

2008 Season Review



GIRLS TENNIS

Sylvania Southview 5, Fremont 0

FREMONT — At Alumni Fields, Fremont Ross was shut out by non-conference opponent Sylvania Southview 5-0 on Monday.

For the Little Giants (2-1 overall), it was their first dual meet loss of the season. The Cougars, who own a victory against Port Clinton this season, improved to 2-0 overall.

In singles play, Sara Haider blanked Sam Lagrou 6-0, 6-0 at

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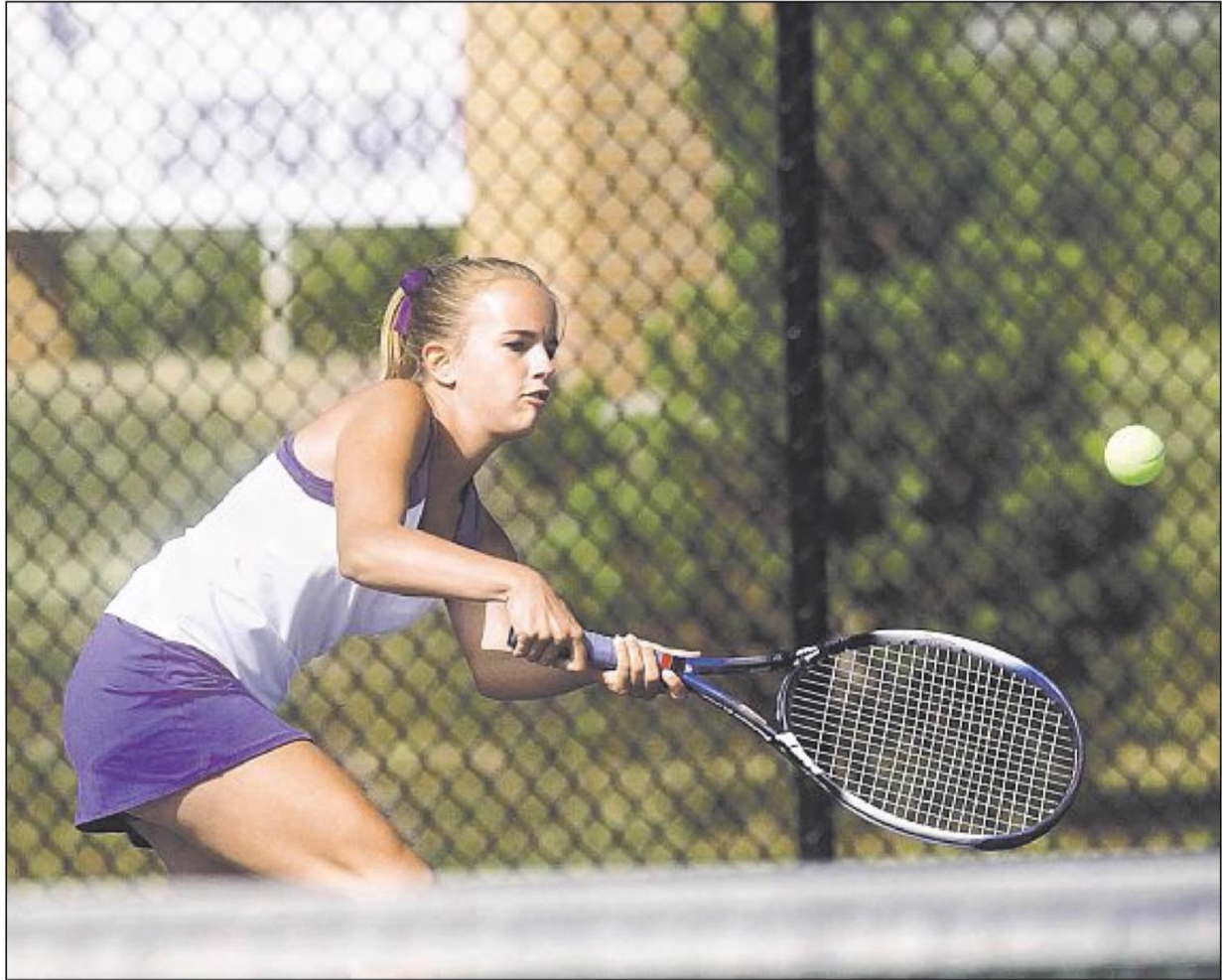
No. 1, while Genna Haider stopped Katie Harmon 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 and Dani Gilbert defeated Rachel Laeng 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles play, Ann Kammery/Anjali Naik upended Shelby Grubb/Sarah Osbourne 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1 and Neha Vyas/Zoe Chrysochoos overcame Alexis Gedeon/Tessa Woodruff 6-2, 6-1.

