

## 2010 Season Review

## **FINDLAY 4, FREMONT ROSS 1**

■ **Site:** Fremont Ross High School.

■ **No. 1 singles:** Meghan Gray (FIN) def. Rachael Laeng (ROSS), 2-6, 2-6.

■ **No. 2 singles:** Lindsey Barlett (FIN) def. Abbi Hasselbach (ROSS), 0-6, 2-6.

■ **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark (ROSS) def. Alexis Soli (FIN), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

■ **No. 1 doubles:** Nicole Bosse/Kelley Worstell (FIN) def. Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (ROSS), 6-2, 4-6, 4-6.

■ **No. 2 doubles:** Abby Arnet/Maggie Kelley (FIN) def. Maddie Kuieck/Brenna Drunckenmiller (ROSS), 5-7, 6-2, 3-6.

■ **JV:** Ross 4, Findlay 3. Winners: Jenna Overmyer, Sarah Gray, Alexa Urban, Lauren Emrich, Anyssa Moreno, Ashleigh Kosanka, Lindsey Keck.

■ **Next:** Ross v. Clay, Wednesday, 4 p.m.

# And one night later ...

## Little Giants rebound from opening loss with sweep

BY KEVIN SHIELDS  
Sports writer

FREMONT — This was the way Fremont Ross head coach Lisa Wolfe wanted to start the tennis season.

Unfortunately, for her and the Little Giants it came one night later than they wanted.

Ross blanked Oregon Clay 5-0 Wednesday at Alumni Fields — one night after losing 4-1 in its Greater Buckeye Conference opener with Findlay.

"Findlay is a tough pill to swallow for a first match," Wolfe said. "All the girls played really well, but it would've been nice to start off with a match like this."

Only freshman Abbi Hasselbach had to battle to three sets Wednesday as Ross swept four of the five courts in straight sets.

But Hasselbach won 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 at No. 2 singles, to capture her first varsity win.

"It feels good, especially having to do it in three sets," she said. "I did a good job of making her run and having to go to her backhand, which was key."

Rachel Laeng beat Clay's Kylee Ault 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 singles.

"Rachel played great last night even though she lost," Wolfe said. "Her two sets where she lost 2-6, 2-6 took longer than some of the three set matches, though, and tonight she just played some smart tennis."

Rounding out the wins in singles play for the Little Giants was Casey Clark. Clark ran back and forth across the court, wearing down her opponent en route to 6-1, 7-5 victory that moved her to 2-0 on the season.

"Casey just wears them out," Wolfe said. "She runs them back and forth until they don't have any legs left to hit."

Having the easiest go of the courts was the Ross No. 1 doubles team of Sarah Osborne and Alexis Gedeon, who were 6-2, 6-0 winners.

"They played very well as usual tonight and just had a very easy go with it," Wolfe said.

The duo returns as the defending GBC champions at No. 1 doubles, but had a tough go of it Tuesday in a three-set loss to Findlay's top doubles squad.

"Yesterday prepared us pretty well," Osborne said. "Then today we were just hitting really solid shots and mixed that in with some really great serves."

Maddie Kueick and Brenna Druckenmiller were also doubles winner Wednesday, winning at No. 2 doubles, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

"We're still trying to figure out



Greg Burr | Submitted photo

Fremont Ross freshman Abbi Hasselbach returns a serve during her match Wednesday. Her win was one of five posted by the Little Giants in their sweep of Oregon Clay.

that second doubles spot and the team part that goes with it," Wolfe said. "We put those two girls out there for second straight night and they just need to get more confident. They played well, but I was a little disappointed they took that

first set to a tiebreaker."

Overall, however, Wolfe is pleased with what she's seeing from the group as a whole.

"These girls have a lot of confidence and there's a lot of respect that's going on with the team this year," Wolfe said. "I'm

expecting us to win the GBC tournament this year with it being at home and my goal is take all seven girls, instead of six to districts this season."

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## GIRLS TENNIS ■ ROUNDUP

# Fremont Ross blanks Tiffin Columbian

News-Messenger reports

For the second straight night the Fremont Ross girls tennis team blanked its opponent, downing Tiffin Columbian in a non-conference tennis match Thursday.

