

## 1987 Season Review

# Ross girls lose first match 3-2

News-Messenger Reports

The Fremont Ross girls tennis team got off to a shaky start in the 1987 season, dropping its opening match to Tiffin Columbian 3-2 in Tiffin Tuesday night.

In one other area match, Port Clinton lost to Norwalk 3-2.

The Little Giants recorded one win in singles play and one in doubles action.

Julie Young triumphed over Jodi Birch in second court singles 6-3, 6-3 to get the first Ross point. In first doubles action, Kim White and Sara Hall downed Chrissy Kin and Kendra Cartwright 6-3, 6-3.

Columbian, now 2-0, won all three of its points in straight sets.

In first singles, Amy Meyer topped Jennifer Miesle 7-5, 6-2 and Scarlet Schneppap defeated Dian Schepflin 6-2, 6-4 in third court singles.

The deciding point came in second doubles where Columbian's Ester Fradig and Nikki Drake downed Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight 6-4, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the Redskins, now 0-2, have lost as many matches as they did all of last year after falling to the Truckers in Norwalk.

Norwalk is now 2-1.

Winning points for the Redskins were No. 2 and No. 3 singles players Jennifer Heigel and Jennifer Armstrong. Heigel stopped Jody Mitchell 6-1, 6-1, while Armstrong downed Stacy Resseger 6-3, 6-3.

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### Columbian 3, Ross 2

#### SINGLES

Amy Meyer (TC) d. Jennifer Miesle 7-5, 6-2.

Julie Young (R) d. Jodi Birch 6-3, 6-3.

Scarlet Schnepapp (TC) d. Dian Schepflin 6-2,  
6-4.

#### DOUBLES

Kim White and Sara Hall (R) d. Chrissy Kin  
and Kendra Cartwright 6-3, 6-3.

Esther Fardig and Nikki Drake (TC) d.  
Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight 6-4, 6-2.

Ross 0-1, Columbian 2-0.

JV matches: Jenny Lonsway and Tammy  
Shetterly (TC) d. Catrina Wolfe and Kelly  
Warner 8-4. Nikol Blust (TC) d. Tricia Shirvas  
8-5.

# Ross girls outduel Findlay

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Pete Michaels figures its been six years since his Fremont Ross girls tennis team beat perennial power and arch-rival Findlay. Obviously that was long enough.

"It was a great match. Everyone played super," Michaels said after the Little

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Giants beat the Trojans 3-2 Wednesday in Fremont. The win raised Ross's record to 1-1.

In other area matches, Clyde fell to Lake 3-2 and Port Clinton topped Bellevue 5-0.

"Beating Findlay is always a big win for us, and it's been a while," Michaels added. "They're a fine ball club and it takes a good effort to get the best of them. We had it tonight."

Ross won two singles matches and one doubles match to get the decision.

Jennifer Miesle fought out a tough three-set victory in first singles, outlasting Shandra Niswander 5-7, 7-5, 7-5. Julie Young followed with a 6-1, 6-3 victory in second singles over Tracy Seppi.

Dian Schepflin lost a long duel in third singles, falling to Findlay's Piff Bott 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Sarah Hall and Kim White won the decisive point for Ross, beating Noelle Ryan and Mindy Healy 6-0, 6-2. Findlay's Jill Hackenburg and Karen Wilson downed Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay in second doubles 6-4, 6-3.

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## 'High School Girls

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### Ross 3, Findlay 2

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Shandra Niswander 5-7, 7-5, 7-5.

Julie Young (R) d. Tracy Seppi 6-1, 6-3.

Piff Bott (F) d. Dian Schepflin 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

#### DOUBLES

Sarah Hall and Kim White (R) d. Noelle Ryan and Mindy Healy 6-0, 6-2.

Jill Hackenburg and Karen Wilson (F) d. Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay 6-4, 6-3.

Season record: Ross 1-1.

# No letdown as Ross blanks Clyde

News-Messenger Reports

After beating arch rival Findlay Wednesday night 3-2, the Ross girls tennis team was ripe for a bit of a letdown.

Unfortunately for Clyde, that letdown never came as the Little Giants handed the Fliers a 5-0 setback Thursday night at the Clyde High School tennis courts.