Ross returns to the court against Greater Buckeye Conference opponent Findlay at 4:30 p.m. today.

Ross falls in GBC

Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne won in three sets at No. 1 singles but Fremont Ross's tennis team fell to Findlay 4-1 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.



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FREMONT ROSS'S SAM Lagrou returns a serve during a match against Port Clinton on Wednesday.

Wolfe sees upside in loss

By **MATTHEW HORN**
Sports Writer

Fremont Ross was shut out 5-0 on Wednesday.

But Little Giants coach Lisa Wolfe is a firm believer in the adversity builds theory.

"I'm proud of every single court," Wolfe said. "Each one of them worked very hard, listened and tried different things. This is what I consider a good loss."

"They worked to their potential and came up with great losing scores."

Katie Harmon (No. 2 singles) lost 7-6 (7-2), 6-3 but played well

in a bit of a marathon match. She said her opponent seemed to get to everything.

"It seemed like three sets rather than two," Harmon said. "We went back and forth, and always went to deuce and then we'd extend it. We'd have a new game and do the same thing over again."

Harmon said she planned to mix things up and gave her opponent fits doing so. She said the match could have gone either way.

"I knew what I wanted to do," Harmon said.

"That's not my style," Redskins No. 2 Aubrey Gillman said. "I like to get into a rhythm and hit with pace. She got to a lot of balls. She moved extremely well."

Wolfe said Harmon played a strong game mentally.

"Her desire not to give up," Wolfe said. "She had her head in the match from beginning to end. I'm very proud of the way she played."

"She drove the ball and did the right things. She moved (Gillman) around. She changed speed — drive, lob, drive."

Harmon and Ross are 2-3 on

the season.

"I feel like I've played well," Harmon said.

Harmon said she could stand to improve on her forehand.

The Little Giants' early season schedule includes a setback to Sylvania Southview, which also beat Port Clinton.

"These non-conference matches are a great workout," Wolfe said. "We couldn't have better practice. The matches made them better."

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Tennis

High School Girls

Port Clinton 5, Fremont Ross 0 **Singles**

1. Chelsea Beck def. Sam Lagrou 6 - 4, 6 - 0
2. Aubrey Gillman def. Katie Harmon 7 - 6(4), 6 - 3
3. Rachael Szabo def. Rachel Laeng 6 - 0, 6 - 0

Doubles

1. Jordan VanWinkle/Samantha Griffin def. Shelby Grubb/Sarah Osborn 6 - 1, 6 - 1
2. Molly Taylor/Haley DeLeon def. Tessa Woodruff/Alexis Gedeon 6 - 4, 6 - 2

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ross netters top Clyde

News-Messenger reports

FREMONT — A pair of singles wins and a doubles victory propelled Fremont Ross past Clyde 3-2 in non-conference girls tennis Thursday at Alumni Fields.

The Little Giants took the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches. Sam Lagrou shut out Sam Hill 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, while Katie Harmon defeated Emily Turner 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2. The Fliers' Spencer Robles was a 6-3, 6-2 victor against Rachel Laeng at No. 3.

Ross posted the victory after No. 2 doubles team of Tessa Woodruff/Maddy Kueick outlasted Emily Stamm/Shelbe Gibson 6-3, 7-5. Clyde's No. 1 doubles team of Katie McFarland/Kaylea Griffin sealed a 7-5, 6-3 win over Shelby Grubb/Sarah Osbourne.