Rachel Laeng earned a 6-1, 6-2 win in No. 1 singles as the Little Giants won in straight sets on all five courts.

Abbi Hasselbach was a 6-1, 6-4 winner in No. 2 singles and Casey Clark a 6-3, 6-1 winner in No. 3 action.

In doubles play, the No. 1

team of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne won a 6-0, 6-1 match, and Maddie Kuieck and Jenna Overmyer earned a 6-3, 6-1 victory at No. 2 doubles.

### **OTTAWA HILLS 4, OAK HARBOR 1**

Julia Konieczny and Katie Mahlow were the lone Oak Harbor winners at No. 1 doubles Thursday as the Rockets fell to Ottawa Hills in a non-league match.

Konieczny and Mahlow won 6-3, 6-2.

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# Ross tops Sylvania Southview

News-Messenger reports

Casey Clark stayed undefeated on the season at No. 3 singles as the Fremont Ross girls tennis team topped Sylvania Southview 3-2 over the weekend.

Clark, now 4-0 on the season, earned a 6-2, 7-5 victory as the Little Giants earned two of three of the match's singles points.

Abbi Hasselbach was also victorious at No. 2 singles for Ross,

winning 6-1, 6-4.

"This was a great win for the girls against a real quality team," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. "I'm proud of all the girls play today. Singles continue to improve this season. With four days of practice next week, they will continue working hard and improving."

In doubles action, the Little Giants' No. 2 doubles team of Maddie Kuieck and Brenna Druckenmiller won 6-1, 7-6 (7-2).

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## GIRLS TENNIS

### ROSS 3, Sylvania Southview 2

■ **Site:** Ross H.S., Fremont.

■ **No. 1 singles:** Haidas (SOUTHVIEW) def. Rachel Laeng (ROSS), 6-3, 6-4.

■ **No. 2 singles:** Abbi Hasselbach (ROSS) def. Darah (SOUTHVIEW), 6-1, 6-4.

■ **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark (ROSS) def. Gilbert (SOUTHVIEW), 6-2, 7-5.

■ **No. 1 doubles:** Chrysdchos/Vyas (SOUTHVIEW) def. Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (ROSS), 7-5, 7-5.

■ **No. 2 doubles:** Maddie Kuieck/Brenna Druckenmiller (ROSS) def. Parikh/Potter (SOUTHVIEW), 6-1, 7-6 (7-2).

■ **JV winners:** Karissa Pinkerton, Emily Hamilton, Emily Moyer, Ashleigh Kosanka, Taylor Weltin.

■ **Records:** Ross 3-1.

■ **Next:** Ross vs. Lima Senior, 4:30 p.m. today.

## GIRLS TENNIS

### FREMONT ROSS 5, LIMA SR. 0

- **Site:** Ross High School, Fremont
- **No. 1 singles:** Rachel Laeng (ROSS) def. B. Johnson (LS), 6-0, 6-0.
- **No. 2 singles:** Abbi Hasselbach (ROSS) def. Teilynn Hutchins (LS), 6-0, 6-0.
- **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark (ROSS) def. Jenna Ward (LS), 6-0, 6-0.
- **No. 1 doubles:** Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne (ROSS) win by forfeit.
- **No. 2 doubles:** Maddie Kuieck/Jenna Overmyer (ROSS) win by forfeit.
- **Records:** Ross: 4-1 (1-1 Greater Buckeye Conference).
- **Next:** Ross v. SJCC, Monday, 4 p.m., Rodger Young Park.

# Clark pursues perfection as Ross blanks SJCC

BY KEVIN SHIELDS  
Sports writer

FREMONT — Fremont Ross tennis coach Lisa Wolfe says every coach needs a Casey Clark on their team.

But Wolfe doesn't plan to share her senior No. 3 singles star anytime soon.

Clark was a 6-0, 6-0 winner Monday as Ross shutout St. Joseph Central Catholic 5-0 in a match played at Rodger Young Park.

For Clark, who began playing tennis a few months before the start of last season, the victory moved her to a perfect 6-0 on the year. She was 13-6 as a junior.

