

Ross netters win

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OREGON — Fremont Ross opened the high school tennis season Thursday with a 3-2 victory over Oregon Clay.

Ross got straight set victories from third singles player Scott Gloer and a pair of three-set victories in doubles.

Gloer won the first set against Keith Degnan 6-0 and took the second 7-6.

Matt Miller combined with Aleks Ripple and Doug Snider teamed with Bob Rich for the Ross doubles victories.

Norwalk netters blank Ross

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NORWALK — Norwalk returns seven seniors from last year's team, and it showed Monday night in a 5-0 high school tennis victory over Fremont Ross.

"They're just well balanced and very consistent," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "They don't make many mistakes at all. They force you to try to make winners. In doing that, we're going to make some errors."

Norwalk, 1-0, got singles victories from Brad Emmons at No.

1, Jason Penrose at No. 2 and Jeff Rang at No. 3.

Emmons beat Ross's Brian Stein 6-0, 6-0, Penrose topped Greg Byrnes 6-1, 6-2 and Rang defeated Scott Gloer 6-0, 6-4.

At No. 1 doubles, the team of Bill Foltz and Brett Gerber whipped Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple 6-2, 6-1, while the No. 2 doubles team of Brett Miller and Jerod Adkins beat Doug Snider and Bob Rich 6-0, 6-1.

The Little Giants, 1-1, host Columbian tonight.

Tennis losses

Tiffin Columbian defeated Fremont Ross 4-1 in high school boys tennis Tuesday.

Clyde and Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, meanwhile, suffered 4-1 season-opening losses to Fostoria and Bowling Green, respectively.

Ross got its lone point against the Tornadoes as Brian Stein scored a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Karl Hang at first singles.

M. Harding 5, Ross 0

Singles

- 1-Paul Purewal (MH) d. Brian Stein 6-0, 6-0;
- 2-Alberto Mataix (MH) d. Greg Byrnes 6-0, 6-2;
- 3-Adam Goodman (MH) d. Scott Gloer 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

- 1-Rian Jester and Jeff Williamson (MH) d. Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple 6-2, 6-1;
- 2-Omar Rosell and Jay Mentzer (MH) d. Doug Snider and Steve Byerly 6-1, 6-2.

Records: Marion Harding 4-1, Ross 1-3.

Byrnes shines through Little Giants' setback

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The Fremont Ross tennis team lost to Fostoria 4-1 Wednesday, while coach Craig Kachmarik searched for glimmers of hope.

"When we play teams like we have with experience, we'll take matches here and there," Kachmarik said. "Any person that can win, that's a plus as we get experience."

The plus Thursday was third-court singles player Greg Byrnes, who defeated Fostoria's Scott Orewiler 6-3, 6-3.

Doug Snider and Bob Rich succumbed to Chuck Spittler and Mark Hadacek 7-6, 6-1 at second doubles in a match Kachmarik said they had a chance to win.

Snider and Rich led the tiebreaker 6-2 before falling 8-6.

"Winning the tiebreaker would have changed that second doubles match quite a bit," Kachmarik said. "The momentum just switched to Fostoria after that. They weren't missing shots and we were. A lot of unforced errors."

The Little Giants fell to 1-4, while Fostoria improved to 5-1.

In one other match, Tiffin Calvert defeated Clyde 4-1.

The Fliers, 0-3, avoided a shut-out when Brad Black and Shawn Stiefel defeated Jason Smyser and Matt Kimmet 6-2, 6-3 at first-court doubles.

Gloer picks up lone win for Ross netters

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TOLEDO — Scott Gloer picked up the only victory for the Fremont Ross tennis team Monday in the Little Giants' 4-1 loss at Whitmer.

Gloer came back from a one-set deficit to defeat the Panthers' Charlie Ulrich 6-7 (7-3), 6-4, 7-5.

"Scott Gloer played an excellent match," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "It was close the entire match. Just real good, steady play. Scott keyed on his opponents' weakness (to win it)."

In other singles matches, Whitmer's Todd Nikazy whipped Brian Stein 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2, and Jason Abodeely got past Greg Byrnes 6-2, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2 at No. 3.

In doubles action, Ross's No. 1 team of Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple lost to Vicki Brown and Chris Nikazy 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; the No. 2 team of Doug Snider and Bob Rich lost to Casey Jacobs and Jeff Lotte 6-0, 6-1.

Tennis

High School

Bowling Green 5, Ross 0

Singles

1-Bob Younker (BG) d. Scott Gloer 6-2, 6-0; 2-Scott Younker (BG) d. Brian Stein 6-1, 6-1; 3-Tony Choi (BG) d. Greg Byrnes 6-4, 6-0.

