

1986 District Tournament

# District net not finished

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Clyde pushed one player on to regional action, while Port Clinton and Fremont Ross still had players going for regional berths in district tennis action Saturday.

At the Perkins Class AA meet, Angie Maines was the lone Clyde player to make it through to the regional tournament, placing second in singles play. Maines won three matches before losing to the No. 1 seed, Lisa McFarlan of Perkins 6-0, 6-0.

To reach the finals, Maines, the No. 2 seed, beat Willard's Kendra Wiers, St. Mary's Meredith Prbanic and third-seeded Rachel Emmons of Norwalk, all in straight sets.

Meanwhile, at the Bucyrus Class AAA district, Fremont Ross had one representative alive in the quarterfinals and Port Clinton had a singles player and a doubles team still going before play was suspended Saturday.

The tournament, which was postponed from Friday to Saturday, was slowed by the rain and will be completed today.

Ross' No. 1 doubles team of Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle is still alive and through to the semifinals after two victories. The top three places in the tourney move on to regionals, meaning Young and Miesle are now within one match of a regional berth.

The Ross duo defeated the doubles teams from Lexington and Ashland in straight sets to make the semis where they await the winner of the Port Clinton-Tiffin Columbian match which was halted midway through the opening set.

# Young-Miesle duo scores big upsets

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BUCYRUS — It was a case of the Little Giants slaying the big giants.

Julie Young and Jennifer Miesle of Fremont Ross knocked off a pair of undefeated Tiffin Columbian doubles teams to win the Class AAA district tennis tournament title Monday.

"They were awesome," Ross Coach Pete Michaels praised after Young and Miesle polished off Kendra Cartwright and Tina Shuff of Columbian in straight 6-3 sets to win the title.

The victory put the Ross team into the regional tournament at Delaware Saturday. The top three singles players and the top three doubles teams advanced to the regional.

The Cartwright-Shuff team had taken a 21-0 mark into the finals match against the Ross duo. Ironically, Young and Miesle had not played a doubles match together during the regular season. The Ross duo had played in the first and second court singles positions for Michaels

before he paired them up for the district tourney. In spite of that, Young and Miesle had been seeded second in the district show.

In the semifinal match Monday, Young and Miesle defeated Columbian's Sheila Haught and Esther Fardig 6-4, 6-2. That team had also thrown a 21-0 record at the Little Giants team.

"We took control of both matches very early," Michaels described his team's 3-0 starts in all four sets. "They got the advantage with a high percentage on first serves.

"The passing shots were good and the cross court shots were great; they were just hitting them past them," Michaels said joyfully.

"My kids complemented each other very well. They picked each other up while covering the court very well."

By virtue of finishing first in the tourney, the Ross team will go up against a third or fourth place team from another district in the first round of regional play, according to Michaels.