

Ross netters drop opener

News-Messenger reports

The Ross High School tennis team opened its season with a 5-0 loss to Norwalk at Rodger Young Park Monday.

The Little Giants won just two sets in the match. Second singles player Mark Moyer lost to Norwalk's Doug Caldwell in three sets. The Little Ginats' second doubles tandem of Steve Schwartz and David Diersheide also lost in three sets.

"(The Truckers) had some good players and we lost some tough three set matches," said Ross Coach Pat McGhee. "We just have to continue to get better from where we were today."

In other matches, Rob Moyers, Frank Ickenroth and the doubles team of Don Bowersox and Mike Dixon lost in straight sets.

Columbian drops Ross

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Exchange student Frank Ickenroth got the first Ross tennis point of the season, but the Little Giants fell to 0-2, losing to Columbian 4-1 at Tiffin Tuesday.

In another match, Port Clinton lost to Bowling Green 3-2.

Ickenroth, from The Netherlands, did not lose a game, beating Andy Sheppard in straight 6-0 sets.

Ickenroth's win was the only blemish for the Tornados. Columbian won the other matches, all in two sets. Bowling Green 3, Port Clinton 2

The Redskins picked up wins in second and third court singles, but Bowling Green won a pivotal three-set doubles match to pull it out.

Chris Money downed Young Kim 6-3, 6-2 in first singles and Joe Hoffman beat Gene Kim in the third court match.

Ross loses 3-2

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SANDUSKY — Ross won the first and third singles but Perkins swept the doubles for a 3-2 high school boys tennis win over the Little Giants.

The match was played at the Southwood Racquet Club.

Rob Myers defeated Mike Burge of Perkins 6-3, 7-5 in the first court singles match and Frank Ickenroth of Ross toppled Dave Tomasula in three sets — 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

The loss kept Ross winless in three matches while Perkins is even after two outings.

Ross nets first victory

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Fremont Ross picked up its first win of the season in high school boys tennis Wednesday, and the Little Giants made it look easy, beating Clay at home 5-0.

In other matches, Bellevue beat Clyde 4-1 and Norwalk han-

Boys Tennis

dled Port Clinton by the same count.

The Little Giants, 1-3, won four of five matches in straight sets. Mark Moyer and Frank Ickenroth had the most impressive outing, dispatching Jim Dauterman and Jeff Nowak in first doubles action 6-0, 6-0.

Steve Schwartz and Mark Schwartz were almost as devastating, taking a 6-1, 6-1 decision from Mike Rains and Shawn Kelly in second doubles.

In singles play, only David Dirksheide was pushed as Rob Meyers and Mike Byrnes gave up just seven games combined in winning in first and third singles respectively.

Dirksheide was extended to three sets before downing Krik Kowalkan, rallying for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Clay dropped to 1-6 for the season.

Bellevue 4, Clyde 1

The Fliers managed a victory



ROB MYERS of Fremont Ross volleys for a winner during first court singles action Wednesday

against Clay. Myers won, and so did the rest of his teammates in the 5-0 decision.

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in second doubles to prevent a shutout.

Casey Gill and Matt Nicely won Clyde's only point for the second night in a row when they defeated Rick Stombaugh and Bill Ruffin 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Clyde slipped to 2-2, while Bellevue moved to 3-3.

Norwalk 4, P. Clinton 1

Dave Miller knew what his Port Clinton tennis team was up against, so he figured a little experimentation might do his young charges some good.

"It was a good chance for us to find out a little about our games," Miller said after jug-

gling his lineup against the perennially strong Truckers.

The results netted the Redskins, 0-3, their lone victory when Ming Yu, normally a doubles player, defeated George Kelley in third singles 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).

Tennis

High School Boys

St. John's 5, Ross 0

Singles

Howard Firestone (SJ) d. Rob Myers 6-1, 6-0.

Andy Emerson (SJ) d. David Dierksheide 6-2, 6-1.

Bob Noriega (SJ) d. Mike Byrnes 6-0, 6-1.

Doubles

Kyle Mason and Derick Sogocio d. Mark Moyer and Steve Schwartz 7-5, 6-0.

