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**KRISTEN FARRELL**, the second court singles player for Fremont Ross, returns a serve with a two-hand forehand on Saturday during the Pete Michaels Memorial

Tennis Tournament at Rodger Young Park. Farrell and the Little Giants won the tournament for the third consecutive year.

## Ross defends Michaels title

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Fremont Ross won three court championships and cruised to its third straight title in the fifth Pete Michaels Memorial Tennis Tournament Saturday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross had 120 points, well ahead of runner-up Perrysburg's 71. Points were awarded on a 30 for first, 20 for second, 15 for third, 10 for fourth, eight for fifth and four for sixth basis.

The tourney title comes on the heels of a win in the Sandusky Invitational for the Little Giants.

"This was a tougher tournament than Sandusky," Ross coach Sue Badertscher said. "We came out almost exactly where I thought."

Tiffin Columbian placed third with 64 points and Bowling Green had 60. Port Clinton (56), Bryan (46), Clyde (14) and Toledo Central Catholic (4) rounded out the standings.

Kristen Farrell and Andrea Andrews won the second and third court singles titles, respectively, for Ross. Casey Schepflin and Dena Schepflin took the top spot in the first court doubles.

Dawn Zerman added a second-place finish in the first court singles. The second court doubles duo of Alissa Brickner and Courtney LaBenne was fourth for the Little Giants.

"I was a little surprised that my second doubles team could not pull off third," Badertscher said, "but they had a touch match (semifinals) against Port Clinton."

Port Clinton's Jocey Kaufman and Sonia Bahnsen outlasted Brickner and LaBenne 7-5 and 7-6, winning 8-6 in the tiebreaker in a match that took nearly two hours to play.

"They played well against Port Clinton," Badertscher said, "but in the match for third, they were so tired, they could hardly move their feet."

Farrell dominated her division, losing only two games. She bulldozed over Kara Stahl of Perrysburg 6-0, 6-1 in the finals.

Andrews did not lose a game through the semifinals and won the title when Emi Lowery of Perrysburg defaulted because of a leg injury.

The Schepflins rolled into the finals, losing one game, but were pushed in the finals by the second-seeded Tiffin Columbian team of Sarah Screiber and Mandy West before winning 6-3, 7-5.

Zerman, seeded second, lost to top-seeded Martha Polus of Bowling Green 6-2, 6-1 in the finals. The tournament is in honor of the former Ross boys and girls tennis coach.

### Young takes 1st in NWOCSA

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**TIFFIN** — Shana Young of Fremont Central Catholic won the first singles competition in the Northwest Ohio Catholic School Association Tournament at Tiffin University Saturday.

Young has won every tournament she has played at first singles during her high school career, according to St. Joe coach Bill Young.

Saturday, Young beat Dagny Yugovich of Mansfield St. Peter's 8-0, Sarah Feasel of Tiffin Calvert 6-0 and Karlie Wagner of Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 8-3.

St. Mary's won the team title, Calvert was second, St. Peter's third and St. Joe fourth.