In junior varsity action, Ross recorded singles victories with Taylor Weltin and Tiffany Meade. Clyde's JV victors were Mariah Bloom, Courtney Rosen, Caitlin Prunty, Caitlin Nearhood, Kelly Stevens, Sara Potts and Aurora Garcia.

winner of a Midland Athletic League boys triangular meet Thursday.

Despite St. Wendelin's Mark Berton (first, 18:41) and Quinn Noel (second, 18:53) occupying the top two spots, New Riegel's Drew Cassidy (third, 19:24), Nathan Schal (fourth, 19:29) and Daniel Arbogast (fifth, 19:57) rounded out the top five.

Bettsville placed two of its three runners among the top 10. Dominic King was seventh in 20:12 and Andrew Sumi was 10th in 20:30. David Jones finished 18th in 33:54 for the Bobcats.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

New Riegel 15, Bettsville 50

New Riegel 15, St. Wendelin 50

Bettsville vs. St. Wendelin, no team scores

BETTSVILLE — New Riegel placed three runners among the top four as it captured a pair of Midland Athletic League girls triangular victories Thursday.

St. Wendelin's Anna Iannantuono won the race in 25:51 ahead of New Riegel's

Tennis

High School Girls

Fremont Ross 3, Clyde 2

Singles

1. Sam Lagrou (R) def. Sam Hill 6-0, 6-0.
2. Katie Harmon (R) def. Emily Turner 6-3, 6-1.
3. Spencer Robles (C) def. Rachel Laeng 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles

1. Katie McFarland-Kaylea Griffin (C) def. Shelby Grubb-Sarah Osborne 7-5, 6-3.
2. Tessa Woodruff-Maddy Kueck (R) def. Emily Stamm-Shelbe Gibson 6-2, 7-5.

Record: Ross 3-3.

JV winners: Ross — Taylor Weltin and Tiffany Meade.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ross netters sweep SJCC

Crimson StreaksSM
drop first volleyball
match of season

News-Messenger reports

FREMONT — The Fremont Ross girls tennis team swept St. Joseph Central Catholic 5-0 on Monday.

In singles play, Sam Lagrou defeated Marissa Culbert 6-1, 6-4 at No. 1, Katie Harmon upended Maddy Beck 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2 and Rachel Lang stopped Claire Pietrykowski 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles play, Shelby Grubb/Sarah Osbourne turned back Rachel Wurzel/Carly Jenkins 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1. Tessa Woodruff/Maddy Kuieck blanked Hannah Sani/Leah Walters 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2.

High School Girls

Napoleon 4, Fremont Ross 1

Singles

No. 1 — Mackenzie Eickhoff def. Sam Lagrou 6-2, 6-3

No. 2 — Katie Harmon (R) def. Meredith Small 7-6 (2), 6-2

No. 3 — Alayna Schlade def. Rachel Laeng 6-2, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1 — Morgan Westhoven-Abby Panning def. Shelby Grubb-Sarah Osborne 6-0, 6-2

No. 2 — Lindsey Steele-Jessica DeTray def. Alexis Gedeon-Maddy Kuieck 7-5, 6-2

Record — Ross 4-4, 1-2.

News-Messenger reports

Ross falls to Columbian

Katie Harmon (No. 2 singles) lost only one game but Fremont Ross's tennis team lost to Tiffin Columbian 3-2 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne (No. 1 doubles) also won in straight sets for the Little Giants (4-5).

Tennis

High School

Fremont Ross 4, Whitmer 1

Singles

1. Sam Lagrou (Ross) def. Cara Durham 7-6 (7-4, 6-1)

2. Katie Harmon (R) def. Ashley Endmann 6-0, 6-2

3. Tessa McDonald (W) def. Alexis Gedeon 7-5, 6-2

Doubles

1. Shelby Grubb/Sarah Osborne (R) def. Kayle Dubendorfer/Jen Kaczmarek 6-1, 6-1

2. Rachel Laeng/Maddy Kuieck (R) def. Allyssa Smith/Becca Seelir 6-3, 6-0

Record: Ross 5-5

GIRLS TENNIS

Fremont Ross 5, Sandusky 0

The Little Giants posted a Greater Buckeye Conference shutout against Sandusky.

