

# Ross has tough act to follow

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Fremont Ross has a tough act to follow.

The Little Giants softball team reached the Division I regional tournament finals last season before losing to Elyria.

Coach Cheryl Schell, beginning her fourth season as head coach, is 51-24 in her first three seasons. Schell's team posted a 24-4 mark last which included a 12-0 mark while winning the Great Lakes League title.

Despite a strong group of returning letterwinners, the Little Giants are not favored in the GLL race. Oregon Clay, with all its starters returning, and Bedford are the favorites according to a preseason vote of the coaches.

"I am excited with the blend of youth and veterans I have on the team," Schell said and added, "we toughened up our schedule this year and that should help improve our play."

Elyria is one of the teams added to the Ross schedule.

Jessica Rollins, the Little Giants' number one pitcher, and backup Erin Lease return. Rollins posted a 16-3 record with a 2.58 earned run average as a junior while Lease was 8-1 with a 3.78 ERA.

Two-year junior letterwinner Dawn Zerman is

another returning veteran along with outfielders Holly Pelfrey and Donna Steinberger, both seniors. Zerman, a shortstop, batted .475 while Pelfrey hit .429 and Steinberger .379.

Also back is Casey Schepflin, April Brenneman and Jamie Hinkle, who

may take over the catching duties handled by the graduated Natalie Robbins.

Others lost to graduation include first baseman Tricia Busdeker and third baseman Belinda Sandoval.

"We are strong up the middle with an experienced pitching staff," Schell said, "plus we should have a strong bench."

Schell says her team will be young at some positions.

"We need a few kids to step up and replace some of the hitters we we lost," she said. "It will take time, but the defense should improve with each game."

Ross was to have opened the season today by hosting Margareta but inclement weather made that date doubtful. Other games slated for opening week include a Wednesday trip to Sandusky.

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# Little Giants rout BG in first game

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Fremont Ross opened the season with a 17-0 non-league victory at Bowling Green Thursday.

Ross scored 11 runs in the fourth inning and outhit the Bobcats 15-1.

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Dawn Zerman homered, doubled and drove in four runs to lead the Little Giants. Michele Smith, Casey Schepflin, Jamie Hinkle and Emily Dowell each added two hits.

Winning pitcher Jessica Rollins pitched four innings, and Erin Lease pitched the final three.

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## Ross rally beats Northview

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Fremont Ross scored twice in the top of the seventh inning and defeat Northview 7-5 in a Great Lakes League softball opener in Sylvania Friday.

Emily Dowell's two-out Texas League single scored both runs for Ross in the seventh. Holly Pelfrey led off the inning with her fourth straight single. An error on Dena Schepflin's attempted sacrifice bunt allowed the runners to reach second and third. After two strikeouts, Dowell stroked the pop-up that fell in behind the second baseman.

"Being our second time out," Ross coach Cheryl Schell said, "I was pleased we came back and won it."

Ross trailed 3-2 after two innings but tied it in the third and took a 5-3 lead in the top of the fourth. Northview tied it with runs in the fifth and sixth.

Pelfrey was 4-for-4 with two runs scored.

Ross travels to Elyria today for a 2 p.m. game. Elyria defeated the Little Giants in the regional tournament finals last season.

### Ross 7, Northview 5

Ross	201	200	2	—	7	11	4
Northview	210	011	0	—	5	9	2

WP: Jessica Rollins (2-0). LP: Janelle Bateson. 3B: Dawn Zerman (R). 2B: Jamie Hinkle (R), Christie Reinbolt (N), Carie Schnaidt (N).

Records: Ross 2-0 (1-0), Northview 4-1 (0-1).

### Northview JV 8, Ross 6

Northview	012	230	0	—	8	7	5
Ross	400	110	0	—	6	3	6

WP: Laura Kaminski. LP: Jodi Kusmer. 2B: Lesa Staib (R).

Records: Ross 1-1, Northview 5-0.

### Oak Harbor 7, St. Wendelin 1

St. Wendelin	000	100	0	—	1	1	0
Oak Harbor	311	200	x	—	7	7	1

WP: Erin Radsick; LP: Sidle; 2B: Jamie Seeger (OH).

Records: Oak Harbor 2-4, St. Wendelin 4-2.

# Ross singled out in GLL victory

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One base at a time worked for Fremont Ross in a 7-5 Great Lakes League victory at Bedford Thursday.

The Little Giants (3-0 and 2-0), collected 11 singles against the Mules.

"We just try to get the ball in play and create things," Ross coach Cheryl Schell said.

Dawn Zerman's two-run single capped a five-run second inning for Ross, and the Little Giants added two runs in the third.

Winning pitcher Jessica Rollins and Jamie Hinkle had two hits apiece and each scored two runs. Michele Smith also had two hits.

In other games:

**Old Fort .....16**

**Lakota .....0**

Old Fort collected nine hits and did not commit an error in

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the non-league game, which was shortened to five innings by the run rule.

Lakota's lone hit was Erin Howe's triple in the second inning.

The Raiders committed six errors and fell to 3-3, while the Stockaders improved to 4-2.