Doubles

1-Jess Scovell and Andy Shih (BG) d. Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple 6-7 (0-7), 6-2, 6-3; 2-Scott Miller and Dave Duncan (BG) d. Doug Snider and Bob Rich 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Records: Ross 1-7, BG 7-0.

Perkins tops Ross

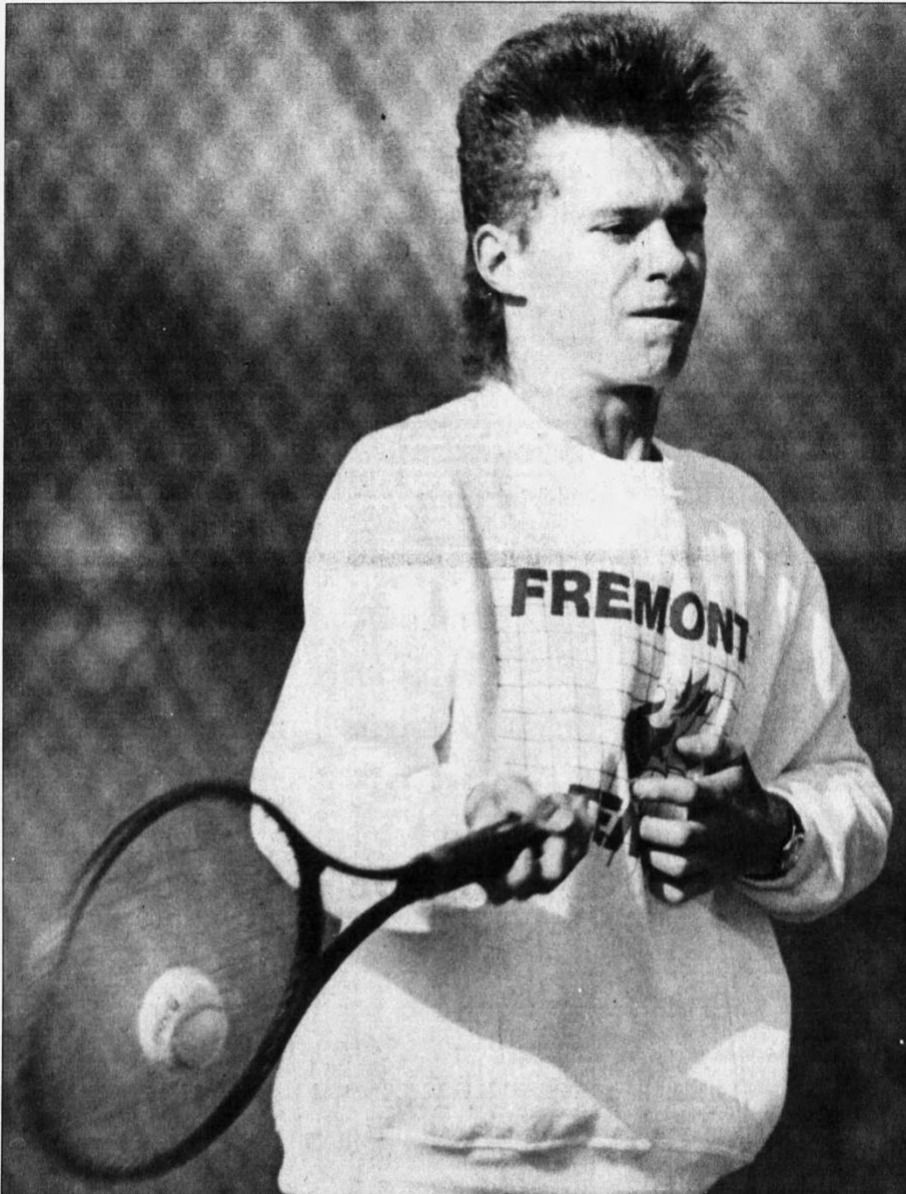
Sandusky Perkins defeated Fremont Ross 4-1 in high school boys tennis Thursday at Rodger Young Park.

Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple defeated Ryan Deering and Brian Cumley 7-6 (7-1), 6-4 at first-court doubles for the Little Giants' point.

Ross lost for the eighth time in nine matches.

In one other match, Tiffin Calvert defeated Port Clinton 4-1.

First-court doubles players Steve Gerding and Jim Jadwisiak were victorious for Port Clinton, 2-5.



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DOUG SNIDER of Fremont Ross strokes a fore-hand Monday during a doubles match against Port Clinton at Rodger Young Park. Snider and

Aleks Ripple won the first set against Tim Ward and Jim Jadwisiak but dropped the next two sets. The Redskins defeated the Little Giants 4-1.