In singles play, Sam Lagrou defeated Hannah Ried 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Katie Harmon stopped Kasey Chapman 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 and Rachel Laeng upended Sarah Strohl 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3.

In doubles play, Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne knocked off Taylor Linden and Kim Reid 6-0, 6-2 at No. 1, while Alexis Gedeon and Maddy Kuieck got past Kristina Buck and Brianna Cheek 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Giants blank Rockets

By JOSH ROMANOTTO
News-Messenger correspondent

FREMONT — The Fremont Ross tennis team took on Oak Harbor on a day that can only be described as a scorcher, but the heat was not the only thing rising.

The Little Giants' confidence is also heating up they defeated Oak Harbor 5-0 on Wednesday, the second straight day Ross won in a shutout. They faced Sandusky on Tuesday.

Oak Harbor fell to an overall record of 1-6 and Ross improved to 7-5.

"The girls played very well last night against Sandusky and today against Oak," said Ross coach Lisa Wolfe. "When we scrimmaged Oak in pre-season they were missing some of their girls so I was not sure how it was going to end up today, but they did very well."

The two teams are familiar with each other as Rockets head coach Rick LaFountain is the former Little Giants coach. LaFountain took the head coaching job at Oak Harbor two years ago, and Lisa Wolfe returned to Ross after a four-year hiatus to take the reins once again.

Though things did not go in Oak Harbor's direction, LaFountain still likes to see his former athletes and students he sees everyday doing well.

"It is nice to see the girls from class and the girls I coached doing well," LaFountain said. "Ross played well tonight, they have nice young players coming up and hopefully with a good upcoming off-season we will be more competitive next season."

Sam Lagrou started things off in singles play at No. 1, defeating Julia Konieczny 6-0, 6-1. Katie Harmon shut out Julia Sharlow 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 and Rachel Lang rounded things off by defeating Katie Mehlow 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles play, Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne defeated Kristina Blatt and Emily Macko 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1. Tessa Woodruff and Alexis Gedeon rounded things out at No. 2 by stopping Hannah Sigurdson and Abby Lopez 6-4, 6-3.

Tennis

High School Girls

Fremont Ross 5, Oak Harbor 0

Singles

Sam Lagrou def. Julia Konieczny 6-0,
6-1

Katie Harmon def. Julia Sarlow 6-0, 6-0

Rachel Laeng def. Katie Mehlow 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

Shelby Grubb, Sarah Osborne def.
Kristina Blatt, Emily Macko 6-1, 6-2

Tessa Woodruff, Alexis Gedeon def.
Hannah Sigurdson, Abby Lopez 6-4, 6-3

Record: Ross 7-5 overall

Ross JV winners: Ashley Saionz, Olivia
Fos, Karissa Pinkerton.

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Clyde during a Sandusky Bay Conference match Saturday.

Weaver set up Kayla Meisler's goal in the sixth minute as the Polar Bears grabbed a 1-0 lead. It became 4-0 before halftime on a hat trick from Weaver, who scored in eighth, 34th and 38th minutes. She added her fourth goal in second half in the 63rd minute.

Margaretta outshot the Fliers 42-10 to become 1-4-1 overall and 1-2 in the SBC this season.

Goalies Sabrina Crawford-Gerber and Sierra Protzman each made two saves for the Polar Bears. Clyde goalie Marsha Gregory had 13 saves.

VOLLEYBALL

**Cardinal Stritch 25-25-25,
Gibsonburg 8-17-21**

OREGON — Emily Clark had seven kills and seven blocks as Gibsonburg dropped a non-conference match against Cardinal Stritch on Saturday.

Gibsonburg is 4-2 this season.

