

1985 Season Review



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JENNIFER MIESLE, third court singles player for Ross, looks to the spot she wanted to hit the

ball during her match against Jennifer Heigel of Port Clinton Monday afternoon.

Lady Giants split opening net twinbill

News-Messenger Reports

PORT CLINTON — Coach Pete Michaels admitted that it seems a little early to be playing girls high school tennis, but he was happy with the results anyway.

Michaels' Ross Lady Giants opened their 1985 campaign Monday afternoon — one week before school starts — and split two matches with Port Clinton and Ottawa Hills.

Ross edged the host Port Clinton team 3-2 and fell to perennial power Ottawa Hills 5-0.

"This is the first time we've ever played so early," said Michaels. "It was the first day schools can legally play tennis matches.

"We've only had three practices because we had so much rain last week. But I was quite pleased with the way the girls played."

The Ross singles trio of Gail Stark, Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle provided the Lady Giants with their winning points over Port Clinton.

Stark beat Kelly Coffin 6-1, 6-4 in first court, Young outlasted Beth Benko 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in second court and Miesle edged Jennifer Heigel 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 in third court.

Ross's first court doubles team of Jolene Gamertsfelder and Lisa Manahan came close to picking up another point before falling 6-4, 7-5 to Beth Kocik and Heidi Delhees.

In the Ottawa Hills match, Ross lost four straight-set decisions. Young came the closest to a victory while taking OH's Libbey Williams to three sets 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Ross's next match will be Tuesday, Aug. 27 at Tiffin Columbian, followed by a home match with Sandusky Perkins the next day at Rodger Young Park. Both start at 4 p.m.

Tennis

Ross 3, P. Clinton 2

SINGLES

First: Gail Stark (R) d. Kelly Coffin 6-1, 6-4.

Second: Julie Young (R) d. Beth Benko 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Third: Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Jennifer Heigel 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES

First: Beth Kocik and Heidi Delhees (PC) d. Jolene Gamertsfelder and Lisa Manahan 6-4, 7-5.

Second: Christina Amrstrong and Andrea Cuttaia (PC) d. Sarah Hull and Laura Snider 6-2, 6-0.



News-Messenger/Bill Kennedy

GAIL STARK of Ross returns a shot to her opponent during action Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross girls shoot down Sandusky

Lady Giants blank previously undefeated Lady Blue Streaks 5-0

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The Sandusky Lady Blue Streaks came into Fremont flying high Tuesday, but their Ross counterparts quickly shot them down with a 5-0 thrashing in high school girls tennis action at Rodger Young Park.

Sandusky had been undefeated in six matches entering yesterday's clash, including victories over Admiral King and Elyria. But that didn't seem to phase the Lady Giants, who swept to four straight-set

victories and one three-setter in upping their record to 4-1.

"The kids played super," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said about his troops. "Sandusky was sailing high, but we're on a little roll too."

Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle led Ross to the victory with a pair of 6-0, 6-0 victories. Young dumped Jenny Harmon in second singles and Miesle blanked Jenny Zalpis in third singles.

The other straight-set wins for Ross came

in doubles. Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White beat Sandusky's Amy Bowers and Sarah Lenhart 6-4, 6-0 in first court, and Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull defeated Sandusky's Julie Ames and Christy Lenhart 6-1, 6-1 in second court.

The only tough match for Ross came in first singles where the Lady Giants' Gail Stark dropped the first set 1-6 to Jane Beachy before coming back with a pair of 6-4 wins to claim the match and complete the team sweep.

Tennis

High school

Ross 5, Sandusky 0

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Jane Beachy 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Julie Young (R) d. Jenny Harmon 6-0, 6-0.
Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Jenny Zalpis 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White (R) d.
Amy Bowers and Sarah Lenhart 6-4, 6-0.
Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull (R) d. Julie
Ames and Christy Lenhart 6-1, 6-1.
Season records: Ross 4-1, Sandusky 6-1.

Ross, Clyde netters lose

It was a long day for the Fremont Ross girls tennis team as the Lady Giants were shut out 5-0 Wednesday by Findlay at Rodger Young Park.