**Oak Harbor .....18**

**Perkins .....3**

Oak Harbor set season highs in runs and hits to improve to 4-5 and 1-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Jamie Seeger had three hits, including a triple and a double, and drove in three runs.

While the Rockets collected 14 hits, Jenny Okorowski and reliever Erin Radsick combined to hold Perkins (2-3 and 0-1) to four hits.

# Redmen deal Ross first setback 11-5

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Bellevue handed Fremont Ross its first softball loss of the season Saturday, putting together 11 hits in an 11-5 win over the Little Giants.

The Redmen (10-0) scored three runs in the first inning, two in the second and three more in the third to take an 8-2 lead.

"They have a really nice team," Ross coach Cheryl Schell said. "I only wish we had as many games in as they did. Our first non-league game and I put in a new lineup and we looked pretty rough."

Ross (3-1) collected six hits,

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including two each by Holly Pelfrey and Donna Steinberger. Steinberger had a pair of RBI.

Dawn Zerman tripled, scored a run and drove in two runs for the Little Giants.

Erica Englund had two hits and Erica Soule had a double and a single for Bellevue.

The Little Giants host pre-season Great Lakes League favorite Oregon Clay at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Wednesday, Ross hosts Toledo Central Catholic.

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## Little Giants, Fliers, 'Cats, Raiders post victories

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Fremont Ross managed four hits Wednesday, but the hits were big ones as the Little Giants defeated Toledo Central Catholic 4-2 in a non-league game at Rodger Young Park.

"The kids got clutch hits with two outs," Ross coach Cheryl Schell said. "It's the older kids, and the others are doing a good job of getting on base."

Jessica Rollins went the distance for the victory, walking none and striking out five.

"She was throwing what the umpire was giving her," Schell said. "She did a great job with location tonight. That helped us out a lot."

Rollins also had two hits, including a triple.

Mandi Fix took the loss, striking out three, walking two and hitting two batters.

"She had a nice variety of pitches so it was good to see the kids get the hits when they did," Schell said. "We'll start hitting the ball better when we face pitching more regular."

Ross (4-1) played two games in the same week for the first time this season.

Central Catholic (5-3) took a 2-0 lead in the third inning with two unearned runs.

The Little Giants got one run back in the bottom of the third when Donna Steinberger was hit by a pitch with two outs, stole second and scored on Casey Schepflin's single.

With one out in the Ross fourth, Emily Dowell and Nicki Pelfrey walked. One out later, Dawn Zerman delivered a two-run double.

Ross added a run to its lead in the fifth. Pelfrey reached on an error, advanced to second on a fielder's choice and scored on a single by Rollins.

In other games:

### Ross 4, Toledo C.C. 2

Toledo C.C. 002 000 0 — 2 5 1  
Ross 001 210 x — 4 4 3

WP: Jessica Rollins, LP: Mandi Fix.  
3B: Rollins (R); 2B: Dawn Zerman (R).  
Records: T.C.C. 5-3, Ross 4-1.

### Clyde 6, Oak Harbor 2

Oak Harbor 020 000 0 — 2 5 3  
Clyde 042 000 x — 6 6 2

WP: Michelle Covolaske; LP: Jenny Okorowski.  
Records: O.H. 5-6 (2-2), Clyde 4-3 (2-1).

### Woodmore 8, Genoa 2

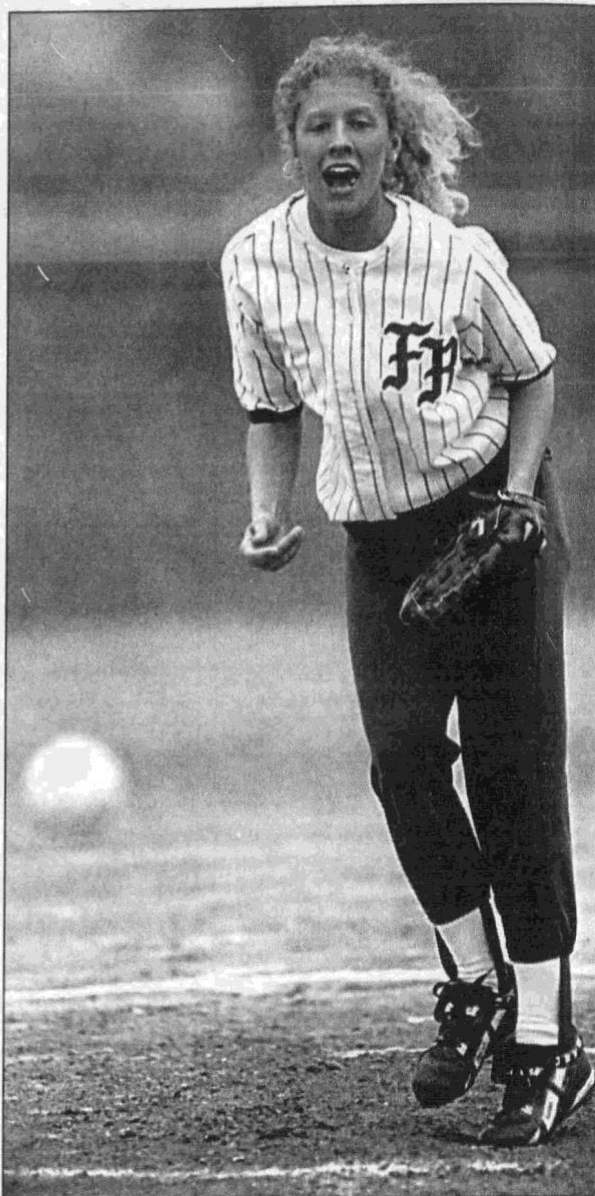
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Genoa 010 100 0 — 2 4 5

