

Ross netters hope to make noise in GLL

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Craig Kachmarik wants his Fremont Ross High School tennis team to get its collective feet inside the door.

"This is our first year in the Great Lakes League," said Kachmarik, in his second year as the Little Giants' boys coach, "and several of the teams have lost all or most of their varsity players from last year, so this leaves the door wide open for any team to step up and take the championship."

After finishing 2-17 in 1991 — a year in which Kachmarik inherited little experience — the Ross coach is feeling good about the

makeup of this year's team.

"Last year, we had some good players, but they were playing at positions above their level," he said.

This season, the addition of promising freshman Adam Andrews will help put the Little Giants on an even keel, Kachmarik said.

Andrews will step into the first-court singles position.

"That will allow everyone to move down a position," Kachmarik said, "which will help them be more successful. We could win at one or two of the positions last year, but we always had difficulty getting three or more po-

sitions to win at the same match."

Winning three in a match is a 3-2 team victory.

Four lettermen return to Kachmarik's team — senior Brian Stein, junior Greg Byrnes, sophomores Matt Miller and Ryan Mitchell. Along with Andrews, another freshman, T.J. Wolfe, plus senior transfer Adam Wyse and sophomore Nate Sachs may figure into Kachmarik's lineup.

"All of the players have worked on their game in the offseason," Kachmarik said, "and have been playing regularly all year long. This really gives us a

big jump over teams like Clay and Whitmer who have few or no all-year players."

Kachmarik said that off-season play has shown up in the improvement of Miller, Aleks Ripple and Mitchell.

"They have come a long way since last season," Kachmarik said, "and the experience they gained last year will help them tremendously."

Behind Andrews, Byrnes and Stein may step into the first-court doubles slot.

The rest of the lineup is not set for the season opener Tuesday at Tiffin Columbian.

Tennis openers

Fremont Ross topped Tiffin Columbian 4-1 while Fostoria edged Clyde 3-2, and Tiffin Calvert beat Oak Harbor 5-0 in high school boys tennis Tuesday. The match was the first-ever for the Rockets, who are playing their inaugural season.

Ross singles player Adam Andrews and Matt Miller along with the doubles teams of Brian Stein-Greg Byrnes and Adam Wyse-Aleks Ripple scored the match points.

Clyde wins 1st match

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Fremont Ross and St. Joseph Central Catholic lost in high school boys tennis Tuesday, while Clyde defeated Huron 3-0 in a rain-shortened match.

Toledo Whitmer beat Ross 4-0 in

another **Tennis**

rain-shortened match, and Bowling Green defeated St. Joe 4-1.

Clyde, 1-3 and 1-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference, got singles victories from Chad Archer and Aaron Rhodes. Brad Black and Tom Tesar earned a doubles victory for the Fliers.

For Ross, Matt Miller lost in three sets at second-court singles and Ryan Mitchell fell after losing a 7-3 tiebreaker on the third singles court.

Whitmer improved to Whitmer 2-1 in the first Great Lakes League match for both teams. Ross is 1-1.

St. Joe won just three games in the singles competition, all by No. 3 player Brett Gerber.

Brad Darr and Brian Goetz picked up the Crimson Streaks' point, winning 6-2, 6-3 at first-court doubles.

St. Joe is also 1-1.

Ross falls; St. Joe tops St. Mary's

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Despite Adam Andrews' upset victory over Bob Yonker at first-court singles, Bowling Green defeated Fremont Ross 3-2 in high school boys tennis Wednesday at Rodger Young Park.

The Little Giants' Andrews defeated Yonker 6-3, 6-3, while Ryan Mitchell got Ross a point with a victory at third-court singles.

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic, meanwhile, defeated Sandusky St. Mary's Central

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Catholic 4-1 at East Side Park for its second win in three matches.

Brad Darr, Brian Goetz and Brett Gerber earned singles victories for the Crimson Streaks. Eric Hartenstein and Doug Nieset were victorious at second-court doubles.