"There's never a complaint that



CLARK

*"I'm a lot more focused this year. And I feel more confident in myself too with my shots. Last year I just hit the ball back to hit it back."*

CASEY CLARK

Fremont Ross senior tennis player

comes out of her mouth," Wolfe said. "She's just reliable. She's dependable and in any arena she plays in, she's going to give it her all no matter what. That's why every coach needs someone like her on their team."

Ross varsity girls basketball coach Juan Vela and softball coach Mike Gilbert would tell you much the same. Clark was a vocal leader and a key inside threat for Vela's basketball team, while she was the top-hitting Division I

catcher in Northwest Ohio for Gilbert, hitting at a .472 clip.

In all those sports, hard work has been Clark's key, and it was no different for her in tennis. Last summer, Clark attended every tennis clinic Wolfe put on, learning enough to dress for a very talented varsity team just months after picking up a racquet.

"She attended everything and just kept on improving," Wolfe said. "She's just a great athlete and she picks it up easily."

And this year, Clark is going to settle for nothing less than meeting her goals.

"I'm a lot more focused this year," Clark said. "And I feel more confident in myself too with my

shots. Last year I just hit the ball back to hit it back."

Ross is 5-1 with its only loss coming in its first match against Findlay. Clark was the lone Little Giant to win her match as the Trojans won 4-1.

She points to her serves as being a key difference this season.

"My serve is probably the best thing I have right now," Clark said. "If I can get it in, then usually no one can return it."

Her coach agrees, but she also likes the way her senior leader runs back and forth across the court and wears down her opponent.

"It's the way she moves on the

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court too," Wolfe said. "She's a smarter tennis player this year, and she's picking up on her opponent's weaknesses."

One weak spot Clark has noticed is a flaw in her form that evolves from her ability to hit a softball as well as she does.

"Definitely my backhand," Clark said. "That's tough for me because of my softball swing. I want to hit the tennis ball like it's a softball, and you can't do that."

It's one tiny drawback to Clark's game, which has very few.

"She'll have a very successful year," Wolfe said. "All the eyes were on her at the (Greater Buckeye Conference) tournament last fall because of the way she carries herself on the court. She means business."

When it comes to her business, Clark is hoping to achieve some high standards this fall.

"I want to go undefeated for the regular season, which I'm doing pretty well on right now," Clark said. "Then I want to make it to districts this year because last year I didn't make it."

Ross won 6-0, 6-0 on three of the four other courts Monday. Rachel Laeng also won all her games at No. 1 singles, as did the No. 1 doubles team of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne and the No. 2 team of Maddie Kuieck

and Karissa Pinkerton.

"The girls really played well, and it's always fun to play St. Joe," Wolfe said. "It's a lot of familiar faces for each of us and it's a friendly rivalry."

Wolfe was happy she could play Pinkerton in the match. The senior played varsity as a freshman, but increased numbers and competition have made varsity time hard to come by the past two seasons.

"It was really nice to get to play on varsity today," Pinkerton said. "Me and Maddie are good friends, so it was cool getting to play with her."

Pinkerton's efforts put a smile on the face of her coach.

"She has worked extremely hard, and she deserved today," Wolfe said. "She has always been at the top but was always on the fence as a sophomore and junior. But her hard work is paying off so far this year."

As for SJCC (3-4), gaining experience against a good opponent is what it will take from playing the Little Giants.

"Playing Ross gives our girls some experience with some more difficult opponents and shots," Crimson Streaks coach Liz Pietrykowski said. "They put the ball in play, and it's a good learning experience for our girls."

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**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ■ ROUNDUP**

# Ross girls tennis blanks Marion Harding, 5-0

News-Messenger reports

Abbi Hasselbach didn't drop a game, winning 6-0, 6-0 in No. 2 singles Tuesday as Fremont Ross recorded a shutout for the second straight night, blanking Marion Harding 5-0 in Greater Buckeye Conference play.

Rachel Laeng won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles for the Little Giants (6-1, 2-1), and Casey Clark was a 6-0, 6-1 winner at No. 3 singles.

In No. 1 doubles the tandem of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne were 6-0, 6-2 winners. Maddie Kueck and Brenna Druckenmiller finished the shutout with a 6-4, 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles.