WP: Angie Fegley; LP: Melissa Cuthbertson; 3B: Chris Cordell (G); 2B: Mari-ah Fennewald (W), Tiffany Travis (W).  
Records: Woodmore 6-1 (2-0), Genoa 4-5 (0-2).

### Lakota 15, Eastwood 7

Eastwood 103 300 0 — 7 8 3  
Lakota 100 473 x — 15 13 2

WP: Kelli Morel, LP: Gardner. 2B: Jessica Creeger (L), Cori Bond (L), Kelli Morel (L).  
Records: Lakota 4-4 (1-0).



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JESSICA ROLLINS of Ross watches her pitch fly toward home plate Wednesday.



# Rollins, Zerman send Ross past Southview

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Jessica Rollins struck out 13 batters and Dawn Zerman collected two hits, scored two runs and stole two bases Monday afternoon, leading Fremont Ross to an 8-2 non-league softball victory over Sylvania Southview.

Rollins, a right-hander, allowed two hits and one walk as the Little Giants won for the fifth time in six games. Southview fell to 6-3.

Donna Steinberger had two hits and one run, Emily Dowell had two hits and one run, and Rollins and Holly Pelfrey had two RBI apiece for Ross, which hosts Fostoria today.

In other games Monday:

**Calvert.....7**

**St. Joe.....6**

Calvert won despite getting just one hit off St. Joe pitcher Amy Herring.

Kelly Lotycz went 3-for-4 and drove in a run, while Erin Lytle tripled and had one

RBI and Allison Bauer drove in a run for the Crimson Streaks.

St. Joe (1-6) committed six of its 11 errors in the seventh inning, when Calvert scored four runs. The Streaks host Old Fort today.

**Otsego.....5**

**Woodmore.....3**

Woodmore committed four errors and was held to four hits in the Suburban Lakes League loss.

The Wildcats, ranked fifth in Division III in this week's state coaches poll, got two singles from Rupa Narra, a base hit from Brandi Shank and a run-scoring single from Trisha Rickard in the fifth inning.

Angie Fegley pitched 4½ innings and took the loss for Woodmore, 7-2 and 2-1 in the SLL. Fegley gave up three hits, struck out eight and walked six. Narra shut the Knights down the rest of the way, allowing no hits, with four strikeouts and two walks.

Otsego's No. 9 hitter, Holly Frantz, had the game-winning hit, a bases-loaded dribbler up the middle to score two runs in the fifth inning. The Knights are 6-3 and 2-1 in the league.

Winning pitcher Kim Clark went the distance and struck out two, with two walks.

The Wildcats, who have committed a total of 10 errors in their two losses, visit Fostoria St. Wendelin today.

**Northwood.....20**

**Lakota.....6**

Northwood scored six runs in the first inning en route to the win over the Raiders, its first in two SLL games.

Lakota, 5-6 and 1-1 in the league, got within 6-4 after three innings, but the Rangers scored four runs in the fourth, four in the fifth and six in the sixth against the Raiders, who committed eight errors and were outthit 13-9.

Jessica Creeger, Courtney Russell and

Erin Howe had two hits each for the Raiders. Jessica Wyant and losing pitcher Kelli Morel each drove in two runs.

**Oak Harbor.....16**

**Huron.....9**

HURON — The Rockets erased a 9-2 deficit by scoring 11 runs in the fourth inning en route to the Sandusky Bay Conference win. Oak Harbor, 7-6 and 4-2 in the SBC, outthit the Tigers 15-11 and took advantage of five Huron errors.

Lisa Overmyer led the Rockets' attack with a triple, single and three RBI. Shannon Stayancho also tripled, singled and drove in two runs.

Nancy Appelhans tripled in two runs, Jenny Okorowski and Jamie Seeger had two RBI apiece and Shanna Matzinger also doubled in a run for Oak Harbor.

Winning pitcher Erin Radsick went four innings and struck out five with no walks.

# Little Giants roll along

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The Fremont Ross Little Giants collected 19 hits in Tuesday's 17-2 Great Lakes League victory over Fostoria.

Ross (6-1 and 3-0) scored 11 runs in the third inning.

Winning pitcher Jessica Rollins, Donna Steinberger, Dawn Zerman and Nicki Pelfrey each had three hits for Ross. Michele Smith drove in four runs.

Fostoria falls to 6-3 and 0-1.

In other games reported:

**Old Fort .....20**

**St. Joe.....11**

Winning pitcher Deanna Schubach drove in two runs, and Old Fort scored in every

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inning but the seventh.

St. Joe (1-7 and 1-4 in the Midland Athletic League) got two hits from Erin Kelly.

