

Returning talent means high hopes for Ross

BY KEVIN SHIELDS
Sports Writer

FREMONT — It's always a good thing when two of your best players touch the ball on every defensive play.

That was the case a year ago, and will be again this season for Ross softball coach Mike Gilbert.

The 2010 edition of the Little Giants features returning Greater Buckeye Conference Player of the Year, in senior pitcher Jordyn Gallagher and returning first team all-GBC and all-district catcher in junior Casey Clark.

"We're very fortunate to have those two back," Gilbert said of the duo. "When your pitcher and catcher are two of your hardest workers, it's a good thing."

Last season for Ross, it was a great thing, as the duo fronted a defense that was the squad's backbone. It was a year during which the Little Giants won the GBC championship for the first time since 2000 with respective records of 13-8 and 8-2. Before last season, Ross was 35-64 since 2005.

"I think we'll be pretty good again," Gilbert said. "I think we're also a little bit faster this year ... that should help."

It will especially help the Little Giants in the field, backing-up one of the top players in Ross history to ever set foot in the circle. Gallagher, who set two school records and tied a third as a junior, returns after posting a 13-6 record with a 1.35 ERA.

Her 170 strikeouts last season, broke a Ross record that was previously held by Miranda Steinberger. She also only walked 11 batters in 19 games, a new single-season Little Giants' record, and also set a record with 15 strikeouts in a GBC game with Lima Senior.

"She's had a great career," Gilbert said. "I think one of the

reasons she was successful last year was because the whole team played much better defense behind her."

Ross scored three runs per game, gave up two runs per contest and averaged just 1.2 errors.

With the bat, Gallagher hit .235 — fifth-best on the team behind Clark's team-leading .414 average. Clark's 12 doubles, 29 hits and nine RBI were also Little Giant bests.

"They both will lead by example," Gilbert said of his pitcher and catcher. "They aren't the hollering-type of kids. They work hard and I think the team picks up on that."

Gilbert points out that hitting with runners in scoring position was something his Ross lineup struggled with.

"My biggest concern is hitting with people on base," Gilbert said. "Like any team, to win a game, you need the clutch hits. Last year, though we were pretty successful, we didn't hit as well as we need to hit."

Switch-hitting sophomore McKenzie Schneider will be one of the speedy players that Gilbert talked of, as last season she led the team in steals. The center fielder and lead-off hitter is joined in the outfield by sister Alexis Schneider (left field) and Sara Gowitzka (right field).

The other sister-pairing Gilbert has is the Gallagher sisters, as freshman McKenzie Gallagher (pitcher/third baseman) joins Jordyn.

"I have two pretty good pitchers with them," Gilbert said.

McKenzie Gallagher will be relied upon the pitch the games her sister doesn't toss.

"I can kind of break her in easily," Gilbert said. "Jordyn had to pretty much do it on her own."

Other newcomers expected to make an impact in the infield are Sidney Swaisgood (third base-



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Pitcher Jordyn Gallagher, the reigning Greater buckeye conference player of the year, throws a pitch during a game last season against Bowling Green.

man/outfielder), Kaylee Amor (first baseman) and Andra Snodgrass (first baseman).

Amor and Snodgrass will present Gilbert with some size and strength.

"They have size going for them, which is something we haven't had too much of," Gilbert said. "We're hoping their size and strength will add some extra base hits."

Solidifying the infield are senior shortstop Tayler Redinger (.271) and junior second baseman Christy Meggitt (.222).

Gilbert, now in his 12th season as Ross coach, expects a tough road in defending the GBC title.

"It's up for grabs," Gilbert said of the league. "We were very fortunate to win last season. We played five or six extra-inning games and won them all. That doesn't happen very often."

The Little Giants host non-conference rival Bowling Green in their season opener next Monday (March 29).

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Little Giants fall hard in opener

BY KYLE SCHIMMING

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BOWLING GREEN — The Fremont Ross softball team got off to a rough start in its first game of the season, falling to Bowling Green 6-0 on Monday.