In a Sandusky Bay Conference match, Port Clinton beat Huron 5-0.

Little Giants blank Fliers

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Fremont Ross evened its record with a 5-0 high school tennis victory over Clyde at Hendricks Park Thursday.

"We're finally starting to roll along," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "We had two tough matches in a row (losses to Toledo Whitmer and Bowling Green). After those two, we were hungry for a win."

Ross, 2-2, did not lose a set as the Fliers fell to 1-4.

Freshman Adam Andrews, who upset highly-regarded Bob

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Yonker of Bowling Green Wednesday, topped Clyde's Matt Mapus 6-1, 6-1 at first-court singles Thursday.

Matt Miller beat Chad Archer 6-1, 6-0 and Ryan Mitchell defeated Aaron Rhodes 6-2, 6-4 in the other singles matches.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein of Ross defeated Tom Tesar and Brad Black 6-4, 6-3 at first-court doubles, while Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe beat Clay Van Sickle

and Brian House 6-1, 6-3 on the second doubles court.

In a Sandusky Bay Conference match Port Clinton beat Oak Harbor 4-1.

Eric Gale on the first singles court and Johnny Warnke at third singles were winners for PC as were both Redskin doubles teams.

Matt Lochotzki earned Oak Harbor's point with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Steve Gertz.

Port Clinton improved to 3-2 and 2-1 in the SBC. The Rockets are 1-4 and 1-2.

Ross, St. Joe netters earn victories

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Fremont Ross won two doubles matches and got a victory from first-court singles player Adam Andrews for a 3-2 Great Lakes League tennis victory over Sylva Northview Tuesday.

In other matches, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic beat Fostoria 4-1, Tiffin Calvert edged

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Clyde 3-2, Port Clinton defeated Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic and Sandusky Perkins shut out Oak Harbor 5-0.

Andrews defeated Hoshi Sakamoto 6-1, 6-1 to help Ross improve to 3-2 and 1-1 in the GLL.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein

were winners on the first doubles court, while Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe were winners at second doubles.

Northview is winless in four matches, including two in the GLL.

St. Joe 4, Fostoria 1

The Crimson Streaks swept the singles matches without losing a set and improved to 3-1.

Eric Hartenstein and Doug Nieset at second-court doubles picked up St. Joe's fourth point as Fostoria fell to 1-4.

Calvert 3, Clyde 2

The Fliers won both doubles matches but did not win a set on the singles courts as they fell to 1-6 against undefeated Calvert.

Tom Tesar and Brad Black won in straight sets at first-court

doubles, while Chad Archer and Jason Brown earned a 6-4, 0-6, 6-3 victory on the second doubles court.

Port Clinton 4, St. Mary's 1

Port Clinton won both doubles matches and got singles victories from Erick Gale and Chris Caputo. Gale and Caputo each lost only one game.

The Redskins, 5-2, are 4-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Perkins 5, Oak Harbor 0

Oak Harbor's Craig Harder produced the Rockets' highlight, pushing Naveen Setty to three sets before falling 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 in the third court singles match.

The Rockets are 1-4 and 1-3 in the SBC, while Perkins improved to 4-2 and remained undefeated in three SBC matches.

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moeller scattered eight hits, struck out 10 and walked three.

Nathan Whitman led the Rockets with three hits and drove in two runs, while Brad Kersten

a thorn in the Comets' side, Genoa coach Jeff Thompson said after his team gave up three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Genoa, which committed five errors, managed just five hits and wasted the 3-0 lead it built through 3½ innings.

Todd Bullock, who gave up a



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Andrews keeps his eyes on the ball

Freshman Adam Andrews, the first-court singles player for Fremont Ross, strokes a forehand during his match against Port Clinton freshman Erick Gale Thursday at Rodger Young Park. Andrews and Gale were tied six games apiece in the

first set and Andrews led the tiebreaker 2-1 when rain suspended play. In one completed match, Matt Miller of Ross defeated Johnny Warnke 6-2, 6-4 in the second court singles. The match has been rescheduled for May 18.