**Woodmore.....16**

**St. Wendelin.....0**

Mariah Fennewald hit a grand slam home run in Woodmore's 11-run first inning and the Wildcats won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Rupa Narra pitched a two-hitter with seven strikeouts and three walks.

Fennewald also had a triple and scored three runs, and Kelli Harman scored twice.

## Little Giants steal a victory from Woodmore

By BOB MARKER  
Sports Editor

It was slow and deliberate, but it shifted Fremont Ross into high gear.

Holly Pelfrey's delayed steal in the fourth inning set a fire under the Little Giants on a chilly Thursday at Rodger Young Park, and Ross went on to a 6-1 victory over Woodmore.

"I think that got our team going," Pelfrey said. "I think Woodmore got a little nervous."

After three scoreless innings, Woodmore (9-3) scored first on Tiffany Travis' run-scoring single. Jessica Rollins pitched one-hit ball over the last three

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innings.

Ross (8-1) used trickery to bounce back from the 1-0 deficit.

Pelfrey led off the Ross fourth with a walk, and Ross coach Cheryl Schell called for a delayed steal. As Woodmore catcher Mariah Fennewald threw back to pitcher Rupa Narra, Pelfrey took off for second — making it easily.

"We called it because we needed her to get into scoring position," Schell said. "The catcher was not really watching our runners too much, so we called it."

Casey Schepflin grounded back

to Narra but Narra's low throw skipped past Travis at first with Pelfrey scoring the tying run. Schepflin scored the go-ahead run one out later on a single by Emily Dowell.

That was all Rollins needed. She finished with a four-hitter, striking out five, walking two and pitching around four Ross errors.

"That delayed steal took a little life out of us," Woodmore coach Mike Lee said. "We take a lot of pride in the little things and we let something happen. We let down a little bit."

"I don't think Woodmore played as well as they could. I

### How they scored

#### WOODMORE FOURTH

Trisha Rickard reached on Ross first baseman Michele Smith's error. Rickard stole second, went to third on Kelly Harman's groundout to second and scored on a single to right by Tiffn Travis. Brand Shank struck out, and Abby Aspacher grounded out to second. 1 run, 1 hit.

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Holly Pelfrey walked and stole second. Casey Schepflin grounded back to pitcher Rupa Narra and Pelfrey scored on Narra's throwing error to first. Jessica Rollins grounded out to short with Schepflin taking third. Schepflin scored on Emily Dowell's single to right. Jamie Hinkle singled to right, with Dowell stopping at second. Both advanced a base on a wild pitch. Smith struck out, and Nicki Pelfrey grounded out pitcher to first. 2 runs, 2 hits.

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Dawn Zerman grounded out to shortstop. Donna Steinberger singled, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Holly Pelfrey's single to right. Schepflin singled Pelfrey to third with Schepflin taking second on the throw to third. Pelfrey scored and Schepflin took third on a wild pitch. Schepflin scored on Rollins' groundout to short. Dowell was safe on shortstop Angie Fagley's error. Hinkle struck out. 3 runs, 3 hits.

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Smith popped out to second. Nicki Pelfrey tripped to left center and scored on Zerman's groundout to short. Steinberger struck out. 1 run, 1 hit.

know Mike Lee has a better team than that."

Lee believes so too.

"Ross made some things hap-

pen," Lee said, "and that is why we want to play teams like Ross. We see this kind of pitching and competition once every 10 days."



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# Ross remains unbeaten in GLL

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Fremont Ross rolled to its fifth Great Lakes League softball victory against no losses with a 13-2 victory over Napoleon.

The Little Giants, 9-1, collected 13 hits including three apiece by Casey Shepflin and winning pitcher Jessica Rollins. Dawn Zerman and Michele Smith had two hits. Donna Steinberger tripled and drove in four runs for Ross. Shepflin and Rollins doubled.

Rollins gave up three hits, striking out one and walking one.

Brenda

Huddle tripled and Kristen Heuner doubles for Napoleon, 4-5 and 1-3.

In other games:

### Woodmore 15, Old Fort 0

Angie Fegley pitched a five-inning one-hit shutout. The only hit Fegley surrendered was a third-inning single by Jenny Magers. She struck out six and walked five.

There was no score after two innings but the Wildcats, 10-3, scored six times in the bottom of the third, added one in the fourth and ended the game on the 15-run ruled with eight in the fifth.

Woodmore had 14 hits including three by Trisha Rickard. Rupa Narra, Kelli Harman and Abby Aspacher had two hits each with Fegley doubling twice. Anita Overmyer also doubled for the Wildcats. Fegley drove in four runs.

### Genoa 19, Lakota 2

Genoa pounded out 15 hits and Lakota committed five errors in the Suburban Lakes League game.

Senior Susie Valasek went 3-for-3 with five RBI, Kris Cordell went 3-for-3 with four runs scored, Melissa Cuthbertson had three hits and scored three runs, and Christie Zielinski went 2-for-2 with two runs to lead the Comets.

Laura Truman earned the win after giving up just one hit, a single in the fourth inning. Truman (2-1) walked five and struck out four.

