the Midland Athletic League.

Mohawk's junior varsity handed the St. Joe reserve team its first loss, winning 15-13, 13-15, 15-12. Amy Faist had eight service points for St. Joe, 9-1.

Bettsville at Hopewell-Loudon

Ashley Naugle served four points and Nicki Olmstead had five kills, but Bettsville slipped

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St. Joe missed another chance to win when it could not score on another side out. New Riegel, 11-1 and 6-1 in the MAL, then scored two straight points.

New Riegel's Krisat Seifert was the difference in the second game.

"She got warmed up," Biscupski said. "She was putting spikes down that we just couldn't handle."

St. Joe, 5-6 and 2-5 in league play, got seven points from Jenny Banks and five from Tina Wagner. Jolie Camella and Jill Camella had four and two kills, respectively.

New Riegel's reserves handed the St. Joe junior varsity its second straight loss, 7-15, 15-10, 15-5. Amy Faist had five points for St. Joe, 9-2.

Fostoria at Ross

Ross recovered from an 8-0 deficit in the third game but

couldn't win the match and fell to 5-8 and 1-4 in the Great Lakes League.

Kasey Mangette served 11 points for the Little Giants, who got solid play from seniors Bille Jo Elder and Amy Burmeister.

Elder had eight kills, made 47 passes on serve receive and digs, made six saves, passed for seven assists to kill and made two blocks.

Burmeister had seven kills, eight service points and four blocks.

Fostoria is 7-6 and 3-2 in the GLL.

The Ross junior varsity improved to 9-3 and 4-1 in the GLL with a 15-8, 12-15, 15-6 victory. Belinda Sandoval served 13 points, and Holly Pelfrey added nine points.

St. Mary's at Clyde

Jenny Smetzler served 12 points and had six kills, Tami Chagnon had eight kills and Sandy Musser added seven service points for Clyde.

Ross spikers net win over Whitmer

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Fremont Ross opened the second half of the Great Lakes League volleyball schedule with a 15-11, 10-15, 16-14 victory over Toledo Whitmer Tuesday night.

"We played confidently," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "We made mistakes and we didn't let them get us down. We expected to win the match."

Ross, 6-8, improved to 2-4 in the GLL.

In other matches, Clyde beat Port Clinton 15-0, 15-4; Oak Harbor topped Sandusky Perkins 15-3, 15-8; Lakota defeated Woodmore 9-15, 16-14, 15-9; Elmwood outlasted Gibsonburg 15-8, 11-15, 15-10; Eastwood beat Genoa 15-7, 15-10; Bettsville defeated Mohawk 15-5, 10-15, 15-12; and Hopewell-Loudon beat Old Fort 15-7, 15-4.

Tricia Busdeker served 19 points, set for eight assists to kill and made six saves for Ross.

"She really did a good job in pressure situations," Kidwell said.

Amy Burmeister had 10 kills, Carrie Nehls made six blocks and Bille Jo Elder was 28-of-30 in setting.

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The Little Giants were very efficient in serve reception, getting 35 passes from Angie Roosen and 86 percent passing from Lisa Smith.

The Ross junior varsity defeated Whitmer 15-7, 14-16, 15-13 behind Jessica Rollins' 19 service points.

Clyde at Port Clinton

Christy Carroll served 15 points and Tami Chagnon seven as the Fliers improved to 10-5 and 6-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Emily Laremore and Carroll had nine and seven assists to kill, respectively, while LeeAnn Newsome had seven kills and Charity Newsom five.

Clyde's reserve team got seven service points from Tara Wilson to remain undefeated in 13 matches.

Port Clinton dropped to 1-11 and 0-9.

Oak Harbor at Perkins

The Rockets ended a two-match losing streak and improved to 11-4 and 7-2 in the SBC. Perkins fell to 1-11 and 1-8.

Stephanie Barton served 11

points with four aces, Pam Butzin served eight straight points in the second game and Amy Hesselbart served seven straight points in the first game.

Holly Ontko had six kills, Kim Rife set for five assists to kill.

Woodmore at Lakota

The Raiders improved to 6-8 and the Wildcats fell to 4-10.

