

Ross counts on creative offense, tight defense

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

The Fremont Ross High School softball team shouldn't be expected to outfit many teams, coach Cheryl Coressel says.

"We have to play defense," she said. "We are not going to be able to make mistakes. We can't afford to put anybody on base by errors or walks."

Why?
"We're not that good of a hitting team," Coressel said. "We don't have the one through four lineup that can guarantee we're going to squeeze a run or two.

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"If our offense runs the way it's got to run, we want to put pressure on the defense," Coressel said. "We want it to make mistakes."

Ross, meanwhile, must not make mistakes defensively. Coressel said the defense, like the Little Giants' offense, has room for improvement.

Freshman Dawn Zerman replaces senior Katie Rhodes (playing club volleyball this spring) at shortstop, Tricia Busdeker returns at first base, Natalie Robbins takes over for graduation loss Amy Burmeister

at catcher and Holly Pelfrey is the center fielder.

"Dawn at short makes us strong," Coressel said. "We have a strong catcher and Tricia Busdeker has turned into a leader of the infield. The outfield (which graduated Kelly Rusch) can be solid."

There are some holes to fill. Either Andi O'prrie or Megan Hadley will win the starting second base job, and Belinda Sandoval or Jessica Rollins will play third base.

Rollins, who led the team with a .321 batting average last year

as a freshman, is also the number two pitcher behind senior Kim Crawford and also will play some in the outfield.

Donna Steinberger is slated to play left field, with Beth Sanford and Rachel Zimmerman also in the right field mix.

Brenda Gibson, the only other senior besides Crawford on the team, will play the outfield when she recovers from a leg injury. Christy Holland is out for the season with a knee injury.

Gibson, Crawford, Robbins, Busdeker, O'prrie, Pelfrey and Rollins are letterwinners.

We're going to have to manufacture runs. We're going to have to take chances and be aggressive to produce runs."

The Little Giants will rely on their quickness to create offense.

GLL a tough softball league

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Here come the 'Little' Giants.

With perennially strong teams Bedford (Mich.), Sylvania Northview and Oregon Clay in the Great Lakes League, the Fremont Ross softball team must play David's role against the Goliaths.

"Bedford, Northview and Clay have a majority of their players back," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said.

Ross, 9-12 and 5-7 in the GLL last year, figures to battle with Toledo Whitmer for fourth place.

"For us to sneak into the top three, we're going to have to be true 'Little Giants,'" Coressel said. "We're going to have to take down some mighty big foes."

Crawford should improve during season

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Any discussion of fast-pitch softball should begin with pitching. At Fremont Ross, senior captain Kim Crawford is a topic of conversation.

"We will be as successful ..." Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said, responding to an inference that Crawford could hold the key to the Little Giants' success or failure in 1993. "I don't want to put all the weight on Kim, but it's going to be a matter of her de-

velopment.

"She's not to the point where she can move it consistently (fast) or throw the pitch consistently, but she throws strikes."

Which is all Crawford is being asked to do for now, although she is expected to improve.

"With the type of defense we're going to have," Coressel said, "if she can get the ball across the plate ... hopefully take down (strike out) a few people, but put it in play, I believe we can play with anybody."

Coressel said Crawford's improvement from the beginning of last year (she finished 1992 with a 3-7 record, one save and a 4.30 ERA) has not been as fast as she would like.

Crawford also pitched three games during her sophomore year.

"We're going to go on her arm," Coressel said. "I really have confidence in her, and she's very confident that she can win us ballgames."

Robbins, Crawford lead Ross to 7-5 win over Bowling Green

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross opened the high school softball season with a 7-5 victory over Bowling Green Thursday.

Ross scored five runs in the third inning and held off a late Bowling Green rally as the Bobcats fell to 0-2.

Natalie Robbins' two-run triple was the big hit in the Ross third. The Little Giants and winning pitcher Kim Crawford held on after BG had two runners on with one out in the seventh.

Crawford, who struck out seven and walked one, got out of the inning on a pop out to second and a ground out to third.

Dawn Zerman and Tricia Busdeker also tripled for Ross, and losing pitcher Jenny Morelock doubled for BG.

In other games, Woodmore routed Hopewell-Loudon 23-0, Clyde beat Fostoria St. Wendelin 19-4, Fostoria beat Bettsville 24-8 and Bellevue topped Oak Harbor 5-1.