Lakota dropped to 5-8 and 1-3 in the SLL.

### Oak Harbor 1, Edison 0 (8)

Oak Harbor pitcher Erin Radsick outdueled Edison's Sara Goodwin.

Radsick (6-2) gave up two hits, including one to Goodwin in the seventh inning, and struck out nine with no walks for Oak Harbor, 9-6 and 6-2 after its

fourth

straight

victory.

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error.

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Overmyer

singled in the fourth inning and Nan-

cycy Appelhans followed with a single

for the Rockets' other hits.

**Margaretta 4, Port Clinton 3**

**Margaretta** 002 020 0 — 4 10 1

**Port Clinton** 000 200 1 — 3 6 2

WP: Sarah Lowery; LP: Misty Lewis;

3B: Kim Westcott (M); 2B: Michelle Heil-

man (PC); Michelle Lacey (PC).

Records: Port Clinton 1-8 (1-5), Mar-

garetta 3-7 (2-4).

**Ross JV 26, Napoleon 3**

**Ross** (10)32 56 — 26 15 3

**Napoleon** 001 11 — 3 1 7

WP: Megan Alexander; LP: Robin

Storch; 2B: Jenni Knoke (R); Kylee

Schneider (R); Lesa Staib (R).

Record: Ross 3-5.

### Woodmore 15, Old Fort 0

**Old Fort** 000 00 — 0 1 3

**Woodmore** 006 18 — 15 14 1

WP: Angie Fegley; LP: DeAnna

Schubach; 2B: Fegley (W) 2; Anita

Overmyer (W).

Records: Woodmore 10-3, Old Fort 14-3.

### Ross 13, Napoleon 2

**Ross** 154 010 2 — 13 13 5

**Napoleon** 100 010 0 — 2 4 9

WP: Jessica Rollins; LP: Amy

Aschmeier; 3B: Donna Steinberger (R);

Brenda Huddle (N); 2B: Casey Shepflin

(R); Rollins (R); Kristen Huener (N).

Records: Ross 9-1 (5-0), Napoleon 4-5

(1-3).

### Oak Harbor 1, Edison 0 (8)

**Edison** 000 000 00 — 0 2 1

**Oak Harbor** 000 000 01 — 1 3 1

WP: Erin Radsick; LP: Sara Goodwin;

2B: Radsick (OH).

Records: Oak Harbor 9-6 (6-2).

### Genoa 19, Lakota 2 (5)

**Genoa** 337 60 — 19 15 3

**Lakota** 011 00 — 2 1 5

WP: Laura Truman; LP: Jodi Beaston;

2B: Susie Valasek (G) 2; Truman (G);

Kris Cordell (G).

Records: Genoa 6-6 (2-3), Lakota 5-8

(1-3).

### Margaretta 4, Port Clinton 3

**Margaretta** 002 020 0 — 4 10 1

**Port Clinton** 000 200 1 — 3 6 2

WP: Sarah Lowery; LP: Misty Lewis;

3B: Kim Westcott (M); 2B: Michelle Heil-

man (PC); Michelle Lacey (PC).

Records: Port Clinton 1-8 (1-5), Mar-

garetta 3-7 (2-4).

### Ross JV 26, Napoleon 3

**Ross** (10)32 56 — 26 15 3

**Napoleon** 001 11 — 3 1 7

WP: Megan Alexander; LP: Robin

Storch; 2B: Jenni Knoke (R); Kylee

Schneider (R); Lesa Staib (R).

Record: Ross 3-5.

## **Notre Dame 13, Ross 5**

Notre Dame, which won for the 10th time without a loss while handing the Little Giants their second loss in 11 games, scored seven runs in the first inning off losing pitcher Jessica Rollins.

# Little Giants undefeated in GLL

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Fremont Ross remained undefeated in the Great Lakes League with a 7-3 victory over Toledo Whitmer Tuesday.

Ross (10-2 and 6-0) trailed 3-1 until the fifth inning, when the Little Giants took advantage of two walks and two Whitmer errors to score four runs.

Casey Schepflin had two hits and April Brenamen scored two runs for Ross. Schepflin's RBI single ended the decisive fourth inning.

Erin Lease pitched four innings for the victory, and Corey Rasley took the loss.

In other games reported:

**Seneca East.....9**

**St. Joe .....6**

St. Joe left the bases loaded in the first, second and fifth innings and fell to 4-10 and 2-5 in the Midland Athletic League.

Seneca East (8-8 and 3-4) led 2-

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1 after one inning, but the Crimson Streaks took the lead with two runs in the third highlighted by Cori Bruchs' RBI double.

The Streaks took a 5-2 lead in the fourth, when Kelly Lotycz homered, Ann Foos tripled and losing pitcher Allison Bauer singled.

The Tigers tied the score with three runs in the bottom of the fourth, and St. Joe regained the lead on Erin Kelly's RBI ground-out in the fifth. The Tigers took the lead for good with three runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Lisa Runion was the losing pitcher in relief.

**Lakota .....16**

**Eastwood .....12**

Cory Bond, Jessica Creeger, Courtney Russell and Cira King had two hits apiece and Bond

drove in four runs for Lakota.