Chelsie Kamann picked up 12 saves for the Rockets (1-1-2) in net.

## **BOYS SOCCER**

### **Woodmore 2, Tiffin Calvert 1**

Malachi Brown scored two goals and Donny Owen picked up assists on both as Woodmore topped Tiffin Calvert Tuesday in a non-league match.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

### **SJCC 25-25-25, Mansfield Christian 13-8-6**

St. Joseph Central Catholic was led by Kristin Sessler's 18 kills as the Crimson Strikers

## GIRLS TENNIS

### FREMONT ROSS 5, MARION HARDING 0

- **Site:** Ross HS, Fremont.
- **No. 1 singles:** Rachel Laeng def. Ally James, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.
- **No. 2 singles:** Abbi Hasselbach def. Kayla Betker, 6-0, 6-0.
- **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark def. Emily Atkinson, 6-0, 6-1.
- **No. 1 doubles:** Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne def. Katie Westbrook/Jenna Moodley, 6-0, 6-2.
- **No. 2 doubles:** Maddie Kuieck/Brenna Druckenmiller def. Alli Sharrock/Hannah Bender, 6-4, 6-1.
- **Records:** Ross 6-1 (2-1 Greater Buckeye Conference).
- **Next:** Ross v. Port Clinton, Today.



Jonathon Bird | News-Messenger

Fremont Ross' Rachel Laeng charges the net during Wednesday's match against Port Clinton.

## GIRLS TENNIS ■ PORT CLINTON 3, FREMONT ROSS 2

# It felt like a victory for Fremont Ross player

**BY MATTHEW HORN**  
Sports writer

FREMONT — The scores don't totally suggest it.

But the match did.

Rachel Laeng of Fremont Ross was happy with the way she played in her No. 1 singles match with Port Clinton on Wednesday.

Even though she lost, and the Little Giants dropped a 3-2 deci-

sion, she did well against a quality opponent in Chelsea Beck.

Laeng won the first set 6-4 before dropping the next two 6-1, 6-3. Beck has advanced to state at doubles the last three years.

"I was excited when I got a set from her," Laeng said. "I was happy. I'm not disappointed because I played well. I see it as a win. I was excited to go three sets."

Casey Clark won in straight sets

at No. 3 singles for the Little Giants to earn the team's other point.

"My serve really helped out because of the wind," Clark said. "When the wind was going with my serve it helped, and on the other side when it was against the wind it threw (my opponent off). Coming to the net a few times helped, too."

Maddie Kwieck and Jenna Overmyer dropped two games at

No. 2 doubles for Ross.

"We started off really strong," Kwieck said. "We both played well at the net and had good serves."

Overmyer and her partner were determined.

"We really wanted it," Overmyer said. "We were very strong with our baseline shots as well."

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## Fremont Ross 5, Whitmer 0

Rachael Laeng, Abbi Hasselbach and Casey Clark each posted singles wins for the Little Giants (7-2, 2-1).

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne swept their doubles match, while Maddie Kuieck and Sarah Gray won by forfeit.

### FREMONT ROSS 5, WHITMER 0

■ **No. 1 singles:** Rachael Laeng def. Tessa McDonald, 6-0, 6-1.

■ **No. 2 singles:** Abbi Hasselbach def. Allyssa Smith, 6-0, 6-0.

■ **No. 3 singles:** Casey Clark def. Lindsay Erdman, 6-1, 6-0.

■ **No. 1 doubles:** Alexis Gedeon/Sarah Osborne def. Niomi Washington/Taylor Mitchell, 6-0, 6-0.

■ **No. 2 doubles:** Maddie Kuieck/Sarah Gray win by forfeit.

■ **JV winners:** Jenna Overmyer, Brenna Druckenmiller, Karissa Pinkerton, Lauren Emrich, Taylor Weltin, Ashleigh Kosanka, Angela Hamilton, Alexa Urban, Anyssa Moreno, Emily Hamilton, Aubrey Fox, Emily Moyer.

■ **Records:** Ross 7-2 (2-1 Greater Buckeye Conference).

■ **Next:** Ross at Napoleon, Tuesday.