Woodmore got 13 service points from Wendy Schumm.

Elmwood at Gibsonburg

Elmwood's Jodi Brooks served 17 points, while Connie Hilt had nine points for Gibsonburg.

The Golden Bears slipped to 2-12 and 0-10 in the Suburban Lakes League. Elmwood is 8-7 and 6-4.

The Royals won the reserve match in three games.

Genoa-Eastwood

Kari Kilmer was 11-for-11 serving with eight points and added five assists to kill for 7-3 and 5-5 in the SLL.

Eastwood won the reserve match 11-15, 15-5, 15-10.

Mohawk at Bettsville

Nicki Olmstead led the Bobcats, 3-10, to their first Midland Athletic League win in eight matches with 14 service points.

Bettsville also got four kills

and two blocks from Charity Stickney and four assists to kill from Chastidy Sours.

Mohawk won the JV match 15-3, 7-15, 17-15.

Old Fort at H-Loudon

Julie Brueggemeier's eight kills and six blocks weren't enough for the Stockaders, 8-5.

Old Fort's Shelley Haugh led her team with four service points.

The Chieftains topped the Stockaders 15-6, 15-7 in the junior varsity match.



St. Joe spikers win at Ross

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Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic defeated Fremont Ross 15-10, 15-13 Monday night in a high school volleyball match.

"We weren't playing that fantastic, but we really wanted to win," St. Joe coach Don Biscupski said. "We didn't make any real bad mistakes, but we weren't playing super either."

St. Joe, 8-6, led throughout the match at Ross.

"We didn't serve-receive again," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "Our offense was on when we got things together, but I think we sort of sat back and waited for things to happen instead of making them happen."

"We need to take charge of the game."

Ross dropped to 6-10.

In other matches, Woodmore defeated Bettsville 15-11, 15-10 and Margaretta topped Gibsonburg 6-15, 15-10, 15-9.

Jolie Camella served nine points for St. Joe, including two aces, and added three blocks.

Tara Rodenhauser served eight points for St. Joe.

Jenny Banks and Camella had three and two kills, respectively, for the Crimson Streaks.

Amy Burmeister had five kills for Ross; Angie Roosen served seven points and had 16 digs; Bill Jo Elder had eight assists to kill and four kills with six saves; and Carrie Nehls and Burmeister each made two blocks.

Ross won the reserve match 10-15, 15-8, 15-9 behind Nikki

Hinkle's 10 service points.

Bettsville at Woodmore

Nicole Blake served 13 points and Kate Hinrichs had five kills for Woodmore. Katie Bush made four blocks and Amy Dolph passed for 12 assists to kill for the Wildcats, 5-10.

Bettsville was led by Charity Stickney with eight service points.

Angie Fegley serve nine points as the Woodmore junior varsity topped Bettsville 15-5, 15-4.

Margaretta at Gibsonburg

Susan Elmer, Jodi Jones and Tanya Sweeney each served seven points, including four aces by Sweeney, but it wasn't enough for the Golden Bears as Margaretta improved to 6-8 and Gibsonburg fell to 2-14.

Holly Ontko had eight kills, Holman added six kills, Rife passed for 10 assists to kill and Stacey Schultz and Pam Butzin each made five digs for the Rockets.

Holman and Ontko combined for eight blocks and Amy Hesselbart contributed five blocks.

Clyde's reserve team remained undefeated with a 15-9, 15-9 victory. Angie Carroll and Melinda Hackenburg served six points apiece for the Fliers, 15-0.

Napoleon at Ross

The Little Giants never trailed as they improved to 7-10 and 3-5 in the Great Lakes League.

"We took charge from the first point and rolled with it," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said.

Angie Roosen served eight points and made 22 digs.

"Everything they hit at her she put back in the air," Kidwell said.

Amy Burmeister had seven

points, including four aces, and made nine kills.

"She got a lot of real key side outs for us," Kidwell said.

Bille Jo Elder was 30-for-30 passing with eight assists to kill and three blocks and five saves

"She never lets us down," Kidwell said. "Whenever we need a key play, BJ is there."

