

High School Volleyball

# Marion Harding ousts Little Giants

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MANSFIELD — Fremont Ross just could not get much going Tuesday in its Northwest District Division I sectional final contest against Marion Harding at Mansfield Senior.

The Little Giants never held a lead in the first game and only briefly in the next two and lost 14-25, 14-25, 9-25 to their Greater

Buckeye Conference rival. A power failure during the warm-up session held up things for a short time, but the Lady Presidents soon darkened the Ross tournament season.

Dominating from beginning to end, Harding limited Ross to just nine points on its serves and the Lady Giants' longest string of points was three.

"We concentrated this

week on staying positive," Harding coach Jill Vanderhoof said. "If we would have a bad point, we wanted to make the next one better than the one before. We worked together and talked together ..."

The win advances Harding into district semifinal action against Mansfield Madison at 7 p.m. Thursday at Mansfield Madison.

A strong performance at

the net paced Harding all match long.

Led by a 24 of 25 performance by senior Lacy Hamon, the Lady Presidents posted 89 of 98 hitting and the setting combination of Kayla Telfer and Kylee Greenwood missed just one of their 49 sets.

"We were going all out at the net," Hamon said. "The passing really helped."

A six-point run, sparked a pair of kills by Kaylee Kepford and one by Hamon, gave the Lady Presidents a 9-3 lead in the first game. Helped by three Ross hitting errors, Harding upped the count to 20-12 and closed out the game on a kill by Mandy Metz.

Keyed by a kill and service ace by Williams, Harding put together a string of six points to take

a 12-7 lead in the second game and then steadily pulled away.

A kill by Stephanie Reed gave Ross a 3-1 lead in the final game, but Harding then went on a five-point run and never looked back.

Jade Wetzel smashed five saves to pace Ross, while Kaitlin Turner dished out 10 assists and Jenny Kim was 8 of 8 serving.