The Little Giants, who won the Greater Buckeye Conference last season, were held to just two hits by Bobcats pitcher Casey Akenberger. Akenberger struck out 10.

"We got outplayed, outhit and outperformed," Ross coach Mike

Gilbert said. "They put the ball in play and scored runs, which is what we weren't able to do."

Little Giants pitcher Jordyn Gallagher started strong, setting the Bobcats down in order in the first two innings before getting into trouble in the third.

Gallagher walked Amy Cress with the bases loaded but got out of the jam trailing only 1-0. In the fourth, the Bobcats scored two runs off hits from Akenberger and Alex Serrato and a third on a fielder's choice.

"We wanted to make sure we put the ball in play offensively and cut down on the number of strikeouts," Bowling Green coach Jim Cress said. "We did a good job making the defense work and Casey (Akenberger) did a great job pitching."

After the Bobcats singled in two more runs in the fifth inning to push their lead to 6-0, the Little Giants had their best scoring chance of the game in the seventh when Casey Clark led off with a double to deep left field.

Clark, however, would be stranded at third as Akenberger retired the next three Ross hitters.

Gallagher, the reigning GBC player of the year, pitched a complete game for the Little Giants. She struck out four.

Gilbert hopes his team rebounds from Monday's struggles quickly.

"We've just got to get a lot better," he said. "(Bowling Green was) a much better team (Monday). Hopefully we'll take it one day at a time and get better next time."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

FREMONT ROSS 7,
PORT CLINTON 0

Early lead helps Ross relax, win

BY KEVIN SHIELDS
Sports Writer

FREMONT — The Fremont Ross softball team proved Tuesday that it has a short-term memory.

One night after being shutout in their season-opener by Bowling Green, the Little Giants rebounded both at the plate and in the circle with a 7-0 non-conference victory over Port Clinton.

Jordyn Gallagher tossed a complete game, giving up just three hits and striking out 10 Redskin hitters. She helped herself out at the plate, going 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBIs as the Little Giants pounded out nine total hits, including four for extra-bases.

"This is probably the best we've hit in quite awhile and hopefully we can continue that," Ross coach Mike Gilbert said. "Then we had one error and Jordyn pitched a good game."

Ross scored a single run in the top of the first before breaking the game wide-open with a pair of three-run innings, starting in the third.

"When you get ahead you play more relaxed and we got ahead and played more relaxed," Gilbert said.

The Little Giants took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning when Gallagher, hitting in the three-hole, doubled to left field to bring in McKenzie Schneider from second base.

Ross upped its edge to 4-0 in the third when Casey Clark hit a two-RBI double off the fence in the left field. Christy Meggitt added a run after scoring on a passed ball from third and Ross had more than enough run support for Gallagher.

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"She pitched tonight like I'm used to her pitching," Gilbert said. "She's the kind of kid where the more she pitches, usually, the better she gets, and I think she hit a groove in the in the second and third innings."

At one point Gallagher struck out six straight Port Clinton batters. She allowed just two hits and two runners on base in the first four innings.

"She has a lot of pitches and does well with them," Redskin coach Jenna Kinnear said. "I knew she'd be throwing junk and outside stuff when she had two strikes on us and we couldn't hold on them. We watched a lot of strikes go by too."

Gallagher threw a total of 27 balls, as she reached a full-count only twice and had just 10 hitters record two balls against her.

"She made it a lot easier on me to call pitches," Gilbert said. "Usually I got my heart in my throat, but tonight was a little more relaxing because she was on and she told me she found her groove."

Left fielder Kenzie Payne would be the lone Port Clinton hitter to solve Gallagher, as was 3-for-3 and finished a home run shy of hitting for the cycle. Taylor Searight reaching on an error in the fifth-inning would be the other time a Redskin touched base.