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## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

# Ross picks up win in Greater Buckeye Conference tennis

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross got wins from both its doubles squads and from No. 3 singles player Casey Clark en route to a 3-2 Greater Buckeye Conference win over Napoleon Tuesday.

Clark was a 6-3, 6-4 winner for the Little Giants (8-2, 3-1), as she kept her unblemished singles record.

Earning a 6-7 (1), 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 1 doubles was the Ross team of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah

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## COMPETITION GOOD FOR VICTORIOUS PORT CLINTON SPIKERS

**BY MATTHEW HORN**  
Sports writer

OAK HARBOR — Rockets coach Megan Bodnar has three girls battling for playing time in the middle.

And she considers the competition is a good problem to have. Better put, she doesn't think it's a problem at all.

Katlyn Tice led Oak Harbor with seven

kills but the Rockets fell to Port Clinton 25-22, 25-18, 25-23 in the Sandusky Bay Conference on Tuesday.

"I have three sophomores fighting to play in the middle," Bodnar said of Tice, Maggie Zurvalec and Alexis Huntbrinker.

"That's pushed them all to fight harder. (Tice) didn't want to lose her spot. I hope

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Osborne. Maddie Kuieck and Jenna Overmyer teamed for a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 2 doubles.

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Fremont Ross' Abbi Hasselbach returns the ball during Wednesday's match against Oak Harbor. Ross won 3-2.

# Clark leads Ross to win

## Giants standout moves to 11-0 at third singles

BY MATTHEW HORN  
Sports writer

Casey Clark of Fremont Ross added something to her game since last season.

And those standing across the net are none too pleased as she hits across the court. That's the new weapon that has keyed Clark's 11-0 start to the season.

Clark didn't drop a game at No. 3 singles Wednesday as the Little Giants topped Oak Harbor 3-2.

"My cross-court shots have really helped," she said. "My strengths are my cross-court shots and my first serves."

Clark is also one to never give up regardless of the score or set.

"To go halfway through the season (unbeaten) and run into some of the opponents she's had to face — she's done a terrific job," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said.

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne lost only three games at No. 1 doubles for the Little Giants (9-2). The pair rebounded nicely from a third-set tiebreaker loss against Napoleon on Tuesday.

"They tried some different things on the court (Wednesday)," Wolfe said. "They were approaching the net and playing aggressive."

Maddie Kueick and Jenna Overmyer didn't lose a game at No. 2 doubles for Ross.

"She's played with a lot of dif-

### ROUNDUP

## Oak Harbor tops Huron in soccer match

News-Messenger reports

Oak Harbor's girls soccer team shut out Huron 4-0 in the Sandusky Bay Conference on Wednesday.

Kayla Diefenthaler, Dayna Setzler, Amber Burnette and Kelly Bryant each scored one goal for the Rockets (2-1-2, 2-0). Jordan Giesler found Makayla Carpenter with a

crossing pass before Carpenter fed Burnette for her goal.

Chelsie Kamann made seven saves and Amber Moomey one for Oak Harbor.

### BOYS GOLF

**Shelby 162, Bellevue 176**  
Ryan Cook shot a 41 and Taylor Radloff added a 44 for the Redmen.

ferent partners," Wolfe said of Kueick. "Jenna played a great match with Maddie (Tuesday) and deserved another. They're a good fit. They've played really well together the last two matches."

Julia Konieczny earned one of the Rockets' points Wednesday with a bit of a marathon 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory over Abbi Hasselbach.

"I just decided I wasn't going to lose," she said. "I was going to do whatever it took. That's my attitude for all my matches but that one especially."

"It went on for so long. I just

felt it was winnable (so I refused to lose)."

Konieczny is a senior and Hasselbach a freshman.

"She played a great match," Wolfe said of Hasselbach. "Julia's a great athlete and she's had more court time."

Oak Harbor sophomore Ashley LaFountain demonstrated the gamut of her skills in winning 12 straight games at No. 1 singles. She can execute whatever shot is necessary and her weaknesses — if there are any — are very difficult for most opponents to expose.

LaFountain topped a very

talented opponent in district-qualifier Rachel Laeng.