In one other area match Thursday, Port Clinton defeated St. Mary's 4-1 in a Sandusky Bay Conference opener for both teams.

"Clyde didn't play all that badly, but we had a good day," said Ross Coach Pete Michaels.

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Jennifer Miesle, Julie Young and Diane Schepflin all won in straight sets for the Little Giants in singles action and the first doubles team of Sarah Hall and Kim White also triumphed in the minimum two-set requirement.

Only Clyde's second doubles team of Denise and Kendra Burdett pushed Fremont to the limit, but the Ross pair of Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight still came out on top 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

The win raised the Ross record to 2-1 while Clyde fell to 0-3.

At Port Clinton, the Redskins, winners of the league crown the last three years, moved to 3-2 with the victory, but the win might have been a little costly.

First court singles player Kelly Coffin defeated Beth Keeth 7-6, 6-4, but aggravated a recurring back injury in the second set. "We'll have to wait and see how it is after some rest," Coach Coffin said of her daughter. "Luckily, we don't play again until Tuesday."

That next match for the Redskins is against Ross in Fremont at 4:15 p.m.

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## High School Girls

### Ross 5, Clyde 0

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Kathy Stahl 6-0, 6-1.

Julie Young (R) d. Peggy Chong 6-3, 6-0.

Diane Schepflin (R) d. Suzanne Scheid 6-1, 7-5.

#### DOUBLES

Sarah Hall and Kim White (R) d. Bonnie Knight and Kim Mesnard 6-3, 6-2.

Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight (R) d. Denise Burdett and Kendra Burdett 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Season records: Ross 2-1, Clyde 0-3.

JV matches: Singles — Julie Gloer (R) d. Jenne Klohn 8-5; Doubles — Sherri Alt and Cari Wilson (C) d. Katrina Wolfe and Kelly Warner 8-5, Irene Sheen and Diane Roth (R) d. Paige Shaull and Lisa Davis 8-2.

# Northview blanks Ross 5-0

News-Messenger Reports

SYLVANIA — Not every match can be an easy one.

The Fremont Ross girls tennis team, fresh from a 5-0 victory over Clyde the previous night, got a taste of what's its like on the other side of that score, falling to Northview 5-0 in a high school girls tennis match Friday.

"Northview is a very strong team," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said, "but the Ross kids gave it their all."

Cara Whelan defeated Jennifer

Miesle of Ross 6-2, 6-0 in the first court singles and Rhonda Flefer topped Julie Young 7-6, 6-3 in the second court singles. In the third court, Debbie Young defeated Dian Schepflin of Ross 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles matches, Northview's Sonya Lee and Janice McCombs downs Sarah Hull and Kim White 6-4, 7-5 and Susie Gordon and Cathi Whelan defeated the Ross duo of Lora Jay and Catrina Wolfe 6-0, 6-1.

Northview is 8-1 and Ross 2-2.

## Ross girls win Sandusky tennis title

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SANDUSKY — The Fremont Ross girls tennis team showed its resilience Saturday at the Sandusky High School Invitational tennis tournament, coming out on top in the eight team field.

Second court singles player Julie Young and the second doubles team of Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay won individual championships as the Little Giants scored 100 points to take the team title. Sandusky

Perkins was second with 84 points and Sandusky High was third at 58.

"All the girls just played beautifully," said Ross tennis coach Pete Michaels, whose team rebounded from a 5-0 defeat at the hands of Sylvania Northview Friday.

"It was a well-played tournament in general with all the teams doing a good job," he added. "The thing that most pleases me is that we had everyone win at least one match

and that's what helped win it for us."

Young won all three of her matches in straight sets, including the final against Jodi Mitchell of Norwalk, whom she beat 6-3, 6-2.

Michaels said he was very pleased with the play of McKnight and Jay, who also won their first two matches in straight sets. In the final, the Ross pair had to rally for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Trina Keil and Megan Newlove of Bowling

Green.

Dian Schepflin, playing third singles for Ross, also reached the finals in her bracket, but fell in the finals. After winning twice in straight sets, Schepflin was downed by Jane Elias of Perkins 6-3, 6-2.