Fremont Ross is now 4-2 for the season. Findlay is 5-1.

In first singles action, Findlay's Kelly Seppi defeated Gail Stark 7-6 (7-4), 6-0. Ami Parekh followed by taking a decision over Julie Young after Young defaulted in the third set due to illness. Young was down 2-6, 6-3, 1-2 when she began to hyperventilate. Coach Pete Michaels said Young was feeling much better soon after the match.

In third singles, Debbie Krauss downed Jennifer Miesle 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

In doubles action, the first Findlay duo of Debbie Adams and Shandra Niswander topped Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White 7-6 (7-5), 6-1. The Trojans completed the sweep when the second doubles team of Tonya Bott and Kellie Hinkle captured a 6-3, 7-5 decision over Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull.

Tennis

Findlay 5, Ross 0

SINGLES

Kelly Seppi (F) d. Gail Stark 7-6, 6-0.

Ami Parekh (F) d. Julie Young 6-2, 3-6, 2-1
(Young retired due to illness).

Debbie Knauss (F) d. Jennifer Miesle 6-1, 4-6,
6-0.

DOUBLES

Debbie Adams and Shandra Niswander (F)
d. Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White 7-6, 6-
1.

Tonya Bott and Kellie Hinkle (F) d. Lisa
Manahan and Sarah Hull 6-3, 7-5.

Season records: Findlay 5-1, Ross 4-2.

Lady Giants end PC win streak

The Ross girls tennis team ended Port Clinton's five-match winning streak with a 4-1 victory over the Lady Redskins at Rodger Young Park Tuesday.

The Lady Giants had to win some close matches to stop the PC string. In singles, Gail Stark edged Kelly Coffin 6-3, 1-6, 6-4, Julie Young held off Beth Benko 6-0, 7-5, and Jennifer Miesle beat back Jennifer Heigil 7-6, 6-3.

In doubles, Ross's Jolen Gamertsfelder and Kim White came from behind to clip Heide Delhees and Nadene Crisologo 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Ross is now 6-2 and PC is 5-3.

Tennis

Ross 4, P. Clinton 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Kelly Coffin 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Julie Young (R) d. Beth Benko 6-0, 7-5.

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Jennifer Heigil 7-6, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White (R) d. Heide Delhees and Nadene Crisologo 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Andrea Cuttala and Christina Armstrong (PC) d. Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull 6-1, 7-5.

Season records: Ross 6-2, Port Clinton 5-3.

Briefs

Ross, Clyde netters beaten

Ross lost two of a trio of three-set matches Wednesday to drop a 3-2 high school girls tennis match to Perrysburg.

In one other match, Port Clinton blanked Clyde 5-0.

Ross won the first and second court singles matches but Perrysburg finished on top in the remaining matches.

In the third court singles match, Caryn Eutines of Perrysburg defeated Jennifer Miesle 6-4, 3-6 and 7-6. In the tie-breaker, Eutines edged Miesle 7-5.

Amy Haigh and Sarah Weaver of Perrysburg slipped past Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White of Ross in the first doubles match 6-3, 5-7 and 6-3. The second doubles match went to the Perrysburg team of Colleen Crowley and Cindy Gallman with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Sarah Hull and Lisa Manahan.

Gail Stark and Julie Young, first and second court singles, respectively, for Ross, scored the Lady Giants' match points. Stark defeated Martha Schooley 2-6, 6-3 and 6-3 while Young stopped Jenny Miller 6-2, 6-4.

Ross is now 6-3 for the season.

Briefs

Ross netters down Clay 4-1

OREGON — The Ross girls tennis team increased its record to 7-3 with a 4-1 victory over Oregon Clay here Thursday.

Singles players Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle and the doubles team of Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull picked up straight-set victories for Ross. Young beat Shannon Bedmon 6-0, 6-1, Miesle topped Jill Borger 6-2, 6-2, and the Manahan-Hull duo defeated Betsy Punsalan and Jackie Arnold 6-4, 6-1.

Also winning for Ross was Gail Stark, who outlasted Terry Caldwell 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 in first singles.

Tennis

High school

Ross 4, Clay 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Terry Caldwell 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.