Jim Van Der Hoovens and Aaron Craine d. Don Bowersox and Mike Dixon 6-1, 7-5.

Record: Ross 1-4.

Port Clinton 3, Clyde 2

SINGLES

Steve Benko (PC) d. Shawn Chaney 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Kenny Garcia (C) d. Mike Pope 6-0, 7-5.

Ming Yu (PC) d. Matt Nicely 6-2, 6-1.

DOUBLES

Chris Money and Joe Hoffman (PC) d. Brian Deersman and Tom Schaefer 6-4, 6-2.

Casey Gill and Troy Newsome (C) d. Steve Choy and Aaron Stiefel 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

Record: Clyde 2-4 (2-2).

Ross 3, Harding 2

SINGLES

Jeff Young (H) d. Rob Myers 6-1, 6-1.

Jay Nack (H) d. David Dierksheide 6-1, 6-4.

Mike Byrnes (R) d. Russell Collins 7-6 (7-4), 6-0.

DOUBLES

Frank Ickenroth and Mark Moyer (R) d. Steve Bartram and Steve Roper 6-0, 6-0.

Steve Schwartz and Mark Schwartz (R) d. Chris Fry and Paul Carr 6-4, 6-0.

Record: Ross 2-4.

JV matches

Mike Dixon and Don Bowersox (R) d. Kirk Steward and Jason Mahaffe 8-4.

St. Joe 3, Calvert 2

SINGLES

Rene Lim (C) d. Sam Freeborn 1-6, 0-6.

Dick Mayle (SJ) d. Joe Fretz 6-3, 6-3.

John Pardi (C) d. Manoj Joseph 2-6, 0-6.

DOUBLES

Mike Ehrman and Willie Forsyth (SJ) d. Jason Kimmert and Rod Schultz 6-2, 6-4.

Jason Good and Tony Reno (SJ) d. Rabi Giahesan and Alex Zehnder 6-0, 6-1.

Records: St. Joe 3-0.

Bryan downs Ross

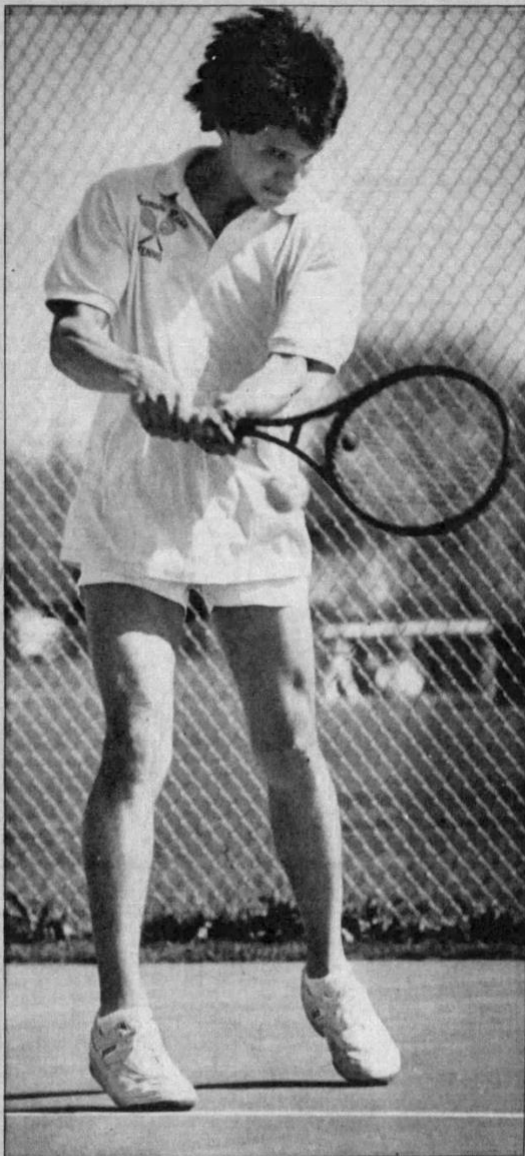
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Ross won one singles match and one doubles match, but that wasn't enough as the Little Giants dropped a 3-2 decision to Bryan in high school tennis Friday.

Winning for Ross, 2-5, were Mark Moyer at third singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Mike Byrnes and Don Hoppert.