Jennifer Miesle and the first doubles team of Kim White and Sarah Hall each won one match for the Little Giants.

The Ross girls take to the court again Tuesday when they host Port Clinton at 4:15 p.m.

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### Sandusky Invitational

#### TEAM STANDINGS

1-Ross 100, 2-Perkins 84, 3-Sandusky 58, 4-Bowling Green 54, 5-Lorain Senior 50, 6-Norwalk 46, 7-Tiffin Columbian 14, 8-Mansfield Senior 4.

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

##### First singles

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Scarlet Schnerpat (TC) 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-3.

Jessica Williams (LS) d. Miesle (R) 6-1, 6-2.

##### Second singles

Julie Young (R) Nicol Blest (TC) 6-3, 6-0.

Young (R) d. Igna Dimitrov (S) 6-3, 6-0.

Championship: Young (R) d. Jodie Mitchell (N) 6-3, 6-2.

##### Third singles

Dian Schepflin (R) d. Joyce Hand (MS) 6-3, 6-4.

Schepflin (R) d. Beth Miller (S) 6-3, 6-2.

Championship: Jane Elias (P) d. Schepflin (R) 6-3, 6-3.

##### First doubles

Sarah Hall and Kim White (R) d. Bonnie Parr and Carrie Catella (MS) 6-0, 7-5.

Mary Lucal and Linda Bertsch (P) d. Hall and White (R) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

##### Second doubles

Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay (R) d. Jenny Harmon and Wendy Ramsdell (S) 6-0, 6-4.

McKnight and Jay (R) d. Brenda Willinger and Laura Richards (P) 6-3, 6-1.

Championship: McKnight and Jay (R) d. Trina Keil and Megan Newlove (BG) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

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### Ross 5, Perrysburg 0

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Denise Huston 5-7, 6-1, 6-2.

Julie Young (R) d. Jesse Gugel 6-0, 6-1.

Dian Schepflin (R) d. Jenny Mermer 6-1, 6-1.

#### DOUBLES

Sarah Hull and Kim White (R) d. Elaine Fisher and Deanne Warshawski 6-3, 7-5.

Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay (R) d. Tracy Hamilton and Amy Church 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ross 3-2, Perrysburg 5-3.

JV matches: Singles — Julie Gloer (R) d. Holly Eilers 8-5; Doubles — Kelly Warner and Katrina Wolfe (R) d. Jill Williams and Angie Schoep 8-1, 8-0.

# Opposite looks for local girls

News-Messenger Reports

Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joe were on the opposite ends of the spectrum Thursday in high school girls tennis action as the Little Giants beat Oregon Clay 5-0 and the Crimson Streaks fell to Port Clinton by the same score.

In one other area match, Clyde fell to Sandusky St. Mary's 4-1.

"We're on a bit of a roll right

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now," said Ross Coach Pete Michaels. "We're just playing very well at this point and we hope it continues."

Jennifer Miesle, Julie Young and Dian Schepflin all won in straight sets to highlight the Ross effort. The first doubles team of Sarah Hull and Kim White also won in two sets.

The only struggle came in second doubles where Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight outlasted Marsha Pinkstaff and Kim Hagemann 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-5).

Ross is now 4-2 for the season.

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### Ross 5, Oregon Clay 0

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Leslie Petroff 6-0, 6-1.

Julie Young (R) d. Kristin Novak 6-0, 6-1.

Dian Schepflin (R) d. Candy Kline 6-2, 6-0.

#### DOUBLES

Sarah Hull and Kim White (R) d. Tonia Erdmann and Cindi Sibberson 6-3, 6-1.

Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight (R) d. Marsha Pinkstaff and Kim Hagemann 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (7-5).

Season records: Ross 4-2, Clay 1-7.

JV matches: Julie Hagedorn (C) d. Katrina Wolfe 6-4; Tiffany Hulce and Ann Beckman (C) d. Irene Sheen and Diane Roth 8-5.

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### Ross 4, Bowling Green 1

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Cassie Kim 6-1, 2-6, 6-2.

Julie Young (R) d. Erin Gear 6-0, 6-1.

Carrie Livergood (BG) d. Dian Schepflin 6-4, 6-0.