Julie Young (R) d. Shannon Bedmon 6-0, 6-1.

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Jill Borger 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES

Laurie Luoma and Lisa Arnold (C) d. Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull (R) d. Betsy Punsalan and Jackie Arnold 6-4, 6-1.

Season records: Ross 7-3, Clay 3-5.

Ross girls turn back Bowling Green netters

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BOWLING GREEN — The Fremont Ross girls tennis team traveled to take on a tough Bowling Green squad Monday, and came home with another win under its belt.

The Little Giants used a sweep of all three singles matches and defeated the Bobcats 4-1 to raise their season record to 8-3. Bowling Green fell to 6-3.

Gail Stark started things out for the Little Giants in first singles with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over Mindy Long. Julie Young followed with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Libby Spreitzer in second singles and Jennifer Measley fought off Cassie Kim to take a 7-6 (7-3), 0-6, 6-4 decision.

In doubles, Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White got the fourth Ross victory with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Jenny Nachbar and Kelly Schnuth. The Bobcats avoided a shutout when Kim Hartman and Lisa Eikert downed Ross' Sara Hall and Lisa Manahan 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

In reserve action, Ross and BG split two doubles matches. Brenda Piasicki and Kelly Knauss of Bowling Green downed Jennifer McKnight and Lora Jay 8-3 in the first match, but the Little Giants duo of Laura Snyder and Misty McGue dispatched Lisa Nachbar and Lisa Borer 8-6 in the second match.

The Little Giants travel to Sandusky tonight.

Tennis

Ross 4, B. Green 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Mindy Long 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Julie Young (R) d. Libby Spreitzer 6-1, 6-1.

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Cassie Kim 7-6 (7-3),
0-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White (R) d.
Jenny Nachbar and Kelly Schnuth 6-3, 6-1.

Kim Hartman and Kim Eickert (BG) d.
Sarah Hull and Lisa Manahan 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

Season record: Ross 8-3, Bowling Green 6-3.

JV matches

Brenda Piasicki and Kelly Knauss (BG) d.
Jennifer McKnight and Lora Jay 8-3.

Laura Snyder and Misty McGue (R) d. Lisa
Nachbar and Lisa Borer 8-6.

Tennis

Ross 4, Sandusky 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Jane Beachy 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Inga Dimitrov (S) d. Jo Bennett 6-1, 6-1.

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Hilga Dimitrov 6-4, 6-
2.

DOUBLES

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White (R) d.
Amy Bowers and Sarah Lenhardt 2-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Sarah Hull and Lisa Manahan (R) d. Christy
Lenhardt and Julie Ames 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

Season records: Ross 9-3, Sandusky 9-3.

Ross falls to unbeaten Southview

News-Messenger Reports

The Fremont Ross girls tennis team became "No. 14" for the Sylvania Southview tennis squad Wednesday night.

The Cougars raised their season record to 14-0 by defeating the Little Giants 4-1 at Sylvania. Ross is now 9-4 this season.

The lone victory for the Little Giants came in singles as first court player Gail Stark defeated Michelle Bobowich 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. It was the seventh time Stark has

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been involved in a three-set match this season, and she has yet to drop a decision in that situation.

"I think that's phenomenal," said Ross coach Pete Michaels of Stark's success in three-set matches. "I've never seen Gail play better. She was hitting her passing shots and playing really good tennis."

The Little Giants travel to

Findlay next Monday.

In other area tennis action Wednesday, Clyde won its first Sandusky Bay Conference match in two years by downing Sandusky St. Mary's 3-2.

Clyde's first singles player Angie Maines made the difference for the Fliers, defeating Carla DeAngelo in the last match of the day 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Third singles player Cathy Stahl and the duo of Suzanne Scheid and Peggy Chong accounted for the other two Clyde decisions.

Tennis

Southview 4, Ross 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Michelle Bobowich 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Amy Westphal (S) d. Julie Young 6-4, 6-0.

Eric Sanz (S) d. Jennifer Miesle 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

Kris Quandt and Amy Creach (S) d. Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White 6-2, 6-2.