"I hit with her a few times over the winter," LaFountain said. "We had some good games and good points. She's been working hard and improving fast."

LaFountain, who went to state as a freshman, said she doesn't rely on a specific style. She sliced a lot Wednesday.

Playing against LaFountain requires different reflexes and court coverage than her foes are typically accustomed to. LaFountain is very mobile, athletic and strong.

LaFountain can execute drop shots, topspin shots and overhands. She can hit one-handed or two-handed forehands and backhands, play along the baseline or charge the net.

"I definitely work on my game a lot," she said. "I try to hit every day. I try to work on things that could be stronger."

LaFountain can hurt opponents with her first and second serve, hit volleys and rip off winners. She forces opponents to take chances with power and location different from shots they'd normally try.

LaFountain, who went to state as a freshman, has only one loss this season as Ottawa Hills' Drew Fillis beat her 6-4, 6-4. LaFountain led 4-3 in both sets.

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## **TENNIS**

### **Sandusky Perkins Pirate Invitational**

Fremont Ross had two of its doubles teams earn titles Saturday as the Little Giants won the team at the Pirate Invitational hosted by Sandusky Perkins.

At No. 2 doubles, the Little Giants' team of Rachel Laeng and Casey Clark, normally Ross's No. 1 and No. 3 singles players respectively, won all three of their matches to claim the tournament title. The same was true of the No. 3 team of Maddie Kwieck and Abbi Hasselbach, who also earned a title for Ross.

"These girls knew what they wanted, what they had to do and did their jobs to win this event," Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. "They adjusted to the playing conditions and played with a lot of heart."

The Little Giants tallied 76 team points to edge Fairview High School out of Penn. and Norwalk, which each tallied 73 points.



Submitted photo

Fremont Ross' Casey Clark gets in position to return a hit Monday in the Little Giants' match against Huron. Clark beat Brittany Mayer 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 to stay undefeated on the year as Ross earned a 5-0 win.

## Clark rebounds in Ross win to stay undefeated

News-Messenger reports

Casey Clark was challenged, falling in her first set 4-6 to Huron's Brittany Mayer, before rebounding for 6-3 and 6-2 wins in sets two and three to keep her undefeated record intact and help Fremont Ross to a 5-0 non-league win on Monday.

Adding singles wins in straight sets for the Little Giants (10-2) were Rachel Laeng (6-0, 6-0) in No. 1 singles and Abbi Hasselbach (6-3, 6-0) on the No. 2 singles court.

The No. 1 doubles team of Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne was a 6-0, 6-0 winner, and Maddie Kuieck and Jenna Overmyer won 6-0, 6-1 in No. 2 doubles action.

### TENNIS

#### Oak Harbor 4, Tiffin Calvert 1

Oak Harbor's one-two singles punch of Ashley LaFountain and Julia Konieczny both won in straight sets Monday

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## Hasselbach wins out to help Ross beat Sandusky

News-Messenger reports

Abbi Hasselbach didn't drop a single game at No. 2 singles, helping Fremont Ross to a 5-0 win over arch-rival Sandusky on Tuesday in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Rachel Laeng (No. 1 singles) and Casey Clark (No. 3 singles) would drop only single games for the Little Giants, who lost a total of seven games.

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne were 6-1, 6-2 winners at No. 1 doubles, and the team of Maddie Kuieck and Jenna Overmyer won 6-2, 6-0.



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### BOYS SOCCER

#### Oak Harbor 12, Clyde 0

Phil Weirich scored twice, and Tyler Eoff, Ian Miller, Justin Velliquette, JJ Rathbun, Cadan Goldstein, DJ Reau, Trent Lacer, Jake Hetrick, Alex Swope and Anthony Hopkins each had one in the Rockets' Sandusky Bay Conference shutout.

Myles Backus and Phil Bryant each had an assist for Oak Harbor (5-2, 3-1).

Lacer and Andrew Karstan combined for the shutout in goal.

### TENNIS

#### SJCC 3, Tiffin Calvert 2

Chloe Beck (No. 2 singles) won 6-4, 6-3 in singles play and each of the SJCC doubles teams came away with wins, as the Crimson

Streaks downed Tiffin Calvert in the Midland Athletic League.