Woodmore 23, H-Loudon 0

Kate Hinrichs belted three

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hits, including a grand slam in the third inning, and drove in five runs.

Winning pitcher Angie Fegley also hit a home run, a two-run shot in the nine-run fourth inning for Woodmore, 5-2.

Hopewell-Loudon had only two hits and dropped to 0-2.

Fegley walked five and struck out four for Woodmore. She also went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs. Traci Paul had four hits, including a pair of doubles and knocked in two runs.

Clyde 19, St. Wendelin 4

Karina Robinson led off the game with a home run for Clyde, and Kim Lawrence's grand slam was the big hit in the Fliers' seven-run third inning.

Lawrence, who finished with six RBI, and Robinson had three hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Sandy Musser did not allow an earned run as Clyde committed six errors.

Fostoria 24, Bettsville 8

Losing pitcher Michelle Dodson walked 23 batters, and Fostoria took advantage to even its record at 2-2. Fostoria had six hits.

The Redmen scored 10 runs in the first inning and 14 in the fifth as Bettsville fell to 0-2.

Bellevue 5, Oak Harbor 1

Bellevue improved to 5-1 and ended Oak Harbor's two-game winning streak.

Jamie Auger, Lisa Overmyer and Tiffany Knoop all singled for Oak Harbor's hits. Auger scored the Rockets' run on a sacrifice fly by Overmyer in the sixth inning.

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Crawford wins 2nd for Ross

Streaks, Bobcats absorb losses

News-Messenger reports

The Fremont Ross High School softball team opened Great Lakes League play Tuesday with a 22-7 victory over Toledo Whitmer at Rodger Young Park.

"We took advantage of their pitchers' struggles," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "I was glad to see we outhit somebody."

Ross, 2-0, collected 11 hits to Whitmer's nine and took advantage as Panther pitchers walked 15 batters.

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Kim Crawford got the win by allowing three runs on six hits with five strikeouts and two walks in five innings.

"This was two strong games by Kim," Coressel said. "That's what we need from her."

Jessica Rollins pitched the sixth inning of the shortened game for the Little Giants.

Tricia Busdeker, who had three hits, Belinda Sandoval and Rachel Zimmerman drove in three runs apiece for Ross.

The Little Giants scored in every inning but the fourth as Whitmer fell to 1-5.



News-Messenger/Andrew Morrison

Ross tops Clyde

The Fremont Ross softball team defeated Clyde 11-2 Thursday at Rodger Young Park as Andi Opre, Tricia Busdeker and Jessica Rollins had two hits apiece. Busdeker, who also drove in two runs,

steals second base here as Clyde's Kelly Hoffman waits for the throw and umpire Greg Van Ness prepares to make the call. Winning pitcher Kim Crawford struck out eight and walked one.

Ross tops

Woodmore 14-5

Pitcher Jessica Rollins filled in for Kim Crawford Tuesday, and the Fremont Ross softball team beat Woodmore 14-5 to remain undefeated in four games.

Rollins walked four and struck out four, while the Little Giants played errorless ball behind her. Crawford missed the game with a back injury.

"(Rollins) did a great job, and that's kind of exciting for us," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "We have a solid number two pitcher."

Belinda Sandoval led Ross at the plate with two hits, including a triple, two runs and four RBI.

Angie Fegley took the loss for Woodmore, which committed 10 errors and fell to 5-3.

Little Giants rout Port Clinton

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross collected 15 hits in a 22-5 victory over Port Clinton Thursday.

Donna Steinberger led the Little Giants, 5-0, with three hits. Steinberger also scored three runs and drove in two.

Jessica Rollins struck out six and walked two for the victory.

Softball

In other games reported, Tiffin Calvert beat Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 9-1 and Woodmore routed Bettsville 17-1.

Ross played its second game without committing an error against Port Clinton, 2-5. The

Redskins, meanwhile, made six errors.

Dawn Zerman, Holly Pelfrey, Rollins and Beth Sanford added two hits apiece for the Little Giants. Zerman scored five runs and Pelfrey drove in two.

Calvert 9, St. Joe 1

Tiffany Druckenmiller's run-scoring double in the third inning was St. Joe's lone hit as the Crimson Streaks slipped to 1-3.

Amy Herring scored on Druckenmiller's hit.

Calvert, 5-2, collected seven hits and had three-run innings in the third and fifth.