Sara Hirsch and Debby Dean (S) d. Lisa Manahan and Sara Hall 6-3, 6-1.

Season records: Ross 9-4, Sylvania Southview 14-0.

Ross moves to 10-4 after beating Marion

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The Fremont Ross girls tennis team added another victory to their winning record Tuesday, handing Marion Harding a 4-1 setback at Roger Young Park here in Fremont.

The Little Giants are now 10-4 this season. Marion is 4-9.

Gail Stark was beaten by Marion's Tej Purewal in first singles 6-2, 6-0, but her Ross teammates picked up the slack as fellow singles players Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle both registered straight set triumphs. Ross' first doubles pair of Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White, and the second duo of Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull also won in straight sets.

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Meanwhile, in the only other area tennis match played Tuesday, Port Clinton defeated Clyde 5-0.

The Redskins are now 11-4 overall, 7-0 in the conference. Additionally, the Redskins ran their individual match record in the SBC to 35-0, winning all seven of their conference meets by 5-0.

Kelly Coffin, Beth Benko and Donna Richard were all winners in singles for the Port Clinton team, while Heide Delhees and Jennifer Heigel, and Peggy Chong and Suzanne Scheid took doubles victories.

Tennis

Ross 4, Marion 1

SINGLES

Tej Purewal (M) d. Gail Stark 6-2, 6-0.

Julie Young (R) d. Tina Rubeich 7-5, 6-0.

Jennifer Miesle (R) d. Amy Stout 6-1, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White (R) d.
Melissa Stout and Angie Pryor 6-0, 6-2.

Lisa Manahan and Sarah Hull (R) d. Kristin
Schweinfurth and Terri Schoonover 6-2, 6-3.

Season records: Ross 10-4, Marion 4-9.

Ross netters finish 10-5

MAUMEE — The Ross girls tennis team dropped its final dual match of the year 4-1 to Maumee here Wednesday. The Lady Giants finish with a 10-5 record.

The lone bright spot of the day for Ross was senior first-court singles player Gail Stark, who came from behind to beat Jenny Howells 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. The victory gave Stark a perfect 8-0 record in three-set matches this year.

Ross will complete its regular season Saturday in the Buckeye Conference Tennis Championships at Sandusky High School. Play begins at 9:30 a.m.

Tennis

Maumee 4, Ross 1

SINGLES

Gail Stark (R) d. Jenny Howells 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Bonnie Oswald (M) d. Julie Young 6-1, 6-4.

April Johnson (M) d. Jennifer Miesle 6-3, 6-3.

DOUBLES

Angie Baldwin and Shelly Butler (M) d.

Jolene Gamertsfelder and Kim White 6-1, 6-2.

Lori Ceglarski and Beth Dooley (M) d. Lisa

Manahan and Sarah Hull 6-1, 6-1.

Season records: Ross 10-5, Maumee 9-3.

Sometimes life just isn't fair

Arthritic condition prevents Ross star from playing tennis

By ROB BOUKISSEN
Reporting for The News-Messenger
Sometimes life just isn't fair.
Just ask Jody Schling.

Last year at this time, Schling was on the verge of winning the Buckeye Conference second-court singles championship as a junior at Ross.

This year, however, she won't even have a chance to defend her title. In fact, she hasn't played tennis all year.

Schling, just 17, has a painful case of rheumatoid arthritis, which, generally speaking, is an inflammation of joints. Anytime Schling tries to do anything that requires a lot of physical movement — like playing tennis — she immediately feels pain in all sorts of places, like her fingers, elbows, wrists and knees. She even feels pain in those places when she's simply carrying on with her regular day-to-day routine.

But perhaps the most pain for Schling comes from not being able to be out on the court with the rest of her Ross teammates, especially now since the Buckeye Conference Meet is being held this Saturday at Sandusky.

"That's the toughest part," said Schling, the daughter of Bill and Tanya Schling, 602 S. Wood. "With the Buckeye coming up, I'm going crazy."

The first signs of Schling's condition cropped up late last season when her wrists would swell up after a tennis match or practice. She said she didn't pay too much attention to it then.

But things began to worsen when she played on the Ross girls basketball team during the winter. The pain became so great that she was forced to quit the sport late in the season.