The Raiders (6-9 and 2-4 in the Suburban Lakes League) never trailed after erasing a 2-0 deficit with three runs in the second inning.

Erin Howe scored four runs and Jessica Wyant three for Lakota.

Amy Beaston was the winning pitcher, and Amy Gardner took the loss.

The Eagles are 2-10 and 1-6.

**Oak Harbor.....9**

**Port Clinton.....1**

Winning pitcher Erin Radsick tied a school record with 12 strikeouts, and Lisa Overmyer had three hits for Oak Harbor.

Radsick gave up four hits and did not walk a batter as the Rockets improved to 11-6 and 8-2 in the Sandusky Bay Conference with their sixth straight victory.

Port Clinton is 1-10 and 1-7.

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# Four area teams win

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The St. Joseph Central Catholic Crimson Streaks came back from a 11-9 deficit in the bottom of the fifth to defeat Eastwood 14-11 at Eastwood Friday.

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St. Joe scored five runs over the last two innings.

The Streaks tied the game in the sixth inning when Erin Lytle, who went 2-for-3 and had 3 RBI, scored on a passed ball from third base. Later in the inning Cori Bruchs scored from third on an error.

With two on in the top of the seventh Lytle hit a two-run triple and Rochelle Haaser scored Lytle on a bunt.

Haaser pitched the complete game with five strikeouts and 10 walks.

The Crimson Streaks are 5-11 while Eastwood is 2-13.

In other games:

#### Ross 13, Northview 0

Jessica Rollins threw a three-hit shutout and the Little Giants remained unbeaten in seven Great Lakes League games.

Nikki Pelfrey was 3-for-4 and drove in 3 runs to lead the Ross attack. Dawn Zerman, Holly Pelfrey and Emily Dowell each added two hits apiece for Ross.

Ross is 11-2 while Northview falls to 10-4 and 3-2 in the GLL.

#### Oak Harbor 4, Clyde 0

The Rockets jumped into a first-place tie with Clyde in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Oak Harbor collected nine hits to improve to 12-6 and 9-2 in the SBC with their seventh straight victory. Clyde, which handed Oak Harbor its last loss (6-2), is also 9-2 in the conference.

The Rockets scored twice in the third inning and twice in the fifth.

Lisa Overmyer singled to lead off the third, followed by a base hit by Nancy Appelhans. Sara Moore

answered with another single off losing pitcher Michelle Kovalaske to score Overmyer, and Erin Radsick drove in Appelhans with a single.

In the fifth, Brandy Gaines

reached on

an error

and later

scored on a

groundout.

Overmyer

added the

Rockets' final

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and scored

on an RBI

grounder

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the winning

pitcher,

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walked two

and struck

out 10.

**Woodmore 9, Genoa 6**

Woodmore

#### St. Joe 14, Eastwood 11

St. Joe 231 212 3 — 14 11 4

Eastwood 104 420 0 — 11 5 7

WP: Rochelle Haaser, LP: Amy Gardner. 3B: Erin Lytle; 2B: Erin Kelly.

Records: St. Joe 5-11, Eastwood 2-

13.

#### Ross 13, Northview 0

Northview 000 000 0 — 0 3 6

Ross 042 151 x — 13 13 1

WP: Jessica Rollins (10-1), LP: Janel Bateson. 3B: Donna Steinberger (R),

Nikki Pelfrey (R), 2B: Ragan Rusch (R).

Records: Ross 11-2 (7-0), Northview

10-4 (3-2).

#### Ross JV 6, Northview 5 (8)

Ross 001 040 01 — 6 6 4

Northview 000 130 10 — 5 7 2

WP: Jodi Kusmer, LP: Elynn Exley.

3B: Kylee Schneider.

Record: Ross 7-5.

#### Woodmore 9, Genoa 6

Genoa 001 140 0 — 6 11 3

Woodmore 112 312 x — 9 2 1

WP: Angie Fegley; LP: Jodie Moritz;

2B: Susie Valasek (G), Keri Keaton (G).

Records: Genoa 8-8 (2-5), Wood-

more 14-3 (6-1).

#### Oak Harbor 4, Clyde 0

Clyde 000 000 0 — 0 2 1

Oak Harbor 002 020 x — 4 9 2

WP: Erin Radsick; LP: Michelle

Kovalaske.

Records: Oak Harbor 12-6 (9-2),

Clyde (9-2).

Rupa Narra finished the game for the Wildcats, 14-3 and 6-1 in the Suburban Lakes League.

# Ross wins in last at-bat

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A four-run seventh inning lifted Fremont Ross to a 4-3 victory over Maumee Friday.

Jamie Hinkle's single to right field scored winning pitcher Jessica Rollins and gave the Little Giants their 13th win in 15 games.

Emily Dowell was hit by a pitch to open the Ross seventh, and Donna Steinberger singled one out later.

Holly Pelfrey reached on an error, when Maumee misplayed her bunt, with Dowell scoring and Steinberger taking third.

Pelfrey stole second, and Casey Schepflin walked to load the bases.

Rollins singled in two runs and took second when Schepflin was out trying for third. Niki Pelfrey then walked, and Jamie Hinkle followed with the game-winner.