**Perrysburg 25-25, Clyde 22-18
Clyde 25-25, Genoa 19-16**

GENOA — Clyde went 1-1 during a split doubleheader against Genoa and Perrysburg on Saturday.

No other information was submitted.

GIRLS TENNIS

Perkins Invitational

SANDUSKY — Fremont Ross finished fifth among eight teams at the Perkins Doubles Invitational on Saturday.

At No. 1, Sam Lagrou and Katie Harmon went 2-1 en route to a third-place effort. They defeated Olivia Kasten and Jaclynn Hipp (Norwalk) 6-2, 6-2; lost to Amy Schlessman, Dalal Hamad (Perkins) 6-1, 6-2; and turned back Alysia Sturdivant and Simone Welsh (Fairview) 8-2.

At No. 2, Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne were 1-2 during a fourth-place finish. They topped Taylor Linden and Kim Reid (Sandusky) 6-0, 6-2; lost to Brooke Holtz, Caleigh Ott (Norwalk) 4-6, 6-3 (10-5) and lost to Kylie Lorcher, Candice

Cotton (Perkins) 8-2.

At No. 3, Rachel Laeng and Maddy Kueck went 1-2 to end up in sixth place. They lost to Jackie Leizerman, Ashley Maloney (Sylvania Northview) 6-4, 6-1; defeated Brianna Cheek and Kristina Buck (Sandusky) 8-0 and lost to Jen Kustec and Sarah Kerst (Edison) 8-5.

At No. 4, Tessa Woodruff and Alexis Gedeon were 1-2 in placing fifth. They lost to Morgan Bauer and Emily Mariea (Perkins) 6-4, 6-2; defeated Morgan Griffin and Emily Waldrop (Huron) 8-2; and knocked off Sammie Jamison and Amy Salmon (Edison) 8-0.

Port Clinton Doubles Invitational

PORT CLINTON — Oak Harbor finished seventh among eight teams at the Port Clinton Invitational on Saturday.

No other information was submitted.

BOYS GOLF

Old Fort Invitational

OLD FORT — Jack Rospert fired a 74 as Woodmore placed second behind Arcadia at the Old Fort Invitational on Saturday.

Arcadia won the team championship 309-315 over the Wildcats.

Gibsonburg, which was led by Gary Green's 77, finished fourth. Roman Ream had a 79 as Old Fort came in seventh. Bettsville was eighth after being topped by an 84 from Andrew Hartsel.

Van Buren Invitational

FINDLAY — St. Joseph Central Catholic was seventh among 16 teams at the Van Buren Invitational at Red Hawk Run on Saturday.

Bowling Green had a 307 to win the team championship. SJCC's team total was 341.

Jordan Frank shot an 80 for the Crimson Streaks. He was followed by Garrett Steinle (82), Max Yellstrom (85), Craig Lamson (94) and Joe Steinle (100).

On Friday, SJCC dropped a dual meet at Ottawa Hills 156-165.

Frank led the Crimson Streaks with a 38, while Garrett Steinle had a 41, Yellstrom fired a 42, Joe Steinle turned in a 44, Lamson carded a 45 and Tim Ervin marked down a 46.

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Ross netters defeat Huron

Mohawk scores
in final seconds to
stun SJCC soccer

News-Messenger reports

Katie Harmon (No. 2 singles), Rachel Laeng (No. 3), Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne (No. 1 doubles), and Alexis Gedeon and Maddy Kuieck (No. 2) won in straight sets as Fremont Ross's tennis team toppled Huron 4-1 on Monday.

The Little Giants are 8-5 overall this season.

Tennis

Ross defeats Marion Harding

Sam Lagrou (No. 1 singles), Rachel Laeng (No. 3), Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne (No. 1 doubles), and Alexis Gedeon and Maddy Kuieck (No. 2 doubles) each won in straight sets as Fremont Ross's tennis team shut out Marion Harding 5-0 in the Greater Buckeye Conference.

Katie Harmon (No. 2 singles) won in three for the Little Giants (9-5, 3-2).