Doubles teams pace PC past Ross

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Port Clinton won both doubles matches in three sets Monday for a 4-1 high school tennis victory over Fremont Ross at Rodger Young Park.

Tim Ward and Jim Jadwisiak defeated Doug Snider and Aleks Ripple 0-6, 6-4, 6-2 on the first doubles court, while Ed Moyer and Steve Gerding topped Phil Karlovetz and Bob Rich 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0 at second doubles.

Ward and Jadwisiak trailed 4-1 in the third set before rallying. Karlovetz, a junior varsity player filling in for Matt Miller, and Rich led Moyer and Gerding 4-1 in the first set.

"I was real pleased with how they came back after being down," Port Clinton coach Dave Miller said.

"Basically, it was a lack of our mental concentration that lost it," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "There is no excuse,

halfway through the season, to be playing tennis like that."

Malik Bia and Bob Wuersig posted singles victories on the first and second court, respectively for Port Clinton's other points.

Greg Byrnes' 6-3, 6-4 third singles victory over Johnny Warnke accounted for The Little Giants' point.

Port Clinton improved to 3-5. Ross slipped to 1-9.

Ross netters blanked; Clyde nips Port Clinton

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Visiting Fremont Ross won just one set against Perrysburg Monday in a 5-0 high school tennis loss to the Yellowjackets.

The Little Giants fell to 1-11.

In one other match Monday, Clyde defeated Port Clinton 3-2.

Ross's No. 1 doubles team of Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes lost to Perrysburg's Ned Weaver and Jon Sabo 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, but that was the only bright spot for the Little Giants, according to coach Craig Kachmarik.

"Stein and Byrnes played their best match of the year, but Weaver and Sabo are one of the best doubles teams in the area," Kachmarik said. "That was kind of a bright spot for us.

"Hopefully, they'll play as well this weekend at the BCC as they did today."

The Yellowjackets improved to 9-2.

Tennis roundup

Clyde 3, Port Clinton 2

At Clyde, the Fliers improved to 5-7 and 3-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference, while Port Clinton fell to 4-9 and 1-5.

Clyde's No. 1 singles player, Brad Shellhammer, defeated Malik Bia 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and No. 3 Mickey Kritzell whipped Port Clinton's Johnny Warnke 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles action, the Fliers' No. 1 team of Eric Kramer and Eric Wampler beat PC's Jim Jadwisiak and Tim Ward 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

Bob Wuersig at No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of Eric Moyer and Steve Gerding both won for the Redskins.

Wuersig defeated Jerry Thome 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 and Moyer-Gerding topped Aaron Rhoades and Chad Archer 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

In one other match, Findlay shut out Fremont Ross 5-0.

The Little Giants lost all three singles matches 6-1, 6-0.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein lost 6-0, 6-4 at first-court doubles and Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple fell 7-5, 6-2 at second doubles.

Ross fell to 1-12. Findlay is 10-2.

Ross netters fall

Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple won the only set for Fremont Ross as the Little Giants lost to Toledo St. John's 5-0 in a high school tennis match Thursday at Rodger Young Park.

Miller and Ripple won the first set 6-2 against Dan Cho and Rich Gasiorski at second-court doubles but dropped the second and third sets 6-1, 6-1.

Ross, 1-5, won just six games in the three singles matches, while Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein won one game at first doubles.

In other matches, Clyde defeated Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 4-1 and Oregon Clay topped Port Clinton 3-2.

Stein and Byrnes double up for Ross

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Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes want to salvage something out of what has been a lost season for the Fremont Ross tennis team.

Stein and Byrnes earned the Little Giants' lone point in a 4-1 loss to Ottawa Hills Wednesday.

Playing first-court doubles for only the second time this season, Stein and Byrnes defeated Josh Richards and Hank McKisson 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-4).

"Stein and Byrnes are really starting to come together as a doubles team now," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "That's a big win.

"Hopefully, they'll keep it going right through the BCC (Buckeye Central Conference Tournament) and sectionals."

Ross, which defeated Oregon Clay in its opener, has lost 13 straight matches.

Ottawa Hills improved to 9-4.

In one other match, Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic defeated Port Clinton 3-2 in a Sandusky Bay Conference match.

The Redskins dropped their fifth match of the season by a 3-2 score and fell to 4-10 and 1-6 in the SBC. PC has won just one match by a score of 3-2.

PC slips past Ross

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Port Clinton won two of three singles matches and got a doubles victory from Malik Mia and Jim Jadwisiak for a 3-2 high school tennis victory over Fremont Ross Monday.