For The Record

BOWLING CORRECTION: Scott Dobransky rolled his highest

Rollins, Ross nip Clay 8-6

News-Messenger reports

Winning pitcher Jessica Rollins drove in two runs and Mindy Leathers hit a triple Friday night in Fremont Ross' 8-6 Great Lakes League softball victory over Oregon Clay.

Rollins pitched five innings to earn the win as the Little Giants improved to 6-0 and 2-0 in the league.

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Clay is 5-4 overall.

The Ross junior varsity team rode the no-hit pitching of Erin Lease to a 14-6 victory over Clay.

Ross rolls over Norwalk 12-3

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Catholic. In the semifinal, Jenny
Okorowski pitched a one-hitter
and overcame 10 walks while
Sandy Whitcomb collected two of
the Rockets' nine hits.

Port Clinton, 3-7, defeated Nor-
walk St. Paul 16-6 in the other
semifinal.

Ross 12, Norwalk 3

The Little Giants remained un-
defeated in seven games as

pitcher Kim Crawford returned
from a back injury to earn her
fourth win.

Ross collected 10 hits, includ-
ing three by Tricia Busdeker,
who also drove in three runs.

Dawn Zerman and Holly Pelf-
rey scored three runs apiece as
Ross overcame a 3-0 deficit by
scoring in every inning after the
second.

Crawford walked two and
struck out four.

Crimson Streaks top Genoa; Little Giants lose first game

News-Messenger reports

Fremont St. Joseph Central
Catholic defeated Genoa 5-3
Tuesday for its third victory in
seven games.

In one other game reported,
Bedford (Mich.) handed Fre-
mont Ross its first loss in eight
games with a 3-2 victory.

St. Joe managed just two hits,
a triple by Tiffany Druckenmil-
ler in the first and a single by
Amy Andecover in the sixth, but
winning pitcher Darcy Liwaj al-
lowed just one hit.

Genoa fell to 1-8.
Bedford 3, Ross 2

Bedford scored all its runs in
the fifth, and Ross scored two in
the sixth inning.

Softball

In the Ross sixth, Holly Pelf-
rey reached on an error, Belinda
Sandoval walked and Natalie
Robbins also reached on an
error. After Jessica Rollins'
grounder forced Pelfrey at
home, Rachel Zimmerman deliv-
ered a two-run double.

Ross, 7-1 and 2-1 in the Great
Lakes League, went 5½ innings
without a hit. The Little Giants
finished with three hits, includ-
ing singles by Andi Opre and
Dawn Zerman.

Kim Crawford took the loss, al-
lowing three hits with two strike-
outs and one walk.

Ross mixes hitting, pitching

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Fremont Ross scored in every inning but two and defeated Fostoria 9-1 Friday.

The Little Gaints collected 10 hits to back the three-hit pitching of Kim Crawford.

In other games reported, Carey

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routed Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 20-9, Clyde outscored Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 14-12 and Woodmore edged Elmwood 5-4.

Belinda Sandoval had three hits for Ross, 8-1 and 3-1 in the Great Lakes League, and Holly Pelfrey added two.

Sandoval, Pelfrey and Donna Steinberger drove in two runs apiece, while Natalie Robbins and Rachel Zimmerman scored two runs each.

Crawford improved her record to 5-1 after walking five and striking out five.

Carey 20, St. Joe 9

St. Joe matched Carey's 11 hits, but the Crimson Streaks committed seven errors.

St. Joe, 3-7 and 1-4, got two hits apiece from Amy Szymanowski, losing pitcher Darcy Liwaj and Deanna Brickley.

Clyde 14, St. Mary's 12

The teams combined for 29 hits and all but one was a single.

St. Mary's scored all of its runs in two innings, including a nine-run fifth. Clyde scored 12 of its 14 in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

Kim Lawrence and Sandy Nicely had three hits apiece for the Fliers, 6-5 and 3-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. Lawrence also scored two runs.

Woodmore 5, Elmwood 4

The Wildcats overcame a 4-1 deficit and handed the Royals their first loss in seven games.

Karen Robey and Angie Fegley had two hits apiece for the Wildcats and Kate Hinrichs was the winning pitcher.

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Little Giants roll over Fostoria 23-6

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Dawn Zerman had three hits and scored five runs and Tricia Busdeker added three hits and three runs Saturday, leading Fremont Ross to a 23-6 rout of Fostoria in the Division I sectional softball tournament at Oregon Clay.

Holly Pelfrey added two hits and scored twice and Jessica Rollins added two singles for Ross, 9-1. Rollins, a catcher, also threw out four baserunners.