Ross netters win; St. Joe falls

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Fremont Ross defeated winless Rossford 4-1, while unbeaten Tiffin Calvert topped Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic in high school boys tennis Monday.

Ross, 4-2, got singles victories from Greg Byrnes on the first court and Brian Stein on the second court.

Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe combined for a doubles victory as did Phil Karlovetz and Nathan Sachs.

St. Joe, 4-2, got its lone point from second-court singles player Brad Darr.

Calvert is undefeated in eight matches.

Ottawa Hills 3, Ross 2

Singles

1-David Monoky (OH) d. Adam Andrews 6-2, 6-0; 2-Matt Miller (R) d. Tony Lee 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4); 3-Brian Epstein (OH) d. Ryan Mitchell 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles

1-Harry Richards and Jonah Rapino (OH) d. Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein 6-2, 6-1; 2-Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe (R) d. Josh Robbins and Mark Stephens 6-2, 6-0.

Records: Ottawa Hills 7-1, Ross 4-3.

Ross tennis team drops 5-0 match to Jackets; Fliers fall

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A move up proved to be a step in the wrong direction for the Fremont Ross boys tennis team Monday afternoon against Perrysburg.

The Little Giants, minus No. 1 singles player Adam Andrews (sore throat) suffered a 5-0 loss to the Yellow Jackets at Rodger Young Park.

"We had to move everybody up one notch, and that puts us back to where we were last year," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "They were playing a step above where they should be."

"If we would have been full strength it would have been a totally different match."

In one other match Monday, Clyde suffered a 3-2 loss at Port Clinton.

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Ross fell to 4-4 with the loss to Perrysburg, 5-3.

The No. 1 doubles team of Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein won the only game for the Little Giants. Byrnes and Stein lost to Ned Weaver and Ryan Zelling 3-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Port Clinton 3, Clyde 2

Winning for the Fliers were Aaron Rhodes and the second doubles team of Chad Archer and Clay Van Sickle.

Rhodes defeated Port Clinton's Johnny Warnke 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2 singles, and Archer and Van Sickle topped Steve Gertz and Howard Carr 7-5, 6-7 (7-4), 6-2.

Clyde is 2-8 and 2-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference, while the Redskins improved to 6-2 and 5-1 in the conference.

Ross netters win

The Fremont Ross tennis team moved into a virtual tie for first place in the Great Lakes League with Oregon Clay and Toledo Whitmer after a 3-2 victory over Clay Tuesday at Rodger Young Park.

Ross, 5-4, improved to 2-1 in the GLL while handing the Eagles their first league loss in four matches. Whitmer also has one league loss.

Singles players Adam Andrews and Matt Miller were winners for the Little Giants. Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein also posted a win at first-court doubles.

In two Sandusky Bay Conference matches, Sandusky Perkins blanked Clyde 5-0 and Port Clinton topped Edison 4-1.

Findlay 3, Ross 2

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Juan Jiminez 7-5, 7-5; 2-Matt Miller (R) d. J.D. Laurent 6-3, 7-5; 3-Sean Nichols (F) d. Adam Wyse 6-2, 7-6 (7-3).

Doubles

1-John Goodman and Rob Feighner (F) d. Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein 6-4, 6-2; 2-Matt Kroh and Brad Bearden (F) d. Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe 6-2, 6-4.

Records: Findlay 4-2, Ross 5-5.

Little Giants top Bedford in GLL match

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The Fremont Ross tennis team continued its charge to the Great Lakes League tournament Thursday with a 4-1 victory over Bedford, Mich.

“ ‘ R i g h t
now, we’re
really on a

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roll,” Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. “We’re really starting to play well. I don’t see why we can’t go into the league tournament 5-1.”

The Little Giants, 6-5, improved to 3-1 in the GLL. They have league matches left against Fostoria and Napoleon before the tournament May 12.

