

2025 Season Review

The Fremont Ross girls volleyball team opened their 2025 campaign in dominant fashion, earning a clean sweep of Norwalk on Saturday to secure their first victory of the season. The Lady Giants defeated the Truckers in straight sets, 25-20, 25-18, 25-16.

Norwalk, who posted an impressive 20-4 record last season, provided a tough test to start the year. But Ross was more than ready for the challenge, delivering a complete team performance on both ends of the floor.

Setter Ryla Smith set the tone with an outstanding 28 assists, while libero Hayden Dircksen anchored the defense with 24 digs. Adding to the defensive effort, Laci Rowe contributed 17 digs, frustrating Norwalk's hitters and limiting their offensive opportunities.

Offensively, the Lady Giants showcased balance across the front line. Lilly Weakly tallied 8 kills, Tierra Parker added 9, and Kilee Kidd led the way with 11, giving Ross multiple attacking options throughout the match.

Head coach Erin Dircksen praised the effort and composure of his team in the opener.

"It was a great opener for the program. It was a 3-peat sweep. Got the nerves worked out, saw some things we liked and didn't like," Dircksen said.

With the victory, Fremont Ross starts the season 1-0 and looks to build momentum. The Lady Giants will be back in action Tuesday when they travel to Findlay to face the Trojans.



Lady Giants Volleyball Fights Through Heat to Defeat Findlay...

The Fremont Ross Lady Giants stayed perfect on the young season Tuesday night, grinding out a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Findlay in Northern Lakes League play.

Ross took the match by set scores of 25-19, 21-25, 25-22, 25-18, improving to 2-0 on the season.

Playing conditions inside Findlay's Fieldhouse were less than ideal, with temperatures resembling the heat of the Old Purple Pit in the summer months. Despite the sweltering environment, the Lady Giants came out strong, taking the opening set.

The second set brought a new challenge as Findlay handed Ross its first set loss of the season, knotting the match at one apiece. But the Lady Giants quickly regrouped, showing poise and determination to capture the next two sets and secure the NLL win.

Ross now turns its attention to Wednesday night, when they host Toledo Whitmer. Freshman action begins at 4:45 p.m., followed by JV and varsity play.



Lady Giants Volleyball Stays Perfect with Wins Over Whitmer and Carey...

The Fremont Ross Lady Giants volleyball team continued their strong start to the 2025 season, picking up two victories in as many matches last week. Ross battled past Toledo Whitmer in five sets on Thursday night before turning around Saturday morning to defeat Carey in four, improving their record to 4-0.

Thursday's matchup against Whitmer was a back-and-forth thriller between two evenly matched teams. The Lady Giants took the opening set 25-17 before the Panthers answered, edging out a tight second set 26-24. In the third, both sides exchanged leads before Ross prevailed in extra points, 29-27. Whitmer evened the match with a 25-23 win in the fourth, setting up a decisive fifth set.

Ross wasted no time jumping out to a sizeable lead in the tiebreaker, but Whitmer rallied late to make things interesting. The Lady Giants held firm, however, sealing the match with a 15-12 victory.

Ryla Smith directed the offense with 35 assists, while Kilee Kidd (15 kills), Tierra Parker (11 kills, 3 blocks), and Bre Biller (10 kills, 17 digs) fueled the attack. Defensively, Hayden Dirksen (27 digs, 4 aces), Laci Rowe (26 digs, 3 aces), and Brook Baack (16 digs) anchored the back row.

On Saturday, Ross wasted little time setting the tone against Carey, rolling to a 25-12 win in the first set. The Lady Giants came out flat in the second, however, and Carey took advantage, building a lead that Ross couldn't overcome in a 25-20 loss.

The response was immediate. Ross stormed back with a dominant 25-12 win in the third, then opened the fourth with a 6-0 run. They never looked back, cruising to a 25-8 victory to close out the match.

Now 4-0 on the season, the Lady Giants will look to extend their winning streak when they host Bowling Green on Tuesday.