The Little Giants will meet Clay for the sectional title Thursday (4:30 p.m.) in Oregon. Ross struggled to an 8-6 win over the Eagles earlier this **Softball** season.

Three Ross pitchers combined to hold Fostoria to two hits. The Redmen also committed eight errors.

Kim Crawford pitched the first two innings, allowing one hit, no runs and striking out two. Erin Lease relieved and went two innings, allowed four runs on one hit, struck out two and walked four.

Rollins pitched the last two innings and gave up no hits, two runs, walked two and struck out four.

In Division III sectional games Saturday, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic lost to Northwood 18-12, Woodmore beat Elmwood 12-7 and Oak Harbor downed Port Clinton 14-10.

Northwood 18, St. Joe 12

At Woodmore, Northwood exploded for eight runs in the fifth inning and held on at the end against St. Joe, 3-8.

The Crimson Streaks scored twice in the sixth and three times in the seventh to make it close. St. Joe had seven errors and walked 17 batters.

Woodmore 12, Elmwood 7

The host Wildcats were outhit 9-7 and committed four errors but still managed to advance to the sectional finals.

Woodmore, 12-3, which beat Elmwood 5-4 in a regular-season game Friday, scored at least one run in every inning.

Elmwood, 6-2, scored five of seven runs in the fifth inning.

Winning pitcher Angie Fegley struck out five and walked two.

Oak Harbor 14, Port Clinton 10

At Clyde, Lisa Overmyer had two hits, scored three runs and drove in four for Oak Harbor.

Amy Hesselbart had two hits, scored twice and had two RBI and Sandy Whitcomb added three RBI for the Rockets, 6-7.

Oak Harbor will meet top-seeded Margaretta Tuesday (4:30 p.m.) for the sectional title.

Margaretta, which beat Oak Harbor 4-0 earlier this season, had a first-round bye.

"I just want to give them a good game," Oak Harbor coach Tom Woessner said. "We have to stay away from errors and things like that."

Lindsay Mann had three hits and scored twice for PC.

Fostoria fodder for Ross

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross continued to win easily over Fostoria, gaining a 15-0 victory over the Redmen Monday.

The Little Giants, who have won 10 of 11 games, have outscored Fostoria 47-7 in their last three games.

Ross, 4-1 in the Great Lakes League, beat the Redmen 9-1 in a league game Friday and won a tournament game 23-6 Saturday before Monday's GLL win.

In other games reported, Port Clinton outscored Clyde 14-13 and Oak Harbor beat Sandusky Perkins 18-10.

Jessica Rollins pitched a one-hitter for five innings and Ross scored in every inning but the third. The Little Giants scored eight runs in the second.

Tricia Busdeker and Dawn Zerman led the offense with two

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hits apiece and scored two and three runs, respectively. One of Busdeker's hits was a double.

Rollins struck out five and walked one.

Port Clinton 14, Clyde 13

The lead changed hands three times before Port Clinton scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning for its first Sandusky Bay Conference victory.

Port Clinton led 5-2, Clyde took a 7-5 lead with a five-run second and PC scored six in the fourth for an 11-7 advantage.

Clyde regained the lead by scoring a run in the fifth and five in the sixth.

The Redskins, 5-10 and 1-5, out-hit Clyde 12-7 as the Fliers fell to 6-7 and 3-4.

Krissy Surovjak, who scored three runs, Leah Phillipbaum,

Laurie Mann and Jolene Bryant had two hits apiece for PC. Bryant drove in three runs.

Karina Robinson had three hits and Tami Chagnon homered for the Fliers.

Bonnie Hofer was the winning pitcher with relief help from Anita Bodi, who pitched the seventh. Angie Carroll pitched the seventh for Clyde and was the loser in relief of Sandy Musser.

Oak Harbor 18, Perkins 10

Sandy Whitcomb, who had three of Oak Harbor's 15 hits, and Sarah Moore drove in five runs apiece as Oak Harbor won its first SBC game after five losses.

Amy Hesselbart and Lisa Overmyer each scored four runs for the Rockets, who scored in every inning they batted and improved to 7-7.

Perkins is winless in 12 games, including seven in the SBC.

Little Giants blanked

News-Messenger reports

Maumee scored three unearned runs in the third inning and defeated Fremont Ross 3-0 Wednesday.