Moyer defeated Page Rolland 6-3, 6-2 while Byrnes and Moyer defeated Chip Boyer and Charlie Voigt 7-5, 7-5.

Bryan improved to 6-2.



DAVID DIERKSHEIDE

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Redskins stop streak but Ross prevails 4-1

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Port Clinton stopped a streak but could not stop Ross in a high school tennis match Monday at Port Clinton High School.

The Little Giants defeated the Redskins 4-1, climbing to 3-5 this season while dropping Port Clinton to 4-5.

The Redskins, however, were able to stop the unscored upon streak of the Little Giants' number one doubles team of Frank Ickenroth and Mark Moyer. Port Clinton's Ming Yu and Mike Pope lost to Ickenroth and Moyer 6-0 in the first set.

In the second set, the Port Clinton team stopped the Ross duo's consecutive game winning streak at 32 but lost 6-3. Ickenroth and Moyer had not lost a game in five consecutive sets.

In the third court singles, Mike Byrnes of Ross got past Joe Hoffman 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. The second doubles match also went three sets with the Ross team of Don Bowersox and Mike Dixon defeating Steve Choy and Bob Wuersig 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Port Clinton's match point belonged to Chris Money with a 6-4, 6-4 win over David Dierksheide in the second singles match. In the first, Rob Myers of Ross defeated Steve Benko 6-2, 7-5.

Tennis

High School Boys

Ross 3, Bellevue 2

Singles

Rob Myers (R) d. Andy Dennis 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-0).

Matt Hoersten (B) d. Mike Byrnes 6-2, 6-2.

Chase Canfield (B) d. Mike Dixon 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

Mark Moyer and Frank Ickenroth (R) d. Joe Suriano and Brad Boxendall 6-0, 6-4.

Mark Schwartz and Steve Schwartz (R) d. Ben Dennis and Rich Stombaugh 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Records: Ross 4-5, Bellevue 7-8.

Marion Harding 3, Ross 2

Singles

Jeff Young (M) d. Rob Myers 6-3, 6-2.

J.J. Nack (M) d. David Dierksheide 6-2, 6-1.

Mike Burns (F) d. Russell Cowens 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

Frank Ickenroth and Mark Moyer (R) d. Steve Bartram and Chris Fry 6-0, 6-1.

Paul Carr and Jason Mahaffey (M) d. Don Bowersox and Don Hoppert 7-5, 6-4.

Records: Ross 4-6, Marion 5-12.

BCC tourney in Fremont

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Fremont Ross is the host school for the first Buckeye Central Conference Boys Tennis Tournament.

Play will begin at approximately 10 a.m., Saturday, at the Rodger Young Park courts.

The five-team tournament will use a point system to determine the team champ and there will be three singles champions and two conference doubles winners.

Ross will have Rob Myers at number one singles, David Dierksheide in the number two slot and Mike Byrnes in the third court.

Mark Moyer and Frank Ickenroth will play first court doubles for Ross with Steve and Mark Moyer in the second court.



IT'S MINE. Frank Ickenroth of Ross returns a volley Saturday during the first doubles finals in the Buckeye Central Conference Tennis Tournament

at Rodger Young Park. Ickenroth's partner, Mark Moyer backs up the play. Findlay's team of Matt Semeyn and Korey Hinkle defeated the Ross duo.

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Little Giants tune up for sectional as Findlay rolls in BCC tennis

By BOB MARKER
Staff writer

It was Findlay's day but Ross Coach Pat McGhee was not downcast.

The powerful Trojans won all five divisions, scoring a perfect 150 team points and winning the first Buckeye Central Conference Tennis Tournament at the Rodger Young Park courts.

Played under bright, sunny skies with temperatures in the mid-60s, Ross finished third with 60, trailing runner-up Lancaster by 10. Newark was fourth with 50 and Zanesville was on the bottom with 30.

"The conference is very competitive," McGhee said, "and we played very well."

"This tournament was a very good test for us going into the sectional tournament Friday and Saturday."

Frank Ickenroth and Mark Moyer of Ross finished second in the first court doubles division, losing to the undefeated, 20-0, Findlay team of Matt Semeyn and Korey Hinkle 6-0, 6-3.