Lady Giants Stay Perfect With Dominant Win Over Bowling Green...

The Fremont Ross Lady Giants volleyball team extended their unbeaten start to the season with a commanding 3-set victory over Northern Lakes League opponent Bowling Green. Ross controlled the match from start to finish, winning set scores of 25-17, 25-17, and 25-14.

Ryla Smith led the offense with 19 assists and 4 aces, while Laci Rowe anchored the defense with 11 digs and added 4 aces. Kilee Kidd was a force at the net, recording 9 kills and 3 aces. Hayden Dircksen contributed 17 digs, and Tierra Parker, Lillian Weakley, and Breyelle Biller each added 5 kills to the team effort.

With the win, the Lady Giants improve to a perfect 5-0 on the season and remain undefeated in league play at 3-0. Ross' program is off to an impressive start across all levels, with both the Freshman and JV squads also maintaining unbeaten records.

Next up, the Lady Giants will face another Northern Lakes League challenge, taking on Springfield on Thursday in what is sure to be another exciting matchup.



Lady Giants Sweep Springfield in Return to Action

After a six-day break from competition, the Fremont Ross volleyball team showed little sign of rust Thursday night. The Lady Giants returned to the court and handled Springfield with ease, winning in straight sets, 25-7, 25-7, 25-17.

The victory improves Ross to 13-3 overall and 7-1 in Northern Lakes League play. Head coach Erin Dirksen liked the way her team responded after the layoff.

"It was great to see them compete after being off for six days," Dirksen said. "They are trying new things and doing a great job of taking what we apply in practice and executing at the game."

Fremont Ross put together a balanced effort in the win. Kilee Kidd led the attack with eight kills, while Bre Biller was dominant from the service line, recording seven aces. Setter Ryla Smith kept the offense in rhythm, finishing with 27 assists.

The Lady Giants now turn their attention to next week's matchups against the two Sylvania schools. Ross will face Southview on Tuesday and Northview on Thursday.



Fremont Ross Volleyball Rolls Past Southview in Straight Sets

The Fremont Ross girls volleyball team continued their strong stretch of play Tuesday night, earning their 14th victory in their last 17 matches with a straight-set win over Cardinal Division opponent Sylvania Southview. The Lady Giants controlled the match from start to finish, winning 25-18, 25-18, 25-19 inside the Purple Pit.

It was another balanced effort across the roster. Brook Baacke led the defense with 9 digs and added 3 aces from the service line, while Hayden Dircksen chipped in 11 digs. At the net, Kilee Kidd powered the offense with 11 kills, followed closely by Tierra Parker with 9 kills. Bre Biller sparked the team at the service line with 4 aces.

Head Coach Erin Dircksen was pleased with how her team executed and enjoyed the moment together:

"It's always nice to get victories in the Cardinal Division. Tonight was a good team effort — lots of players contributed, the girls played together, and they had some fun out there."

The Lady Giants will return to action tomorrow night in the Purple Pit when they welcome Buckeye Division opponent Sylvania Northview.



Lady Giants Volleyball Earns Two Wins in Three Days, Improve to 16-3

The Fremont Ross Lady Giants volleyball team continued their impressive season this week, picking up two wins in three days to improve their overall record to 16-3 and 10-3 in NLL play.

On Thursday night, the Lady Giants defeated league rival Sylvania Northview in four sets. Ross came out firing, taking control of the first two sets with strong offensive play and sharp focus. Northview refused to go quietly, rallying to win the third set 26-24, but the Lady Giants regrouped and sealed the match with a dominant fourth set to earn the victory.

It was a balanced effort across the roster. Kilee Kidd led the way with 17 kills, followed closely by Tierra Parker with 14 and Lillian Weakley with 13. Defensively, Hayden Dircksen tallied 14 digs, while Brook Baacke added 13, Bre Biller 12, and Laci Rowe 11.

Head Coach Erin Dircksen was pleased with her team's mindset and togetherness in the win.