“We’ve been playing pretty steadily now,” Kachmarik said. “The weather is getting better and our guys are starting to figure out what it takes to get them through and win.”

In other matches, Sandusky St. Mary’s Central Catholic defeated Clyde 3-2 and Port Clinton topped Norwalk St. Paul 4-1.

High School Boys

Ross 5, Fostoria 0

Singles

Adam Andrews (R) d. Ryan Bowman 6-1, 6-1; 2-Matt Miller (R) d. Nate Hunt 6-2, 6-1; 3-Ryan Mitchell (R) Eric Smith 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein (R) d. Scott Drewiler and Ryan Myers 6-2, 6-3; 2-Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe (R) d. Mike Mennel and Rikk Phiengthirath 6-1, 6-1.

Records: Fostoria 1-10 (0-5), Ross 7-5 (4-1).

JV winners: Adam Wyse and Phil Karlovetz (R).

Little Giants hand Calvert first loss

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Fremont Ross handed Tiffin Calvert its first tennis loss of the season Wednesday, defeating the Senecas 3-2.

Calvert entered the match undefeated in 13 matches.

"It could have been 5-0," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "The two matches we lost went to a tiebreaker and we were in the tiebreaker in both matches.

"It was one of those days when the tiebreakers didn't fall our way, but we got the three

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(points) that were important."

Ryan Michell dropped a third-set tiebreaker 7-5 to Brett Staib at third-court singles, and the second-court doubles team of Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe lost 7-3 to Ignacio Caballero and Simon Cehnder in a third-set tiebreaker.

Adam Andrews won in straight sets for Ross on the first singles court, and Matt Miller won in three sets at second singles.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein were victorious in straight sets

at first doubles.

The Little Giants are 8-5.

In two Sandusky Bay Conference matches, Clyde defeated Edison 3-2 and Oak Harbor topped Sandusky St. Mary's Central Catholic 3-2.

Second-court singles player Aaron Rhodes was a winner for Clyde, which also got victories from both doubles teams.

The Fliers improved to 5-12 and 5-6 in the SBC. The Chargers are winless in 13 matches, including nine in the conference.

Oak Harbor, 2-7 and 2-6 in the SBC, swept the singles matches against St. Mary's.

Hockey

Little Giants in thick of GLL title chase

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Fremont Ross will enter the Great Lakes League tennis tournament next Tuesday in the same shape as three other league teams.

That despite Thursday's 3-2 loss to Napoleon in the Little Giants' final GLL dual match.

Ross and Napoleon will enter the league tournament with 4-2 records. Toledo Whitmer and Oregon Clay are 5-1.

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Two points are earned for each dual win, but that point total is combined with the total points earned in the tournament to determine the GLL champion.

Players earn 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 or 1 point for places one through six in the tournament. Individual points are added together to determine the tournament champ.

The first place team adds 21 points to its dual-match point total, while the the second-place team adds 18. The third place team adds 15 and so on.

What does it all mean? The team that wins the tournament is the overall league champion.

"We're going to have to be strong at all five positions," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said.

Thursday, Ross got victories from Adam Andrews at first singles and the first-court doubles team of Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein.

The Little Giants are 8-6. Napoleon is 14-2.

In one other match, Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic defeated Norwalk St. Paul 3-2.

St. Joe, 6-4, swept the doubles matches and Brett Gerber was a winner at third-court singles.

Tennis

High School Boys

Ross 4, Toledo Waite 1

Singles

1-Adam Andrews (R) d. Fitzpatrick 6-1, 6-0;
2-Matt Miller (R) Lee 7-5, 6-2; 3-Uberoth (W) d.
Adam Wyse 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles

1-Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe (R) d. Maggard and Grames 6-0, 6-0; 2-Phil Karlovetz and Nathan Sachs (R) d. Kalmbach and Hornyak 6-0, 6-1.

Records: Ross 9-6, Waite 3-10.