Meanwhile, the Little Giants were continuing to hit Redskin starter Ashley Wuersig hard, plating three more in the fourth inning.

Andra Snodgrass and Schneider both drew walks to open the Ross half of the inning. Snodgrass was retired on McKenzie Gallagher's fielder's choice, but Jordyn Gallagher's two-run double plated both Schneider and her younger sister to up the Ross advantage to 6-0.

Clark followed with her third hit — an RBI-single up the middle — to cap the scoring. Clark was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. She and Jordyn Gallagher went a combined 6-for-7 in the three and four-holes, with four extra-base knocks and six total RBIs.

"That's huge," Gilbert said. "You got McKenzie Schneider and McKenzie Gallagher setting the table and then you hope the three and four will come up and clean the table and they did tonight. They hit the ball really well."

Gallagher went on to surrender a single hit in the seventh, picking up her first victory. Wuersig was saddled with the loss, going four innings, allowing seven runs on five hits with two strikeouts and seven walks.

Other collecting hits for Ross were Schneider, McKenzie Gallagher and Tayler Redinger.

"We were making contact and we're hitting the ball hard," Gilbert said. "Last night we made contact at times, but didn't hit the ball hard and when you do, it opens up a lot of things."

Ross will return to action Wednesday when it hosts Toledo Waite.

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Softball^N

Little Giants roll to second straight win

FREMONT — Jordyn Gallagher didn't allow a single hit in four innings and struck out seven Toledo Waite hitters Wednesday in a 5-0 Fremont Ross win in non-conference play.

Gallagher's younger sister, McKenzie preserved her elder sister's shutout for the Little Giants (2-1) pitching three innings of scoreless relief, allowing one hit and striking out six.

Ross scored three runs in the second and single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Leading the way at the plate for the Little Giants were Christy Meggitt, Sidney Swaisgood and Alexis Schneider who each collected a hit. Schneider had the lone Ross RBI, and Meggitt scored two of the runs.

Softball

Little Giants topped by Edison^N

FREMONT — Jordyn Gallagher had two hits and an RBI Thursday, but Fremont Ross fell 6-1 to Edison in non-conference play.

Christy Meggitt added a hit and two stolen bases for the Little Giants (2-2), who also got a hit from Tayler Redinger. McKenzie Schneider scored a run and had a stolen base.

A three-run fifth-inning gave the Chargers a 4-0 lead after four and a half innings.

Ross' lone run came in the bottom-half of the fifth when Schneider drew a walk and was sacrificed to second by McKenzie Gallagher, before scoring on Jordyn Gallagher's single.

Jordyn Gallagher (2-2) took the loss in the circle, giving up six runs (one earned) on seven hits, striking out seven and walking one.

SOFTBALL

Little Giants topped in pair by Generals

FREMONT — Jordyn Gallagher swiped seven bags for the Little Giants, who were topped by Anthony Wayne 5-0, 7-2 in Saturday double header action.

Mckenzie Gallagher and Sara Gowitzka's hits were the lone of game one for Ross, which was out-hit 10-2. Jordyn Gallagher took the loss giving up five runs (one earned) on 10 hits, striking out five and walking none.

Jordyn Gallagher was credited for five steals in game two, going 1-for-3 with a run scored. She was brought home in the first inning on an RBI-single from Casey Clark. One of two RBIs for Clark in the game, who was 1-for-3 for the Little Giants (2-4).

Mckenzie Gallagher was saddled with the loss in the circle, surrendering seven runs (five earned) off 11 hits. She struck out six and walked four other General batters.

Ross falls

Casey Clark doubled to drive in McKenzie Schneider but Fremont Ross's softball team fell to St. Ursula 2-1.

Gallagher pitches perfection for Ross

LIMA — Jordyn Gallagher pitched a perfect game for Fremont Ross on Tuesday, which shut out Lima Senior 25-0 in Greater Buckeye Conference play.