Ickenroth and Moyer defeated Scott Henderson and Steve Gilmore of Lancaster 6-2, 6-4 in their first match to get into the finals.

Sophomore Mike Byrnes of Ross was runner-up in the third court singles. The lefthander lost to Sean Swisher of Findlay 6-0, 6-1 in the championship match. Earlier, Byrnes beat William Hall of Newark 6-4, 7-5, setting up the title match.

Other Findlay champions included sophomore Jack Adams, first court singles, Kevin Hinkle in the second court and the second doubles team of Tommy Roach and Todd Abbey.

Adams, who won the player-of-the-year award, defeated Lancaster freshman Justin Clark 6-2, 6-0 in the finals. Hinkle defeated Mark Levesque of Lancaster 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 in his championship match.

The Roach-Abbey duo defeated Chad Campbell and Brian Jacks of Newark in straight 6-0 sets for their crown.

Findlay Coach Jim Hayes won coach-of-the-year honors.

In other matches involving Ross players, Rob Myers lost to Clark 6-0, 6-0 in the first round and split in consolation matches. He defeated Mike Roberts of Newark 10-3 (pro set) in the consolation semifinals but lost to Greg Llewellyn of Zanesville 10-5 in the match for third place.

In second singles, David Dierksheide lost to Chad Smith of Zanesville 6-1, 6-1 in his first match and in the first consolation match, Dierksheide lost to Lance Bloomberg of Newark 10-4.

The Ross second court doubles team of Steve and Mark Swartz, lost their first match to Brett Seimer and Thad Haines of Lancaster 6-0, 6-4 but bounced back, stopping Andy Steinman and Shawn Winhoven of Zanesville 10-4. In the match for third, the Moyers lost to Seimer and Haines 10-6.

Ross hosts Port Clinton this afternoon at 4 p.m. and Sandusky visits Wednesday.

Ross solid in beating Sandusky

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Fremont Ross won two singles matches and both doubles to defeat Sandusky High School 4-1 in non-conference boys tennis action Wednesday at Rodger Young Park.

"It was probably our best match of the year," said Ross Coach Pat McGhee. "Everyone had a real solid day out there and played well. That's a good sign as we go into the (sectional) tournament."

Ross travels to Oregon Clay for the Class AAA sectional tournament Friday and Saturday. Competition begins Friday at 9 a.m.

Rob Myers and David Dierkscheide were victorious for Ross in singles. Myers won in the first court over Matt Schoder 6-4, 6-1, and Dierkscheide beat Jeff Russell in the second court 6-3, 6-4.

The victory lifts Ross to 5-6 for the season.

Ross wins 5-0; Streaks lose 3-2

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Fremont Ross reached the .500 mark Monday, defeating Tiffin Calvert 5-0 in a high school tennis match.

In other matches, Port Clinton nipped St. Joseph Central Catholic 3-2.

Ross won each match in two sets.

Rob Myers, first singles, defeated Rene Lim of Calvert 7-6, winning the tiebreaker 9-7, and 6-0. Frank Ickenroth defeated Joe Fretz in straight 6-3 sets in the second singles and Mark Moyer won the third singles match, defeating Jason Kimmel 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles play, David Dierksheide and Mike Byrnes of Ross topped Rob Shultz and Rabi Ganesan 6-0, 6-3 in the first court and the Little Giants duo of Mark Schwartz and Don Hoppert topped Tony Bernard and Tim Minningen 6-2, 6-1 for the fifth match point.

Today at four o'clock, Ross hosts Bellevue.

Tennis

High School Boys

Bellevue 3, Ross 2

Singles

Andy Dennis (B) d. Rob Myers (R) 6-2, 6-0.

Matt Moersten (B) d. David Dirkscheide 6-0,
6-1.

Mark Moyer (R) d. Chase Canfield 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles

Steve Schwartz and Mike Burns (R) d. Joe
Suriano and Brad Baxendall 6-3, 6-3.

Ben Dennis and Bill Ruffing (B) d. Don Bo-
wersox and Mike Dixon 6-4, 7-6 (11-9).

Records: Ross 6-7.