

Ross falls

Toledo Woodward spoiled Fremont Ross's tennis opener Saturday morning, turning back the Little Giants 4-1.

"They (Woodward) have a fine team," Ross Coach Pete Michaels said.

Michaels was not disconsolate over the loss for his young squad but instead saw some good points in the loss.

"There were many hard fought games," he offered, "even though we lost, I'm pleased."

Ross's only match point was scored by the junior first doubles team of Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart. The Little Giants duo defeated Randy Kemp and Tim Ramm, another pair of juniors, in straight 6-4 sets for the point.

Mike Fahrback, playing first court singles for Ross, lost to Mark Faught of Woodward 6-2 and 7-5. Mark Ransey of Woodward downed Ross's Dennis Mierke 6-1 and 7-5 in the second court singles match.

In the third single match, Rick Wurm of Ross, a sophomore, lost to Dennis Meachum in straight 6-1 sets.

Roger Will and Eric Greaser, a pair of Ross sophomores, lost to Robert Wright and DuVall Overton of Woodward 6-3 and 6-1.

In an exhibition match, Wade Steen and Harold Cunningham of Ross, lost a close 7-5, 7-6 match to Dan Zimmer and Mike Henning.

The Little Giants hit the road tonight to play Port Clinton before returning home to host Mansfield Tuesday at Rodger Young park. Both matches are scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

Giants win first tennis match

PORT CLINTON — The Ross tennis team evened its record at 1-1 Monday night with a 4-1 victory over the host Port Clinton Redskins.

The only Port Clinton victory came in first singles when John Stein won a hard fought three-set match over the Little Giants' Mike Fahrback 4-5, 6-2, 6-3.

All of the Ross victories were in two sets. Dennis Mierke won back-to-back 6-4 sets over Bruce Hasen of Port Clinton in second singles. The third singles match saw Rick Wurm of Ross beat Brett Moeller 7-6, 6-2, with Wurm winning the tie breaker in the first set, 5-1.

In first doubles, Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart of Ross defeated Mark Conrad and Mark Kelly 6-3, 6-2. Roger Will and Eric Greaser of Ross won the second doubles match over Jim Stouffer and Jeff Dunham, 6-0, 7-5.

In exhibition matches, Steve Swope of Ross defeated Rich Packart 6-2, 6-0. The Ross doubles team of Harold Cunningham and Wade Steen won an exhibition match over Jeff Harger and John Lowe, 6-0, 6-1.

The Little Giant netters host Buckeye Conference rival Mansfield tonight at Rodger Young Park.



MIKE FAHRBACH of Ross gets ready to return a volley with a forehand in the Little Giants' match with Mansfield Tuesday night. Ross won 4-1 for its second straight victory. (News-Messenger photo by Dan Bomeli)

Ross netters beat Mansfield

The Ross tennis team won its second straight match after a season opening loss by defeating Mansfield 4-1 in a Buckeye Conference clash Tuesday night.

Mansfield's victory came in first singles, the lone match to last three sets. Mark Browarski of the Tygers beat Ross's Mike Fahrbach, 2-5-6-3, 6-4.

The Little Giants, composed of all underclassmen, won the remaining four matches in two sets.

Rick Wurm of Ross beat Jerry Princehorn in second singles, 6-3, 6-3. Steve Swope easily won the third singles match over Todd Long, 6-1, 6-0.

In first doubles, Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart defeated David Akers and Melvin McDowell, 6-3, 6-0. Roger Will and Eric Greaser of Ross won the second doubles match over Cecil Bradley and William Franklin, 6-0, 6-1.

Ross will try to keep its winning streak alive in a Buckeye Conference match Thursday at Findlay.

Trojans too strong for Little Giants

FINDLAY — Ross ran into a rock hard Findlay Trojan tennis team here Thursday and was struck between the eyes.

Findlay rolled over the Little Giants 5-0 to drop Ross to .500 for the season at 2-2.

"It was not one of our better days," was Coach Pete Michaels' only description of his team's play.

In singles action, Brad Stahle of Findlay stopped Ross's Mike Fahrback 6-4, 6-1. In the second court singles, the Trojan's Jeff Oleksinki downed Rick Wurm 6-2, 6-1, and Steve Swope of Ross lost to Frank Zavodsky 6-1, 6-2, in the third singles.

Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart, Ross's first court doubles team, lost to Phil Goetz and Steve Davies in three sets 6-2, 6-7, and 6-3. The Ross pair won the tiebreaker 5-4.

Ken DeHass and Paul Stafford of Findlay defeated Roger Will and Eric Greaser 5-1 in a first set tiebreaker in winning a close 7-6, 6-4 match in the second court doubles.

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Southview blanks Ross in tennis

SYLVANIA — Southview ousted Ross from the State Coaches' Team Tennis Tournament Friday, blanking the Little Giants 5-0.

Southview won all of the matches in two sets. The closest Ross came to a match point was in the first court doubles. Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart of Ross lost that match to Southview's Dave Hogue Rogers and Mike Spince 6-4 and 6-3.

In the other doubles match, Ross's sophomore two-some of Roger Will and Eric Greaser lost to Southview's sophomore duo of Geoff Blossom and Harlan Joelson 6-4 and 6-2.

Chris Holmes of Southview defeated Mike Fahrbach of Ross 6-2 and 6-1 in the first singles match. Dennis Mierke of Ross was a 6-2, 6-1 loser to Mark Feldstine in the number two doubles match and sophomore Wade Steen of Ross dropped 6-1 and 6-2 sets to Southview's Randy Greenberg.

Ross, St. Joe netters bow

The Ross and St. Joe tennis teams were defeated in action Wednesday night.

Findlay defeated Ross 4-1 at windy Rodger Young Park in a Buckeye Conference match and host Norwalk St. Paul edged St. Joe 3-2.

The lone victory for Ross came in first singles where Mike Fahrbach defeated Brad Stahl 6-1, 7-5, to avenge an earlier season loss.

"Mike played his best match of the year," said Ross Coach James Michaels. "His service game as well as his ground strokes were very good."

In second singles, Jeff Oleksinski of Findlay defeated Dennis Mierke 6-0, 6-4 and Frank Zavodsky won third singles over Dave Dorsky 6-2, 6-2.

In first doubles, Phil Goetz and Steve Davies of Findlay defeated Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart 6-3, 6-2. Brian Goetz and Mark Davies bested Ross's Roger Will and Eric Greaser in second doubles 6-2, 6-3.

The defeat dropped Ross to 2-4 for the season. The Little Giants will be at Sandusky tonight.

Sandusky blanks Ross netters

SANDUSKY — Buckeye Conference host Sandusky swept to a 5-0 victory over the Ross Little Giants in a tennis match Thursday night.

In second singles, Dave Dorsky won his first set over Troy Myers of Sandusky 6-4, but lost the next two 6-7 and 1-6. It was the lone match to go to three sets.

Ron Cantelli bested Ross's Mike Fahrback in first singles 6-2, 6-1 and Jim Johnson won the third singles match over Dennis Mierke 6-2, 6-1.

In first doubles, Paul McAllister and Jeff Swain of Sandusky defeated Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart 7-5, 6-4. Tim Miller and Britt Jewett won the second doubles match over Roger Will and Eric Greaser of Ross 6-3, 7-6.

Ross's Steve Swope and Paul Schmidt won an exhibition doubles match by 6-2 scores in each set.

The defeat dropped the Ross season record to 2-5 and the Little Giants return to the nets Tuesday at home against Bellevue.

Little Giants slap Harding netmen

MARION — Ross won its fourth match in nine outings this spring by turning back Harding 4-1 in high school tennis Wednesday.

Ross Coach Pete Michaels juggled his lineup for the match due to an injury to first court singles player Mike Fahrbach. The junior was injured during Tuesday's match with Bellevue.

Dave Dorsky stepped into Fahrbach's shoes and knocked off Mike Stuckey of Harding in three sets, 6-0, 3-6, 7-5.

Eric Greaser, third court, gave Ross its other singles match point, defeating Harding's Blair Imbody 4-6, 6-4, and 6-3.

Tom Haviland of Marion defeated Ross's Paul Schmidt in second court singles 6-0 and 6-2 for the President's only match point.