Jordyn Gallagher struck out nine and walked none to move her record to 3-4. At the plate she was 1-of-4 Little Giants (3-5) to record at least two hits, going 2-for-4 with a triple, one run scored and three RBIs.

McKenzie Gallagher was 3-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and three runs scored. Casey Clark also had three hits and three RBIs, going 3-for-6 with a double.

Accounting for four runs scored was Christy Meggitt, while Sidney Swaisgood went 2-for-3, scoring three runs and driving in one.

Gallagher pitches Little Giants to GBC win over Marion

BY KYLE SCHIMMING
News-Messenger correspondent

FREMONT — The Ross softball team defeated Marion Harding 4-1 in a Greater Buckeye Conference matchup Friday behind a strong pitching effort from Jordyn Gallagher.

Gallagher kept the Presidents

hitters out of sync, striking out eight in a complete game.

"It wasn't just me, the defense played really well tonight," Gallagher said. "They hit the ball and we fielded it."

The Little Giants (4-5) jumped to a lead in the bottom of the first when Casey Clark, who went 2-for-3, singled in a run

with her two-out line drive to left field.

"Casey's hit was huge," Fremont Ross coach Mike Gilbert said. "Getting ahead in the game is something we haven't been able to do very much, and getting ahead then getting a couple more runs helps a lot.

"We played more relaxed, we've been on the other side where you get behind and make a few errors and it falls apart."

Sara Gowitzka pushed the Little Giants' lead to 2-0 in the third when she scored on a wild pitch.

Ross tacked on two more runs in the fourth inning when Kaylee

Amor came around to score on a passed ball and Gowitzka again scored when a hit back to the Harding pitcher could not be handled.

"We really made Marion field the ball and they made some mistakes, we did a good job of putting the ball in play,"

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Gallagher said.

Presidents coach Sean Kearns pointed to his team's lack of experience, as they feature seven freshmen on their roster.

"We're inexperienced and we're young and we've had those lapses that we have run into," Kearns

said. "We're just trying to be patient, it's frustrating but I think with time we'll get that cleaned up.

"It's just one of those things; adjusting to the speed of the game that's the difference for our kids."

The Presidents were given an extra chance to score in the seventh when they reached on a dropped

third strike and got on the board on a fielder's choice two batters later.

That was all they would muster, as Gallagher closed the door by retiring the next two hitters.

"She pitched a great game," Gilbert said. "Like she said, we've got to give credit to the defense, they played an excellent game."

SOFTBALL

Ross wins in GBC

McKenzie Schneider, Casey Clark and Christy Meggitt each scored three runs as Fremont Ross's softball team defeated Findlay 18-2 in five innings in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

The Little Giants (5-5, 3-0) had eight consecutive hits to start the game and scored eight runs in the first inning.

Jordyn Gallagher (5-4) allowed two unearned runs and one hit while striking out seven and walking none in five innings. She added two runs and two RBIs at the plate.

Taylor Redinger and Meggitt each drove in three runs. McKenzie and Alexis Schneider had two RBIs apiece.

Softball

LITTLE GIANTS FALL TO TOLEDO CENTRAL

FREMONT — Casey Clark drove in McKenzie Gallagher with a single in the sixth inning, but Fremont Ross' comeback bid fell short Wednesday, dropping a 2-1 decision to Toledo Central Catholic.

The Little Giants (5-6) trailed 1-0 after two innings and 2-0 after five, before Clark's hit brought home the lone Ross run.

On the distance in the circle for Ross was Jordyn Gallagher. The senior gave up two unearned runs on four hits and struck out seven Irish hitters.

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Cody Brubaker's three hits paced Gibsonburg, which got two RBIs each from Brett Diekman and Logan Jones.

Softball

SANDUSKY 3, ROSS 1

FREMONT — Jordyn Gallagher struck out 11 and gave up just four hits for Fremont Ross on Friday, but the Little Giants fell 3-1 to Sandusky in Greater Buckeye Conference play.