Then, in March of last year, she found out what was causing all her pain, and she was floored.

"I was frustrated ... real frustrated," she said. "At first I

told myself that it (the arthritis) couldn't stop me. My mind said I could, but my body said I couldn't.

"But then I realized that (playing tennis) wasn't everything in the world. It made me stronger. I can't play, but I can still be a part of the team."

Instead of going into hiding because of her condition, Schling has, indeed, remained an integral part of the Ross team this year. She has been to all the practices and matches, offering advice to her fellow teammates and plenty of help to Coach Pete Michaels.

"She's done a great deal to help," said Michaels. "I think one of the tributes to what kind of person she is is that even though the rest of her teammates knew she couldn't play this year, they still voted her one of the co-captains. In fact, she got the most votes.

"It's a great tragedy for something like this to happen to a young girl of 17. In all my years of coaching (25), I've never had a kid affect me the way she does. She's the kind of kid who grows on you. It has truly been a pleasure to know her."

Schling, who plans to attend Ohio State University after her graduation from Ross next spring, is currently on medication to help her condition and she visits a doctor at the Cleveland Clinic every three months, but there's no guarantee that things will improve.

"The doctor said the outlook is not good," Schling said. "He said it could get better, but it could also go the other way.

"I tell myself that whatever happens, happens. I'll just have to deal with it when it does. It doesn't stop me now, I just have to put a limit on some of the things I do. It's not something I can forget ... I know it's there ... but I just have to keep on going."



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JODY SCHLING
...unable to defend her Buckeye Conference title

Ross honors top fall athletes

Doty, Slane, Stark, Nevarez, Peterson capture top awards

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Brian Doty, Terri Slane, Gail Stark, Minerva Nevarez and Andy Peterson earned "most valuable" honors to lead the way at the Ross Fall Sports Awards Program Tuesday night.

Doty captured the top honor in boys cross country, Slane won it in girls cross country, Stark in girls tennis, Nevarez in volleyball and Peterson in golf.

Other special award winners were:

□ In boys cross country, Scott Nossaman (most improved), and John Brown and Pat Hetrick (co-captains).

□ In girls cross country, Cathy Mallia (most improved), and Melinda Moreno (captain).

□ In girls tennis, Sarah Hull (most improved), and Stark and Jody Schling (co-captains).

□ In volleyball, Brenda Kline (most improved), Taunya Downing (best offensive player), Lora Almaguer (best defensive player), Downing and Nevarez (co-captains), and Dawn Ochs (most valuable JV player).

□ In golf, Shawn Ramirez (most improved), and Peterson, Brian Miller and Tom Herlihy (tri-captains).

Also given out at last night's program were first-, second- and

third-year awards in each sports.

□ In boys cross country, first-year award winners were Nossaman, Andy Boedeker, Dave McDonald, Eric Middleton, Mike Strauch and Mark Wethington. Second-year award winners were Doty, Brown and Hetrick.

□ In girls cross country, first-year award winners were Lisa Abdo, Natalie Albert, Shelly Hines and Tami Stanley. Second-year award winners were Slane, Moreno and Mallia.

□ In girls tennis, first-year award winners were Hull, Jill Bennett, Lisa Manahan, Theresa Moening and Laura Novak. Second-year award winners were Jennifer Miesle, Kim White and Julie Young. Third-year award winners were Stark, Schling and Jolene Gamertsfelder.

□ In volleyball, first-year award winners were Betsy Bower, Tina Clark, Suzanne Franks, Julie Schaaf and Belinda Walters. Second-year award winners were Downing, Kline, Nevarez, Beth May and Lisa Hepp. Third-year award winner was Almaguer.

□ In golf, first-year award winners were Ramirez, Rob Beck and Mark Camp. Second-year award winners were Peterson, Miller and Herlihy.



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MOST VALUABLE award winners in Ross fall sports were, front row, from left to right: Minerva Nevarez (volleyball), Terri Slane (girls cross country) and Gail Stark (girls tennis); back row, from left to right: Andy Peterson (golf) and Brian Doty (boys cross country).