Ross won the junior varsity match 18-16, 15-17, 15-2, improving to 12-3 as Nikki Hinkle and Belinda Sandoval served 14 points apiece.

St. Joe at Hopewell-Loudon

Jenny Banks' five points led St. Joe against the third-rated Division IV team in Ohio, according to a statewide coaches poll.

The Crimson Streaks fell to 8-7 and 3-6 in the Midland Athletic League.

Hopewell-Loudon won the reserve match 15-6, 11-15 15-2 de-

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Oregon Clay tightened up its defense in a 15-4, 15-3 Great Lakes League volleyball victory over Fremont Ross Thursday night.

"Their defense was so incredible tonight," Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "We hit the ball 60 times and only had six kills."

In other matches reported, Carey defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 16-14, 15-13; New Riegel outlasted Old Fort 12-15, 15-13, 15-8; Huron knocked off Clyde 15-3, 15-12; Oak Harbor edged Margaretta 15-13, 13-15, 15-3; Port Clinton defeated Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 15-13, 15-12; Gibsonburg topped Woodmore 15-2, 15-11; and Genoa outlasted Elmwood 22-20, 13-15, 15-13.

Ross fell to 7-11 and 3-6 in the GLL, while Clay improved to 15-4 and 8-1.

Amy Burmeister, Carrie Nehls and Jessica Rollins each had two of the Little Giants' six kills, while Nehls had three blocks and Burmeister two.

Kasey Manette led Ross in serving with three points, and Bille Jo Elder had three assists to kill.

Ross won the reserve match 15-7, 15-3 as Rollins had eight kills and Belinda Sandoval served 14 points.



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Little Giants completing first GLL season

Fremont Ross volleyball team members are left to right, front row: Lisa Smith, Jenny Schneider, Amy Burmeister and Angie Roosen; back row: coach Beth Kidwell, Carrie Nehls, Tricia Bus-

deker, Bille Jo Elder, Aimee Lease and Kasey Mangette. The Little Giants play Celina at approximately 2:30 p.m. in the Division I Sectional Tournament at Findlay Saturday.

SJCC wins; Ross falls

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The Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic and Ross volleyball teams concluded the regular season Wednesday night.

St. Joe beat Port Clinton 15-5, 15-11 at home while Ross fell to Sylvania Southview 10-15, 15-10, 15-12 at Ross.

Jolie Camella served 10 points, had four kills and made two blocks for St. Joe, 10-8.

"I'm pleased with the season," first-year St. Joe coach Don

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Biscupski said. "A lot of those losses were very, very tight matches that we could have won."

St. Joe's Tara Rodenhauser and Amy Andecover served six and three points, respectively, while Pam Spader passed for three assists to kill.

Port Clinton, 3-16, got six service points from Bonnie Hofer.

St. Joe won the reserve match 15-1, 15-5 as Melissa Binkley served 12 points and Tiffany Druckenmiller 10. The Crimson Streak reserves closed the season at 13-5.

Ross finished the regular season 7-13.

"We would have liked to have won tonight, but we still ended the season on a positive note," first-year Ross coach Beth Kidwell said. "We improved over the year every game. Each kid got a little better."

Kasey Manette served eight points and Bille Jo Elder and Carrie Nehls each served for six against Southview.

Amy Burmeister, who made four blocks, Elder and Manette had four kills apiece. Angie Roosen made 17 digs, and Tricia Busdeker had nine assists to kill.

Ross won the junior varsity match 15-2, 15-5. Christy Holland served for 11 points as the Little Giants improved to 15-3.

All-GLL team

Amy Burmeister of Fremont Ross was named to the All-Great Lakes League first team in voting by league coaches.

Joining the 5-6 senior are player of the year Tracy Vargo and Kelly Grames of Clay, Autumn Bragg of Napoleon, Rachel Risner of Fostoria and Kris Crates of Northview.



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Second team honors went to Bille Jo Elder of Ross, Becky Mohler of Clay, Jody Prigge of Napoleon, Pam Kreuz of Northview, Ann Almaguer and Leslie Reichlin of Whitmer.

Tricia Busdeker and Angie Roosen of Ross received honorable mention.

Dave Habegger of league-champion Clay was named coach of the year.