Christy Meggitt drove home Ross's lone run in the fourth inning. Also collecting hits for the Little Giants were Mckenzie

Gallagher, Casey Clark and Sara Gowitzka. Clark added two stolen bases and a run scored.

Tennis

ST. MARY CENTRAL CATHOLIC 3, OAK HARBOR 2

Kevin Young (No. 2 singles), and Justin Kaman and Nick Shay (No. 2 doubles) each won in straight sets but Oak Harbor's tennis team fell to SMCC in the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Tournament.

Kaman and Shay didn't drop a game for the Rockets (3-4). Nick Johnson and Eli Boldt won the first set before losing the next two in a match that took three hours to complete at No. 1 doubles.

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TIFFIN — Fremont Ross had four hitters with three or more hits in game one of Saturday's doubleheader sweep of Tiffin Columbian.

Leading the way for the Little Giants (7-7) were Casey Clark and Chisty Meggitt, who each had four hits. Clark had a double and scored three runs, Meggitt had two homers, a double, five RBIs and three runs scored.

McKenzie Gallagher went the distance in the circle in the opener, allowing three runs (one earned) on four hits, walking five and striking out nine.

In game two, Jordyn Gallagher also tossed all seven innings, surrendering a single earned run on three hits and struck out five. She scored a go-ahead run in the sixth inning on a double by Clark that gave Ross a 1-0 lead. Sara Gowitzka then doubled down the right field line in the seventh and scored on Kaylee Amor's triple to right, giving the Little

Giants a two-run cushion.

Ross got three hits from McKenzie Schneider in game two, along with four stolen bases.

Tennis

CLYDE INVITATIONAL

CLYDE — Clyde had all, but one of its singles and doubles teams advance to the semifinals Saturday, but none made the finals as the Fliers took fourth at the Clyde Invitational.

Winning to advance in singles play were Zack Downing, Jordan Brown and David Roach. Blaine MacFarland and Adam Turner advanced to the semi-final round in No. 1 doubles.

ROSS DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

FREMONT — The Fremont Ross tennis team collected two wins Saturday, placing fifth in its doubles tennis tournament.

The Little Giants' Malcolm Leake and David Gipe defeated Toledo Central Catholic's Spencer Toral and Michael Dennis 8-1 to

Ross victory sets up tie for conference softball lead

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McKenzie Gallagher doubled to drive in Sara Gowitzka with the game's only run in the sixth inning as Fremont Ross's softball team shut out Napoleon 1-0 in the Greater Buckeye Conference to establish a three-way tie for first.

Gowitzka singled and was sacrificed to second by McKenzie Schneider for the Little Giants (8-7, 4-1). Jordyn Gallagher (7-6) struck out four and walked none while allowing seven hits in seven innings for the win in the circle.

Casey Clark had two hits for Ross.

fered a setback to Norwalk in non-conference matchup.

Baseball

SJCC 11, BETTSVILLE 0 (5 INNINGS)

John Fatica allowed only one hit as SJCC beat Bettsville in the MAI

Jacob Hossler had the only hit for the Bobcats (2-6, 1-3).

Tennis

ROSS 3, SANDUSKY 2

Malcolm Leake (No. 1 singles) and Erik Paulson (No. 2 singles)

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Alex Bores earned the victory on the mound and AJ Cecil drove in two runs as Oak Harbor's baseball team shut out Huron in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Josh Warnke had three hits, and Cecil and Mark Konieczny each had two for the Rockets (10-3, 4-1). Konieczny drove in one run.

CAREY 13, BETTSVILLE 6

Jacob Hossler doubled twice and Andrew Hartsel drove in three for Bettsville in a Midland Athletic League setback to Carey.

Adding two hits for the Bobcats (2-7, 1-4) was Kennedy Hossler. Hartsel, Dominic King and Kevin Shank all added singles.