Bob Wuersig defeated Scott Gloer 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 at first-court singles; and Tim Ward topped Doug Snider 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 on the second singles court.

Ryan Mitchell of Ross defeated Johnny Warnke 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-2 at third singles.

Mia and Jadwisiak topped Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein 6-3, 6-2 at first-court doubles, while

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Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple got past Steve Gerding and Ed Moyer 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 for the Little Giants' other point.

The Redskins improved to 6-9. Ross lost for the 14th straight time in 15 matches.

In a match that was a continuation from April 9, Clyde defeated Edison 4-1 to clinch second place in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

The Fliers, 7-8 and 5-3 in the SBC, finished as conference runner-up to Sandusky Perkins for the second straight year.

Ross netters fall

Sandusky handed Fremont its 15th straight high school tennis loss Wednesday. The Blue Streaks defeated the Little Giants 4-1.

Ryan Mitchell earned the lone Ross points with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Brian Willis 6-4, 6-2.

Potential win slips from Ross netters' grasp

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On the bright side, Fremont Ross lost a 3-2 match instead of one by a 4-1 or 5-0 score.

On the downside, the Little Giants' loss to Toledo Waite Thursday was their 16th straight after a season-opening victory.

"We almost had that one," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said.

Ross got 6-2, 6-0 victories from

the first-court doubles team of Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes and the second-court tandem of Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple.

"Those were good confidence builders for them," Kachmarik said. "Today's wins were the best things that could have happened the day before the sectional."

Ross began play in the Class AAA Sectional Tournament at 9

a.m. today at Sandusky High School.

Scott Gloer won just one game against Waite's first-court singles players Craig Thames, but Doug Snider and Ryan Mitchell pushed their opponents to three sets before falling at second and third singles, respectively.

"We made some mental mistakes, some unforced errors ... shots long and into the

net," Kachmarik said. "We got behind early in the third set in both matches and that was it.

"Things turned so quickly in both those matches."

All the sets in Snider's match were decided by 6-3 scores, with Snider taking the second set. Mitchell won his opening set 6-3 before falling 6-0, 6-3.

Waite improved to 7-9.

Fremont players fail to qualify for district

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Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes made a gallant attempt to advance to the Division I district tennis tournament.

The Ross duo, though, dropped a 6-0, 6-1 decision to Mike Hobbs and Chad Kaufman of Lexington in the third round of the sectional tournament Friday at Sandusky High School.

"Stein and Byrnes played very well all day," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "Hobbs and Kaufman responded very well even though Stein and Byrnes played very well at the net."

Stein and Byrnes had a first-round bye and defeated Jeff Gerding and Rob Moyer of Port Clinton 6-1, 6-4 in the second round.

Ross singles players, Scott Gloer — 6-3, 6-3; Doug Snider — 7-5, 6-4; and Ryan Mitchell — 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, lost opening round singles matches.

Matt Miller and Aleks Ripple fell 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in another doubles match.

In the Division II sectional Friday at Norwalk High School, Brad Darr of Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic advanced into the quarterfinals before losing 6-3, 6-1 to Bellevue's Andy Dennis.

St. Joe singles players Brian Goetz and Brett Gerber both lost in the second round.

Both St. Joe doubles teams — Tad Oxley and Donny Stotz as well as Shawn Dickman and Jeff Eshleman — lost in the first round.

Calvert defeated Ross 3-2.

The Little Giants' No. 1 doubles team of Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes won, as did the No. 2 team of Ryan Mitchell and Bob Rich.

Ross fell to 1-17, while Calvert improved to 16-2.

Ross netters cap dreary season with 3-2 victory

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Fremont Ross ended its disappointing high school tennis season Tuesday on an up note, edging Bellevue 3-2.

Ross, 2-17, snapped a 17-match losing streak.

"You can't really end on a better note with the season we had," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "Hopefully we keep that in our minds during the off-season."

"Hopefully, they can keep that in their minds and do some work in the summer and all winter long."

Matt Miller defeated Tim Myers 6-0, 6-0 at third-court sin-

Tennis Roundup

gles, and the Little Giants got doubles victories from Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes — 6-2, 6-3 over Todd Waldecker and Dirk Theele — and Ryan Mitchell and Bob Rich — 6-3, 6-1 over Pete Myers and Aaron Nicely 6-3.

Bellevue fell to 3-18.

In one other match, Port Clinton 3 edged Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic 3-2.

Second and third singles players Brian Goetz and Ted Mayle earned St. Joe's points.

The Crimson Streaks finished the season 9-6, and Port Clinton finished 8-10.