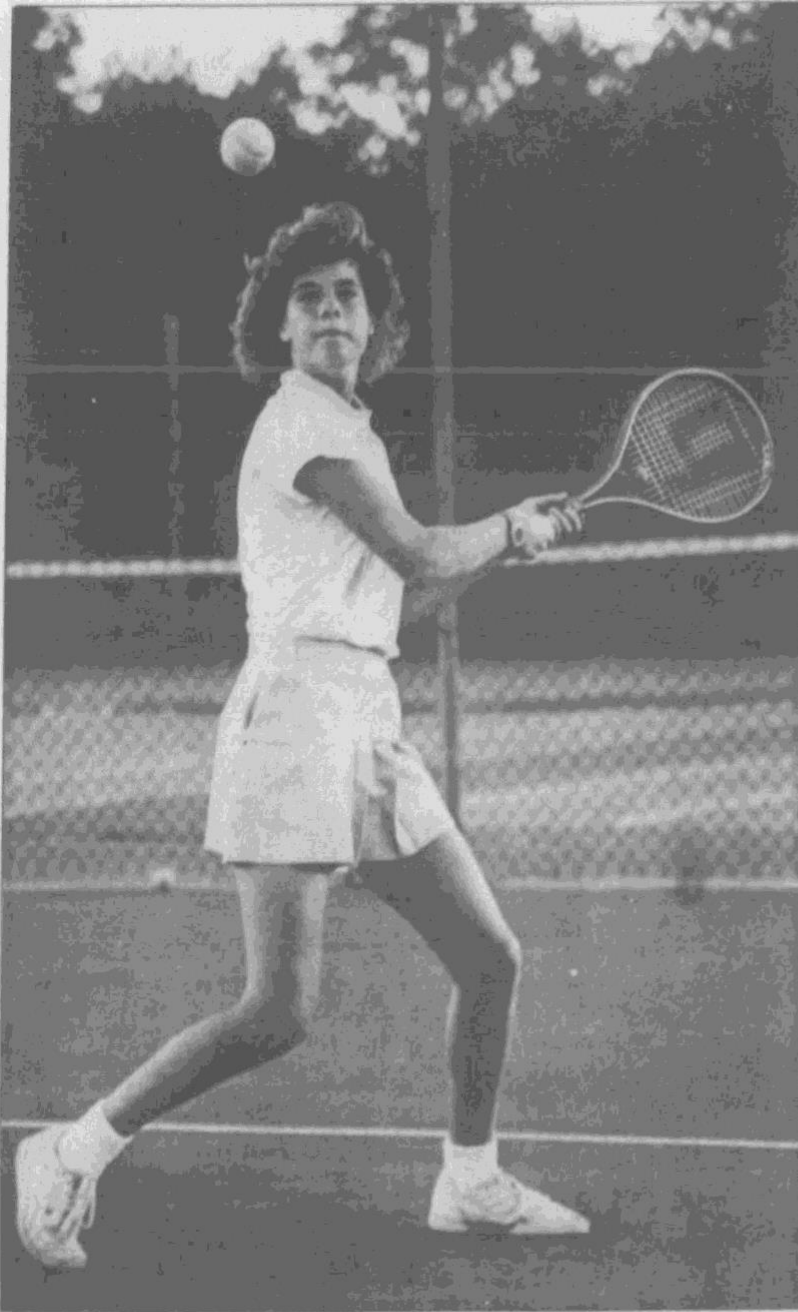
#### DOUBLES

Sarah Hull and Kim White (R) d. Lisa Spencer and Diane McEwen 6-0, 6-2.

Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight (R) d. Trina Keil and Jane Crawford 6-7 (5-7), 6-2, 6-2.

Season records: Ross 5-2, Bowling 3-7.

JV matches: Singles — Michelle Swank (BG) d. Diane Roth 8-0. Doubles — Catrina Wolfe and Kelly Warner (R) d. Linda Powers and Sarah Pugh 6-3; Jamie Schroeder and Dawn Wegman (BG) d. Irene Sheen and Julie Gloré 8-2.