Softball

CLAY 9, ROSS 3

Tayler Redinger doubled and drove in a run as did Jordyn Gallagher, but Fremont Ross dropped a non-league decision to Oregon Clay.

Redinger paced the Little Giants (8-8) with two hits, adding a sin-

gle. Christy Meggitt added a hit and accounted for two runs scored. Also scoring a run was Mckenzie Gallagher.

Redinger's single in the fourth inning scored Meggitt, who scored again in the sixth inning on Redinger's double. Mckenzie Gallagher scored the final Ross run in the seventh on a double from Jordyn Gallagher.

Jordyn Gallagher (7-7) took the loss in the circle, giving up 7 runs (two earned) on seven hits, striking out one and walking none. Mckenzie Gallagher pitched four innings of relief, surrendering two runs (one earned) on three hits and struck out six.

EDISON 5, MARGARETTA 4

Kendra Gast had an RBI double as part of four-run seventh for Margaretta, but the Polar Bears couldn't hold off Edison in the SBC.

The Chargers scored two runs in the bottom half of the seventh off three Margaretta errors to come back from a 4-3 deficit.

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ROUNDUP

GBC roll continues for Ross softball

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Casey Clark hit a home run, scored three times and drove in four as Fremont Ross's softball team defeated Lima Senior 14-1 in five innings in the Greater Buckeye Conference on Friday.

Jordyn Gallagher (8-7) struck out three, allowed one run and walked none in four innings for the win in the circle and added two RBI for the Little Giants (9-8, 5-1). Tayler Redinger and Alexis Schneider each drove in two runs.

Mckenzie Gallagher scored three runs while McKenzie Schneider, Christy Meggitt and Sidney Swaisgood each scored twice. Meggitt and Sara Gowitzka each drove in a run while Alexis Schneider and Kaylee Amor each scored one.

Softball

ROSS 6, MARION 1

The Fremont Ross battery consisting of pitcher Jordyn Gallagher and catcher Casey Clark propelled the Little Giants to a 6-

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1 win in the Greater Buckeye Conference over Marion Harding.

In the circle, Gallagher struck out 15 and gave up an unearned run on four hits on the way to No. 9 on the season. Meanwhile at the plate, Clark double twice, drove in three runs and scored twice for the Little Giants (10-8, 6-1).

Adding a single hit and run each were McKenzie Schneider, McKenzie Gallagher and Christy Meggitt. Alexis Schneider added a single and an RBI, Sidney Swaisgood added a run scored.

FOSTORIA 7, ROSS 4

Mckenzie Gallagher was the lone Ross hitter with two or more hits as the Little Giants fell to Fostoria in a non-conference matchup.

Mckenzie Gallagher had two singles and scored a run for the Little Giants (10-9) and had six strikeouts in the circle.

Adding one hit each were McKenzie Schneider, Casey Clark, Christy Meggitt, Tayler Redinger and Sara Gowitzka. Schneider, Clark and Gowitzka all scored a run, Redinger, Gowitzka and Jordyn Gallagher all had stolen bases.

SOFTBALL

SANDUSKY 1, ROSS 0

Sandusky tops Ross in clutch

BY KEVIN SHIELDS
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SANDUSKY — If the Fremont Ross softball team doesn't win the Greater Buckeye Conference this season, it may have one opposing player to blame.

Sandusky's Charrelle Crayton came up with the big hit at the right time for the Blue Streaks on Friday in a 1-0 Greater Buckeye Conference decision over the Little Giants.

When the teams met April 16, Crayton hit a three-run homer in the top of the seventh inning to give Sandusky a 3-1 victory at Ross. This time it was an RBI triple in the fourth inning that brought across teammate Maurisha Brown, who had doubled.

Ross's offense was then held at bay by Ashley Gilbert, who struck out eight for the Blue Streaks and allowed just two hits by the Little Giants (10-10, 6-2).