Maumee (11-7) scored single runs in

the third, fourth and sixth.

Rollins allowed one earned run, walked two and struck out two.

In other games reported:

**Woodmore .....15**

**Northwood .....1**

Angie Fegley pitched a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts and three walks as Woodmore improved to 17-4 and 9-1 in the Suburban Lakes League.

Rupa Narra and Kelli Harman each had three of Woodmore's 12 hits. Fegley and Harman drove in three runs apiece, with Fegley and Narra each scoring three times.

**Elmwood .....8**

**Lakota .....3**

Elmwood scored three runs in each of the first two innings and went on to the SLL win.

Kelly Morel and Cori Bond had two hits apiece for Lakota (6-14 and 2-7).

The Royals are 18-2 and 7-2.

## Softball Roundup

## **Ross 14, St. Ursula 0**

Erin Lease pitched a three-hitter in her first complete game this season. The senior struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Leading 5-0, Ross put the game away with an eight-run fourth inning. Holly Pelfrey's bases-loaded triple highlighted the big inning.

Jessica Rollins homered over the leftfield fence for the Little Giants, 14-2. Dawn Zerman, Pelfrey and Jenny Swint had two hits apiece for Ross and April Brenaman drove in two runs.

Ross will play Springfield at 7 p.m. tonight in the Division I district tournament at Findlay.



# Old Fort defeats Elmwood 11-6 in Division III district

News-Messenger reports

Old Fort took advantage of 14 walks by Elmwood pitchers to move into a Division III district championship game with an 11-6 semifinal victory Tuesday at Woodville.

Eight Old Fort runs were forced in by walks as the Stockaders advanced to Friday's 5 p.m. title game against Ottawa Hills despite collecting just three hits.

Old Fort (22-3) scored nine runs in the fifth inning to overcome a 5-2 deficit.

Monica Whitman scattered nine hits, walked five and struck out two to pick up the victory.

Heather Omler, Jenny Bollinger and Chrystal Colvert had the three Old Fort hits.

The Royals fall from the tournament at 18-3.

In other games:

**Ross.....16**

**Bedford.....7**

The Little Giants remained undefeated in eight Great Lakes

## Softball Roundup

League games by scoring all their runs in the first four innings.

Nikki Pelfrey had three hits, including two doubles, Donna Steinberger drove in four runs and Jessica Rollins scored three runs for Ross (16-2).

Steinberger and Rollins finished with two hits apiece, Rollins also drove in three runs and Pelfrey added two RBI.

Erin Lease pitched a complete game for the victory, striking out four and walking five.

**Northwood .....16**

**Lakota.....6**

Lakota scored all its runs in the first inning, and Northwood erased its deficit with nine runs in the third.

The Rangers outhit the Raiders 12-3 and took advantage of seven Lakota errors and nine walks.

Lakota drops to 6-16 and 2-9 in the Suburban Lakes League.

# Little Giants rout Fostoria, 21-0

News-Messenger reports

**FOSTORIA** — Fremont Ross defeated Fostoria 21-0 in a Great Lakes League softball game Saturday.

The game was called after five innings.

Winning pitcher Erin Lease pitched a one-hitter, striking out seven and walking one.

Michelle Smith was 4-for-5 with three RBI to lead the Little Giants' 21-hit attack. Jessica Rollins and Dawn Zerman had three hits apiece, and Holly Pelfrey drove in four runs.

Ross (19-2) is undefeated in nine GLL games.

Ross has three GLL games remaining.

The Little Giants take on Clay, which has a GLL loss, at 4:30 p.m. today. Ross hosts Napoleon, which is on a seven-game winning streak, Tuesday.

Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Ashland, Ross plays North Ridgeville in the Division I regional tournament semifinals.

Thursday, Ross travels to Oregon to play Clay in the final league game.

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## Ross clinches title share with 2-0 win over Clay

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Fremont Ross clinched at least a share of its second consecutive Great Lakes League softball championship with a 2-0 win over Oregon Clay Monday at Rodger Young Park.

The Little Giants (19-2) are undefeated in 10 GLL games while Clay (12-7), the preseason favorite to win the title, is 7-2. Ross has two league games remaining: Napoleon today at Roger Young Park, and Clay Thursday in Oregon. Both games begin at 4:30 p.m.

A win over Napoleon will give the Little Giants the outright league title. Napoleon handed Clay its other league loss.

"This was the type of game I expected," Ross coach Cheryl Schell said after the Monday game. "Clay made some big

defensive plays that robbed us of a few hits."

Clay coach Jeff Lee said, "You have to come into game expecting a low scoring game. Miss Rollins is a very good pitcher ... good speed, good mix (of pitches) and a good defense behind her."

Jessica Rollins of Ross and Megan Revenaugh of Clay hooked up in classic duel. Both kept hitters offstride through four scoreless innings. Revenaugh held Ross to a hit in that span while Rollins surrendered two. No Ross runner reached second in the first four innings while Clay got two as far as second, both times with two outs.

"When you come into a game, you have to execute your offense and defense," Lee said. "We put runners on first base a couple of different times and we failed to

get the bunt down and move them up."

