

# Ross duos qualify for state

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**BOWLING GREEN** — A pair of doubles teams will represent Fremont Ross at the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Tennis Tournament.

The tournament begins Friday at the Ohio State University Stickney Center tennis courts adjacent to the Woody Hayes Sports Complex, 2491 Olentangy Road in Columbus. Play begins at 9 a.m.

Dawn Zerman and Kristen Farrell, the Little Giants' first and second court singles players during the regular season, defeated teammates Casey and Dena Schepflin in the Division I District Tournament finals Saturday at Bowling Green State University.

Ross coach Sue Badertscher said having two teams going at

## District team final today

Ross travels to Bucyrus High School today to play Lexington in the Northwest district finals of the Ohio High School Coaches Association Team Tournament.

A win puts Ross in the state finals Sunday in Columbus.

There will be four Division I teams in the Sunday showdown at the Stickney Center. Play begins at 9 a.m.

It will be the second time Ross will have played Lexington this season. The first time, the Little Giants won 4-1.

each other was expected but it could have been testy.

"I was glad to have both teams in the finals and happy to take the number one and two seeds to the state tournament," Badertscher said, "but it sometimes causes problems. The girls, though, handled it well. They hugged each other at the end and it was a pleasant ride home on the van afterwards."

Zerman and Farrell, both seniors, will make their third consecutive appearance in the state tournament.

The Schepflin cousins will make their second trip. They previously qualified as sophomores.

The Zerman-Farrell duo defeated Lauren Kramer and Karie Masters of Anthony Wayne 6-1, 6-0 in Saturday's semifinals, while the Schepflins stopped Kara Tashima and Carey Richards of Sylvania Southview 6-2, 6-1 in their semifinal match.

In the finals, Zerman and Farrell won 6-2, 6-0.

The top three doubles teams and singles players qualified for the state tourney.

Tashima and Richards grabbed the third qualifying spot, defeating Kramer and Masters 6-1, 6-1 in the match for third.