In doubles play, Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart of Ross teamed up for a 6-2, 6-3 match win over Andy Berridge and Jeff Rich in the first court.

Dennis Mierke and Roger Will of Ross won the second court doubles match 6-3 and 6-4 over Marion's Mark Rubcich and Pete Regules.



TIM EARHART of Ross watches the ball leave the racket during first round play of the first court doubles teams.

King tennis champ

SANDUSKY — Admiral King won the Buckeye Conference tennis championship here Saturday.

The Admirals won the first and third singles titles while rolling up 94 points, four better than runnerup Findlay. Third went to host Sandusky with 70 with Lorain finishing fourth at 64. Elyria was fifth with 58 followed by Ross, Marion Harding, and Mansfield.

Ross's best finish was a fifth place in the second doubles. Denny Mierke, a junior, and sophomore Roger Will teamed up for Ross to take that spot. The duo defeated Gary Andorka and Gracieha Buchanan of Admiral King in the consolation finals.

The Little Giants had a pair of sixths. Dave Dorsky lost to Vic Moreno of Lorain in the consolation bracket finals of the second court singles to pick up four team points for the Little Giants.

Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart took sixth in the first doubles competition. The Ross pair lost to Mike Stamps and Tom Parks of Lorain in the consolation finals.

Randy Russo and Mark Cole won the first and third singles titles for Admiral King. Jeff Oleksinski of Findlay won the second singles crown. The first doubles champs are Phil Goetz and the Steve Davies of Findlay while Lorain's Tom Hemminger and Ray Thomas claimed the second doubles title.

Netters defeat Bellevue 3-2

Despite defaulting in the first singles match, the Ross tennis team edged Bellevue 3-2 at Rodger Young Park Tuesday night to raise its season record to 3-5.

Mike Fahrback injured his ankle for Ross and had to default against Dave Laviola of Bellevue.

Two of the Ross wins came in the doubles matches. In first doubles, Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart bested Bellevue's Barrett Cramer and Larry Todd 7-5, 6-4. In the deciding second doubles match, Dennis Mierke and Roger Will of Ross defeated Bob Buehler and Scott Schmidt 6-2, 7-6. The second set was decided by a 5-0 tie breaker.

The other Ross win came in third singles with Eric Greaser easily defeating Steve Dudley 6-0, 6-1.

Bellevue's Elliot Sieloff defeated Dave Dorsky 6-4, 6-2 in second singles.

The Ross netters travel to Marion Harding tonight in a Buckeye Conference match.

Ross reversal stuns Sandusky

Pete Michaels was elated. He had to be.

It's not often a high school tennis team rebounds from a 5-0 loss to a team to defeat that same team in a return engagement. Ross did, however, and Sandusky felt the effects of the reversal of form by the Little Giants.

With Scott Sachs and Tim Earhart turning in the clutch win in the first doubles match, Ross knocked off the Blue Streaks 3-2 at Rodger Young Park Wednesday.

"I had a feeling," Michaels said, "when I found out that Dorsky (Dave) was ahead that we would win it. Before we started I felt that our doubles teams could win."

Dorsky, a junior, turned back Sandusky's Troy Myer 6-4 and 6-1 in the second singles match — it was the only point Ross had in singles play. Mike Fahrbach lost at first singles 6-3 and 6-4 to Sandusky's Ron Cantelli and Eric Greaser was defeated by Sandusky's

Jim Johnson 6-3 and 6-0 in the third singles match.

Denny Mierke and Roger Will, the Little Giants second court doubles team, downed Jim Miller and Britt Jewett easily 6-2 and 6-3 to put the monkey on the backs of Sachs and Earhart.

The duo responded but it was not easy. Sandusky's Paul McAllister and Jeff Swain won the first set 6-4 and had the Ross tandem at 4-4 in a second set tiebreaker. Sachs and Earhart responded to win

that tiebreaker and gained momentum in the third set for a 6-1 match clinching win.

"All of us (the team) were watching them (Sachs and Earhart)," Michaels recalled, "and they told me afterward that with us cheering for them they could feel themselves getting pumped up."

The win for Ross evened its record at 5-5 heading into this weekend's sectional matches.