"Being locked in and playing as one unit was the focus this game," Dircksen said. "The conversation was about having tunnel vision on the floor, focusing all our energy on our team and being intentional about our movement and communication as one unit."

The Lady Giants carried that energy into the weekend, earning another four-set victory, this time over the Perkins Pirates. Baacke once again led the defense with 16 digs, while Dircksen added 13. From the service line, Ryla Smith and Laci Rowe each recorded 4 aces. At the net, Weakley notched 12 kills and Parker followed with 11, as Ross powered their way to another team victory.

Coach Dircksen praised the continued teamwork and consistency shown by her squad.

"This group continues to show how strong they can be when they trust one another and stay focused on our goals," she said.

Up next, the Lady Giants hit the road Tuesday night as they travel to face the Clay Eagles, looking to keep their winning momentum rolling.



 October 10, 2025 · 

Lady Giants Battle Hard in Road Loss to Oregon Clay

The Fremont Ross volleyball team went toe-to-toe with Cardinal Division leader Oregon Clay on Thursday night, ultimately falling 3-1 in a competitive road matchup. Despite the loss, the Lady Giants showed plenty of fight and positive momentum as they prepare for postseason play.

There were several bright spots for Ross in the effort. Lilly Weakley led the attack with 16 kills, while Hayden Dircksen anchored the defense with 17 digs and added 1 ace. Ryla Smith turned in another strong all-around performance, recording 30 assists, 10 digs, and 1 ace.

A major highlight of the night came when Brook Baacke achieved a remarkable career milestone — securing her 1,000th career dig. Congratulations once again, Brook, on an incredible accomplishment!

The Lady Giants now turn their attention to the postseason, where they'll open sectional play at home next Wednesday against Toledo Start. With their determination and teamwork, Ross looks poised to make some noise in the tournament. **See less**



On Tuesday of this week, senior Brook Baacke reached a remarkable career milestone by recording her 1,000th career dig.

On behalf of the Athletic Department and the Ross coaching staff, please join us in congratulating Brook on this outstanding achievement.

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October 14, 2025

Lady Giants Fall in Five-Set Senior Night Thriller...

The Fremont Ross volleyball team closed out its regular season on Tuesday night with a five-set battle against a tough Tiffin Calvert squad. It was a night packed with emotion, intensity, and pride — and while the final result didn't fall in the Lady Giants' favor, the team's fight and spirit were undeniable.

Inside a packed Purple Pit, the energy was electric from the opening serve. The emotions of Senior Night seemed to play a role early on, as Ross dropped the opening set 25-18. But the Lady Giants quickly regrouped, storming back in the second set. Behind steady serving and improved ball control, Ross took an early lead and never looked back, evening the match with a 25-19 win.

Momentum stayed with the Giants in the third set. Sophomore setter Ryla Smith did a masterful job distributing the ball, setting up powerful swings from Kilee Kidd, Brey Biller, and Tierra Parker. Ross rode that rhythm to a 25-20 victory, taking a 2-1 advantage and putting the previously dominant Calvert team — who had lost only two sets all season — on the ropes.

The fourth set turned into a back-and-forth duel. Both sides exchanged long rallies and clutch points before the Senecas managed to create a bit of separation late, pulling away for a 25-20 win to force a decisive fifth set.

With the crowd on its feet, both teams dug deep for the finale. Ross jumped out to an early lead, but Calvert showed why they're among the area's best, clawing back to tie the score at 10-10. From there, the Senecas closed strong, taking the set 15-11 and the match 3-2.

Despite the loss, the Lady Giants showed resilience and togetherness in their regular-season finale — a fitting reflection of their five seniors: Brook Baacke, Brey Biller, Raegan Blackburn, Kilee Kidd, and Laci Rowe.

Ross wraps up the regular season with a 17-5 record and now turns its attention to the postseason. The Lady Giants will host Toledo Start in the opening round of the OHSAA Tournament on Wednesday night. First serve is scheduled for 6:00 p.m.



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