Lagrou, Laeng win during Little Giants road defeat

ASHLAND — Fremont Ross dropped a non-conference match 3-2 at Ashland on Monday.

Behind Sam Lagrou and Rachel Laeng, the Little Giants won two of the three singles matches. Ashland captured both doubles contests and the No. 2 singles match.

Ross tennis team falls to Bowling Green

Sam Lagrou was the only singles winner for Fremont Ross as the Little Giants fell to Bowling Green 3-2 on Wednesday.

Lagrou beat Beth Vickio 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

The doubles team of Rachel Laeng and Maddy Kwieck beat Kristin Kellermeier and Kim Graffin 6-4, 7-6 (5).

The Little Giants fall to 9-7.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Ross gets best of SJCC

By **ANDREW BIDDLE**
News-Messenger correspondent

FREMONT — Fatigue may have kicked in for the St. Joseph Central Catholic tennis team as they dropped a non-conference match 5-0 to Fremont Ross on Wednesday.

The match was the Crimson Streaks' third in three days. They'll end the regular season today against Crestline.

Heather Miller at third singles must be particularly spent. She took Ross freshman Rachel Laeng to the limit, falling 5-7, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 after nearly four hours of tennis.

"The ball wasn't hard at all to see, at least for me, because I have played in this before in matches so I'm kind of trained for it," said Laeng, who is now 13-8.

The Little Giants end their dual season at 10-7.

"It's tough for the girls because they're all friends," said Ross coach Lisa Wolfe. "But as a coach you have to tell them to come out and do your job, then you can become friends again, and they did just that. It was one of those wins where I wanted to cheer for both teams because we all know each other and have played all together in the summer."

Fremont Ross junior Sam Lagrou remained undefeated against SJCC senior Marisa Culbert, winning 6-2, 6-0. Lagrou moves her record up to 15-7, while Culbert falls to 7-8.

In second singles, Katie Harmon from Ross beat Maddie Beck 7-5, 6-0, making Harmon's record 16-6.

Ross's Shelby Grubb and Sarah Osborne beat Claire Pietrykowski and Carly



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ST. JOSEPH CENTRAL Catholic's Maddie Beck returns a ball during a match with Fremont Ross on Wednesday afternoon.

Jenkins 6-2, 6-0.

The Little Giants doubles team of Alexis Gedeon and Maddy Kueick beat Leah Walters and Mandy Berry-

man, 6-1, and 6-0.

"I thought we had good consistency, for some girls this is their first year, and they had some really good

points," said SJCC coach Liz Pietrykowski. "They made good competitive points, and those are the kind of points that make

the game fun to watch, and I thought they did that. They hung in there and stayed competitive. I feel they'll get much better."

Tennis

High School

Ross Awards

MVP: Sam Lagrou, Katie Harmon

Leadership: Shelby Grubb, Tessa Woodruff

Most Improved Varsity: Sam Lagrou, Rachel Laeng

Best Court Record Varsity: Katie Harmon 21-10

Lady Giant Award: Ashley Saionz

Coaches Award: Maddy Kuieck

GBC Honorable Mention: Sam Lagrou, Katie Harmon, Rachel Laeng, Alexis Gedeon, Maddy Kuieck

Division 1 District Honorable Mention: Sam Lagrou, Katie Harmon, Shelby Grubb, Sarah Osborne, Rachel Laeng, Maddy Kuieck

Third Year Letter: Shelby Grubb (12), Katie Harmon (12), Sam Lagrou (11)

Second Year Letter: Sarah Osborne (10)

First Year Letter: Olivia Foos (12), Ashley Saionz (12), Tessa Woodruff (12), Alexis Gedeon (10), Maddy Kuieck (9), Rachel Laeng (9)

Most Improved JV: Autumn Kauble, Taylor Weltin

Best Court Record JV: Ashley Saionz 13-9

Certificate Winners: Mallory Lopez, Angela Hamilton, Tiffany Meade, Karissa Pinkerton, Autumn Kauble, Taylor Weltin.