Clay runners got to second on stolen bases after bunt attempts failed. Both steals were after two outs.

"I expected a dog fight ... I just wish we would have executed a little better offensively," Lee said.

The Little Giants broke the scoring ice in the bottom of the fifth, using hits by Casey Schepflin and Jamie Hinkle plus an Eagle error to take a 1-0 lead.

"That was a big run," Schell said. "They had not been bringing their defense up the whole game so we started showing the bunt. Third base crept up and Casey did a nice job of executing the slap over her head."

A bunt single by Dawn Zerman and singles by Holly Pelfrey and Rollins netted a run in the sixth.

### How they scored:

#### ROSS FIFTH

Nikki Pelfrey was safe on first baseman Nicole Leathers' error. Casey Schepflin bounced a single over third baseman Sherri Brown's head. Pelfrey scored when the ball went through the legs of leftfielder Jessica Abde. Schepflin was out trying to advance to third. Jamie Hinkle singled to left, Michelle Smith flied to center and Emily Dowell grounded out pitcher to first. 1 run, 2 hits.

#### ROSS SIXTH

Dawn Zerman led off with a bunt single and went to second on Donna Steinberger's sacrifice bunt. Holly Pelfrey singled to left with Zerman holding a third. Jessica Rollins singled to right, scoring Zerman. Pelfrey was out at home. Nikki Pelfrey grounded out short to first. 1 run, 3 hits.

### Little Giants play Strongsville in regional

News-Messenger reports

Ross will play Strongsville at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Division I regional tournament at Brookside Park in Ashland. Due to incorrect information, Monday's News-Messenger listed Ross's opponent as North Ridgeville.

Directions to Brookside Park provided by the Ross Athletic Department: US 20 east two Norwalk to SR 250 south into Ashland. Turn right on SR 96 (Sandusky Street). At the first traffic signal, turn left to the park.

It will be the Little Giants second straight appearance in the regional. Last year, Ross lost in the finals to Elyria.

# Ross wraps up GLL title

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross had an eye on the Great Lakes League softball championship. The Little Giants wasted no time in seizing it.

Ross scored 11 runs in the first inning on Tuesday and beat Napoleon 13-1 at Rodger Young Park.

## Softball

Erin Lease struck out six and walked two for the win, and Nicki Pelfrey had four RBI for Ross (20-2 and 11-0).

Dawn Zerman, Donna Steinberger and Rgan Rusch each had three of the Little Giants' 14 hits.

Lease limited Napoleon (11-9 and 5-6) to five hits.

Senior pitcher Jessica Rollins won the award for coach Cheryl Schell's softball team. A four-year letterman, Rollins had a 38-4 record in her pitching career with a 1.41 earned run average to go with this year's .336 batting average.

Other special awards handed out by Schell went to Dawn Zerman as top batter (.439); Holly Pelfrey, a senior four-year letter winner, as the golden glove award winner; senior Ragan Rusch and Pelfrey as coaches award winners; and freshman Nikki Pelfrey as the team's most improved player.

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## High School

### ALL GLL Team

Following is the 1995 All Great Lakes League Softball team with position, school and grade as voted on by the leagues coaches.

#### FIRST TEAM

Megan Revenaugh, P, Clay, Jr., Jessica Rollins, P, Ross, Sr., Pamy Donnelly, C, Clay, So., Lindsey Squire, 1B, Northview, Jr., Sherri Brown, IF, Clay, Sr., Dawn Zerman, IF, Ross, Jr., Cory Tice, IF, Whitmer, Sr., Michelle Schenkel, OF, Clay, Sr., Lindsay Nofzinger, OF, Bedford, Sr., Holly Pelfrey, OF, Ross, Sr., Tracy Schneider, Bedford DH, Sr., Jeanelle Bateson, UTIL, Northview, Sr.

Player of the Year: Jessica Rollins, Ross

Coach of the Year: Cheryl Schell, Ross

#### SECOND TEAM

Amy Aschemeier, P, Napoleon; Erin Lease, P, Ross; Nicki King, 1B Bedford; Kristina Makin, IF, Fostoria; Tara Wells, IF, Bedford; Carleigh Page, IF, Clay; Amy Zurawski, OF, Whitmer; Liz Osborn, OF, Napoleon; Janette Lewicz, OF, Whitmer; Donna Steinberger, DH, Ross; Morgan Ramsdell, DH, Northview; Jessica Viertelboeck, UTIL, Whitmer.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Heather Rainey, Kortney Rowe, Bedford; Nicole Leathers, Stephanie Cousino, Clay; Erica Hare, Bobbie Hannigan, Leanna Hager, Nicki Smith, Anne Schwepe, Fostoria; Ragan Rusch, Nicki Pelfrey, Casey Schepflin, Ross; Kristen Huener, Brenda Huddle, Katherine Updegraff, Lisa Small, Napoleon; Carrie Reinbolt, Bevin Malley, Ani Geha, Carrie Schnaidt, Jackie Koschalk, Mandy Beckham, Northview; Lynne Bradish, Tracie Goldsmith, Lindsay Aldrich, Katie Dubendorfer, Christy Szych, Whitmer.