Ross committed both its errors in the Maumee third, and the Panthers had two of their three hits.

"They got a couple of hits that rattled us," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "Then we had errors to back up the hits."

In other games reported, Clyde beat Sandusky Perkins 12-4, New Riegel edged Bettsville 8-7 and Genoa topped Woodmore 13-10 in eight innings.

The Little Giants, 10-2, struck out seven times.

"I've never seen us so passive at the plate," Coressel said.

Trici Busdeker's lead-off single in the second inning was the lone Ross hit.

Clyde 12, Perkins 4

The Fliers evened their record at 7-7 and their Sandusky Bay Conference mark at 4-4 as Kim Lawrence had three hits and drove in three runs.

Clyde scored in every inning it batted but the sixth.

Sarah McDonald was the winning pitcher, allowing one earned run, walking six and striking out four.

Lawrence and Angie Carroll

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scored two runs apiece.

New Riegel 8, Bettsville 7

A three-run double by Hope Stickney capped a six-run sixth inning and gave Bettsville a 7-6 lead, but New Riegel scored two runs in the bottom of the inning for the Midland Athletic League victory.

Both New Riegel runs in the sixth were unearned as the Bobcats committed two of their three errors.

Mindy Hielman was the winning pitcher and Tracie Lynch took the loss.

Genoa 13, Woodmore 10 (8)

Genoa won its third straight game by collecting 12 hits and taking advantage of six Woodmore errors. The Wildcats also had 20 passed balls that led to seven Genoa runs.

The Comets, 5-9, scored three runs in the top of the eighth to win it. Two runs came home on a throwing error and the final run scored on a passed ball.

Stacy Keaton had four hits and two RBI for Genoa, 5-9.

Losing pitcher Angie Fegley hit a two-run home run in the fourth inning and Josie Koler added a solo homer in the fifth for the Wildcats, 12-5.

Little Giants' big 5th inning stuns Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross broke open a close game with a seven-run fifth inning Friday en route to a 17-9 softball victory over host Toledo Whitmer.

In other games Friday, Clyde downed Oak Harbor 4-2 and Eastwood defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 7-1.

Ross, 12-2 and 5-1 in the Great Lakes League, broke a 6-all tie with its big fifth inning.

Dawn Zerman led the Little Giants' 10-hit attack with two singles, and Holly Pelfrey and Tricia Busdeker each drove in

Softball

three runs in support of winning pitcher Kim Crawford.

Crawford (8-2) struck out five and walked one as Whitmer dropped to 3-13 and 0-5 in the GLL.

Clyde 4, Oak Harbor 2

The Rockets fell to 7-9 and 1-6 in the SBC with the loss, while Clyde improved to 9-7 and 6-4.

Winning pitcher Sarah McDonald went the distance and struck out nine. Karina Robinson had a home run, a two-run shot in the sixth, and Kim Lawrence tripled

in a run for Clyde.

Jenny Auger and Sandy Whitcomb scored the only runs for Oak Harbor, which outhit the Fliers 6-5.

Losing pitcher Jenny Okorowski went six innings, gave up all five hits and walked three. Amy Hesselbart doubled in a run for the Rockets.

Eastwood 7, St. Joe 1

The host Eagles, 3-9, scored three runs in the first inning and never looked back as St. Joe dropped to 4-9 on the season.

The Crimson Streaks were out-hit 7-3 and committed eight errors.

Ross 12, Sandusky 3

The Little Giants, who trailed 3-0 after one inning, improved to 13-2 with their third straight win.

Kim Crawford picked up the win, pitching the distance and allowing seven hits, two walks and three strikeouts.

Belinda Sandovall went 4-for-4 and drove in three runs for Ross, which hosts Great Lakes League leader Sylvania Northview today.

Northview defeats Ross 13-2

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross has a week to reverse what happened Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Sylvania Northview defeated Ross 13-2, but the Little Giants get a chance to avenge the Great Lakes League setback next Wednesday in the Division I district tournament.

“When you play **Softball** Northview, you have to be on edge for seven innings. We weren’t early in the game,” Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said.

In other games reported, Northwood beat Bettsville 15-5, Woodmore routed Old Fort 20-5 and Port Clinton beat Oak Harbor 18-7.

Ross, 13-3 and 5-2 in the GLL, committed six errors.

“We were tentative on defense,” Coressel said. “They ran a lot of things and made a lot of contact. We didn’t respond.”