#### Clyde 5, Edison 0

The No. 1 doubles team of Amanda Cahill and Spencer Robles dropped a single game, helping Clyde to an SBC win over Edison.

Sara Potts and Caitlin Nearhood dropped two games at No. 2 doubles, and Shelbe Gibson (No. 1 singles), Mariah Bloom (No. 2 singles) and Hanna Manty (No. 3 singles) all won in straight sets.

#### Oak Harbor 3, St. Mary Central Catholic 2

Ashley LaFountain (No. 1 singles) and Julia Konieczny (No. 2) each won all their games in Oak Harbor's SBC win.

Katie Mehlow and Hannah Birchall lost the first set before win-

ning the next two for the Rockets (5-6, 3-3).

### GOLF

#### Clyde 155, Margaretta 170

Derek Kuns won medalist honors with a 34 on Tuesday, but the Polar Bears fell to Clyde in the SBC.

Isaac DelGarbino's 37 led the Fliers, who also got a 38 from Luke Hohenstein and 40s from Garrett Rupert, Joey Cooper, Aaron Missler and Levi Homler.

Tyler Smith carded a 43 for Margaretta, Austin Spicer a 45, and Chris Stratton a 48.

#### Ross 158, Marion Harding 198

Clay Schwartz was medalist for Fremont Ross, which defeated

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# Little Giants take tennis friendly from Bobcats

BY KYLE SCHIMMING  
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BOWLING GREEN — When Fremont Ross and Bowling Green meet up on the tennis court, their coaches know that the friendly competition the two teams have built up will produce hard-fought matches all the way around.

That was once again the case as the Little Giants narrowly edged the Bobcats 3-2 on Wednesday evening.

"They were in our tournament for doubles and we both went back and forth, so we knew that



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it would be a tough match today," Little Giants coach Lisa Wolfe said.

The teams also scrimmaged against each other and have become very familiar with one another.

"We're in different leagues but we have such a nice get-together when we play them," Bobcats coach Greg Brown said. "We know we're going at each other, but when it's done it's left on the court and that's how it should be."

Ross freshman Abby Hasselbach made quick work of her opponent, winning 6-0, 6-1, while executing numerous lobs placed just over her opponent's reach.

"It actually wasn't that easy, we went to deuce a lot," Hasselbach said. "When you find people's

weaknesses you just keep hitting it there and that's what I did."

As a freshman, Hasselbach has adjusted well to the varsity level.

"I feel like I have been doing pretty good for my first year, and I just want to carry that out the rest of the year," Hasselbach said.

The Little Giants' No. 2 doubles team of Maddie Kueick and Jenna Overmyer won in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

"We were able to just move around on the court really well and we had a nice strategy of net shots," Overmyer said.

"We both just play really well together," Kueick said.

Casey Clark added Fremont Ross's (14-2) third point with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Molly Fenn.

"My cross court shots were good, she was coming up to the

net a lot and I was able to lob it over her head," Clark said. "It's just nice winning and I want to keep the momentum going."

Clark has had plenty of experience winning, as she is undefeated for the season.

"I can always count on Casey for a point," Wolfe said. "We're all very proud of her for still being undefeated for the year."

Even in the matches they lost, the Little Giants fought hard the entire match. Their No. 1 singles player Rachel Laeng lost to Shelby Fenn, but battled back after dropping the first set before falling 2-6, 7-5, 3-6.

"She drug me up to the net, and her serves were pretty good," Laeng said. "I was able to make some hard passing shots when she came up to the net and keep the ball in play."

Wolfe was happy with Laeng's ability to keep battling back to continue the match.

"I'm very proud of Rachel, she never gave up and that's really good to see," Wolfe said. "The Fenn girl has been around for a long time and she's a very talented girl."

Despite the Bobcat (8-6) loss, Brown was also happy with his team's performance, while crediting the Little Giants.

"I am very pleased, this is a very good Fremont Ross team," Brown said. "I just told the girls tonight before the match started that you've got a challenge in front of you."

"I told them we had to match them in intensity and when it's all said and done we can walk off the court feeling okay about ourselves and 'I think we did that.'"