Andrews wins GLL title

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SYLVANIA — Fremont Ross freshman Adam Andrews won the Great Lakes League first-court singles championship Tuesday, while too many unforced errors kept the Little Giants from finishing any higher than fourth in the league championship race.

Andrews defeated Marc Schlachter of Bedford (Mich.) 6-2, 6-3 after knocking off Northview's Hoshi Sakamoto 6-3, 6-0 in the semifinals at the Courts of Sylvania Tennis Club.



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"Today, Adam did what he had to do to win," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "For a freshman to show that kind of poise, knowing what he has to do to win, shows a lot about his ma-

turity. He has an awful lot of confidence in his game.

"He was definitely the rose among the thorns."

Andrews is 14-1 this season.

Toledo Whitmer won the league title with 31 points. The Panthers added 21 points for winning the tournament to the 10 they amassed for their five wins during the dual season.

Points were awarded to individuals or doubles teams based on places one through six in the tournament. The rank after that scoring procedure determined the tournament finish and ultimately the GLL champion.

Ross had 16 points in tournament finishes, which earned it 12 tournament team points. The Little Giants had eight points entering the tournament based on four dual victories.

"We needed to win a couple other matches here and there," Kachmarik said.

Napoleon was second followed

by Oregon Clay, Ross, Northview, Bedford and Fostoria.

The top-seeded first-court doubles team Brian Stein and Greg Byrnes of Ross had a first-round bye then defeated a team from Bedford 6-1, 6-2 in the semifinals before losing to Whitmer's Axel Kimmich and Marc Schlachter 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) in the finals.

"I was very happy with Greg and Brian," Kachmarik said. "They were an excellent doubles team all year.

"Errors cost us against Whitmer. The inability to keep the ball in play. It wasn't their winners as much as our errors."

Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe defeated a team from Fostoria 6-2, 6-1 in the first round then lost to Clay's top-seeded second doubles team of Fred Fick and Casey Slovak 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"We won the first set, and again errors started creeping back in," Kachmarik said. "They couldn't close the match."

Ross netters prepare for sectionals

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Adam Andrews is the fourth-seeded singles player in the Division I boys sectional tennis tournament at Sandusky High School.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. Friday, and the finals are scheduled Saturday. The top four singles and doubles teams advance to the district tournament May 22-23 at Bowling Green State University.

Andrews, a freshman with a 14-1 record, has a first-round bye. He will face the winner of the Eric Burkhart of Vermilion-Jeff Yetzer of Shelby match in the second round.

"Getting a fourth seed will really help Adam," Ross coach Craig Kachmarik said. "That will help him have a good first sectional experience. He is going as the favorite in his quarterfinal (bracket) so someone going to have to upset him to get to the districts. I think that will weigh in his favor a lot."

In other singles matches facing Ross, Matt Miller takes on Ty Dang of Vermilion in the first round and Ryan Mitchell player John Showalter, also of Vermilion.

"I think Miller, the way he is playing right now, will get to the quarters (quarterfinal round)," Kachmarik said. "He will have to beat the number three seed there to get to the districts."

In doubles, the Little Giants duo of Aleks Ripple-T.J. Wolfe and Brian Stein-Greg Byrnes drew first-round byes.

Stein and Byrnes, Kachmarik said, narrowly missed a seeded spot.

"They were the fourth team and they seeded three," he said. "I think they will do alright getting up to the quarters but then they will have to beat the third seed."

Ross blanks PC

Fremont Ross shut out Port Clinton 5-0 in a high school boys tennis match at Rodger Young Park Monday.

In the featured match, Adam Andrews defeated Erick Gale 7-6 (7-5), 6-1 at first-court singles.

Matt Miller defeated Johnny Warnke 6-1, 6-3 and Adam Wyse topped Chris Caputo in three sets in the other singles matches.

Greg Byrnes and Brian Stein and Aleks Ripple and T.J. Wolfe won the doubles matches in straight sets.

Ross improved to 11-6, and Port Clinton fell to 13-6.