Dawn Zerman and Holly Pelfrey each had two of the Little Giants’ five hits.

C. Catholic 8, Ross 1

Central Catholic outhit Ross 12-4, and the Little Giants lone run was unearned.

Tricia Busdeker had two hits for Ross, 13-4, and Kim Crawford took the complete-game loss.

Little Giants lose third straight game

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross lost its third straight game Thursday when it committed a season-high seven errors in an 8-6 loss to Findlay.

The Little Giants, 13-5, also had three runners picked off base.

"That took three potential runs away," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said.

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"We took ourselves out of this game."

Belinda Sandoval had two of the Little Giants' seven hits and drove in two runs.

Ross splits with Columbian

News-Messenger reports

Belinda Sandoval and Jessica Rollins both hit home runs Saturday, powering Fremont Ross to a 12-4 high school softball victory over Tiffin Columbian in the first game of a doubleheader.

Columbian, 12-6, won the second game 8-5 behind a grand slam home run in the top of the seventh inning.

In another game Saturday, Woodmore avenged an earlier

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to Genoa with a 10-5 victory over the host Comets.

In the opener, Ross, 14-6, out-hit Columbian 11-4 in support of winning pitcher Kim Crawford.

Holly Pelfrey went 4-for-4 with a triple and two RBI for the Little Giants. Sandoval had two hits and three RBI, Rollins had two hits and Natalie Robbins added a pair of hits and three RBI.

In the second game, Columbian scored five runs in the seventh to make a loser of Rollins, who went the distance.

Tricia Busdeker, Robbins, Donna Steinberger and Megan Hedley had two hits apiece for Ross.

Woodmore advanced to the Division III District Softball Tournament championship game with a 12-5 victory over Old Fort Monday at Woodville.

The Wildcats, 20-5, will meet the winner of _____ today's semi-final between _____

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Ottawa Hills and Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic at 4:30 p.m., Friday.

In regular season games, Fremont Ross outlasted Napoleon 8-7 in nine innings and won the second game of a doubleheader 5-1, Clyde defeated Port Clinton 6-2 and Bettsville shut out Danbury 15-0.

Woodmore outhit Old Fort 12-5 and scored four runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Meriah Fennewald led the Wildcats with two hits, while Traci Paul and Chris Moore scored three runs apiece.

Angie Fegley was the winning pitcher and Deanna Schubach took the loss as the Stockaders fell to 7-14.

Ross 8-5, Napoleon 7-1

Tricia Busdeker scored on a throwing error after a botched suicide squeeze in the bottom of the ninth as Ross won the com-

pletion of a suspended game.

Busdeker, who finished with two hits, singled and moved to third on Natalie Robbins' bunt base hit.

Kim Crawford was the winning pitcher as Ross overcame nine errors.

In the second game, Dawn Zerman and winning pitcher Jessica Rollins had two hits apiece as the Little Giants improved to 16-6 and 7-2 in the Great Lakes League.

Clyde 6, Port Clinton 2

The Fliers scored five runs in the fourth inning with the help of four Port Clinton errors.

Sarah McDonald was the winning pitcher and Bonnie Hofer took the loss.

Bettsville 15, Danbury 0

The Bobcats scored 13 runs in the first inning and outhit the Lakers 10-1.

Emily Sorg homered for Bettsville, 3-16, and Kelly Olmstead had three hits and scored three runs.

A single by Celena Coles in the third inning was the lone hit for Danbury, which committed five errors and fell to 3-17.

Tracie Lynch was the winning pitcher and Dayna Kasten took the loss.

Little Giants win, play in district today

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross prepared for today's district tournament game against Sylvania Northview with a 12-8 Great Lakes League victory over Oregon Clay Tuesday.

Clay outhit Ross 11-7, and the Little Giants overcame six errors.

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In one other game, Northwood beat Bettsville 10-6.

Ross improved to 17-6 and 8-2 in the GLL.

"When we play Northview, we can't make errors," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "There is no way we can play like we did tonight and win. An error is not going to be forgiven against Northview. They will take ad-

vantage of it."

Holly Pelfrey was 3-for-5 and drove in five runs against Clay. Dawn Zerman and Beth Sanford each scored three runs.

Kim Crawford was the winner, walking three and striking out two.

Northwood 10, Bettsville 5

Northwood scored four runs in the first inning and improved to 13-7, while Bettsville scored four of its runs in the seventh and fell to 3-17.