"It was a good ballgame — just wrong end of the score for us," Ross coach Mike Gilbert said. "I thought both teams played well. We got people on base, but didn't get the big hit when we needed it ... Sandusky did and that was the game."

The Little Giants threatened in their half of the fourth when Casey Clark led off with a single through the left side. Christy Meggitt then reached on an error by the first baseman to put two on with no one out. One strikeout later however, Sandusky got Alexis Schneider out, but the left fielder didn't realize Clark was heading to third.

Clark reached third and headed for home, but was tagged out at the plate.

"Our left fielder came up and hesitated — I got another gray hair on my head," Blue Streaks coach Tom Garard said. "But she made a strike to Annisa (Hunter) and Annisa put the tag on her."

Ross never reached base again, but pitcher Jordyn Gallagher kept her team in the game. She allowed eight hits, striking out nine without a walk.

"Jordyn pitched a great game like she always does," Gilbert said. "I haven't really had a game all year where she hasn't kept us right there."

The loss dropped Ross into a tie with Blue Streaks (13-5, 6-2) in the GBC standings. The Little Giants came into Friday in a first-place tie with Napoleon.

Mckenzie Gallagher was the lone other Ross hitter to record a hit, Clark added a stolen base.

Despite the lack of offense, Gilbert liked what he saw from his hitters against a pitcher who normally has double-digit strikeouts.

"I actually thought we hit Ashley pretty good," Gilbert said. "She's usually in double figures with strikeouts, but I liked the way we put the ball in play. In the end, we just got beat ... we didn't do anything to lose it."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL ■ FINDLAY 2, FREMONT ROSS 0

Little Giants shut out by Trojans

BY MATT MILLS

News-Messenger correspondent

FREMONT — The Ross softball team lost 2-0 to Findlay on Tuesday.

Leading the way for the Trojans was senior pitcher Maggie Gilliland with 14 strikeouts en route to her complete-game, three-hit shutout. She also went 3-3 at the plate.

"Maggie's a great pitcher, she's done a great job for us all season," Findlay coach Angie Nunn said. "She's averaging 15-16 strikeouts a game, and she got 14 today. Not only that, but she's an overall great player. She had three hits and the only extra base hit of the game."

Jordyn Gallagher pitched very well for the Little Giants as well, giving up only two runs and striking out eight. Offensively, the only bright spot for Fremont was a 2-for-3 effort from Casey Clark.

"Casey normally gets us a few hits per game," Fremont Ross coach Mike Gilbert said.

The Trojans scored the first run of the game in the top of the fifth inning when Gallagher walked in a run after loading the bases. Findlay scored a second run in the top of the 7th inning after Katey Crow grounded out, but a passed ball allowed a run to score from third.

"I'm proud of our girls," Gilbert said. "But obviously you're not going to win if you don't score any runs."

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MIKE GILBERT

Fremont Ross softball coach



Brenda Soule | News-Messenger correspondent

Fremont Ross's Taylor Redinger waits on a pitch during Tuesday's game against Findlay.

NAPOLEON 2, ROSS 1

Jordyn Gallagher had seven strikeouts in the circle, but Ross dropped a Greater Buckeye Conference decision to Napoleon.

Casey Clark had an RBI sacrifice fly for the Little Giants (10-12, 6-4), McKenzie Schneider had a single and scored the team's lone run. Adding another Ross single was Alexis Schneider.

High School Sports

Greater Buckeye Conference

2010 All-Conference Teams, Spring Sports

Baseball

First Team: Derek Waggoner, Jordan Garcia, TJ Harkness, Tyler Wolf.

Second Team: Brandon Graeter, Jake Hiestand.

Honorable Mention: Dexter Foos, Cory Rohrbacher, Trent Stout.

Softball ^N

First Team: Jordyn Gallagher, Casey Clark.

Second Team: Christy Meggitt, McKenzie Schneider, McKenzie Gallagher.

Honorable Mention: Sara Gowitzka, Tayler Redinger, Alexis Schneider.