News-Messenger/Terry Reimer

**DIAN SCHEPFLIN** of Fremont Ross watches the ball closely as she prepares for a backhand shot in the match at Rodger Young Park Tuesday. Schepflin lost her third court singles match to Port Clinton's Jennifer Armstrong.

## Clyde, Ross girls win

News-Messenger Reports

Clyde won its third straight match Tuesday and Fremont Ross downed Port Clinton to highlight high school girls tennis Tuesday.

The Fliers, 3-9, stopped Vermillion 3-2 while Ross moved to 6-2 with a 4-1 win.

The second doubles team of Denise and Kendra Burdett was instrumental in leading Clyde to victory, posting an easy 6-1, 6-1 win over Beth Robinson and Jennifer Stein.

The first doubles team also won for the Fliers. Bonnie Knight and Kim Mesnard defeated Tina Meyer and Kim Hayden 6-4, 6-1. The Flier locked up the victory in third singles as Peggy Chong raced to a 6-2, 6-0 defeat over Diane Popovich.

Fremont Ross Coach Pete Michaels enjoyed watching his team defeat a hot Port Clinton squad that had won its last nine matches before Tuesday.

"I couldn't be happier with my team," Michaels said. "Port Clinton is an extremely good team. It was a hard-fought match played well by both sides."

Fremont Ross's victories in second singles and first doubles were the most exemplary of that hard-fought description.

Julie Young overcame a sluggish start before defeating Jennifer Heigel of Port Clinton 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, while the Giants' first doubles team of Sarah Hull and Kim White outlasted Christina Armstrong and Nadine Crisologo 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

## Ross 4, Port Clinton 1

### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Kelly Coffin 6-3, 6-4.

Julie Young (R) d. Jennifer Heigel 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Jennifer Armstrong (PC) d. Dian Schepflin 6-1, 6-1.

### DOUBLES

Sarah Hull and Kim White (R) d. Christina Armstrong and Nadine Crisologo 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight (R) d. Debbie Wersig and Becky Carriszalsn 6-3, 6-0.

Season records: Ross 6-2, Port Clinton 9-3.

**ROSS NETTERS WIN:** The Fremont Ross girls tennis team raised its record to 7-2 for the year with a 4-1 victory over Maumee Wednesday. Singles players **Jennifer Miesle, Julie Young** and **Dian Schepflin** all triumphed in straight sets for the Little Giants and the duo of **Sarah Hull** and **Kim White** won in first doubles to account for the fourth Ross point. Maumee is now 8-4 for the year.

## Ross girls nip new-look Port Clinton 3-2

News-Messenger Reports

PORT CLINTON — The lineups were different, but the results were familiar in the high school tennis rematch between Fremont Ross and Port Clinton as Ross took a 3-2 decision Monday.

The Little Giants, now 8-2 for the season and winners of their last seven matches, beat Port Clinton earlier in the year 4-1.

"It was a well-played match," said Port Clinton Coach Karen Coffin, whose team dropped to 8-4. "We played better than the first time, but Ross has a nice team and won the crucial match."

Said Ross Coach Pete Michaels: "We had our hands full. Port Clinton is always a good match for us, but our girls hung in there and battled it out."

Both teams shifted lineups to get ready for district competition.

The deciding point came in second singles, the last match to be completed. Fremont's Dian Schepflin overcame a first set loss to beat Debbie Wuersig 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the feature match, Port Clinton's Kelly Coffin and Jennifer Armstrong, usually

PC's first and third singles players, defeated the combination of Jennifer Miesle and Julie Young 7-6 (7-5), 6-2. Miesle and Young are Ross's top two singles players and won the district title together last year.

The Giants' other two victories were by Jennifer McKnight in third singles and Kim White and Sarah Hull in second doubles.

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## High School Girls

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### Ross 3, Port Clinton 2

#### SINGLES

Jennifer Heigel (PC) d. Laura Jay 6-0, 6-2.

Dian Schepflin (R) d. Debbie Wuersig 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Jennifer McKnight (R) d. Heidi Dupps 6-4, 6-1.

#### DOUBLES

Kelly Coffin and Jennifer Armstrong (PC) d. Jennifer Miesle and Julie Young 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Kim White and Sarah Hull (R) d. Christina Armstrong and Nadine Crisologo 6-1, 6-4.