Holly Chambers and Sarah Poe had two of Bettsville's eight hits.

Michelle Cook was the winning pitcher and Tracie Lynch took the loss. Lynch walked seven and struck out eight. Cook struck out seven and walked two.

Crawford pitches Ross to 9-4 softball win

News-Messenger reports

Kim Crawford tossed a five-hitter and Holly Pelfrey had two hits, including a home run, leading Fremont Ross to a 9-4 Great Lakes League softball victory over Bedford on Thursday.

It was the final home game for Crawford (14-5), who walked one and struck out two. Crawford is Ross' only senior.

"She pitched great," coach Cheryl Coressel said. "She really moved the ball around the plate and had a strong game to finish her home career."

"The kids wanted to play really hard tonight to assure her the win."

The Little Giants improved to 18-7 and at least a tie for second place in the GLL with a 9-2 mark.

Pelfrey hit a two-run homer in the third inning and finished with three RBI. Belinda Sandoval tripled and drove in two

Softball

runs, while Tricia Busdeker had two hits and Dawn Zerman reached base four times, scored four runs and stole two bases.

Bedford, which had five errors, is 17-10.

In other games Thursday, St. Joe nipped Bettsville 14-12, Woodmore routed Elmwood 28-4 and Oak Harbor beat Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 10-4.

St. Joe 14, Bettsville 12

The Crimson Streaks ended the season on a winning note despite collecting only three hits and committing 11 errors.

Amy Herring doubled and Amy Andecover and Darcy Liwaj both singled for St. Joe, 5-11 and 3-6 in the Midland Athletic League.

Kelly Olmstead hit a home run, doubled and singled for Bettsville. Emily Sorg also had doubled and singled for the Bobcats.

Liwaj went the distance and picked up the win. She allowed 11 hits, walked three and struck out one. Losing pitcher Tracie Lynch walked 16 and struck out four.

Woodmore 28, Elmwood 4 (5)

The Wildcats, 23-5, won the first Suburban Lakes League softball title with a 9-1 mark. Five teams are needed to have a league, but the SLL had just four teams prior to adding Elmwood and Eastwood this season.

"The whole team had a goal of winning the league," Woodmore coach Rich Bricker said. "It's like the games didn't matter before (the addition of two teams). They played super ball tonight."

Angie Fegley went 5-for-5 with four RBI, Karen Robey had four hits and five RBI,

and Michelle Baker had four hits and drove in three runs for Woodmore. The Wildcats finished with 19 hits in the five-inning game.

Kate Hinrichs picked up the win for Woodmore. Hinrichs (11-2) gave up two earned runs on five hits, walked three and struck out three.

The Wildcats host St. Mary's in today's 4:30 p.m. Division III district championship game.

Oak Harbor 10, St. Mary's 4

The Rockets outhit the Panthers 16-8 to finish the year 10-12 and 4-10 in the SBC.

Jenny Okorowski was the winning pitcher, walking four and striking out one.

Lisa Overmyer tripled, singled and drove in two runs, while Chelle LaBounty, Amy Hesselbart and Dawn Gladieux had two hits apiece.

Softball

High School

All-GLL teams

The All-Great Lakes League softball team chosen by the league coaches:

First team

Pitcher: Marla Becker, Northview; Holly Harpel, Bedford.

Catcher: Erin Marciniak, Northview.

First base: Tricia Braunbern, Clay.

Infielders: Belinda Sandoval, Ross; Pam Kruez, Northview; Jenny Kulju, Bedford.

Outfielders: Holly Pelfrey, Ross; Jeanne Kalmbach, Northview; Kelly Lowe, Fostoria.

Designated hitter: Nicole Leathers, Clay.

Utility: Carrie Girrell, Whitmer.

Second team

Pitchers: Kim Crawford, Ross; Jenny Brown, Clay.

Catcher: Christy King, Bedford.

First base: Julie Broderick, Whitmer.

Infielders: Dawn Zerman, Ross; Holly Sebring, Whitmer; Candice Free, Clay.

Outfielders: Mickey Conrad, Whitmer; Heather Macheinski, Northview; Miranda Schnieder, Bedford.

Designated hitter: Danielle Haralson, Bedford.

Utility: Juli Woutila, Northview.

Area honorable mention

Tricia Busdeker, Natalie Robbins, and Jessica Rollins, Ross.

Player of the year: Marla Becker, Northview.

Coach of the year: Cheryl Coressel, Ross.