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Chloe Beck of St. Joseph Central Catholic takes a swing at a ball during a tennis match Wednesday at Fremont Ross High School.

## Lineup changes work wonders for Ross tennis against SJCC

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FREMONT — Fremont Ross tennis coach Lisa Wolfe juggled her lineup and it paid off as her team defeated St. Joseph Central Catholic on Wednesday evening.

Fremont Ross, which improved to 15-2 with the victory, won all five matches despite having several players competing in unique positions.

"We had a whole different lineup because we were playing with possible lineups for sectionals," Wolfe said.

One of the possible changes for sectionals was combining two usual singles players, Rachel Laeng and Casey Clark, into a doubles team. Laeng and Clark, who have played as a pair in past tournaments, swept their match with St. Joseph's Ailish Masterson and Hannah Sani 6-2, 6-1.

In addition to winning their

match, both players enjoyed the experience.

"You have someone to lean on in doubles, you have help and it's fun," Laeng said.

"It was fun, we like to play with each other," Clark said.

With Laeng and Clark vacating the first and third singles roles to play first doubles, Maddie Kueick and Jenna Overmeyer filled in well, winning their matches at the second and third singles. They both won in straight sets, defeating Chloe Beck and Emma Hoffman, respectively.

Abbi Hasselbach, the usual second singles player, stepped up to first singles and defeated Leah Walters 6-0, 6-1.

"Abbi did a nice job at one-singles. It was also nice to see Maddie play so well as a single," Wolfe said.

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne completed the sweep for the Little Giants, winning second

doubles against Laura Fulwider and Emily Ronski 6-0, 6-1.

Fremont Ross continues its season by hosting Clyde this afternoon and then competing in the GBC Tournament at home Saturday. Sectionals are set for Oct. 7 at Sandusky.

SJCC has already guaranteed its preseason goal of finishing with at least a .500 record. Now 7-6, they Crimson Streaks end their season against Oregon Clay Oct. 5.

"We're happy, our goal was to finish .500 this season. Last year we were a young team and this year I think we even surprised some of our opponents," SJCC coach Lilly Walters said.

Walters felt her team's improvement from last season was a testament to the eight seniors on the roster, who have set an example for the rest of the roster that includes seven sophomores and one freshman.

## PREP ROUNDUP

# Tennis: Clark earns perfect season in Ross win over Clyde

News-Messenger reports

Casey Clark (No. 3 singles) ran her perfect record to 26-0 Thursday, defeating Hanna Manty 6-0, 6-4 as the Fremont Ross tennis team topped Clyde 5-0 in a non-conference match that capped the regular season.



**CLARK**

“When the season started, each girl was told to write their goal on a tennis ball and keep it with them,” Little Giants coach Lisa Wolfe said. “And tonight, Casey showed me what she wrote on her ball, ‘an undefeated regular season.’ She achieved her goal, and I’m proud of her and each one of our girls.”

Also earning singles wins for the Little Giants (16-2) were Rachel Laeng (No. 1 singles) and Abbi Hasselbach (No. 2 singles).

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne (No. 1 doubles) earned a 6-1, 6-3 victory, and Maddie Kuieck and Jenna Overmyer (No. 2 doubles) won 6-2, 6-2.

“Clyde is a talented team of seniors with experience, so coming into this match we knew anything could happen,” Wolfe said. “It’s hard for me to come up with words to describe this team. They are a hard-working and dedicated bunch, and it just wasn’t during the season, but they worked extremely hard over the summer.”

## TENNIS

### Notre Dame 4, Fremont Ross 1

Alexis Gedeon and Sarah Osborne (No. 1 doubles) were the lone winners for Fremont Ross in a non-league loss to Notre Dame Tuesday in the second round of the Coaches Tournament.

Falling for the first time this season at No. 3 singles for the Little Giants (16-3) was Casey Clark who lost 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.



**CLARK**

“The girls played great,” Ross coach Lisa Wolfe said. “Some of the scores don’t indicate how well they did.”

“I’m happy for Alexis and Sarah’s win, but on the other hand, sorry to see Casey’s 28-0 run end.”

“Like I told her, though, unless you win state, it’s going to end in a loss.”