Season records: Ross 8-2, Port Clinton 9-4.

JV matches: Diane Lukac (PC) d. Irene Sheen 6-1, Kelly Warner and Katrina Wolfe (R) d. Becky Carrizales and Jenny Sokoloski 6-1, Julie Gloer and Diane Roth (R) d. Debbie Arndell and Ann Wenzinger 6-3.

# Ross girls win No. 9

News-Messenger Reports

FREMONT — The Fremont Ross girls tennis team raised its record to 9-2 for the season Tuesday, defeating Perkins 3-2 at Rodger Young Park.

The Ross girls, winners of their last seven matches, won all three singles matches to take the victory.

"It was a cold, rainy night, but the girls are still playing well," said Ross Coach Pete Michaels.

Jennifer Miesle won in first singles for the Little Giants, defeating Ester Veldbore 6-1, 6-2. Julie Young followed in second court singles with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Lauri Richards.

Dian Schepflin defeated Brenda Willenger 6-1, 6-1 in the third court.

Although Ross did not win a doubles match Tuesday, the Little Giants have both doubles squads seeded in the upcoming District Tournament this Friday and Saturday at Findlay College.

The top two singles players, Miesle and Young, will team together in doubles competition and are seeded second overall. They will meet Long and Grunden of Celina in the first round.

Sarah Hull and Kim White are also seeded in the tourney, drawing the third spot overall. They face Burris and Parson of Defiance.

In singles, Jennifer McKnight and Laura Jay switch from doubles to singles. McKnight will play Carrie Livengood of Bowling Green in the first round and Jay faces Kim Cassie, also of BG.

Schepflin takes on Julie Bergman of Defiance in her opening match Friday.

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#### Ross 3, Perkins 2

##### SINGLES

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Ester Veldboer (P) 6-1, 6-2.

Julie Young (R) d. Lauri Richards (P) 6-1, 6-0.

Dian Schepflin (R) d. Brenda Willenger (P) 6-1, 6-1.

##### DOUBLES

Mary Lucal and Linda Bertsch (P) d. Sarah Hull and Kim White (R) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Lisa Semple and Jane Elias (P) d. Laura Jay and Jennifer McKnight (R) 6-1, 6-4.

Season records: Ross 9-2, Perkins 6-7.

JV matches: Becky Ziss and Gwen Harkelroad (R) d. Julie Gloer and Diane Roth (P) 8-5; Jennifer Souter and Julie Groover (R) d. Kelly Werner and Irene Sheen (P) 8-6.

# Ross High honors fall athletes

News-Messenger Reports

Five athletes were named Most Valuable Player in their respective fall sports at the Ross High School Fall Sports Awards Program Tuesday evening at the high school.

Aaron Potter and Tami Stanley won the MVP honors for the boys and girls cross country teams respectively. Coach Norm Bray also passed out the Most Improved awards to Shane Hill and Dawn Brooks with the captain's trophies going to Scott Nossaman and Stanley.

Nossaman, Stanley and Lisa Abdoos won their third cross country letters.

Shannon Carter was named the MVP in volleyball. Coach Jon Sage awarded the Most Improved trophy to Toni Kille and the outstanding sophomore honor went to Missy Smith.

Other volleyball awards went to Carter as the top offensive player and Linda Borys won the outstanding defensive honor. Carter and Leslie Hougendobler got captain's trophies.

In golf, Coach Dave Fleming presented Rob Beck with the MVP award. Beck also won his third letter and took home a captain's trophy.

The Most Improved golfer was Ryan Riedmaier.

Julie Young won the most valuable honor for girls tennis. Young, Jennifer Miesle and Kim White won their fourth tennis letter and Sarah Hull, her third.

Other tennis honors went to



**ROSS AWARDS:** Most valuable players awards for Ross fall sports teams are, front row, left to right: Shannon Carter and Julie Young; back row- Rob Beck, Tami Stanley and Aaron Potter.

Dian Schepflin as most improved and to co-captains Hull and Young.

Tennis Coach Pete Michaels was also presented with a plaque

from the Ross Athletic Booters club commemorating 29 years of coaching Ross sports. Michaels officially retired at the end of the tennis season.